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Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to train as literacy tutors to work with adults in the community. The Community Development department of the Summit YMCA has partnered with Literacy Volunteers of Union County to host training sessions this month. Upon completing training, volunteers will be paired with an adult student for weekly teaching sessions.

The training sessions are scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All sessions will be held at the Summit Y, 67 Maple St., Summit.

A continental breakfast will be served, along with lunch, at the first training session.

To sign up for training or for more information, call Claudia Freire at Literacy Volunteers of Union County at 908-518-0600.

Candidate to speak

Linda Stender, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, will present her views on the direction of our country at a gathering with Mountainside residents Friday.

All local families are invited to meet Democratic Assemblywoman Stender at the home of Lori and Rick Schkolnick, 1540 Long Meadow, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dessert, coffee and soft drinks will be served.

"This is a kid-friendly event," said Rick Schkolnick, president of the Mountainside Democratic Club. "The kids can play while the adults get to know Linda."

For more information, call Rick Schkolnick at 908-789-0664.

Old Guard to meet

John F. Conway, a FBI agent, will address the Summit Area Old Guard at its Tuesday meeting at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour will start at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. short business meeting.

Conway will discuss how today's FBI is building an intelligence network, and the significant changes that have occurred within the FBI since the Sept. 11 attacks.

He joined the FBI in 1978 in its New York office as a support employee after graduating from Fordham University. He was appointed a special agent in foreign counter intelligence and crime investigation in 1988. Conway is currently the supervisory special agent of the Field Intelligence Group, a new department in the FBI.

For more information, call Earl Gilkey at 908-464-2480, or visit www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

Architectural lecture to be presented

Historic preservationist Susanne C. Hand will give an illustrated lecture presenting a chronological overview of New Jersey architecture Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit Free Public Library.

Her discussion will encompass the early 18th through the mid-20th century with a focus on residential, civic and institutional buildings.

This program is made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

This program is free.

Details about upcoming programs can be found on the library's Web site at www.summitlibrary.org.

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Redevelopment progress expected soon

Planning board resolution and township committee vote could be next month

By Tracy A. Politowicz
Managing Editor

SPRINGFIELD — The township's redevelopment plan is waiting for adoption by the planning board, according to Lester Nebenzahl of THP Inc., Springfield's planning firm.

"It (the planning board) has to be clear whether or not the properties studied are in need of redevelopment," said Nebenzahl.

THP Inc. conducted a study of 71 lots in 10 blocks, mostly along Morris Avenue, to determine whether each met the criteria for redevelopment. Sixty-two of those lots, "a mixture of commercial, storage, residential public and vacant uses," according to the published study results, qualify for redevelopment. The analysis

was conducted from August through November 2005.

Once a resolution is adopted by the planning board, it will be forwarded to the Township Committee for approval, according to Nebenzahl.

It has been more than two months since the June 29 public hearing at Jonathan Dayton High School that brought concerns and suggestions on the township's redevelopment plans from property owners and residents.

Mayor Clara Harelik explained the delay.

"There was a proposal to add two other properties; one is township owned, the other is not," said Harelik, who is also a member of the planning board. "There has to be a clarification of these

properties to be (potentially) added."

The township-owned property is the parking lot on Church Mall, and the private property is on Morris Avenue, according to Harelik. She declined to specify the exact location of the private property as it has not been officially included in the redevelopment plan.

Harelik said if the planning board decides to include the two additional properties, the owner of the private property must be properly notified and a hearing must be held, as was the process with the properties in the original plan.

"I was hoping to see a resolution out of the planning board sooner than now," said Harelik. Board Chairman Richard Colandrea did not

return a call seeking comment prior to press time.

Harelik said that if the planning board decides to add the two properties to the redevelopment plan, the resolution it drafts will likely only address the original properties and a separate resolution would be drafted for the additional two sites. This would help facilitate the progress of redevelopment while the required notification and hearing are done for the other two properties.

"October should bring a planning board resolution and a Township Committee vote," said Harelik.

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Summit remembers Sept. 11

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — At least 100 people gathered quietly on the Village Green on Monday night for a Sept. 11 service.

The Rev. Bob Morris of Calvary Episcopal Church, and the founder of Interweave, began the service in front of the memorial directly opposite the train station.

"There are those who say because this is America, we should 'move on' and not stay sorrowing in the past, and then there are those who feel we must not ever forget. But these two feelings are combined — tonight we do both," he said.

The event was presented by the

Interfaith Clergy Association of Summit, and Morris introduced its president, the Rev. Denison Harrield, who is pastor of the Wallace Chapel, AME.

He said the terrible evil that happened had one good result: bringing the community together as never before.

"We gather to recall a turning point in the history of our time and to mark the day we can never forget, of danger and confusion," he said.

Mayor Jordan Glatt said, "People ask me each year, what are we going to do on Sept. 11, and there are two schools of thought on this. ... And then there are the rest of us, who believe that each year we must become more

and more resolute and that it is our responsibility to not forget."

"We remember our Summit family whom we lost that day," said Glatt.

Glatt read the names of the nine Summit residents who were killed on Sept. 11, alphabetically, slowly as if a prayer. Silence followed.

Harrield told the Biblical story of Joseph who had experienced great evil at the hands of his own brothers, yet good came out of it and he forgave them. "Out of evil good can come," he said.

Soloist Bill Robinson sang the hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

After a long moment of silence, the service was over.



Photo By Sean Havey

Springfield resident Akeama Hill recently traveled to the British Isles as part of the International People to People Student Ambassador program.

'Ambassador' in town

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Akeama Hill, a Jonathan Dayton High School senior, is still excited about her recent trip to the British Isles as part of the honored International People to People Student Ambassador program.

An honor student throughout all her school years, she was chosen for the program after being recommended by several teachers.

"I went with 37 other kids, more girls than boys, mostly seniors like me. The age group was between 15 and 18," said Hill.

She and her parents, Andrene and Tyrone Battle, agreed it was a great experience.

"She is very dedicated and serious about school," said the proud mother.

"We went to Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England," said Akeama.

She was assigned to live for several days with an older English woman, while some of the students resided with families. Two students were assigned to each home.

Their job was to exchange information about each other's culture, food and customs. Akeama found the British culture was not much different from that in the United States.

One of the duties of the ambassadors was to keep a daily journal of their adventures and activities.

"We went white water rafting in Scotland — at Inverness, the home of the Loch Ness Monster, Nessie," said Akeama.

As the oldest child, she is an inspiration to her three brothers, her mother said.

Not only is she listed in the national "Who's Who of American High School Students," but she is also on the National Honor Roll, based on grade point average.

"I love physics and math best, and would like to become a structural engineer. For this I want to get my master's degree in engineering," said Akeama. She has not yet chosen a college.

In her free time, she plays soccer and runs track. She has also studied with the Eagle Flying Squadron, a group run by an East Orange minister/pilot.

Her parents support the People to People Student Ambassador program and feel it really helped their daughter learn more about the world.

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Seniors seek own center

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — The Janet Whitman chambers on the second floor of City Hall was packed with senior citizens Aug. 7, as they gathered to discuss their hope of getting their own senior center.

Officially called "Summit Coalition for a Dedicated Senior Center," the enthusiastic group has caught the eye of city officials. Among those in attendance were City Administrator Chris Cotter, Councilwomen Diane Klaf and Ellen Dickson, and Councilman Tom Getzendanner, who is the seniors' liaison to the council. He chaired the meeting.

Currently, seniors use the Recreation Center on Fridays for their meetings and events. Most of the time it is too small for their needs.

"All nearby towns and municipalities have senior citizen buildings of their own, why not Summit?" asked a senior.

Groups of seniors had visited various potential locations for the center. The one place that most agreed would be best was the Recreation Center itself, at 100 Morris Ave., although the seniors were not willing to share the building — it had to be for their use exclusively.

"A senior center means a lot of different things to a lot of different people," Cotter said. The city is hearing them, he assured them, and he noted the large turnout for the meeting.

Senior Miles MacMahon said seniors were moving out of the city. He stressed how the youth population is growing rapidly in Summit and how one group can force the other out. Seniors represent about 38 percent of Summit's population.

Cotter acknowledged these facts and said, "In July, we organized the task force, with both Youth Services and Senior Services.

"A new report will be delivered and brought to the Common Council by Jan. 1, so I prefer not to debate because I don't want to presuppose what the task force will come up with," he said.

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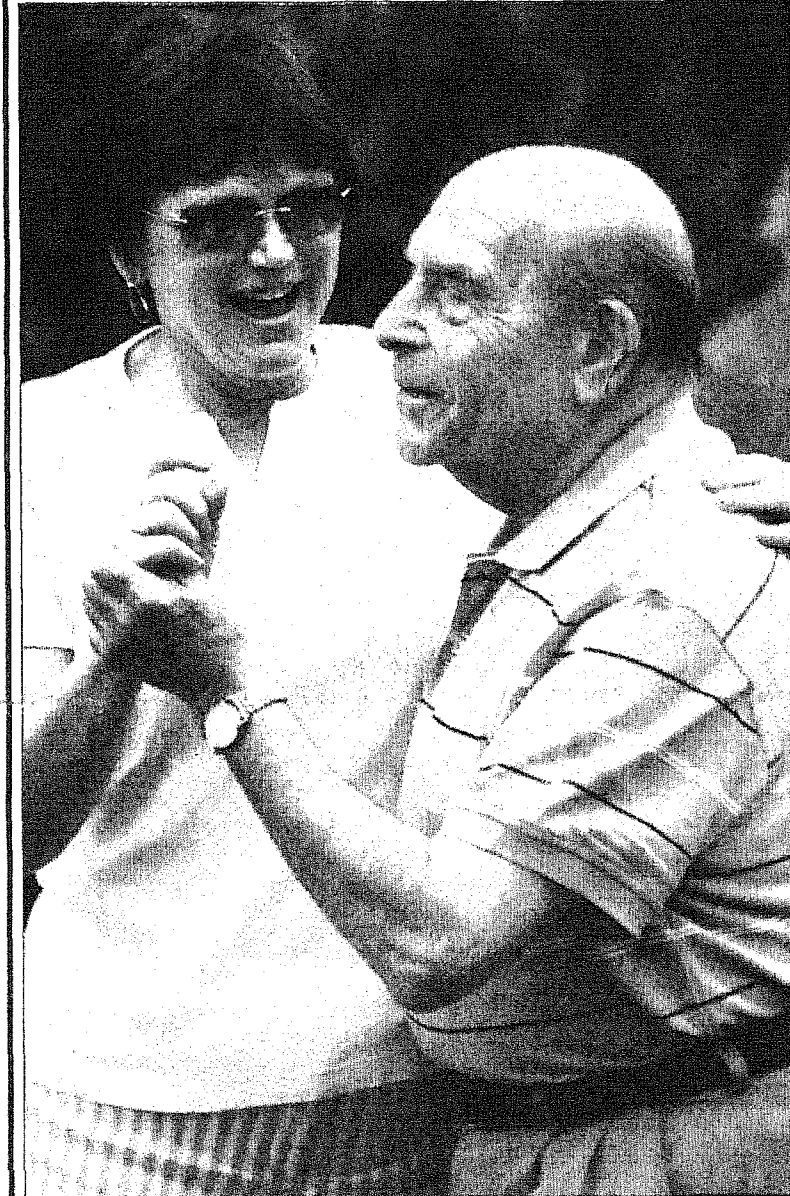


Photo By Sean Havey

Linda Blauvelt dances with 82-year-old Joseph Markowitz at Spring Meadows' National Grandparents Day celebration Sunday. See Page 4 for an additional photo from this event.

Class size debated at BOE meeting

By Tracy A. Politowicz
Managing Editor

SPRINGFIELD — Class size was debated at the Board of Education's meeting Tuesday after a resident brought up the issue during the open public session portion of the meeting.

Of particular concern to resident Laura Delia was James Caldwell Elementary School's fifth-grade class, which has three sections with 26 kids each. It is anticipated that one of those sections will increase to 27.

"We paid a lot of money for the referendum, but class sizes are on the rise," she said. "We had the referendum because as parents we were told we were 'busting at the seams.'" She and her husband, Tony, a Board of Education member, have a child in the fifth-grade at Caldwell.

The referendum resulted in the shifting of grade levels throughout the Springfield district.

Delia said there were enough classrooms at Caldwell to add a fourth section to the fifth-grade. She suggested that that more teachers could be hired if the laptop program was scaled back.

Noting that Caldwell was built more than 100 years ago, Delia said its classrooms are small. "Has the Board

of Education contacted the fire department to ensure it (Caldwell) is a safe environment for the children?" said Delia.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino responded to Delia's concerns. "I don't believe for a minute that we have unsafe conditions. The classrooms are not as small as you think."

He said that daily reports tracking class sizes by grade were received. After listing some of the class sizes at Jonathan Dayton High School, ranging from biology and chemistry each at 26 students to honors psychics at 29, he said, "As a former high school principal, I can say those numbers are beyond exception."

Another parent said her child was in three high school classes with sizes toward the end of the scale. "It's not the same environment when there are 15 to 20 students versus 28 to 29," said the mother. "Somebody is going to be left at the sidelines. It is not a conducive learning environment."

She said that in one of her child's classes, there weren't enough desks for all of the students.

Davino indicated the desk shortage would be immediately addressed and See PARENTS, Page 3

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Back to school!



St. James the Apostle Principal Patricia Dolansky is surrounded by students Cienna Herlihy, Nicholas Rossomando and Annyssa Herlihy on Sept. 6, the first day of school. The Springfield school was without power for a few days earlier that week after strong winds knocked a tree on to nearby power lines.

District off to 'excellent' start

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE — "We have had an excellent start for the new school year. We are off and running, and even had an assembly today," said Chief School Administrator Richard O'Malley at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

He gave a slide presentation called "Highlights and School Level Objectives, 2006-2007."

The enrollment of 700 was less than the state average, which he said was good for the students. He said the 12 new staff members were an excellent assortment of new and seasoned teachers.

"We have doubled our special education teachers to accommodate the growing enrollment (of special education students). We have a great balance, with over 50 percent holding a master's degree or better."

He said many improvements were added this school

year, especially in technology. New subjects will be taught, such as robotics for eighth-graders and a first-grade class for beginning reading.

Another new addition will be a chess club for children in grades kindergarten through second. A board member said, "This is an excellent mind game and teaches the kids how to think."

The two schools, Deerfield School and Beechwood School, were refurbished with new computers and furniture.

Board member Mary Beth Schaumburg will again be the board's liaison to Governor Livingston High School. She gave a report of its new PTA. "It will be great this year, with enthusiastic mothers and other volunteers."

She called for more volunteers, if possible, to make it even better.

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Council discusses sidewalks

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — At the Common Council meeting Sept. 6, with summer almost gone and the school year then about to start, the subject of sidewalks was raised. Sparking the issue was a memo from Director of Community Services Beth Kinney to the council members and the mayor.

Mayor Jordan Glatt weighed in with his opinion. "Everybody cannot always be happy — with the household paying half, the cost has worked for many years," he said.

Council members had different opinions, including Council President Frank Macioce. "To pay half — and this is just my view — I simply don't understand paying half. Why? If the home owner feels he doesn't need it and therefore doesn't want it, why would they pay half?"

Councilwoman Diane Klaf recalled the controversy on the Canoe Brook Parkway sidewalk issue last month and said a definite policy should be made. As it stands now,

work cannot be done on any private sidewalk/curb unless the property owner approves. The only exception would be a county roadway.

The public opinion part of the meeting brought several more opinions.

"I think Jordan was correct when he said that leaders of the city must step up and take charge. Now that we are talking about sidewalks, I have a question: what are the rules for businesses that park right up on the curbs where there is already no sidewalk? No one has an answer," said Bob Sheehan.

As it stands, the engineering and police departments will provide a list of streets. Kinney will provide a resolution draft and a summary of the findings.

Currently, there is an annual budget of \$150,000 for pedestrian safety projects.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center in Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountaintide Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in the library's meeting room at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
• John F. Conway, a FBI agent, will address the Summit Area Old Guard at its meeting at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour will start at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. short business meeting. Conway will discuss how today's FBI is building an intelligence network, and the significant changes that have occurred within the FBI since the Sept. 11 attacks. For more information, call Earl Gilkey at 908-464-2480, or visit www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.
• The Springfield Free Public Library will conclude its Lunchtime Video Series, "Let's Sing and Dance," at noon. When two squabbling ex-marrieds are cast as squabbling Renaissance romantics in a musical, life imitates art and art imitates life. Howard Keel and Kathryn Grayson are the tangled twosome "So In Love." For more information, call 973-376-4930.

• The Mountaintide Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east.
• The Summit Common Council will meet at 8 p.m. in City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave.

**Upcoming
Sept. 21**

• SAGE Eldercare's Women's Issues Group will present "Partners in Health" at 10 a.m. Dr. Nancy Stoll of Summit Family Medicine will teach participants how to communicate effectively and confidently with health-care providers, both as a patient and a caregiver. This free seminar is for local area women of all ages. For more information and to register, call Suzanne Lyon at 908-598-5514.

'The Art of Networking' lecture on Monday

The public is invited to join members of the Summit Business and Professional Women on Monday at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., to hear Ilise Benun discuss "The Art of Networking: It's Not Schmoozing." The meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m., with networking and dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Networking is one of the best possible ways to promote yourself and your business. Benun, a recognized expert on marketing for creative professionals, will share simple networking strategies and practical tips for developing and nurturing business relationships.

Some of the topics she will address include how to get into and out of a conversation, how to offer your business card as well as ask for someone else's, and how to make a connection in conversation and set the foundation for follow up.

Ilise Benun is a national speaker and author of several books including "Stop Pushing Me Around: A Workplace Guide for the Timid, Shy and Less Assertive," "Designing Web sites for Every Audience" and "Public Relations for Dummies." She has been teaching people to promote themselves and their services since 1988.

The cost of dinner is \$35. For reservations, send an e-mail to meetingsvp@summitbpw.org before Friday.

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EDITORIALS

It doesn't 'stack' up

Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs seeks to explain what motivates people. This famous psychology theory groups needs, such as those for food, safety and relationships, into levels of a pyramid with the most basic ones on the bottom indicating they support the others — they must be fulfilled before the higher levels come into play.

The need for safety and security, the second level of the hierarchy, includes a place to live. Most people want a place to live, a place to call home, or, at the very least, shelter from the elements.

Some greedy people take advantage of this by creating illegal living space — they subdivide a house to fit in more people than is permissible by fire code.

This common practice, known as "stacking," was recently in the news when an Aug. 30 fire in a basement apartment in Englewood trapped three people. Two were killed and a third was critically injured. The mayor of Englewood said he would preside over a forum on the subject of stacking at the New Jersey League of Municipalities in November, as reported on the Web site, wnbc.com.

While overcrowding has long been a controversial issue in Summit, it was recently addressed in a newsletter mailed by the East Summit Association to its members.

The newsletter defines the standards — the New Jersey Housing Code Occupancy requirements — used by Summit officials to determine if overcrowding exists in residential neighborhoods. The code sets the minimum square-foot space required per person living in a house: for example, the area for sleeping room for one occupant is 70 square feet minimum; second occupant, 120 square feet minimum; and third occupant, 170 square feet minimum.

The code also states at least half the floor area shall have a minimum 7-foot ceiling height. Any floor area with a headroom of less than 5 feet is not considered when counting minimum sleeping room area.

The third requirement states every habitable room shall have at least one window or skylight facing outdoors at a minimum of 8 percent of room floor area.

Bob Sheehan, president of the East Summit Association, said the object of its committee on the subject is "to support the city, not criticize it." It concluded that quality of life and safety are negatively impacted for those who live adjacent to buildings with violations.

It is the "greedy" landlords — not the tenants — that the ESA wants to hold responsible for code violations. But in some cases, the tenants are at fault.

For example, a landlord may rent an apartment to Mr. Jones, a single person, but, Mr. Jones' second cousin lost his job unexpectedly and he and his family of five have nowhere to live. The kind-hearted Mr. Jones agrees to let the family move in with him on a temporary basis. However temporary the arrangement is intended to be, it is still illegal.

In many cases, overcrowding involves immigrants, who work long hours for low wages and send much of those wages home to relatives. They have neither the time nor money to get a "regular" apartment, so they crowd in together like sardines in a can. Sometimes the landlord is aware of this, sometimes the landlord is not.

State Bill A785/S135 proposes to raise fines for those guilty of violations. A first offense would be \$2,500; a second, \$5,000; and each subsequent violation, \$10,000.

It would clarify existing law by distinguishing between illegal occupancies resulting in overcrowding that are caused by landlords and those caused by tenants.

However, the bill has been around for four years without coming to a vote. In the meantime, Sheehan acknowledges that it is the city's responsibility to investigate cases of overcrowding.

Director of Community Services Beth Kinney has requested that all potential violations be reported to the city's Safe Homes inspector, who will investigate.

Because stacking compromises the safety of all residents, as we saw in Englewood last month, we applaud the ESA for bringing up the topic and we encourage the city to crack down on overcrowding.

SPEAK OUT

Who is principally to blame for Summit's overcrowding?

• Landlords
• Tenants

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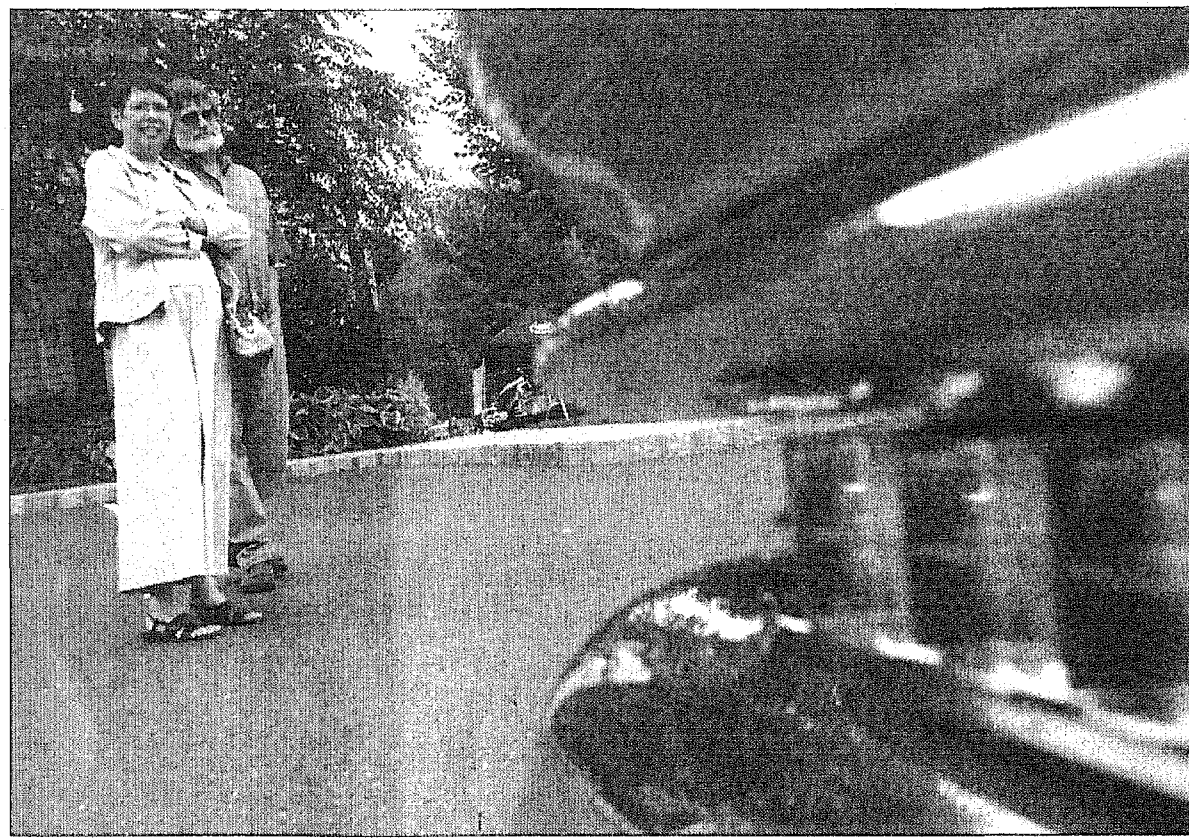


Photo By Sean Havay

LOOKING GOOD — Pam Kuhn of Summit and Bob Runkin of South Bound Brook admire a classic Cadillac at the National Grandparents Day celebration at Spring Meadows Sunday. See Page 7 for an additional photo from the event.

Thank you to township's emergency services

Sept. 11, 2001 was a day that changed Springfield and, of course, changed the world. The township lost two residents to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center: Mr. Lee Adler and Ms. JoAnn Heltibridle. Their contributions to the community live on in our memories. We also remember the many other innocent people who lost their lives or had their lives destroyed that day.

In the five years since the Sept. 11 attacks, our Fire and Police Departments, Auxiliary Police, Office of

From the Mayor's Desk

By Clara Hareluk

Emergency Management, First Aid Squad and various township employees have undergone special training in connection with potential future ter-

rorist attacks. The township is trying to be as prepared as it can be for any future disasters.

The goal is to provide Springfield residents and members of the Springfield business community with the best protection we have to offer by having a plan in place that allows us to act appropriately at a moment's notice. Everyone must and is working together toward this goal. Of course, we hope never to have to implement the plan.

On Sept. 11, the above-mentioned

groups all answered the call for help. They were ready to do anything asked of them and went wherever they were sent. As mayor, I would like to express my gratitude for all they did on the day of the attack and the difficult times that followed, and I would like to thank them for what they continue to do for our Springfield community and any community that requests their assistance.

Clara Hareluk is the mayor of Springfield.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reeves-Reed's new plan is 'shocking'

To the Editor:

I was shocked to learn that the board of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit has approved a radical plan proposed by its new director, Gilles Mesrobian. My understanding of this plan is third-hand, but I gather that most of the current staff will be fired, to be replaced with only a handful of new staff. An enormous part of the arboretum's work will be carried out by volunteers. The current educational programs will be dramatically reduced, to be replaced in time only with programs where funding is secured.

I'm reluctant to critique this plan, since my knowledge of it and of the arboretum are limited. But I feel someone must call attention to what's happening there. So, here goes.

First, firing the staff is simply outrageous. I've worked as a volunteer with these people, and they are top-notch. In 1991, the arboretum received the Union County Preservation Award, in 1994 was listed on both the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places, and in 1994 and 1996 received Institute of Museum and Library Services grants for its management of programs and care of the grounds as an "outdoor museum." Fire the staff?

Second, the idea that the volunteer force can be significantly strengthened and relied upon to carry out the bulk of the work at the garden is highly unlikely. Reeves-Reed is already much more successful in recruiting volunteers than other local gardens. In 2003, Reeves-Reed had 470 volunteers, where the much larger Frelinghuysen had 342 and the Presby Iris Garden had 200.

In 2005, more than 4,000 children attended the arboretum's educational programs, along with 1,600 parents. These programs are outstanding and include subsidized programs for Newark school children, family programs, environmental summer camps and special adaptive classes for special-needs kids. Disbanding these programs would be a huge loss to the community. Additionally, it seems to me that halting these programs would adversely affect the effort to recruit more volunteers. Don't many of them get involved in the arboretum through these programs?

It's significant to note that Mr. Mesrobian, who proposed this plan, has been with the arboretum for only six months, has absolutely no horticultural background, and to my knowledge, has no experience running any kind of historical site or museum. While my impression is that he has brought abundant energy and force to his job, he does not have the technical background to understand what's required to run this arboretum, and I think it's woeful that the board has adopted his proposal.

Has the city of Summit, which owns the arboretum — although it is supported entirely through contributions — weighed in on this? I'd like to hear from someone. Twenty-seven thousand people visit Reeves-Reed each year. It is the only arboretum in Union County, a significant 19th century historic estate and, quite simply, one of the most beautiful places in New Jersey. If you haven't gone, go. If you have gone, then please join me in asking some questions here. What the hell is going on?

Jane Davenport
Chatham

Thousands enjoy county concerts

To the Editor:

Union County's Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to host a series of free summer concerts in our public parks. These concerts are attended and enjoyed by many thousands of people, and I'm glad that one of the Republican candidates for Union County Freeholder has acknowledged them.

The Rhythm & Blues by the Brook concert held in Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield last June was attended by more than 5,000 people. It was a beautiful afternoon, and the music was outstanding. Roberta Flack performed with her musicians, as well as local legend Bernard Purdie and his band. Both rocked the audience and made it a memorable day.

I'm a little puzzled as to why Patricia Quattrocchi is reading my e-mails. If she would have called me about the concert, I would have been glad to give her a personal invitation.

Clearly, she did not attend the concert, which is unfortunate. It was a daytime event, not evening. And it was attended by many families. Like much of the audience, I invited four family members to join me for the afternoon. And we

brought our own refreshments.

I want to assure the residents of Union County that I take my duties as freeholder very seriously. I work many hours each week to make sure that all of our residents receive the services that they should. To suggest otherwise is a slander, and I think Ms. Quattrocchi knows that.

Getting back to the topic of music, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend Union County's MusicFest on Saturday in Nomahegan Park in Cranford. The bands include Cheap Trick, the Fab Faux, Roman Candle, Mike Peters, and La Bamba and the Hubeaps, with a special appearance from Southside Johnny. For more information, check the Union County Web site at www.ucnj.org.

Summer is over. Best wishes to all for the busy fall season.
Bette Jane Kowalski
Vice Chairwoman, Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Billing concerts as free is a 'cheap trick'

To the Editor:

"The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, led by Chairman Alexander Mirabella, invites the public to attend this free concert" is how every press release for the summer concert series read. The series will end this Saturday with Music Fest. The rock band Cheap Trick will be the headliners.

In researching the cost to taxpayers for the so-called free events, the Union County Watchdog Association found that events are free only to out of county residents and VIPs. Our property tax dollars are picking up the bills.

The freeholders present their concerts as a service brought to you by them. Their "We're connected to you!" banner is hung across the stage. Their information van is prominently parked on the side of the stage, and it features a billboard-sized portrait of the freeholders and take-home literature that has their faces and names plastered throughout.

A freeholder who is up for re-election will be introduced before the concert and at intermission. This year, we also saw Assemblywoman Linda Stender at every concert standing alongside campaigning freeholders who introduce her as "a great public servant." Stender is running for Congress this year.

The cost of the bands that performed in the 2006 summer concert series in Echo Lake Park was \$33,800. The county took in contributions in support of the concerts that totaled \$18,800. How does \$33,800 minus \$18,800 add up to free? What button does the county have on their calculators that the rest of us don't have and where can we get it? In reality, this adds up to a \$15,000 tab for the taxpayers to pick up. This doesn't include the salaries of the county employees who are on hand to pass out literature, the county police, set up and clean up crews, etc. There's also a few loose miscellaneous bills including portable toilets in the check registry.

Deducting the contributions the county has received to date, the Rhythm and Blues concert cost taxpayers more than \$120,000; Music Fest more than \$75,000; and Kids Kingdom more than \$75,000.

The list of contributors is interesting. The Union County Democratic Committee contributed \$2,000. Perhaps this explains why there are only Democrats campaigning at these concerts. The banking industry is barred from donating to political campaigns, but they can write a check to be used toward a free concert in which campaigning politicians cast the spotlight on themselves. Banks that have contributed include Union Center National Bank, First Bank Americano and Wachovia. The same goes for the casino industry: Harrah's Atlantic City donated \$7,500 to the upcoming Music Fest. Schoor De Palma no longer makes political "pay to play" contributions, but they donated \$7,200 to this year's concerts.

Freeholder Mirabella was reported in a local paper as having said, "We're out here giving back to the community. People can come out here enjoy the music and have some fun."

People do attend these concerts, they do have fun, the county should provide these services — after all, they do have a \$400.8 million dollar budget and it shouldn't all be spent on politicians' salaries — but implying that these concerts are a gift from the freeholders when, in fact, the taxpayers are footing the bills for a campaign whistle stop is a "cheap trick."

Tina Renna
President, Union County Watchdog Association Inc.

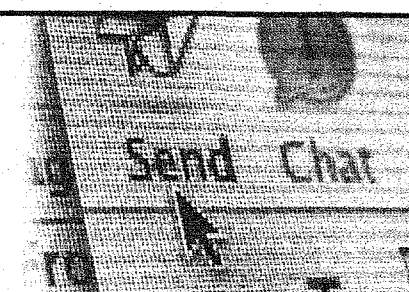
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Sept. 11 from behind the news desk

It was a story like no other — one I will never forget.

This is a reporter's perspective on Sept. 11.

First of all, reporters are trained to be a "fly on the wall" during interviews. It is vital we be objective, listen and never give opinions, in order to get the facts. But that Tuesday morning, it was different.

Tuesdays are the busiest days of the week for us here at Worrall Community Newspapers — we are on "deadline," the time when all the news must be finalized into stories and photos to make our newspapers.

On that day in 2001, I was early getting to the office, shortly after 9 a.m. Our receptionist, who is a warm, caring person, was crying as she listened to the radio. "Joan, you won't believe me — a plane just hit the World Trade Center. People are dying," she said.

At that point, no one knew the details. Initially, it was thought to be a lost pilot incident, and even the commentators on the radio were in shock.

In our news room, the editor-in-chief brought in his portable television and we congregated around it. There was a strange silence; as I look back, I realize we were in shock.

All of the then-21 newspapers owned by the company received lists of the people killed in the towns they covered. It shocked me that Summit — the town that I primarily cover — lost a total of nine residents. All were young men with families. The other shock was there were 20 children whose fathers would never come home.

How to go about writing this in a story? It was easy enough to obtain the home telephone numbers of the affected families, as many were well known in the town. I decided to make the same telephone call, nine times. I actually prayed about this: How could

Reporter's Notebook

By Joan M. Devlin

I request interviews from widows who were in such pain?

I reached nine answering machines — no one answered the phone in person, but this was understandable. Gently and softly, after identifying myself and the newspaper, I said, "I would like to come and talk with you. It might make you feel better to talk about it, and I promise to read back your comments and change them if you wish. We could sit in your home and have a cup of coffee and do this at any time you want me there. We would like a photo of your husband if you can."

Then I added, "If the thought of this is something you adamantly cannot do, don't worry — we understand. I am just doing my job, which has gotten very hard about now." Then I did something I never do: I left my home number in addition to my office number.

I waited. Those next few days brought just two responses. Two out of the nine. No word at all from the other seven. Of course, I called back and arranged two appointments, and the interviews resulted in stories that appeared in the next two issues. By that time, most of the horrible details had been revealed, and the entire nation was literally in mourning.

In the interviews, all I spoke to the women about was their husbands. Both of these wives just wanted to tell me how wonderful their lives had been with their husbands. In one of the instances, a little girl came in as I was writing and asked me if I was writing about her daddy.

I said, yes, I was. She frowned at

me and said, "You know it isn't true that he won't be back. I know he will come in that door; he always comes back to me."

Then she left, and I had to pull myself together. I did not want my emotions to upset the mother anymore than she already was.

At the home where the other interview took place, there were photos of the happy family all over the living room — the children were all under 10 years old, and one was a baby. It seemed so unreal. All I could do was write what the beautiful, young wife said — what else was there to say?

Neither family even got a funeral to help their mourning, as each husband had died on the top floors of the towers. In that terrible heat, there were no remains.

After the stories were published, I received many calls, thanking me for the sensitivity with which they had been written. No one knew that I sobbed all the way back to the office when I left each home, waving to the children. I said a personal, silent prayer for them both.

That was the toughest job I ever had to do. I was not alone; other writers had to do the same, and I felt a certain rapport with them.

There was one positive story: a resident who was thought to have perished made it home. I was very happy to do that one.

Each year, I have covered the moving memorials in Summit. Most of them took place at the Village Green, and the clergy have been eloquent. Many times, the families have chosen not to attend.

I believe we must continue to remember. Somehow, we just have to, in case — God forbid — it should ever happen again.

Joan M. Devlin is a staff writer for Worrall Community Newspapers.



Summit residents Jacqueline Esquivel, Steven Schlesinger and Leslie Killian were among those welcomed to the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

Residents appointed to board

Five Summit residents were among those elected by the Overlook Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms: Josh Weinreich, Michael S. Gembro, Esq., Steven A. Schlesinger, Leslie Killian and Jacqueline Esquivel.

Foundation trustees also elected a new slate of officers to serve one-year terms. They are chairman Bruce (Toby) F. Wesson of Summit, vice chairman Gerald J. Glasser of Westfield, treasurer Betsy Compton of Summit and secretary John J. Gregory of Scotch Plains. Wesson was previously vice chairman.

"We are delighted to welcome our new officers and new trustees to the foundation board," said outgoing chairman David G. Hartman of New Providence. "Collectively, these individuals bring a broad range of talents and expertise to the foundation board, which will benefit the hospital as it transitions into its next century of service to its communities."

Weinreich was employed at Bankers Trust/Deutsche Bank from 1985 to 2004. Most recently, he served as the firm's global head of hedge funds. Previously, he served as CEO of asset management/Americas. He is an independent director of Citigroup, CAI Hedgefund Portfolios. Weinreich has served on the Overlook Hospital Advisory Board, the board of directors of Smart Pros, and Cornell University's Endowment Hedge Fund Subcommittee.

Gembro is a corporate and securities attorney who focuses primarily on representing financial institutions in the financing, purchase and sale, and securitization of financial assets. A partner in the New York office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP since 1987, he has represented some of the largest financial institutions in the coun-

try in noteworthy securitization transactions.

Schlesinger is president of Schlesinger Associates Inc., a 40-year-old firm that provides a comprehensive range of quantitative and qualitative research services to companies throughout the United States and Europe. Prior to joining Schlesinger, he was a research assistant at the University of Vermont Medical Center. He is currently secretary of the Marketing Research Association and has been active in coaching youth sports in Summit.

Killian's career has included positions in investment banking and finance. She worked as an investment banker for Generale Investment Banking Corp. in New York, a subsidiary of Generale Bank of Belgium; as an analyst and banker for Manufacturer's Hanover Bank in New York; and as a financial analyst in the marketing and refining division of Mobil Oil. Killian has co-chaired the Our House Foundation Gala and the 2002 Overlook Hospital Gala, and has served on the committee for Family Promise galas. She is a member of the Summit Garden Club and the Summit Junior League.

Esquivel has a background in nursing and pharmaceutical sales, having served as assistant head nurse in the medical-surgical unit of New Rochelle Medical Center, as staff nurse in the cardiology and surgical oncology unit of Brigham, and in Women's Hospital in Boston as a pharmaceutical sales representative for E.R. Squibb. Locally, she is an active leader and volunteer at Kent Place School, where she has served in numerous capacities on the Parents' Association Board, including co-chair of the school's annual Spring Fling fund-raiser. Esquivel has also donated her time to the Overlook Hospital Foundation's 2004 and 2006 galas, the auxiliary's house tour fund-raiser and the Reeves Reed Arboretum.

Local Red Cross advises on hurricane preparedness

With the hurricane season in full swing, the Summit Area Red Cross urges people to take safety steps now to prepare for weather-related emergencies. It has developed the following three-step program to help keep residents safe.

(1) Get a Kit:

- Build a disaster supplies kit including water; non-perishable, ready-to-eat food; radio; flashlight; extra batteries for the radio and flashlight; first aid kit; and necessary medications.

- Store important family documents, such as wills, passports, insurance policies, deeds, etc., in a portable, waterproof and fireproof container as part of your kit.

- Prepare supplies for pets and family members with specific needs.

(2) Make a Plan:

- Make evacuation and communication plans. Identify where you could go if told to evacuate.

Choose several places, for example, a friend's home in another town, a motel or a shelter.

- Plan ahead for the possibility of becoming separated from your family and friends by choosing an out-of-town contact that each family or household member can contact should a disaster occur.

- Plan on using the Red Cross Safe and Well Web site, accessible through

www.redcross.org to reconnect, if needed, following an emergency.

(3) Be Informed: Know Flood Terms and What They Mean:

- When a flood watch is issued, move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home, and fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.

- When a flood warning is issued, listen to local radio and TV stations for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.

- When a flash flood watch is issued, be alert to signs of flash flooding and be ready to evacuate on a moment's notice.

Be ready to follow written instructions for how to turn off electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so. Remember, you'll need a professional to turn them back on.

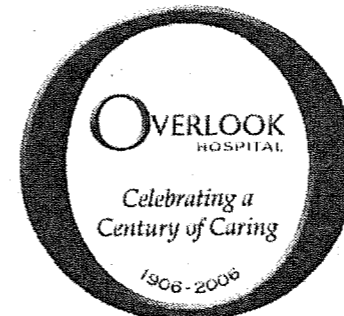
- When a flash flood warning is issued or if you think flooding has already begun, evacuate immediately. You may have only seconds to escape. Act quickly but remain calm.

Move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks and storm drains. Do not drive around barricades. If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.

If you experience flooding and need assistance, call local authorities.

Call the Summit Area Red Cross at 908-273-2076 to find the location of any shelters that may be open in your area.

The Summit Area Red Cross, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, serves the communities of Berkeley Heights, Long Hill Township, New Providence, Springfield and Summit.



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HEALTH

Babysitters Training classes scheduled

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross announced its fall schedule of Babysitters Training classes, as follows:

- Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 2 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 and 13 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.
- Participants must attend both nights.
- Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - Nov. 9 and 10 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Participants must attend both days.
 - Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The fee is \$55 per participant. All courses will take place at the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield.

To register, call the chapter at 908-232-7090 to indicate which date your teen would like to attend. The course registration form for that class date will be sent to you.

The Babysitters Training course is offered every month all year. If the above-listed dates are not convenient, call the chapter to be put on the mailing list for the winter course schedule.

Six-week parenting class scheduled

Learn how to end the power struggle and parent your child with peace, joy and cooperation.

It is time to stop criticizing, blaming, threatening, and punishing and rewarding, which only pushes children further away. Children need encouragement, support and to be taught that responsibility and freedom go together. We really want to raise responsible children who are nice to be around.

Learn skills that will bring you and your children closer together. Learn how to negotiate different wants and needs.

This six-week course in Springfield begins Tuesday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The next classes will meet on Wednesdays beginning on Sept. 20, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call Lisa Athan at 973-912-0790, or send an e-mail to LAthan208@aol.com. Athan is the parent of four children ages 7 to 17 and has a master's degree in education.

Take an active role in your health care

SAGE ElderCare's Women's Issues Group will present "Partners in Health" on Sept. 21 at 10 a.m.

Dr. Nancy Stoll of Summit Family Medicine will teach participants how to communicate effectively and confidently with healthcare providers, both as a patient and a caregiver.

Today, patients take an active role in their health care. You and your doctor will work in partnership to achieve your best possible level of health. An important part of this relationship is good communication. Research shows that patients who are more involved with their care get better results. Lack of communication is commonly cited as a primary reason for medical errors.

Stoll believes that her most important role is to help her patients in whatever ways will have the greatest positive impact on their health and lives. She emphasizes preventive medicine, and provides treatment and advice in

an environment of trust and compassion.

She received her doctor of medicine degree from Brown Medical School and her bachelor of science degree in psychology from Brown University. Stoll is one of approximately 50 physicians each year who have graduated from the prestigious Program in Liberal Medical Education at Brown University.

This free seminar is for local area women of all ages.

Refreshments will be served starting at 9:30 a.m.

For more information and to register, call Suzanne Lyon at 908-598-5514.

Hospital to celebrate 100th anniversary

Overlook Hospital will host "Family Day" to celebrate its 100th anniversary in Summit on Union Place on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

The Overlook Family Day Centennial Celebration will be filled with fun, music and interactive games and activities for the entire family. Events

will include a scavenger hunt, teddy bear clinic, story time for kids, face painters, T-shirt decorating, free health screenings, ambulance tours, the Centennial Baby Scrapbook and Overlook Traveling Museum, food by local restaurants, live music by Lenox Underground, commemorative Centennial gifts and birthday cake cutting.

For more information about Overlook Hospital, and the services offered, including physician referrals, call 1-800-247-9580, or visit atlantichealth.org.

Pain management to be discussed later this month

Overlook Hospital will present a free program on the options in pain management on Sept. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in its Wallace Auditorium. Attendees should park in the West Garage.

Physicians and nurses will discuss topics including managing arthritis pain, cancer pain, orthopedic and neurologic pain, migraines, and relieving

pain at the end of life. They will dispel some common myths about pain management.

A light lunch will be provided.

Summit Area YMCA to host health screenings

The Summit Area YMCA, in conjunction with Overlook Hospital, will continue its health screenings in the fall.

All screenings are open to the community, and most are free. They will take place at the Summit branch of the Summit Area YMCA, 67 Maple St. Scheduled screenings are as follows:

- Body Fat Measurement and Blood Pressure Screening on Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon
- Cholesterol Screening on Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon
- Bone Density Screening on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. There is a fee of \$10 or \$8 for seniors. Call 800-247-9580 to pre-register.

For more information, call Sue Fieseler, staff nutritionist, at 908-273-3330, ext. 167.

OBITUARIES

Harry Ashworth III

Harry A. Ashworth III, 62, of Summit, a retired professor, died on Sept. 3.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., Mr. Ashworth lived in East Hanover for nearly 30 years before moving to Summit in 2004. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the University of Rochester and a Ph.D. in physics from Carnegie Mellon University.

Mr. Ashworth was a faculty member at Seton Hall University, South Orange, from 1970 until retiring in 2002. He was best known for his large lecture and demonstration courses in astronomy and physics for science majors. Mr. Ashworth served as department chairman for several years and as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He held visiting appointments during sabbatical years at Princeton University and the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center, Edison.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Ashworth was responsible for starting the astronomy program at Seton Hall and built the university's first observation with seven students. He co-authored two textbooks with various colleagues and students, and many articles on topics including electronics, instrumentation and bio-physics. Mr. Ashworth continued his association with Seton Hall after retiring and in recent years, contributed to the Center for Applied Catalysis.

Surviving is his wife, Norma.

E. Josephine Casey

E. Josephine Casey, 98, of Health Village, Washington Township, formerly of Summit, died on Sept. 1.

Born in Crisfield, Md., Mrs. Casey lived in Washington, D.C., and Summit before moving to Health Village two years ago. She was an artist employed by the United States Air Force, Washington. Mrs. Casey was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Washington, D.C.

Evelyn Christie

Evelyn A. Christie, 78, of Springfield died Sept. 4 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Christie lived in Union for 50 years before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. She was a supervisor for McCrory's in Union Center for more than 20 years and retired in 1984.

Surviving are her husband, John J.; four daughters, Kathy Bongiorno, Leona Walker, Diane Kraemer and Evelyn Habe; and nine grandchildren.

Ruth Gold

Ruth E. Gold of Jackson, formerly of Springfield, a founding member of a Springfield temple, died Sept. 7 at CentralState Medical Center, Freehold.

Born in Chicago, Mrs. Gold lived in Newark, in Springfield from 1954 to 1972, and Monmouth Beach before moving to Jackson in 1989. She graduated from Weequahic High School, Newark, where she had been

a cheerleader. Mrs. Gold and her late husband, Felix N. Gold, were founding members of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield. She was a member of the temple's drama club and appeared in the musical, "Guys and Dolls."

Mrs. Gold then became a member of the Monmouth Reform Temple, Shrewsbury, and served as chairperson for its annual Festival of the Arts. In Jackson, she was a co-founder of the Yiddish Club and the Culture Club at Winding Ways Community.

Surviving are a son, Bill; two daughters, Susan Howlett and Shelley Miller; and three grandchildren.

Shirley Goldhammer

Shirley R. Goldhammer, 83, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 6 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Mrs. Goldhammer was born in Newark. She was the first president of the Springfield chapter of ORT. Mrs. Goldhammer was a life member of both Hadassah of Essex County and Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, where she was a member of the Sisterhood. She also was a member of the founding committee of the Springfield Municipal Pool.

Surviving are a daughter, Jean Fishman; two sons, Howard and Richard Goldhammer; sister, Betty Lubin; a brother, Abram Rabinowitz; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Edward Kusalba

Edward Kusalba, 72, of Mountainside died Aug. 31 in Morristown Memorial Trauma Center.

Born in Union, Mr. Kusalba lived in South Orange before moving to Mountainside 35 years ago. He worked in the electrical engineering department at Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Clifton, for 35 years before retiring in 1988. Mr. Kusalba served in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Westfield. Mr. Kusalba also was a member of the Masonic Temple in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Ellen; a brother, Michael; and a sister, Helen Klecan.

Marjorie Lesak

Marjorie J. Lesak, 86, of Mountainside, formerly of Union, died Sept. 6 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Lesak lived in Union for 45 years before moving to Mountainside in 1998. She was a receptionist for Schering-Plough, Kenilworth, for 34 years before retiring in 2001.

Surviving is a daughter, Mary Lou Sarna.

Marion Murphy

Marion H. Murphy, 89, of Warren, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 2 in the Warren home of her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Pat Luciano.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Murphy lived in Maplewood, Chatham and Springfield before moving to her daughter's home in Warren three years ago. She was a secretary in the guidance department at Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, before retiring in 1986.

Also surviving are a son, William J.; four more daughters, Kathleen Weekley, Rita SanGiacomo, Susan Pepe and Patricia Turcott; two brothers, Jack and James Curry; two sisters, Elizabeth Foley and Eileen Toole; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

John O'Toole

John Eugene O'Toole, 81, of Springfield, retired Newark police officer, died Sept. 5 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. O'Toole lived in Springfield. He was a police officer with the Newark Police Department for 37 years before retiring in 1982. Mr. O'Toole served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of St. James Church, Springfield.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas and Jack, and two daughters, Arlene Piagari and Peggy Bernstein.

Rosine Perlet

Rosine E. Perlet, 89, of Summit died Sept. 2 at home.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Perlet lived in Columbus, Ohio, Providence, R.I., and Arlington, Va., before moving to Summit 55 years ago. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church, Summit, where he

taught Sunday school and served as hostess for many memorial teas. Mrs. Perlet also was a past president, vice president and treasurer of the Fortnightly Club in Summit.

Surviving are three sons, Harry F. III, Terry and Jerrold C.; a daughter, Deborah J. Perlet; and five grandchildren.

Winston Smith

Winston G. Smith, 55, of Summit died Sept. 3 at home.

Born in St. Marys, Jamaica, W.I., Mr. Smith lived in Summit for 25 years. He was a heating and air conditioning technician for 35 years. Mr. Smith worked for Sullivan Air Conditioning. He also worked for Martin Rappaport Real Estate for four years.

Surviving are a son, Winston G.; two daughters, Denise C. Miller and Oriana Smith; four brothers, Eucal Smith, Barrington Gouldburne, Trenton "Cleve" Gouldburne and Adolphus Mitchell; and five sisters, Cecil Hamilton, Valerie Grant, Marscell Smith, Eulice Dash and Maisie Smith.

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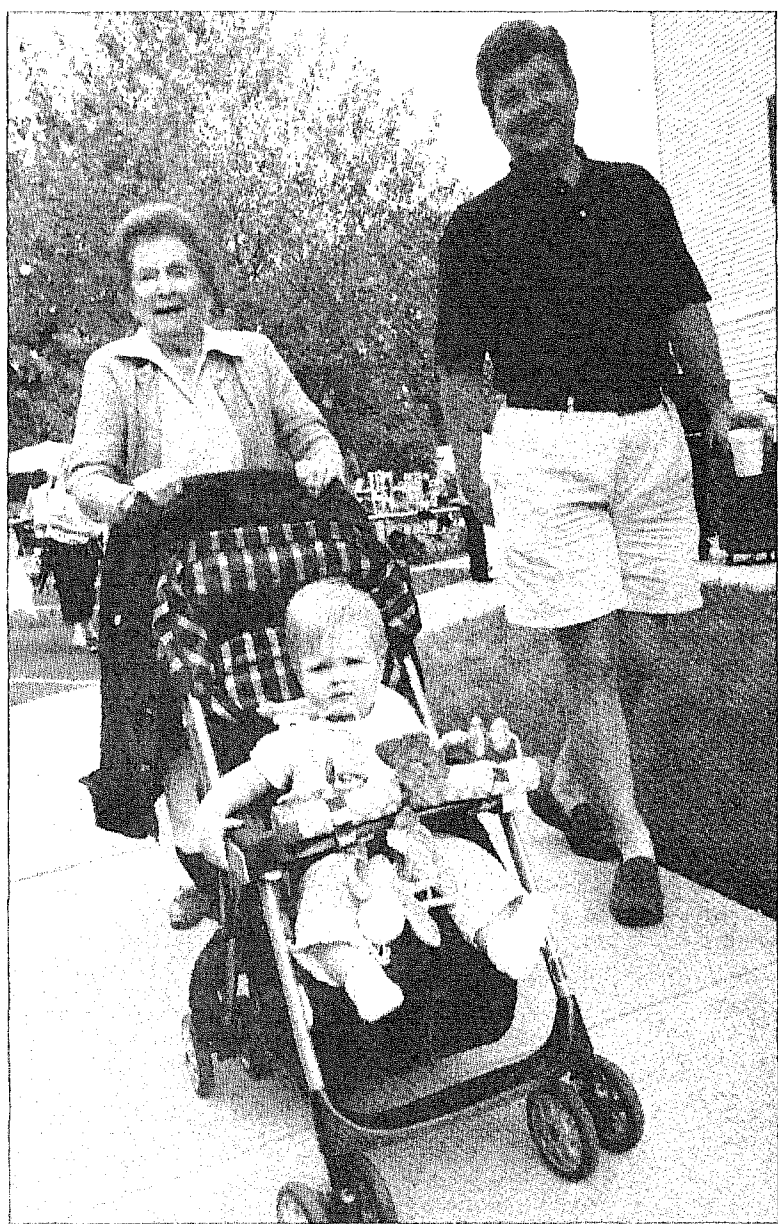


Photo By Sean Havery
Dorothy Craig, 96, a resident of Spring Meadows in Summit, and her granddaughter's husband, Michael Ahern, take his 1-year-old daughter Maggie for a walk at the facility's celebration of National Grandparents Day on Sunday.

SAGE Eldercare receives funding from trust

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for eldercare, recently announced that it received funding support from the E.J. Grassmann Trust for computer and technology needs.

Members of the foundation's board of trustees recently visited SAGE Eldercare to meet with Saul Spivack, SAGE Eldercare's executive director, and R. Bruce Johnson, a SAGE Eldercare Board of Trustee member and chair of the organization's Technology Committee.

The E.J. Grassmann Trust funds educational institutions, local hospi-

tal and health organizations, organizations engaged in ecological endeavors and social welfare organizations, particularly those helping the elderly. Preference is given to organizations with low administration costs and those that show efforts to achieve a broad funding base, like SAGE Eldercare.

"The E.J. Grassmann Trust has been a friend of SAGE Eldercare for many years. We are proud that the foundation continues to partner with us to help the organization reach its goals. Funding for our Technology Upgrade Initiative will enable SAGE

Eldercare to meet the needs of current clients while looking ahead to the future," said Spivack.

SAGE Eldercare supports the independence, well being and quality of life of older adults, their families and caregivers, through the provision of client-centered health, social and support services. Founded in 1954, SAGE is both the oldest and one of the few nonprofit eldercare agencies in the United States that offers a broad and comprehensive array of services under one roof, assisting elderly, often frail, adults to remain independent in their own homes.

SAGE Eldercare programs include HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, InfoCare free information and referral service, Fall Prevention Initiative, Chore Service, Shopping Service, Bill Paying Service, PREP caregiver support group and SHIP — State Health Insurance Assistance Program.

SAGE Eldercare serves more than 5,000 older people and their families annually in Union, Essex Morris and Somerset counties.

For more information, call 908-273-5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.

Clubs to offer learning programs for students

Now in its third school year, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County — Summit Club will be offering Summit "Project Learn," an afterschool program for Summit Middle School students. The educational enhancement program was initiated through the efforts of the Youth Programs Subcommittee of Shaping Summit Together.

Formed in 1997, the sub-committee membership includes the executive directors, organization presidents or their designees of the city's major program providers, as well as agencies involved with Summit youth. The mission of the sub-committee is to identify common problems and meet or under met needs and develop collaborative solutions.

The sub-committee spent two years developing "Project Learn" and chose the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County — Summit Club to manage the project because of their expertise and the excellence of their programs.

The program will take place primarily at the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School. Athletic and fitness activities will take place at the Summit YMCA. This affordable afterschool program will be fee-based with scholarships available. All students who register for Boys & Girls Club

programs offered in Summit will receive a complimentary annual membership to Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. This membership will entitle all Summit youth to attend all Boys & Girls Club programs in Summit, Union, Plainfield and Elizabeth.

The Project Learn after school program will include daily homework help, character and leadership programs, primary prevention, job readiness, fine arts, and health and fitness activities. Project Learn will also offer "Academy" enrichment programs that will be available to all students who attend Summit Middle School.

The Summit Board of Education will be providing space, equipment and custodial services at no cost in support of this program.

Program benefits include parents being assured that their children will be safe in a supervised setting; an individualized, structured learning experience; improved attitude toward learning in the school and club; and self-paced and self-directed learning.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County — Summit Club will also be providing daily computer education/enrichment programs in partnership with the Department of Youth Services, Monday through Friday, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Boys &

Girls Clubs' state-of-the-art Computer Learning Center located at the city-owned Community Center, 2 Walnut St., Summit.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Inc. is a private non-profit, non-sectarian youth serving agency, affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County provide programs and services that significantly enhance children's lives, enable youth to develop skills to become employable and build knowledge to engage in positive behaviors and safe health practices. These programs help children to mature into responsible adults.

The agency is among the largest facility-based, full time, professionally staffed youth development organization in Union County with clubs in Summit, Union, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Roselle and Roselle Park. The club has a rich and successful 50-year history of serving children. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County provide afterschool and evening services to more than 11,000 children throughout Union County.

For more information on Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County — Summit-based programs, call Cheryl Rossi, Summit program director at 908-347-8399.

Bridges seeking 'soup' volunteers

As the nights start to get chillier, Bridges volunteers will make soup every Friday afternoon between 4 and 5 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in preparation for their outreach to the homeless. Bridges is seeking volunteers to help make soup in the kitchen of Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit. This requires no gourmet skills — just one hour every several weeks.

To schedule a time to volunteer, call Lois at 908-273-0176, or send an e-mail to Deirdre Kennedy at

dedekenn@aol.com. Bridges, a non-profit organization in Summit, serves sheltered and unsheltered homeless people in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irvington. Each week Bridges makes "runs" to designated stops with a caravan of committed volunteers sharing compassion, friendship and a truckload of soup, beverages, bag dinners, clothing, toiletries and other goods.

Donations are accepted on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Group seeks members

The Widowed Persons Activities Group of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, which is celebrating its 23rd anniversary this year, is looking for new members.

The WPA generally meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2 to 5 p.m. at 300 Central Ave., Mountainside. A program is scheduled, followed by refreshments. There is a fee of \$3. All widows and widowers are

invited. A dinner/dance will be held at the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Ave., Clark, on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The cost is \$45 per person and includes a choice of salmon, chicken Francaise or sliced sirloin steak. Wine, beer, soda, dessert and coffee will be served.

For more information, call Florence at 908-272-9017.

RECREATION

Bus trips to Manhattan scheduled for year-end

The Mountainside Recreation Department will sponsor two bus trips to Manhattan later this year.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art will be the destination on Nov. 30. Several special exhibitions will be featured, as well as the popular permanent exhibitions. The bus will depart from the Mountainside Gospel Chapel, located on Spruce Drive off of Central Avenue, at 9 a.m. and leave the museum at 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$28 per adult, including admission and bus transportation. The fee for senior citizens is \$23, and museum members will be charged \$16 per person.

The annual trip to Radio City Music Hall for its Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes will be Dec. 5. A coach bus will leave from the Deerfield School parking lot off Central Avenue at 5:30 p.m. and will return after the 8 p.m. show. The cost is \$55 per person, including orchestra seating and bus transportation. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reservations for both trips will be accepted beginning Friday at the Recreation Department at Borough

Hall, 1385 Route 22 east.

For more information, call 908-232-0015, or visit www.mountainside-nj.com/recreation.htm.

Learn how to use that digital camera

The Mountainside Recreation Department will once again offer "In a Snap," its popular digital camera class on Sept. 30 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Nov. 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Both classes will be in the Learning Center on the second floor of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, Mountainside.

If you have a digital camera that you want to be able to use, then this is the class for you. Learn how to upload digital photos to the computer, create folders and save photos, and attach photos to e-mails to share with family and friends.

The fee is \$15 per class. Space is limited. To register, stop by the Recreation Department.

For more information, call 908-232-0015.

Register for a trip to see 'Princess Wishes'

The Springfield Recreation Department will host a trip to the Disney On

Ice "Princess Wishes" show on Nov. 24 at the Continental Airlines Arena. Join your favorite Disney princesses in a story woven with dreams and enchantment. This is your chance to see the timeless tales of seven inspiring princesses.

The cost is \$40 per ticket for lower

level seating, section 107. Trip includes transportation to and from the arena. Tickets are limited, so register early at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall.

For more information, call 973-912-2226, or send an e-mail to springfieldrecreation@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY." - 242 Slumpke Rd., Springfield. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors; Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:00 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry, Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

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

JEWISH-ORTHODOX
CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyan at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Maariv services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:30 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A summer camp is also available to children of this

age. Adult classes are held three nights a week with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-9666.

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

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

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

METHODIST

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

PRESBYTERIAN

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

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at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We also host various Outside group meetings: Springfield Garden Club, Children's Community Choir, Learning Disabled Group, and Atonan. All meetings held in the Parish House unless otherwise noted. For information about any of our programs or services, call Geselle at the Church Office: 973-379-4320, Mon. through Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

UNITARIAN- UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-273-3245. www.usummit.org. Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Minister; Emilee Boggis, Assistant Minister; Mitchell Vines, Music and Choir Director. Summer Sunday Services at 10:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

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Summit library adds new travel books

The Summit Free Public Library has added many new titles to its selection of travel books.

Recent titles added include guidebooks for popular locations such as London, Paris, the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. The collection aims to satisfy a variety of travel tastes and styles with guides for budget-minded and adventure travel, as well as those that focus on history and culture and some that highlight attractions.

Far-flung locations are represented as well. A number of new books have been added that cover the specific areas of Southeast Asia, Africa, the Middle East and lesser traveled countries in the Mediterranean region and Eastern Europe.

Check with the Reference Desk for an updated list of new acquisitions in the travel area.

In addition to the book collection, the library also subscribes to a number of periodicals that can be valuable resources for travel information and ideas.

Along with familiar titles such as Travel & Leisure, there are some that cater to specific interests such as National Parks. General interest magazines such as New Jersey Monthly often have specific issues devoted to travel destinations. Finally, there are hobby magazines such as Bicycling and Skiing that can be consulted for suggestions as to gear and destinations.

Stop by the reference desk for more information about what resources are available. All travel books can be checked out for four weeks.

The Summit Free Public Library is located at 75 Maple St. For more information, call 273-

0350, ext. 3, stop by the Reference Desk, or visit www.summitlibrary.org.

Great books group to discuss work by Mills

The Springfield Free Public Library's Great Books Discussion Group will meet Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. to investigate various aspects of "Utilitarianism" by John Stuart Mill.

Published in the 1860s, "Utilitarianism" was Mill's sole contribution to the fundamental problem of ethical theory. In its chapter, Mill argues that moral theories are divided between two distinct approaches: the intuitive and the inductive schools. Although both schools agree that there is a single highest principle, they disagree about whether we have knowledge of that principle intuitively — without appeal to experience — or inductively — through experience and observation. Kant represents the best of the intuitive school and Mill defends the inductive school.

Another chapter postulates that the principle of utility involves an assessment of only an action's consequences, and not the motives or character traits of the agent performing the action. Further, Mill argues that duty is a subjective feeling that develops with experience. However, humans have an instinctive feeling of unity that guides the development of duty toward general happiness, and that everything we desire becomes part of happiness. Happiness is a complex phenomenon composed of many parts, including virtue, love of money, power and fame.

The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$24 at the Circulation Desk.

The program is open to everyone. The Springfield Free Public

Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Library to present Neil Simon video series

The Springfield Free Public Library will begin its new Luncheon Video Series, "Neil Simon Presents," on Oct. 3, 2006.

Master of Broadway comedy Neil Simon adapted his hit play about a conservative young lawyer and his off-the-wall bride for this warm film classic. Robert Redford is Mister

Straight. Jane Fonda is his new wife, who dedicates her life to the pursuit of fun. As the ecstasy of the honeymoon gives way to the reality of setting up housekeeping in a five flight walk-up, the harmony of marriage turns to comical discord.

The film runs 105 minutes and is rated "G."

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

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Book discussion group to meet next month

The Springfield Free Public Library's (Really Good) Books Discussion Group will meet on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Museum in the library. The group will discuss Geraldine Brooks' novel, "March."

Brooks lives near Leesburg, Va., not far from the site of the Battle of Ball's Bluff. On Oct. 21, 1861, on a steep bluff overlooking the Potomac River, Union forces were flanked and routed by Confederate troops. Brooks' discovery of a Union soldier's belt

buckle in the courtyard of her house provided the seed of the novel.

Readers of the classic book, "Little Women," might recognize March as the family name of its main characters. In Brooks' novel, the author imagines the life of Mr. March, the absent father of the four sisters in "Little Women." March is a Union army chaplain, dealing with the horrors of war and his own limitations.

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To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930, ext. 228.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN MAXIMUM PERMITTED RATES PURSUANT TO 47 C.F.R. 76.900 ET SEQ.

On March 1, 2006, Comcast filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, in Docket Number CR06030139, for the approval of changes in rates associated with regulated basic service for as regulated by 47 C.F.R. 76.923 and Consolidated FCC Form 1255. Under Comcast's proposal, the maximum permitted rates for equipment and installation would change. The present and proposed maximum permitted rates, excluding sales tax and franchise fees, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION CHARGES/MONTHLY LEASE RATE, PRESENT, PROPOSED. Rows include Standard Installation-primary outlet, Non-standard installation-primary outlet, Service Area Relocation Installation, etc.

The proposed rate changes will go into effect on February 1, 2007 as permitted under the Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations. Actual rates implemented may be lower than the above proposed maximum permitted rates and may be subject to refund with interest if not approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Comments must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice on October 14, 2006. Service Areas: Borough of Roselle Park, Borough of Roselle, Town of Westfield, City of Linden, Borough of Kenilworth, Township of Scotch Plains, Township of Clarendon, Township of Winfield Park, Borough of Fairwood, Borough of Garwood, Borough of Mountainside, Township of Woodbridge, City of Perth Amboy, Township of Clark, City of Rahway, Borough of Carlisle, Borough of South River, City of East Orange, Township of Livingston, Township of West Caldwell, Township of Irvington, Town of West Orange, Township of Fairfield, Borough of Verona, Township of Maplewood, Town of Harrison, Township of Essex Fells, Township of Millburn/Sneek Hills, City of Summit, Township of Springfield, Township of Montclair, Township of Berkeley Heights, Borough of New Providence, Town of Secaucus, Township of Glen Ridge.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

If you want to see a top-notch non-conference game this weekend, then Union will be the place to be.

For the first time since 1981, Union and Montclair will meet in the regular season. Tomorrow night's game is set for 7 p.m. at Union's Cooke Memorial Field.

This is the opener for the Mounties, who reached the North 1, Group 4 final last year, going 9-3.

Montclair, a favorite to win that section this year, is sparked on offense by junior quarterback Marlon Calbi and on defense by tackle Cory Robinson.

Union will seek to rebound from a tough 29-7 loss at Irvington last Saturday. Among Union's top players against the Blue Knights were senior quarterback James Melody, senior fullback Isa Abdul-Quddus and senior end Andrae Lowe.

The Farmers are playing Montclair in place of Newark East Side, picking up the Mounties when they were looking for a public school opponent to replace one of the parochial schools they will not play this year. Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League public schools were able to get out of playing games against some of the more formidable parochial schools in the conference to create a more level playing field.

The game is at Union because the Farmers had only three other home dates when it came time to designate where it would be played.

Union and Montclair last played in the regular season in November of 1981, with Union winning 21-0 at Montclair's Woodman Field. Present Union head coach Marc Crisafi was a junior on that Union team that eventually reached the North 2, Group 4 final, falling to Elizabeth 21-0 at Giants Stadium.

WEEK ONE GAMES

Friday, Sept. 15 (5)
Montclair at Union, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Cranford, 7 p.m.
Roselle Park at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
New Prov. at Newark Cent., 7 p.m.
Dayton at Manville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 16 (7)
Elizabeth at Hudson Cath., 1 p.m.
Irvington at Plainfield, 1 p.m.
Linden at Shabazz, 1 p.m.
East Side at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.
Rahway at Hillside, 1 p.m.
Johnson at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.
West Essex at Summit, 1:30 p.m.
Off: Roselle, Brearley.

WEEK ZERO RESULTS

Friday, Sept. 8 (5)
Elizabeth 26, Plainfield 6
Scotch Plains 21, Shabazz 7
Rahway 18, Cranford 7
Brearley 45, Cardinal McCarrick 0
Highland Park 47, Dayton 7
Saturday, Sept. 9 (6)
Irvington 29, Union 7
Linden 20, Westfield 14
Hillside 30, Passaic 29 (OT)
Gov. Livingston 35, Roselle 20
Metuchen 25, Roselle Park 14
Mendham 31, Summit 14
Off: Johnson, New Providence.

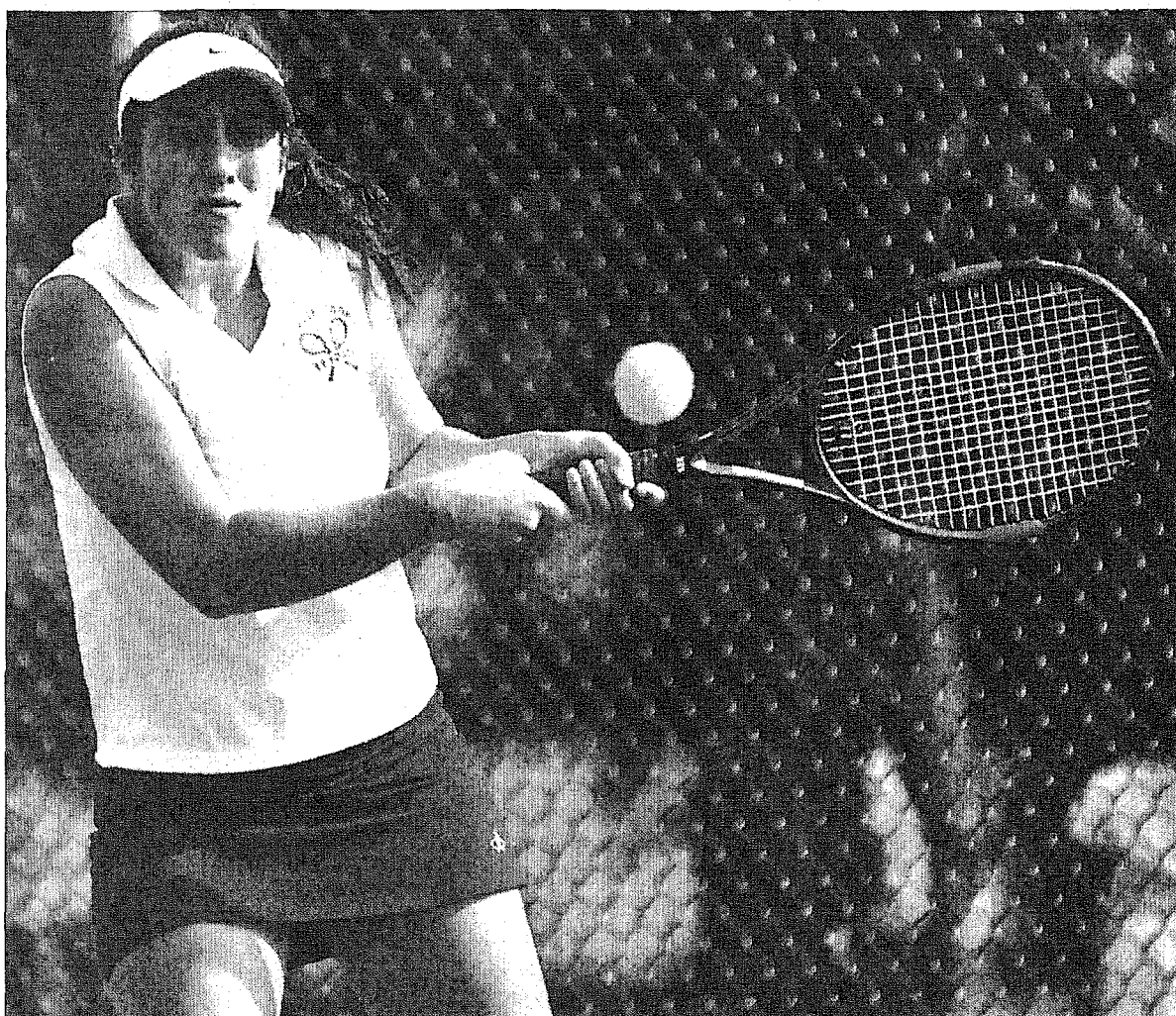
WEEK ONE PICKS (12)

Union over Montclair
Cranford over Westfield
Middlesex over Roselle Park
New Prov. over Newark Central
Manville over Dayton
Elizabeth over Hudson Catholic
Irvington over Plainfield
Linden over Shabazz
Scotch Plains over East Side
Hillside over Rahway
Johnson over Gov. Livingston
West Essex over Summit
Last week: 9-2 (.818)
This year: 9-2 (.818)

JR's UNION COUNTY FOR 2006

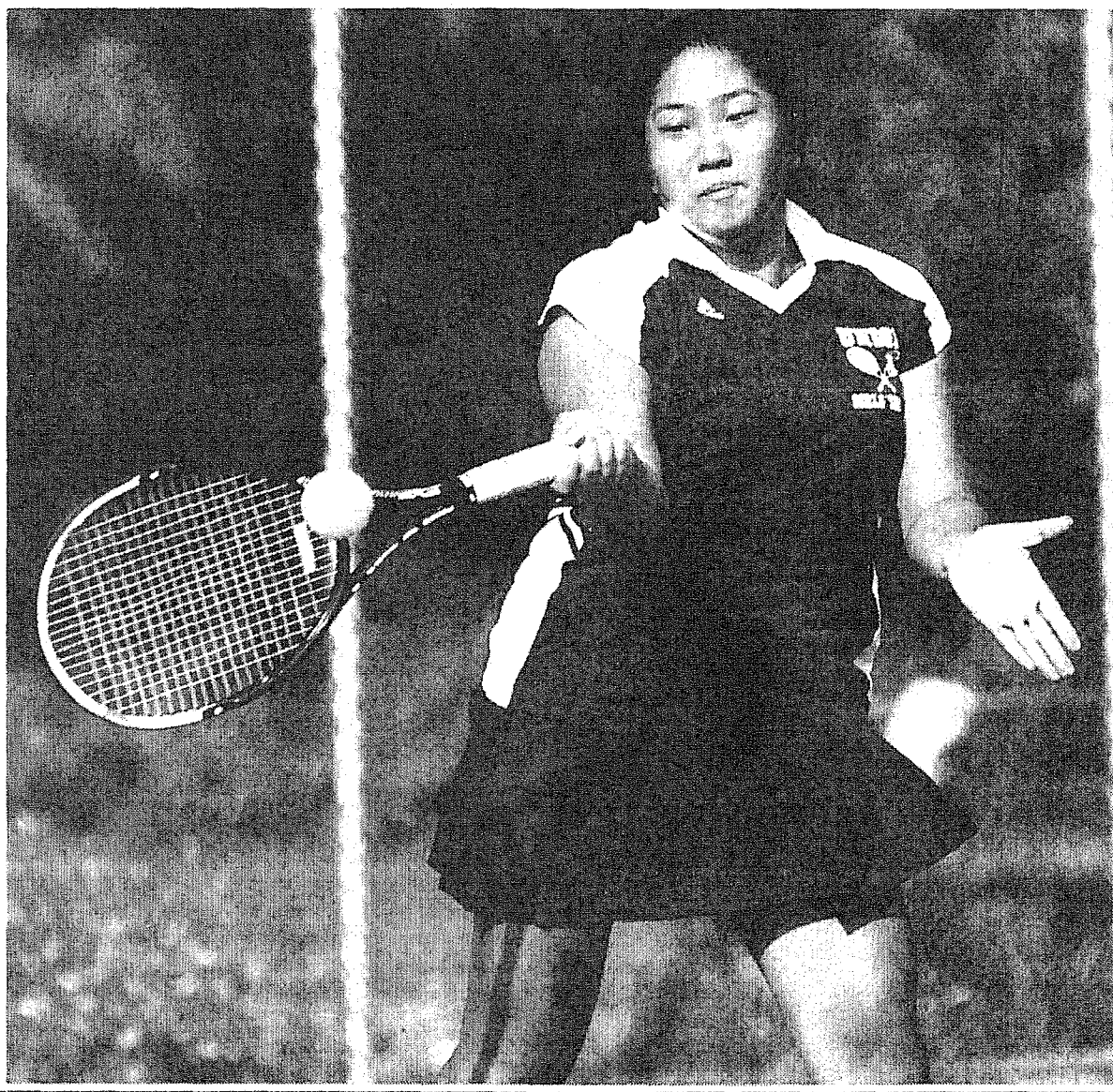
1-Elizabeth (1-0)
2-Linden (1-0)
3-Union (0-1)
4-Scotch Plains (1-0)
5-Rahway (1-0)
6-Johnson (0-0)
7-Gov. Livingston (1-0)
8-Brearley (1-0)
9-Hillside (1-0)
10-New Providence (0-0)
Westfield (0-1)
Plainfield (0-1)
Cranford (0-1)
Summit (0-1)
Roselle Park (0-1)
Roselle (0-1)
Dayton (0-1)

First singles standouts



Photos by Sean Hovey

Above, the Roselle Park girls' tennis team is sparked by senior Katie Bundy at first singles, while, below, Union is led by senior Kyrsten Chen. See stories about both teams and additional photos on Page 12.



Frosh forward leads Union boys' soccer past Elizabeth

Barrera nets both goals in 2-1 double OT win

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

UNION — How fitting that in such a tough game the winning play came from a freshman.

Union and Elizabeth battled in an epic boys' soccer game Monday, one filled with veteran players and brutally physical play. Finally, with just minutes remaining in the second overtime, freshman forward Robert Barrera deftly maneuvered the ball around Elizabeth's backup goalkeeper to give the Farmers a 2-1 double OT triumph.

In a game of hard shots and hard tackles, Barrera's winning goal just barely made it into the net before being stopped by a defender who rushed over to make the play.

"I tried to take it with me but I couldn't reach it so I tapped it a little bit forward," said Barrera, who scored both Union goals, his first tying the game at 1-1 in the second half. "The goalie thought I was going to take it with me, but then I just went behind him and took my shot and I scored."

Union improved to 2-0 on the season, while Elizabeth — the defending Union County Tournament champion — slipped to 0-1.

Union opened last Saturday with a 5-2 home win over Hudson Catholic.

Elizabeth took the early lead when senior defender Eduardo DaSilva scored on an assist from junior defender Victor Bellido. The Minutemen had numerous chances to pad their lead, but they never capitalized on them.

"Our team played well," Elizabeth head coach Joe Cortico said. "We came out playing a defensive game and we scored first, so our expectations were there."

Cortico praised DaSilva for his outstanding play on defense throughout the entire Watchung Conference-American Division match.

"The turning point for them was the first 15 minutes."

said Union head coach Jim Jeskey, in his 46th season at the helm. "They scored and we started to come back and by halftime we were playing a very good game.

"It was just a great game between two very good teams. They had an air ball just at the end of regulation and their big sweeper just missed a header. Then we got that last goal.

"We always have great games with Elizabeth. They're a very good team, year in and year out, and very talented. They'll bounce right back."

It appeared that one player from each team took a foot to the head at different times, prompting the assistant coaches on each team to question why no red cards were handed out.

Elizabeth starting goalie Matty Cei was on the ground for several minutes before walking off the field after taking an apparent shot to the head.

The same situation occurred with a Union player several minutes later. Jeskey said he felt it was a hard game, with Elizabeth being a little more aggressive on getting to balls in the air.

"They play a little harder on air balls than we do," Jeskey said. "We didn't get many air balls the first half and we got a few in the second.

"We have a lot of new people among the backs and I thought they all played well. They had to go almost 100 minutes. It was a real good effort on our players' part. I thought they played very well."

The saving grace for Elizabeth is that the season has just begun and the Minutemen started with a tough opponent. Nobody with Elizabeth was happy with the setback, but the Minutemen know they'll be heard from in the county tournament and probably the state tournament as well.

(See RIVALS, Page 13)

Although early, big game on tap

Johnson vs. GL Saturday

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

It's awfully early to have a big game on the football schedule, but that's the case with this Saturday's matchup between Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division rivals Johnson and Governor Livingston.

A case can be made for each team. Each has advantages and disadvantages, strengths and weaknesses.

For Johnson, it will be the Crusaders' opening game. They sat in the stands at Watchung Hills and watched GL beat Roselle last Saturday, but GL will have the advantage of having already played its first game.

Johnson will field a healthy team, while GL will be hoping its injured players get back to full strength. Senior left guard/inside linebacker Mike Loria will return to the lineup from a concussion and three injured players who played should be back at full strength.

Senior center Curtis Beisser and sophomore right guard Pat Cerillo played with wraps on injured knees and senior Matt Zimmerman will return to his inside linebacker spot after being limited to playing only on offense due to a bruised shoulder.

Third-year Johnson head coach Gus Kalikas lamented the fact that his team starts the season a week later than GL. Johnson and New Providence were the only Union County schools that did not open on Week Zero. New Providence opens at Newark Central tomorrow night.

"We think that they have the advantage because they have actual game-type situations to deal with because they were in the fire before us, unfortunately," Kalikas said. "We're just going to have to do our best to mimic that in practice and overcome it because we think they have an advantage because they got to play earlier."

When GL has the ball, the Highlanders will try to get it to standout tight end Matt Boyer (6-5, 265), who has excellent hands for a big man. When the Highlanders run, it will be Zimmerman using his speed and elusiveness to make things happen.

Johnson's defense will be well versed in what GL wants to do and it's a certainty that Minnesota-bound defensive tackle Oliver Haney (6-4, 275) will be looking for Zimmerman. Haney and his defensive mates will also try to pressure GL quarterback Tyler George, who is in his first year as the starting quarterback.

When Johnson has the ball, returning senior quarterback Ryan Burnett will hand it off to cat-quick senior back Vin Reis to gain critical yardage. Burnett may try to open things up for Reis by throwing to 6-3 wideout Alex Ochocki, who also competed in the NJSIAA individual saber championship. Ochocki has good hands and gives his quarterback a big target.

On special teams, Zimmerman is also the name to keep in mind. He can get good distance on his punts, though he is somewhat inconsistent in terms of hang time. When he gets plenty of air under his punts, they'll travel 40-50 yards with plenty of hang time. However, he has also kicked some punts that haven't had a lot of air under them.

Make no mistake, these two teams are very similar in many ways. Both have plenty of size and are comprised of tough guys who play smash-mouth football.

It's a cliché, but it applies for this matchup. This game could well turn into a battle of attrition, given the hard-hitting nature of the teams. A year ago, GL beat Johnson 20-12 in Clark in what most involved remember as a brutally tough game. Everyone involved expects the same kind of very physical contest this weekend.

With the teams so evenly matched that know each other very well, sometimes the difference isn't in the X's and O's. This battle could be one of those decided by an intangible factor.

What that might be is anyone's guess. For Johnson, the memory of last year's game will serve as obvious motivation.

"We always use that as motivation and I know that coach (Terry) Hanratty is using preseason prognostications from The Star-Ledger as his motivation," Kalikas said. "You know, we're 0-0. We have won nothing and we're very humble about that."

"They're a very good football team. In our minds, they're favored and they should be. They have two Division 1 football players on their team. They beat us last, so they're the favorites and we just want to have a good showing when we play them."

"We've got a lot of great football players on our team and lot of great kids on our team but these guys beat us last year."

"Hanratty sounded equally concerned about Johnson.

"I think we have to play a perfect game like we did last year," he said. "We have to do everything right and we'll see what happens."

Maybe the best synopsis came from Zimmerman, who pretty much summed up the confrontation.

"A lot of people are ranking Johnson higher than us in the papers," Zimmerman said. "We beat them last year and they say they have everyone back. We also have everyone back. Let's play the game."

There's one last thing to consider for this game. GL's new field turf is still under construction and may or may not be completed in time for the contest, depending on who you consult. Anyone attending the game should call the school by tomorrow or check the daily newspaper to find out where the game will be played.

Jeff Cummins may be reached for comment at jeffcummins@thelocalsource.com.

INSIDE

PAGE 10 - The Football Page debuts, with stories and statistics about games covered in Highland Park, Irvington and Warren. Also, top local performers from last weekend are named and conference alignments pertaining to Union County schools are listed.

PAGE 11 - The Elizabeth and Hillside football teams open their seasons with home victories. Scores are listed in the Union-Irvington series dating back to 1988.

PAGE 12 - The Roselle Park and Union girls' tennis teams met in Union last Friday, with the Panthers coming out on top. Here's a look at who will be serving aces for both squads.

PAGE 13 - A busy schedule for Roselle Catholic teams includes both the boys' and girls' soccer teams, the girls' volleyball team and the girls' tennis team in action today. Also, Clark resident Jacob Stockl accomplishes well beyond the usual success.

Union vs. Montclair football renewed

Union and Montclair will meet in the regular season tomorrow night for the first time since Union won 21-0 at Montclair in November of 1981.

The tradition-laden teams have met in the state playoffs seven times after that rare regular season game.

Here's a look at the results:

1999 North 2, Group 4 semis: Montclair 13, Union 7 at Rutgers
1996 North 2, Group 4 final: Montclair 20, Union 0 at Giants Stadium
1994 North 2, Group 4 semis: Montclair 22, Union 0 at Union
1985 North 2, Group 4 final: Union 13, Montclair 8 at Bloomfield
1984 North 2, Group 4 final: Union 34, Montclair 13 at Union
1983 North 2, Group 4 final: Montclair 14, Union 10 at Union
1982 North 2, Group 4 final: Union 14, Montclair 7 at Montclair

The Football Page

Dominating performance



Photo by Sean Havy

Last Thursday night first-year Elizabeth head football coach Chet Parlavocchio called Basim Hudeen (No. 8) his best overall football player. Hudeen, a senior outside linebacker, tight end and punter didn't disappoint in his team's season-opener last Friday night, leading Elizabeth to a convincing 26-6 victory over visiting Plainfield. Hudeen recovered two fumbles, forced one, had an interception, blocked a punt and caught a touchdown pass to spark the Minutemen. See story and additional photos on Page 11.

Union preps for Montclair Has moments vs. Irvington

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

IRVINGTON - The road to a return trip to the North 2, Group 4 playoffs began a bit bumpy for the Union Farmers. After falling to Irvington for a third straight year, Union is now preparing hard for another Essex County power, Montclair.

The Union vs. Irvington football game was one both teams were pointing to for some 10 months.

Battle-tested neighborhood rivals in a season-opening Watchung Conference-American Division clash.

It doesn't get any better than that. Irvington senior Al-Tamir Knighton was directly involved in the two biggest plays of last Saturday's game to lead the Blue Knights to a decisive 29-7 triumph at Matthews Field.

He opened the game by scoring on an 89-yard run on Irvington's first play from scrimmage, breaking tackles at the line and then one more in the open field.

Then, with the Blue Knights holding on to a 21-7 fourth-quarter lead and Union deep in Blue Knights territory, Knighton smacked the Union running back as he was about to reach first down yardage near the Irvington 10. Senior defensive back Michael Galarce scooped up the loose ball and raced 88 yards, untouched, down the right sideline for the game's final score.

"I was yelling at our defense to get a turnover because they were on the field for so long," said Irvington head coach Darnell Grant, acknowledging the fact that Union ran some three offensive plays to every one Irvington did. "Al came across from his middle linebacker position and really hit him."

Irvington took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter when senior quarterback Osvaldo Berjulet broke free for a six-yard touchdown run up the middle. The Blue Knights ran only four plays from offense in the first quarter, but scored on two of them.

Union closed to within 14-7 when senior quarterback Jimmy Melody snuck in from the one-yard line on third down. The score was set up by a long kickoff return by senior Andrae Lowe.

Melody had a fine game for the Farmers, completing 11 of 19 passes for 123 yards, many of his passes caught by Lowe.

Senior fullback Isa Abdul-Quddus broke many tackles and had 71 yards rushing on seven carries in the first half.

• See series scores on Page 11.

FARMERS FOOTBALL

IRVINGTON - Union's very tough trifecta to start the season continues tomorrow night as the Farmers will host Montclair in their home-opener.

Union did not play as bad as the score indicated against Irvington, but was killed by turnovers, as any team would be.

This is Montclair's opener, with the Mounties looking to begin the season with a non-conference victory.

The teams last played in the 1999 North 2, Group 4 semifinals, with Montclair holding on for a hard-fought 13-7 victory at Rutgers.

Present Montclair head coach Ed Lebida, at the helm since 1993, is 3-0 against Union in state playoff games. His second Mountie team blanked Union 22-0 in Union in the 1994 North 2, Group 4 semifinals, while his fourth Montclair squad whitewashed the Farmers 20-0 in the 1996 North 2, Group 4 championship game at Giants Stadium.

Union has lost three straight dating back to last year, with setbacks to Group 4 schools Phillipsburg, Linden and Irvington.

GAME ONE

Irvington 29, Union 7

FIRST DOWNS: Union 18, Irvington 8.
RUSHES-YARDS: Union 42-153, Irvington 8-161.
PASSES: Union 11-19-0, Irvington 6-12-1.
PASSING YARDS: Union 123, Irvington 124.
FUMBLES-LOST: Union 3-3, Irvington 1-1.
PUNTS-AVG: Union 3-38, Irvington 2-47.
PENALTIES: Union 10-80, Irvington 13-110.

Union (0-1)	0	7	0	0	-7
Irvington (1-0)	14	7	0	8	-29

IRVINGTON - Knighton 89 run, Berjulet kick (17-0)

(First quarter: 1 play, 89 yards, :18 used)

IRVINGTON - Berjulet 6 run, Berjulet kick (114-0)

(First quarter: 3 plays, 70 yards, 1:30 used)

UNION - Melody 1 run, Dickerson kick (114-7)

(First quarter: 7 plays, 46 yards, 3:16 used)

IRVINGTON - Knighton 12 run, Berjulet kick (121-7)

(Second quarter: 4 plays, 27 yards, 2:05 used)

IRVINGTON - Galarce 88 fumble recovery, Morris pass from Berjulet (129-7)

(Fourth quarter)

RUSHING: Union - Isa Abdul-Quddus 12-85, Chris D'Andrea 16-34, James Melody 10-27, one touchdown. Andrae Lowe 3-7; Ricky Hall 1-0. Totals: 42-153, one touchdown. **Irvington** - Al-Tamir Knighton 7-155, two touchdowns. Osvaldo Berjulet 1-6. Totals: 8-161, two touchdowns.

PASSING: Union - James Melody 11-19-0, 123 yards. **Irvington** - Osvaldo Berjulet 6-12-1.

RECEIVING: Union - Andrae Lowe 6-61, Isa Abdul-Quddus 2-34, Anthony McLean 1-14, D.J. Frain 1-10, Chris D'Andrea 1-4. Totals: 11-123. **Irvington** - Michael Galarce 2-29, Amir Morris 1-42, Giovanni Jackman 1-22, Joshua Evans 1-21, Al-Tamir Knighton 1-10. Totals: 6-124.

INTERCEPTIONS: Union - James Melody. **Irvington** - None.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Union - One. **Irvington** - Three, one by Michael Galarce for an 88-yard touchdown.

SACKS: Union - None. **Irvington** - Thomas Weaver 2, Sean Berry.

- JR PARACHINI

CONFERENCE ALIGNMENTS PERTAINING TO ALL UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR 2006

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE

American Division (5): Union, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Irvington, Newark East Side. **Defending champ:** Irvington.

National Division (5): Westfield, Linden, Scotch Plains, Shabazz, Cranford. **Defending champ:** Shabazz.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

Mountain Division (6): Rahway, Governor Livingston, Roselle, Hillside, Johnson, Newark Central. **Defending champ:** Rahway.

Valley Division (4): Dayton, New Providence, Roselle Park, Brearley. **Defending champ:** Brearley.

IRON HILLS CONFERENCE

Iron Division (10): East Orange Campus, Columbia, Seton Hall Prep, Roxbury, Livingston, Morristown, Randolph, Morris Knolls, West Morris, Mount Olive. **Defending champ:** Morris Knolls.

Hills Division (10): Parsippany Hills, Mendham, Morris Hills, Parsippany, West Essex, Weequahic, Dover, Summit, Hanover Park, Chatham. **Defending champ:** Parsippany Hills.

The buildup Dayton players were waiting for was a run

Quarterback Cappa crashed into defenders

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

AREA - The moment Dayton's football players had been waiting for came with about 10 minutes left in the second quarter last Friday night. On first down, Jason Cappa - Dayton's senior quarterback - faked a pitch, tucked the ball under his shoulder and ran.

Cappa kept running, crashing into defenders, twisting, turning, ramming his head and shoulders into guys until he was finally dragged down at the Highland Park 13-yard line after a 38-yard gain.

This was it. Dayton had not played a varsity football game since 2000 and the frustration and determination of numerous graduating classes of Dayton students rode on Cappa's shoulders as he rumbled down field with all the fury of an untamed bronco. Finally, after six long years, Dayton students got a taste of the national religion that is high school football.

The Bulldogs weren't done there. On the ensuing play, sophomore running back Ross Bergen dragged two defenders toward the goal line and reached the ball into the end zone for Dayton's first touchdown of the season. The cheers of the Dayton faithful who had made the long trek to Highland Park were louder than any produced by the home fans.

Clearly, the night belonged to Dayton, as it should, considering this was the Bulldogs' first varsity football game since 2000.

On the scoreboard, it was a little different, though. Highland Park won 47-7, an outcome that really wasn't a surprise to anyone given the fact that Highland Park has players with plenty of varsity football experience under their belts.

But this night, this effort, couldn't be defined by yards-per-carry averages, completion percentages or third-down conversions. In the context of what this game meant for Dayton High School, raw data was much too trivial to define this accomplishment.

The night could be defined by so many things. There were the stands filled with Dayton supporters, proudly wearing their alma mater's blue and orange colors. There were the cheerleaders, exhorting the team, taking their part in the Friday night tradition. There was the fan with a megaphone, yelling and getting the crowd and the team excited.

Maybe the night could best be summed up by the reaction of one player after Bergen was tackled from behind for a 14-yard run after gaining Dayton's initial first down of the season. "Man, I'd love to be hit like that," said the player.

Aside from the heroics of Cappa and Bergen, the game was also about the "grinders," the unsung players who do

the dirty work necessary for any team to compete successfully. Senior defensive tackle Teddy Hopkins personified those grinders, once even de-cleating an opponent with a jarring hit on a punt return after the opponent had mocked Dayton's, "megaphone fan." The hit seemed to light a spark among everyone associated with Dayton.

"It seemed to fire up the crowd," said Hopkins, his face grimy with dirt accumulated from his battles in the trenches. "In the second half, they were all screaming for us."

Screaming. That's what had been missing from Friday nights in the fall in Springfield. Now, after so many years, Dayton students, parents and even adult residents with no attachment to the school got to experience the joys of Friday night football. For the Bulldogs, this was their version of "Friday Night Lights."

The heart and soul of Dayton was Cappa, whose big run confirmed hopes that the Bulldogs could compete with Highland Park.

"I was just going to get as many yards as possible," Cappa said. "I wasn't going to stop until I was taken down."

After finally getting back on the field last year with a 3-5 junior varsity season, everyone looked forward to the return of varsity football.

"We were all excited in the beginning," Cappa said. "We knew we could play with them from the very beginning, but we just didn't. We can, though."

Dayton head coach Joe Goerge has experienced the highs, having won a sectional title at Franklin, but to hear him talk, this might have been his most memorable night as a coach.

"The whole day was great," Goerge said. "The student body was great, the faculty was great, there was so much excitement. On the bus, I think the kids were ready. They were excited to play. We had a team meal."

"We got shocked a little early, but some guys stepped up and answered the bell. Other guys, in time, they will. That's where we come in. We have to try to temper it and put it in perspective. We have to get back to work and that's the goal."

Bill Parcells once claimed, "You are what your record says you are." The truth is Parcells' quote is more appropriate for the NFL.

In the purity of high school football, the effort exerted is what builds the character of young people and teaches the critical lessons of dedication, teamwork and school spirit.

Dayton is well on its way to accomplishing those goals. NOTES: Bergen's touchdown run covered 13 yards, with Hopkins kicking the extra point.

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Zimmerman's 3rd touchdown proved to be play GL needed

Roselle strikes for 3 scores in second half

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

AREA - At the time, nobody thought that Governor Livingston needed Matt Zimmerman's big play.

Zimmerman had the GL crowd roaring last Saturday afternoon when he outraced the Roselle secondary and settled under Tyler George's pass, taking it for an 89-yard touchdown.

Zimmerman's third-quarter catch-and-run put the Highlanders up by four touchdowns before a bit of a team letdown occurred. GL eventually held on for a 35-20 opening day Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division triumph at Watchung Hills High School in Warren.

The game was played down the road at Watchung Hills because construction continues on the Highlanders' home field in Berkeley Heights. Weather the new field turf that is being put in will be ready for this Saturday's scheduled 1 p.m. home game against Johnson is anybody's guess.

Zimmerman's highlight-reel touchdown catch, his third touchdown of the game, started the celebration on the GL side of the field, but it was just a little premature.

"They had those two kickoff returns and it made the game close, much closer than we wanted," said Zimmerman, a senior from Mountainside. "I just had to make a play and Tyler George scrambled, broke a tackle and did a great job in his first varsity start."

While GL was busy celebrating, Roselle's Rahdell Savage returned the ensuing kickoff for an 85-yard touchdown. In the fourth quarter, Savage returned another kickoff for a 75-yard touchdown, which was the game's final score. The ensuing two-point conversion cut GL's lead to 15 points.

A victory that should have been easy had suddenly become much more difficult than it once appeared. Some of it may have been due to fatigue, but part of it might just have been that GL's players relaxed a little too much when they took a four-touchdown lead.

"That's all I talked about at halftime," third-year GL head coach Terry Hanratty said. "I said, 'don't take this game for granted.'"

Hanratty, lamenting his team's conditioning, said he will address that issue before this Saturday's big game against Johnson.

There were other reasons why GL might not have taken control of the game. Senior linebacker Michael Loria was out with an injury and Zimmerman was playing with a bruised shoulder, which limited him to playing only on offense.

On a day when temperatures were in the mid-80s, but the temperature on the field turf surface was considerably hotter, every live body was necessary. Other players made

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Plainfield at Elizabeth - Elizabeth senior linebacker Basim Hudeen

Dayton at Highland Park - Dayton senior quarterback Jason Cappa

Union at Irvington - Union senior quarterback James Melody

Roselle vs. Governor Livingston - GL senior back Matt Zimmerman

up for the injuries, but the impact was felt, nonetheless.

"Joey Gilfedder never came off the field today and he might drive the bus home," Hanratty said. "You're talking about a guy who didn't come off the field!"

Gilfedder, a junior, played inside linebacker against Roselle, where Loria usually plays.

Another concern for GL might have been that Roselle seemed to have the Highlanders scouted well. Zimmerman was held to just 35 yards on 11 carries, though he was much more effective as a pass-receiving target, catching four passes for 140 yards, including the touchdown pass.

While Zimmerman didn't gain a lot of yardage on the ground, he was still able to score a couple of touchdowns running the ball.

GL senior tight end Matt Boyer, who has received several scholarship offers from Division 1-A schools, was largely covered. Boyer, however, made his presence felt from his defensive end position, where he took part in five sacks, including three solo efforts.

"Boyer made a big catch on third down and made some big plays on defense," Hanratty noted.

GL junior linebacker Joe Natale also gave Hanratty reason to smile. Natale was part of four sacks, including two solo. Clearly, the Highlanders are pretty good at pressuring the quarterback.

There were plenty of things that Hanratty wanted to see improved in the Highlanders' play, but their perfect record wasn't one of those things.

"Hey, I'll take 1-0 anytime," Hanratty told his team.

NOTES: GL senior placekicker Nick Hrynkiwicz was a perfect 5-for-5 on extra point kicks.

Roselle's second touchdown and first of the fourth quarter came on a 22-yard pass from senior quarterback Harold Hood to junior wide receiver Keon Paris.

Harold also completed a two-point pass after Roselle's third and final touchdown to junior fullback Dontay Payne.

Roselle (0-1)	0	0	6	14	-20
Gov. Livingston (1-0)	0	21	7	7	-35

GL-Gilfedder 25 interception return, Hrynkiwicz kick

GL-Zimmerman 4 run, Hrynkiwicz kick

GL-Zimmerman 10 run, Hrynkiwicz kick

GL-Zimmerman 89 pass from Goerge, Hrynkiwicz kick

R-Savage 85 kickoff return, run failed

R-Paris 22 pass from H. Hood, run failed

GL-George 1 run, Hrynkiwicz kick

R-Savage 75 kickoff return, Payne pass from Hood

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Where we will be this weekend

TOMORROW:

JR - Montclair at Union, 7 p.m.

Jeff Cummins - Westfield at Cranford, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY:

JR - Elizabeth at Hudson Catholic, 1 p.m.

Jeff Cummins - Johnson vs. Gov. Liv., 1 p.m., at field to be determined

Last weekend, JR covered Plainfield at Elizabeth on Friday night and Union at Irvington on Saturday, while Jeff Cummins covered Dayton at Highland Park on Friday night and Roselle vs. Governor Livingston at Watchung Hills on Saturday.



Photo by Sean Hovey

Elizabeth sophomore tailback Raymond Graham, No. 21, carried 18 times for a game-leading 94 yards and scored on a one-yard run in the third quarter to help lead Elizabeth past Plainfield 26-6 last Friday night at Williams Field.

Hillside tops Passaic for 1st win over a Group 4 school

Victory was also Comets' initial in overtime

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Overtime wins against Group 4 schools rarely happen for Hillside.

Try never.

Until, that is, last Saturday.

Hillside not only won its season-opener for the first time in three years, but defeated a Group 4 opponent for the first time by winning in overtime for the first time.

Hillside defeated visiting Passaic 30-29 in single overtime when senior quarterback Jeron McMillian rolled right, looked pass and then snuck into the end zone with a game-winning two-point conversion.

According to head coach Jim Hopke and his staff, it was Hillside's first game against Passaic, first win against a Group 4 school - Passaic is situated in North 1, Group 4 - and first overtime win.

Hillside had not played in overtime in any of its state playoff games and was 0-2 in OT during the regular season prior to last weekend.

The Comets were first defeated in double overtime at Governor Livingston 15-12 in 1996 and then in triple overtime at home vs. Roselle 20-18 in 1997. Overtime began in the regular season in New Jersey in 1995.

"We haven't been 1-0 in a few years, which feels good," Hopke said.

The game was tied at 22-22 going into overtime after Passaic rallied from a 22-6 deficit it had as late as the third quarter.

Hillside won the coin flip and elected to go on defense first. Starting from the Hillside 25, Passaic got one first down and then scored a touchdown and kicked the extra point for a 29-22 lead.

Hillside had to make something happen on fourth and 15 to keep the game going and was able to reach the Passaic 9-

yard line for a first down on a pass from McMillian to senior end Justin Matthews.

Then, on third down, McMillian connected on an 8-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Kyle Clemens.

Hopke never thought twice about going for two.

"We decided to go for the win right there and the kids never had any doubt," Hopke said. "That's why you play it."

McMillian, who threw touchdown passes to Matthews in the first and third quarters round the touchdown he ran in from six yards out in the second, was able to get by the Passaic defense again to give the Comets a hard-fought win.

"Although we had the lead and then Passaic came back, we did battle back in overtime," Hopke said.

Passaic scored eight-point touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to tie the game.

On defense, Hillside was sparked by the performance of senior end Darryl Steward, who was in on many tackles, with a few of them coming from behind the line of scrimmage.

Hillside is now preparing for its first Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash, which is also scheduled for home this Saturday at 1 p.m. against defending champion Rahway.

The Indians also opened with a non-conference win last weekend, defeating Watchung Conference-National Division foe Cranford 18-7 in Cranford. Cranford will be joining the MVC-Mountain Division next season.

Rahway is sparked by junior fullback Donte Dennis on offense and by senior end Jerrod Johnson on defense.

NOTES: This weekend will be the second of six home dates for Hillside, which doesn't happen too often. Usually, teams get five or four. The Comets also have home games against Newark Central Oct. 7, Roselle Oct. 14, New Providence Oct. 28 and Brearley Nov. 23.

Now it's time for defense to step up vs. Hudson Catholic

Elizabeth begins Chet era with dominant victory

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

ELIZABETH -- Now let's see how the Elizabeth defense does against talented Hudson Catholic senior Darius Kinney. The Division 1 recruit, ranked as one of the state's top running backs, helped lead his team to a 41-0 season-opening win at Bayonne last Friday night.

Elizabeth did quite well in dominating Plainfield 26-6 last Friday night at Williams Field.

WINS News has a slogan that goes like this: "You give us 22 minutes and we'll give you the world."

You give Elizabeth first-year head coach Chet Parlavecchio and his staff less than three months and they will still give you a football team to be proud of on opening night.

"We were all nervous," Parlavecchio said moments after the victory. "It was exciting. We won this game on Thursday by the way the kids performed in practice."

All you need to know about the dominance is that Elizabeth held Plainfield to minus four yards of offense, did not allow one single first down and the Minutemen defense pitched a shutout, as Plainfield's only points came on an 83-yard kickoff return by junior Reggie Dixon following Elizabeth's first touchdown.

Parlavecchio knows a thing or two about defense and it was led by who on Thursday night he said was the team's best player - Basim Hudeen. The senior captain, in the first half alone, had two fumble recoveries from his outside linebacker position, one forced fumble that led to one of his recoveries and one interception. He also scored a touchdown from his tight end position in the first quarter, blocked a punt in the second half and had three punts for a 30-yard average.

"We were real psyched for this game," Hudeen said. "The coaches work us real hard in practice. This is our year."

"Basim is like a coach on the field, doing anything asked of him," Parlavecchio said. "He will be a great coach some day."

Senior quarterback Michael Eargle, who started some games under center for the Minutemen last year, also had a very successful evening. He got the crowd at Williams Field excited right away when he found senior wide receiver Syam Rhodes open in the left corner of the end zone for a 36-yard touchdown pass that capped Elizabeth's first drive of the season. It was set up by Hudeen's interception.

"This game was real personal," said Eargle, who completed 5 of 12 passes for 74 yards and two touchdowns and one interception. "We wanted to show the coaches what we could do. I'm a captain and had to get us started on offense."

"Michael's an unbelievable athlete," Parlavecchio said. "His field generalship was sharp and his first few passes were right on the money. Nothing fazes him."

Two key plays on the Minutemen's first drive that gave Elizabeth the lead for good were a 13-yard screen pass to senior end Taron Lanier and a 17-yard run to the left by Eargle to get Elizabeth into Plainfield territory for the first time.

The only fly in the ointment for Elizabeth was Dixon making a fine run on the ensuing kickoff and taking it 85 yards into the end zone.

"That kickoff return should not have happened," Parlavecchio said.

Elizabeth capitalized again on a Plainfield turnover when Eargle rolled left and hit Hudeen all alone in the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown pass later in the first quarter. Hudeen hit Plainfield quarterback Dyshaun Allen, knocked the ball loose from him, and then recovered the fumble at the Plainfield 22 to set up the three-play scoring drive.

Elizabeth increased its lead to 20-6 in the second quarter after sophomore tailback Jaheed Mayers cut loose for an 18-yard touchdown run.

Elizabeth's running game was sparked by fellow sophomore tailback Raymond Graham and Mayers. Graham rushed 18 times for 94 yards and one touchdown, while Mayers finished with eight carries for 37 yards and his one score. Graham's one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter was set up by Hudeen's blocked punt.

NOTES: At the half, Plainfield had 15 rushes for minus nine yards and was intercepted three times in four incomplete attempts. The Cardinals completed only three passes for a total of eight yards, all coming in the second half, and rushed for only one positive yard in the second half on five attempts.

Elizabeth sophomore placekicker George Norena was 2-for-4 on extra point kicks.

Eargle and Rhodes also came up with interceptions in the first half, with Khaseem Greene tipping the ball into Eargle's hands for his pick.

Yahanna Clark had an interception in the first half for Plainfield.

Among the many tackles recorded by Elizabeth players were solo ones by Hudeen for a four-yard loss and senior lineman Tyshan Allen for a two-yard loss, which came back-to-back in the first quarter. Junior lineman Hafis Williams had a tackle for a two-yard loss in the third quarter.

Allen carried twice from his fullback position for 15 yards in the second half. Eargle carried three times for 14 yards in the first half.

PLAINFIELD (0-1)	6	0	0	0	-6
ELIZABETH (1-0)	14	6	6	0	-26

ELIZABETH - Rhodes 36 pass from Eargle, Norena kick (E 7-0) (First quarter: 6 plays, 68 yards, 3:07 used)

PLAINFIELD - Dixon 85 kickoff return, kick failed (E 7-6) (First quarter)

ELIZABETH - Hudeen 8 pass from Eargle, Norena kick (E 14-6) (First quarter: 3 plays, 22 yards, 1:22 used)

ELIZABETH - Mayers 18 run, kick failed (E 20-6) (Second quarter: 2 plays, 23 yards, :47 used)

ELIZABETH - Graham one run, kick failed (E 26-6) (Third quarter: 5 plays, 24 yards, 2:09 used)

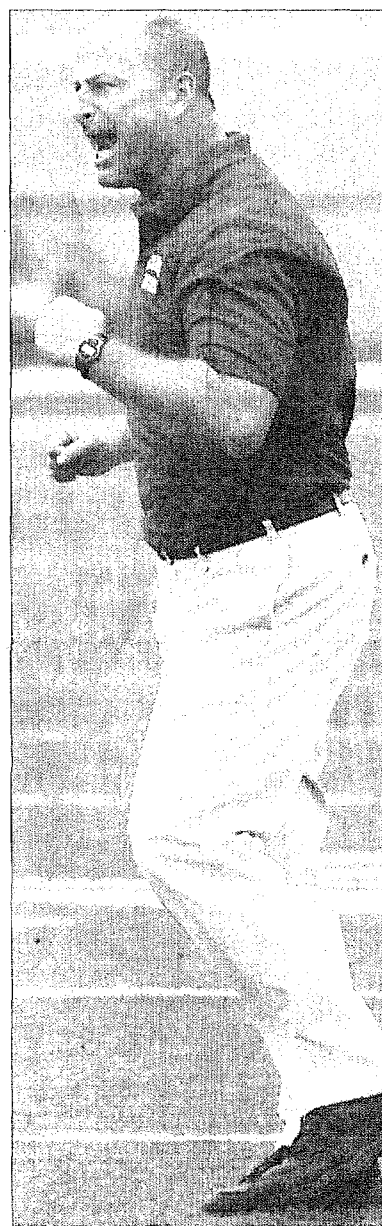


Photo by Sean Hovey

Elizabeth head coach Chet Parlavecchio is excited to be back on the sidelines. He will lead Elizabeth into Jersey City this Saturday for a 1 p.m. game against Hudson Catholic at Caven Point.

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Blue Knights on roll against the Farmers

Have won 3 straight in series

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Blue Knights are on a roll against the Farmers.

Irvington has now beaten Union three years in a row in football.

After Union dominated the 1990s in its Watchung Conference-American Division series against Irvington, winning eight of the 10 games, Irvington has done much better in this decade, winning four of the first seven.

Since the first game I covered in the series back in 1988, I have covered all but four of the games in the last 18 years, the exceptions being 1989, 1990, 1996 and 1997.

The first game I covered saw Irvington triumph 20-7 after coming back from a 7-6 halftime deficit. The 1988 home win by the Blue Knights, sparked by fill-in quarterback Derrick Gaddy, was their first win over Union since 1976.

Union held on for a 13-12 win at home in 1991, preventing Irvington from scoring two points in the fourth quarter.

Irvington handed Union its only loss in 1993, winning 26-21 in Union in the rain during the last game that took place at night in the series.

Irvington won again in 1995, winning 12-0 in Union during a season in which it finished 8-1 but did not qualify for the North 2, Group 4 playoffs.

Union went to Irvington and came away with a 66-7 victory in 1998, which was unusual for the series.

In Union head coach Marc Crisafi's first game at the helm, Irvington came back to win 14-6 at Union in the 2001 season-opener for both. The Farmers scored a touchdown on their first play from scrimmage, but did not score again after that.

Union had a nice 14-0 home win over Irvington in 2003, its last victory in the series. That was Irvington's only regular season loss that season.

Crisafi is 2-3 vs. Irvington, while Irvington head coach Darnell Grant is 3-2 vs. Union.

Irvington has now won the last three games and has a chance for a fourth straight win when the teams meet in Union in 2007.

There's no chance of the teams facing each other in the North 2, Group 4 playoffs this year because Irvington dropped down to North 2, Group 3.

Union remains a contender in North 2, Group 4, while Irvington is the favorite in North 2, Group 3, with another challenger being New Brunswick, coached by former Union assistant John Quinn.

Here's a look at all the scores in the series since 1988:

- 2006: Irvington 29, Union 7 at Irvington
- 2005: Irvington 38, Union 0 at Union
- 2004: Irvington 21, Union 18 at Irvington
- 2003: Union 14, Irvington 0 at Union
- 2002: Union 21, Irvington 6 at Irvington
- 2001: Irvington 14, Union 6 at Union
- 2000: Union 31, Irvington 18 at Irvington
- 1999: Union 17, Irvington 6 at Union
- 1998: Union 66, Irvington 7 at Irvington
- 1997: Union 30, Irvington 7 at Union
- 1996: Union 22, Irvington 6 at Irvington
- 1995: Irvington 12, Union 0 at Union
- 1994: Union 28, Irvington 9 at Irvington
- 1993: Irvington 26, Union 21 at Union
- 1992: Union 30, Irvington 7 at Irvington
- 1991: Union 13, Irvington 12 at Union
- 1990: Union 49, Irvington 0 at Irvington
- 1989: Union 49, Irvington 0 at Union
- 1988: Irvington 20, Union 7 at Irvington

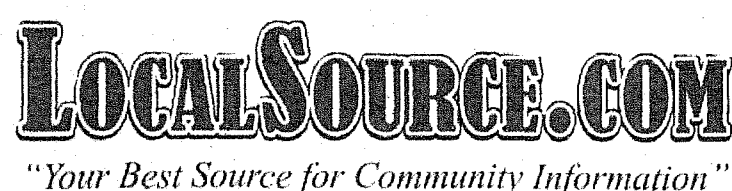
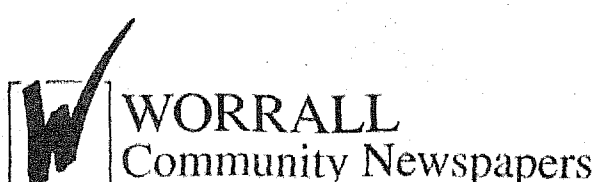
NOTES: Irvington and Union each qualified for the North 2, Group 4 playoffs in each of the past three seasons. Irvington went 1-3 in playoff competition, while Union fashioned a 3-3 mark.

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Roselle Park seeking to net better mark with 6 returning Sturcke in 30th season guiding Panthers

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

With six returning players from the top seven spots, the Roselle Park girls' tennis team looks to better last season's 11-8-1 mark.

Head coach Nancy Sturcke, in her 30th season at the helm, knows that won't be easy.

"If we continue to grow our game, we can have a very nice season," said Sturcke, whose first season as the head coach was 1977.

"We hope to do better than last year," Sturcke continued. "We play in a tough conference and the states are harder in Group 2. As good as we are, we will take our lumps."

Roselle Park remains in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference and in Central Jersey, Group 2, where it reached the quarterfinals a year ago.

The squad is led by senior Katie Bundy at first singles, her second year at that spot. She was 11-14 in 2005.

"Katie is working hard, is a hard-hitter and an all-court player," Sturcke said. "She brings experience at the position."

Liz Lautenbach, a junior, is in her second season at second singles, going 10-12 last year.

"Liz is a smart player, with great ground strokes and a solid serve," Sturcke said.

Freshman Rebecca Vera has stepped right in to the third singles position.

"It's remarkable for a freshman to earn one of the slots in the varsity lineup," Sturcke said. "She's very quick on her feet and hits the ball with a lot of pace."

Returning at first doubles are seniors Lisette LaForge and Danielle Rinaldi. LaForge was 13-10 and Rinaldi 13-11 last year.

"Lisette is a smart player who really sees the opening on the court and is able to put the ball there," Sturcke said. "Danielle has picked up her game a notch, working hard in

the off season. Her ground strokes are stronger and she's playing more aggressive at the net.

Playing at second doubles in its season-opening 4-1 win at non-conference foe Union last Friday were senior Samantha Singleton and junior Michelle Casso. They won 6-2, 6-2 over Jalessa Phillips and Luvyane Belizarie.

Singleton teamed with Ryan Olson last year as Roselle Park's second doubles team, with Singleton going 14-8-1 and Olson, now a senior, going 14-7-1. Also in the mix at the position is junior Brittany Stromko.

The Union County Tournament is Sept. 28 and 29 at the Donald Van Blake Courts in Plainfield, across the street from Muhlenberg Hospital on Randolph Avenue and right next to Hub Stine Field.

The sectional team playoffs will commence in October.

As for Sturcke's longevity as a Union County fall sports coach, she is not alone. Jim Jeskey is in his 46th season as the head boys' soccer coach at Union, while Frank Bottone is still the only head football coach New Providence has ever had, going back to the 1960s.

"It's gone by quickly," Sturcke said. "It's really been a lot of fun. I enjoy coaching tremendously."

Roselle Park was scheduled to host Union Catholic Tuesday in its second match of the year.

Upcoming: Sept. 14 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.; Sept. 15 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.; Sept. 18 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.; Sept. 19 Roselle, 4 p.m.; Sept. 21 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.; Sept. 22 Johnson, 4 p.m.; Sept. 25 Westfield, 4 p.m.; Sept. 26 at Rahway, 4 p.m.; Sept. 28 and 29 UCT at Plainfield; Oct. 2 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.; Oct. 3 Technology, 4 p.m.; Oct. 5 at Dayton, 4 p.m.; Oct. 6 Kent Place, 4 p.m.; Oct. 10 at New Providence, 4 p.m.; Oct. 12 Cranford, 4 p.m.; Oct. 13 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.; Oct. 17 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.; Oct. 19 at Johnson, 4 p.m.; Oct. 20 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.; Oct. 23 Glen Ridge, 4 p.m.; Oct. 26 at Cranford, 4 p.m.; Oct. 27 New Providence, 4 p.m.

Union girls' tennis serves notice that it will compete Out for another Watchung Conference crown

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Although the Union girls' tennis team once again opened with a setback to non-conference rival Roselle Park, it doesn't mean that the Farmers won't enjoy their share of success this season.

Like last year, Union bounced back to beat its next opponent by a 5-0 score, this time Rahway on Monday in its first road match.

Union was defeated at home by Roselle Park 4-1 last Friday. The Farmers opened with a 3-2 loss at Roselle Park last year.

However, Union went on to finish with an impressive 13-3 mark in 2005 and captured the Watchung Conference-American Division crown for the second straight year.

Five of Union's top seven players are back this season, beginning with senior Kyrsten Chen at first singles. This is her second year at the top position.

"Kyrsten has improved immensely from last year," sixth-year Union head coach Lucille Williams said. "Her mindset as far as focusing on each play is there and if she makes a mistake she quickly corrects it and moves on."

Williams noted that Chen played all summer long, including a stint in Holland.

"She continues to persevere and never gives up," Williams said. "I think with the way she's improved with her frame of mind that she will be tough to beat."

Chen was Union's only winning player against Roselle Park, defeating Panther senior first singles player Katie Bundy 6-2, 6-0. Chen also won against Rahway to begin the season at 2-0.

Union was scheduled to play at conference rival Newark East Side Tuesday and today is scheduled to host conference foe Plainfield at 4 p.m.

Senior Lashanna Armour is now at second singles after

playing at first doubles last year.

Another senior, Chanel Alexander, is playing her fourth year at third singles.

"Chanel has been consistent as the years have gone on," Williams said.

At first doubles are junior Lanel Gramatica, the younger sister of Fatima who starred for Union, and sophomore Zabeeb Awalom. They performed at second doubles last year.

At second doubles are juniors Jalessa Phillips and Luvyane Belizarie.

All Union players won in straight sets at Rahway Monday.

"We have the potential to win the conference again and make it back to the states," Williams said. "We finished sixth in the county last year and would like to, at least, stay in that area."

The Union County Tournament is Sept. 28 and 29 at the Donald Van Blake Courts in Plainfield, across the street from Muhlenberg Hospital on Randolph Avenue and right next to Hub Stine Field.

The North 2, Group 4 team playoffs are scheduled to take place in October.

Upcoming: Sept. 14 Plainfield, 4 p.m.; Sept. 15 Plainfield, 4 p.m.; Sept. 18 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.; Sept. 21 at Elizabeth, 4 p.m.; Sept. 25 at Dayton, 4 p.m.; Sept. 26 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.; Sept. 28-29 Union County Tournament at Plainfield; Oct. 3 at Mother Seton, 4 p.m.; Oct. 5 at Shabazz, 4 p.m.; Oct. 6 Westfield, 4 p.m.; Oct. 10 North Plainfield, 4 p.m.; Oct. 12 Summit, 4 p.m.; Oct. 13 at Linden, 4 p.m.; Oct. 16 at Cranford, 4 p.m.; Oct. 17 Newark East Side, 4 p.m.; Oct. 19 at Plainfield, 4 p.m.; Oct. 20 at Irvington, 4 p.m.; Oct. 23 at New Providence, 4 p.m.; Oct. 24 at Kearny, 4 p.m.; Oct. 26 Elizabeth, 4 p.m.; Oct. 27 at Mount St. Mary, 4 p.m.



Photo by Sean Havey

Roselle Park freshman Rebecca Vera defeated Union's Chanel Alexander 6-1, 7-5 last Friday in Union in her first-ever varsity match. She helped the Panthers top the Farmers 4-1 in season-opening non-conference competition. "It's remarkable for a freshman to earn one of the slots in the varsity lineup," Sturcke said. "She's very quick on her feet and hits the ball with a lot of pace."

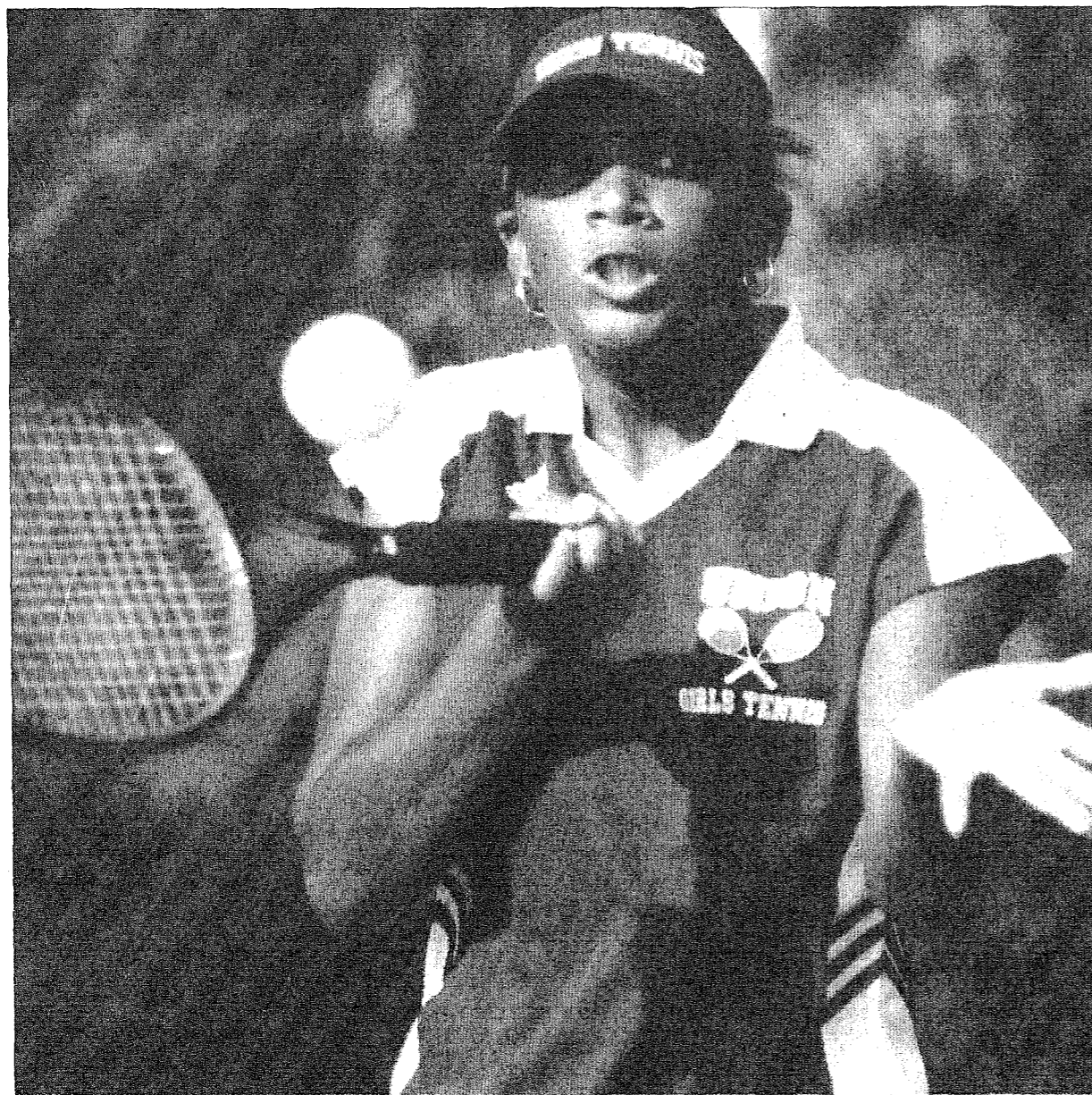


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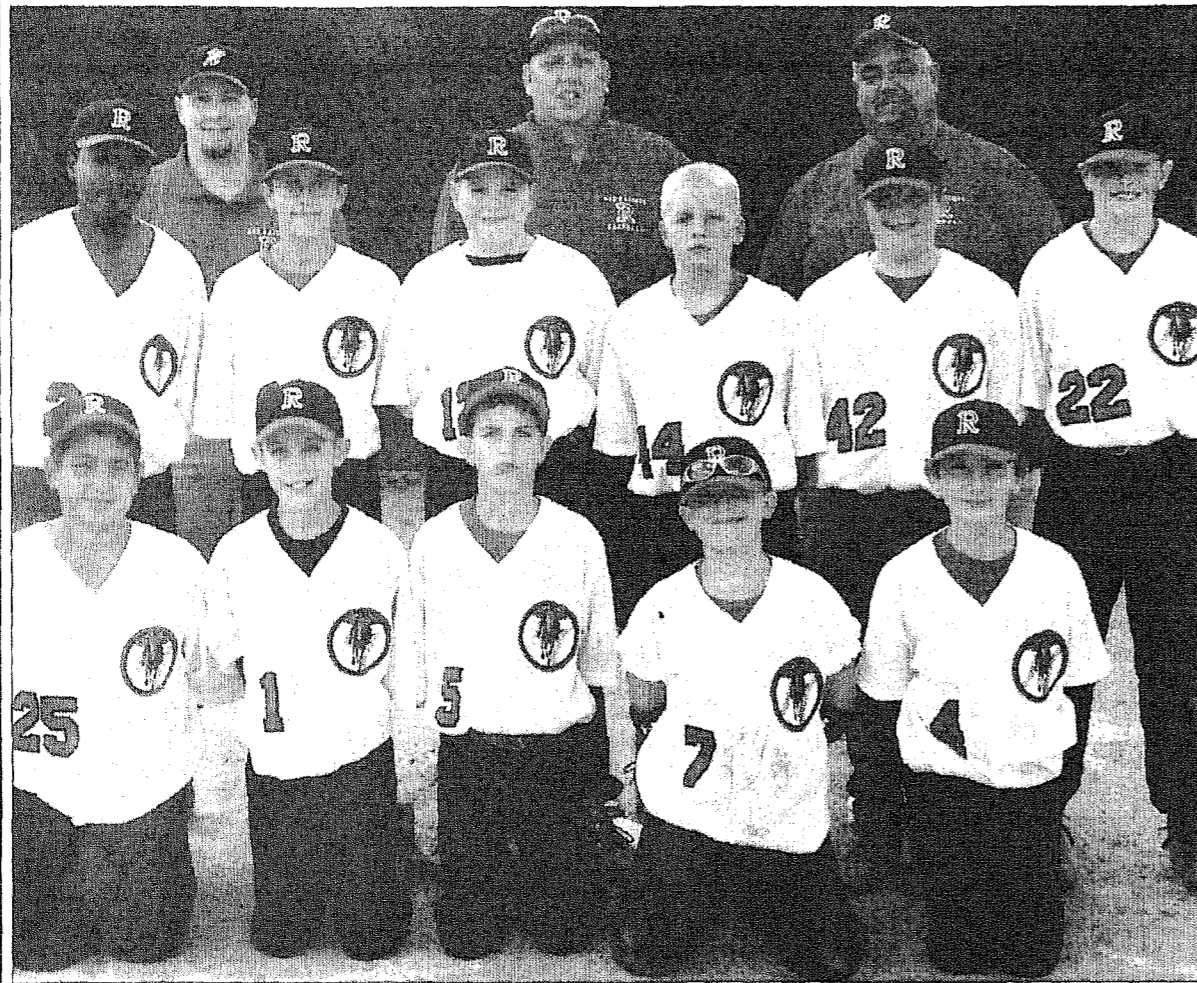
Chanel Alexander returns for her fourth season as Union's third singles player. Here, the senior returns a shot against Roselle Park freshman Rebecca Vera during last Friday's match in Union. Alexander won her first match of the season Monday at Rahway.



Photo by Sean Havey

Union sophomore Zabeeb Awalom tries a two-handed backhand return in her team's first doubles match against Roselle Park. Awalom and junior Lanel Gramatica make up the Farmers' first doubles team. They were triumphant at Rahway Monday.

Tournament champs



The Union Red Raiders 12-and-under baseball team won the East Brunswick Labor Day Tournament, finishing 4-0 and beating East Brunswick 5-3 in the final. Kneeling, from left, are Tyler Liberatore, John McTernan, Harry Uhrig, Jake Grzeszczak and Justin Lavan. Standing, from left, are Carlos Velez, Oscar Mujica, Louis DeCastro, Patrick Boyle, Nick DeMarco and James D'Angelo. Coaches, from left, are Nick Badillo, Harry Uhrig and Pat Liberatore. The 13-and-unders placed second, going 3-1.

Busy schedule today for Roselle Catholic teams

Soccer squads, volleyball, tennis in action

Today is a busy day for the Roselle Catholic fall sports teams.

The boys' soccer, girls' soccer, girls' volleyball and girls' tennis teams are scheduled to continue their seasons in the early going.

Boys' soccer is at Roselle at 4 p.m., girls' soccer hosts Hillside at 4, girls' volleyball is at Kent Place at 4 and girls' tennis hosts St. Mary's of Elizabeth at 4.

RC's cross country schedule continues Tuesday, with a meet at New Providence against the host Pioneers and Roselle.

Here's a look at Roselle Catholic's continuing fall schedules:

Roselle Catholic

Cross Country
Sept. 19 Dual meet at New Providence, 4 p.m.
Roselle Catholic, New Providence, Roselle
Sept. 23 NJCTC Bernie Magee Invitational Class Meet at Warinanco, 9 a.m.
Sept. 26 Dual meet at Warinanco, 4 p.m.
Roselle Catholic vs. Dayton
Sept. 30 Stewart Memorial Invitational, 9 a.m. at Warinanco Park
Oct. 3 Dual meet at Warinanco, 4 p.m.
Roselle Catholic, Oratory Prep, Kent Place, Brearley, Oak Knoll
Oct. 10 MVC Championships, 4 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Park, Basking Ridge
Oct. 14 Ridgewood Invitational, at Veterans Field, 9 a.m.
Oct. 25 Union County Championships, 4 p.m. at Warinanco Park
Nov. 4 NJCTC Championships, at Warinanco Park, 9 a.m.
Nov. 11 State championship meets, at Holmdel Park, Holmdel, 9 a.m.
Nov. 18 Meet of Champions, at Holmdel Park, Holmdel, 9 a.m.
Coaches: Paul Irwin, Carmine DeNicola

Roselle Catholic

Boys' Soccer
Sept. 14 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
Sept. 18 South Amboy, 4 p.m.
Sept. 21 Brearley, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 Hillside, 4 p.m.
Sept. 28 Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
Oct. 2 Cranford, 4 p.m.
Oct. 5 Dayton, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
Oct. 13 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18 St. Mary's, Rutherford, 4 p.m.
Oct. 24 Johnson, 4 p.m.
Oct. 26 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
Oct. 31 Rahway, 4 p.m.
Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division: Roselle Catholic, Newark Central, Gov. Livingston, Hillside, Johnson, Rahway, Union Catholic
Varsity coaches: John Rickel, Bro. Dan O'Riordan

Roselle Catholic

Girls' Soccer
Sept. 14 Hillside, 4 p.m.
Sept. 19 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
Sept. 21 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Sept. 28 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3 Dayton, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
Oct. 12 at Union Catholic
Oct. 19 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Oct. 20 Brearley, 4 p.m.
Oct. 24 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
Oct. 26 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
Oct. 31 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
Nov. 2 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division: Roselle Catholic, Brearley, Dayton, Hillside, Kent Place, New Providence, Roselle Park
Coaches: Gary Carvalho, Oscar Vieni

Roselle Catholic

Girls' Volleyball
Sept. 14 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Sept. 18 Union Catholic, 7 p.m.
Sept. 19 at Watchung Hills, 4 p.m.
Sept. 20 Johnson, 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Union Catholic and also vs. Immaculate Heart, 4 p.m.
Sept. 23 RC Tournament, 9 a.m.
Sept. 25 Roselle, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 at Cranford, 7 p.m.
Sept. 28 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Oct. 2 Rahway, 7 p.m.
Oct. 5 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 Kent Place, 7 p.m.
Oct. 10 at J.P. Stevens, 4 p.m.
Oct. 12 Newark Central, 4 p.m.
Oct. 13 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
Oct. 16 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
Oct. 18 Cranford, 4 p.m.
Oct. 19 at Technology, 4 p.m.
Oct. 23 New Providence, 7 p.m.
Oct. 26 at Mount St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
Oct. 30 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
Coaches: E.J. Smith, Mary Beth Manfredi

Roselle Catholic

Girls' Tennis
Sept. 14 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
Sept. 15 at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
Sept. 19 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
Sept. 21 Dayton, 4 p.m.
Sept. 26 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
Sept. 28 at Technology, 4 p.m.
Sept. 29 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
Oct. 3 Cranford, 4 p.m.
Oct. 4 at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Oct. 5 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
Oct. 6 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
Oct. 10 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
Oct. 12 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
Oct. 13 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
Oct. 17 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
Oct. 19 Rahway, 4 p.m.
Oct. 20 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
Oct. 24 Roselle, 4 p.m.
Oct. 26 Technology, 4 p.m.
Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division: RC, UC, Dayton, Rahway, Roselle, St. Mary's, Technology. Coach: John Granelli

Rivals battle to end on the soccer pitch

(Continued from Page 9)

NOTES: Union junior goalkeeper Mike Kuzan did well to make five saves.

Junior Brian Barrera assisted on his younger brother's game-winning goal.

Union went 11-4-4 last year and reached the UCT and North 2 Group 4 semifinals. Elizabeth had arguably its best season ever last year, finishing 16-3-1 and winning the county for the

very first time. The Minutemen also reached the North 2, Group 4 final.

Both Union and Elizabeth were defeated in the section by eventual champion Bridgewater-Raritan, Union in the semifinals and Elizabeth in the final. Union was sparked last year by Wale Sangobiyi, who had three goals and two assists in his team's 5-0 home win over Woodbridge in the sectional quarterfinals. Elizabeth was led by

senior forwards Felix Mathey and Max Irigoyen, both scoring more than 20 goals. Union was scheduled to host Newark East Side yesterday afternoon and on Saturday will play at Bridgewater-Raritan at 12:30 p.m.

Elizabeth is scheduled to host Union Oct. 18 at 4 p.m.

Jeff Cummins may be reached for additional comment at jcummins@thelocalsource.com.

Springfield Roadrunners open with win

The Springfield Roadrunners 11-and-under boys' soccer team opened last weekend with a 4-2 win over division rival Denville. Kazari Trought scored three goals against the Hub Tigers and Jason Barreira one. Assists went to Will Francis and Tyler Citrin. Matt Pacheco and Citrin combined for 11 saves in goal. Also playing well for the Roadrunners were Daniel Stein, Jaju Cortez, Jonah Yesowitz,

Tom Feld, Matt Wilson, Stephano Gonzaga, Danny Sarabia, Paul Asimenios, Brandon Bauman, Kevin Chabla, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Reese Petersen and Vinny Nagy.

Springfield is scheduled to play Saturday in the Denville Hub Soccer Tournament and Sunday at Vernon at 1 p.m.

Editor's note: Team information must be e-mailed to jr@thelocalsource.com to be considered for publication.

Volleyball title won

The Cranford girls' volleyball team captured the Mariner Invitational at Toms River North last Saturday, defeating Toms River North 25-21 behind MVP Bridgid McGovern.

JR Parachini, Sports Editor

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Stockl accomplishes well beyond the usual success

Clark resident excels on links at age 12

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

Playing golf well as a child is quite an accomplishment. What Jacob Stockl accomplished is well beyond what most people would consider a successful foray into the sport.

Stockl, a 12-year-old Clark resident, shot a 77 on the second of play to win the 12-year-old division of the 2006 Regional U.S. Kids Golf Championship, which is conducted by the New Jersey Professional Golf Association. The tournament was held on Aug. 22 and 23 at the Cranbury Golf Club.

It turns out that Stockl's score of 77 is pretty typical for him. He generally averages somewhere in the 70s per round.

The impressive thing — well, aside from the fact that a 12-year-old shot a 77 — is that he did it under a fair amount of duress.

"The first day of the tournament, he was late in making it there, so he didn't have time to practice and he was off to a bad start," said Sharleen Stockl, Jacob's mother. "It wasn't a good start. He just got there in the nick of time. He's a person who usually needs to get there ahead of time and focus and he proved himself on the last nine and shot a 36."

Stockl's heroics earned him Player of the Year honors for the 2006 Regional U.S. Kids Golf Championship, which included golfers from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

Stockl's achievement was remarkable, yet it didn't surprise his mother at all.

"I definitely knew it was very likely he would win due to the fact that he's been playing golf religiously and with a passion, so it wasn't a shock," said Sharleen Stockl.

Stockl started playing golf several years ago and began taking lessons with Oak Ridge club pro Bill McCluney. He later switched to the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, where he takes lessons under club pro Bill Castner. Both golf courses are located in Clark.

"Jacob's a great student," Castner said. "He's been playing golf for about five years now and he attended the Hyatt Hills Junior Camp as a beginning golfer. He has improved and he's one of the best 12-year-olds in the region."

The regional championship is a tremendous accomplishment for Stockl, but he's not going to stop there.

"I think he'll continue to improve," Castner noted. "He could be as good as he wants to be. I think that he'll have a career in professional golf if he decides to go that way. At least I could see him going to a name college to play golf."

"I know we're getting ahead of ourselves. Not this year, but next year he'll be playing for Johnson High School and he'll be a big boost for its golf program. I could see with the way its been building the team that it could be one of the best in the state."

For now, Stockl will be content to continue honing his game. But every now and then, when he's on the ninth hole at Hyatt Hills, his mind may wander to thoughts of Augusta.

Jeff Cummins may be reached for additional comment at jcummins@thelocalsource.com.

Antonelli's wins softball crown

The Springfield Adult Modified Fast Pitch League championship was won by Antonelli's Family Chiropractic. The finals saw Antonelli's playing defeat Milton's Liquors three games to one in a best-of-five series.

The regular season title was captured by The Bears, who had a first-round bye, while the second place team, Discovery Landscaping, defeated Leonard's Jewelers 2-0 in a best-of-three series. Milton's won their series against The Elks Club of Springfield two games to one, while Antonelli's defeated Suburban Recycling two games to none.

The second round saw Milton's defeat Discovery two games to one, while Antonelli's duplicated the feat by beating The Bears in three games. Both teams won their series after losing the first game. Antonelli's was losing Game No. 3 by a 7-3 score going into the top of the sixth inning when, with two men on and two outs, Frank Galarza blasted a three-run homer to bring them back to within one. Angel Villanueva followed with a solo home run and, after the next batter Will Rivera reached base, Javy Perez followed with a two-run round tripper that was the difference in the game. Jose Martinez was the winning pitcher in the second and third games.

In the championship series, Milton's won the first game 2-1 behind the strong pitching of Ron Burns and fielding of Mike Kronert. However, Antonelli's came back with strong showings in the next two games, winning 17-7 and 6-1, again behind the strong pitching of Martinez. The final game was won by Antonelli's 15-2 and pitched by Perez, who struck out nine. He also hit a home run in each of the nine games Antonelli's played in the playoffs. Antonelli's went 7-2. Antonelli's also received home run support from Villanueva, Galarza, Brian Berger, Rivera, Keith Harris, Martinez and Stephon Jude. The other players on the team that contributed to the championship were Chris Olesen, Dennis Dagounis, John Markovich, Dave Fuller, John Stoudemire, Herbert Barlow, Cory Berger and Bart Fraenkel. Milton's received strong support from urns, Rich Francis, Jim Mooney, Mike Lies, Matt Smith, Jack Reiner, Guy Seale, Dave Palombi, Chris Swanstrom, Kurt Swanstron, Mike Davis, Scott Barbers, Micheal Streamer, Scott Chertoff, Kronert, Matt Howard, Tark Jacome and Jeff Laffhutte in reaching the finals.

Anyone interested in joining the league may call Springfield Recreation Director Mike Tennaro at 973-912-2227.

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Mona Lisa Ristorante
Nick's Luncheonette
Star of India
Tosca

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinance...

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170-152, 170-153, 170-154, ENTITLED "SIGNAGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION COUNTY OF NEW JERSEY"

Whereas, it is the purpose of the Township Committee to readopt the billboard regulations...

Whereas, the Township is a mature residential community located in a densely populated suburban area...

Whereas, the Township is comprised of a high proportion of owner occupied single and two family dwellings...

Whereas, taking into account the Township Committee's concern for the welfare of its citizens...

Whereas, the Committee notes that the existing Land Development Code does not provide for the placement of political signs...

Section 1. Chapter 170-152 Subsection (A) shall be amended as follows:
1. Other than billboard signs as defined by this chapter...

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TREASURER
Doreen Cati Borough Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCES... REAL PROPERTY AUCTION

PROPERTY NO. 1
Vacant Lot 284 Doran Avenue, Block 0406, Lot 0111 located in the Township of Hillside...

PROPERTY NO. 2
Building and lot located at Block 424, Lot 18 (Maple Avenue) and vacant lot Block 424, Lot 19...

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SALES
1. Successful bidder must place a non-refundable deposit of ten (10%) of purchase price...

DATE: September 29, 2006
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Township of Hillside, Liberty & Hillside Avenues

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DIVISION: CHANCERY

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SEWER OPEN LIENS: 2002 3RD PARTY LIEN: SUBSE...

BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
Please take notice that the Hillside Board of Education shall hold the following meeting...

Calendar # Name of Applicant & Address
Cal. #3058 New Venture @ Union LLC, 2 Stuhuber Avenue, Block- 5001 Lot- 17

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Street, Hillside, NJ. HILLSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., Schering Corporation...

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Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building...

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TOWNSHIP OF UNION PLANNING BOARD

In compliance with the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Union, New Jersey, please take notice that the undersigned has applied to the Township of Union Planning Board for amended site plan approval...

Table with columns: Ordinance, Variance Requested, Permitted, Proposed. Includes details for 170-154(c)(1) and 170-154(d).

The Applicant shall also apply for such additional variances and/or route frontage as may be necessary during the course of the hearing on this Application...

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YWCA opens childcare center in Plainfield

The YWCA of Central New Jersey has announced that its newly constructed Early Childhood Learning Center will open for childcare service on Monday.

Located in Plainfield, the center will provide high quality, affordable care to infants from six weeks of age, toddlers and preschoolers. Early and extended care will also be available. Older siblings can take part in the YWCA's after school and summer camp programs for kids in grades kindergarten through six, and adolescent and teen programs, all available at the same location.

Renee Abdullah of Newark has been selected as director of the YWCA Early Childhood Learning Center. Abdullah holds a master's degree in Early Childhood Leadership from Bank Street Graduate School of Education, which is affiliated with Teachers College of Columbia University, New York. She has more than 10 years of teaching and leading experience.

"I am very excited to join the YWCA in an effort to provide our nation's youngest citizens with a first-rate educational experience in this brand new, state-of-the-art facility," Abdullah said. "Our program will provide developmentally appropriate learning experiences that meet the intellectual, social and emotional

needs of children. We will take a holistic approach to education, utilizing families and community resources to support and extend children's learning beyond the classroom."

The ECLC was completed in June 2006, built as an addition to the YWCA's historic headquarters on East Front Street. The center features bright, colorful new classrooms and facilities designed specifically to serve children's developmental and educational needs.

The design of the center permits it to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The YWCA looks forward to expanding the center's schedule of operation for this nontraditional service, as demand warrants it. The YWCA will be the first major center in Central New Jersey, and one of only two in all of North-Central New Jersey to provide nontraditional 24/7 childcare service.

The YWCA of Central New Jersey is located near the Plainfield train station, as well as New Jersey Transit bus lines, and Routes 22 and 78. At the same site, families can also take advantage of the YWCA's newly expanded coeducational Health and Fitness Center with pool, Center for Career Options, and recently reopened theater that will allow for music and arts programming for children, making the facility a true "one stop" resource for Central New Jersey families.

A waiting list for childcare is currently being formed, and space is limited. Interested families are encouraged to call the YWCA as soon as possible at 908-756-3500 ext.112.



Abdullah

Police officers remember



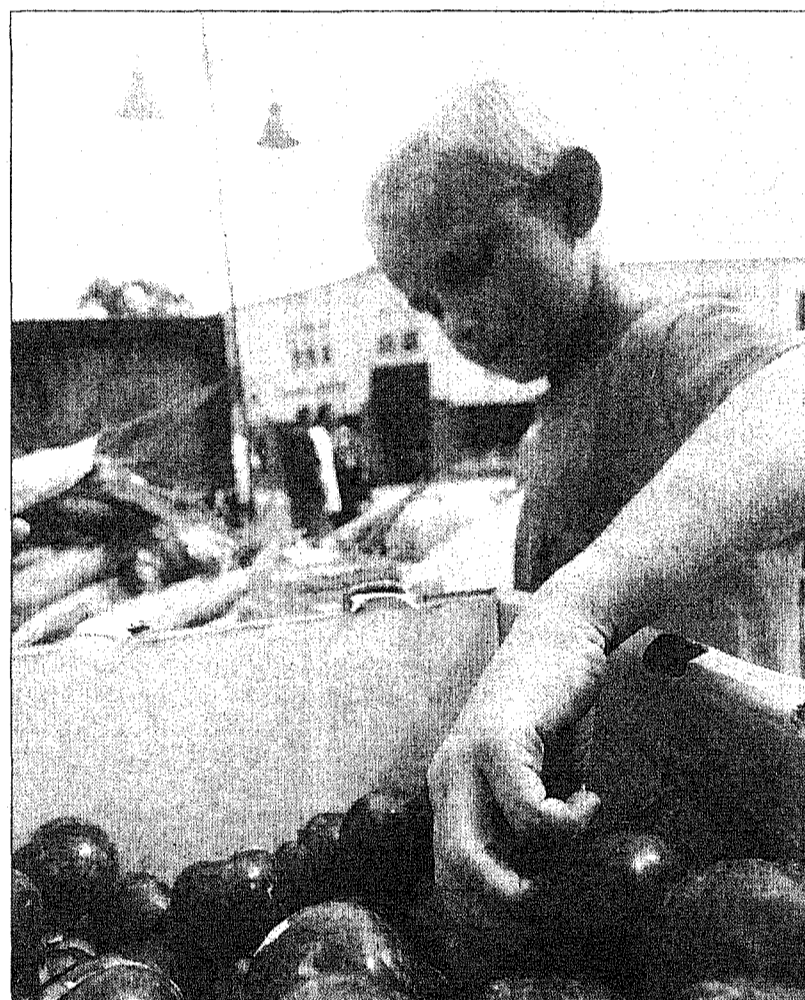
Kenilworth police officers attend a ceremony Monday honoring the victims of the attacks of Sept. 11.

Photo By Sean Havery



FRESH AT THE TRAIN STATION — The Rahway farmers market continues at the downtown train station, Thursdays from noon to 6 p.m. Patrick Kyle, right, picks through plums from his family's East Windsor farm for sale at the station.

Photos By Sean Havery



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PUBLIC NOTICE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., ON WEDNESDAY, AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON OF SAID DAY, ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST HAVE 20% OF THEIR BID AVAILABLE IN CASH OR CERTIFIED CHECK AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SALES.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Hillside, County of UNION, State of New Jersey
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A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITH-OUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT-- ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE & 7/100 (\$161,329.74)
ATTORNEY: UDREN LAW OFFICES, P.C. WOODCREST CORPORATE CENTER 111 WOODCREST ROAD, SUITE 200 CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003-3620
SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE & 5/100 (\$178,555.52)
September 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006 U155918 UNL (\$113.46)

NOTICE
Alcoholic Beverage Control
Take notice that an application has been made to the township committee of the Township of Union to transfer to MONTES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Auction at Devon Self Storage, 625 Glenwood Ave., Hillside N.J. 07205 on September 21, 2006 at 11 a.m. Property contents in the following units, will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owners' lien for rent under N.J. code section 2A:44-187 ET SEQ. Units 1016 Lynette Stokes has household, clothing, commercial goods, office goods and other items, 1027 Reginald Torain has household, clothing and furniture, 2047 Kevin Dawkins has household, commercial goods, office goods and other items, 625 Elaine Bryant has household, clothing and furniture, E12 Jonelle Barnett has household and clothing, 626 Terry Gibbs has household, clothing, furniture and other items and 625 Cheryl Gorham has household, clothing and furniture. Auction is with reserve. Devon Self Storage reserves the right to accept minimum bids and to refuse bids. Cash only. September 14, 21, 2006 U156698 WCN (\$37.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ENTERPRISES, INC. trading as Primo's Restaurant for premises located at 2236 Morris Avenue, Union, the C-License 2019-33-027-001 heretofore issued to Steven Minick, Assignee For The Benefit of Creditors of Creative Workings, LLC for premises located at 2258 Morris Avenue Union.
The persons who will hold an interest in this license are:
Suzanne Montes, 202 Gallop Hill Road, Roselle Park, N.J. 07204
Suzanne Montes, Jr., 373 Patricia Court, Union, N.J. 07083
Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Eileen Birch, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Union, 202 Gallop Hill Rd., Roselle Park, N.J. 07204
September 14, 21, 2006 U156552 UNL (\$24.60)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER: CH 759044
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO.: F-047-06
PLAINTIFF: MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.
DEFENDANT: INGRID SOTO
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: AUGUST 16, 2006
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2006
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Union in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 2726 Linwood Road, Union, NJ 07083
Tax Lot No.: 14 in Block 4512
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 ft x 102.21 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Gail Lane
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Tax and prior lien info: The total amount due for SEWER is \$476.95 as of 6/30/2006
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT-- THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX & 89/100 (\$370,346.89)
ATTORNEY: ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEYS
200 SHEFFIELD STREET MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
THREE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHTEEN & 77/100
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$391,018.77)
September 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 2006 U156567 UNL (\$115.32)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER: CH 759052
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO.: F68306
PLAINTIFF: WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL INC. TRUST 2005-WMCA5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WMCA5
DEFENDANT: KATHLEEN MERAGLIA; ET AL.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: AUGUST 18, 2006
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 2006
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Rahway in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 1095 Fulton Street, Rahway, NJ 07065
Tax Lot No.: 44 in Block 309
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 216.50 ft x 50.02 ft x 218 ft x 50 ft
Nearest Cross Street: East Hazelwood Avenue
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT-- TWO HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED & 59/100 (\$291,809.59)
ATTORNEY: ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEYS
200 SHEFFIELD STREET MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIX & 63/100 (\$310,496.63)
September 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 2006 U156568 UNL (\$122.76)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK NOTICE OF AWARD
1. CONTRACTOR: Netta Architects
2. NATURE: For architectural services for roof replacement at the Roselle Park Public Library
3. DURATION: One (1) year or until successor is appointed.
4. AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$6,500.00
Dated: September 7, 2006
Doreen Calt, RMC/CMC, Borough Clerk, U156682 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$8.37)

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on September 12, 2006. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union New Jersey, in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union New Jersey, on September 25, 2006 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$95,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$90,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME.
Purpose(s): Acquisition of various fire department equipment including, but not limited to, jaws of life rescue equipment for each fire station, and including all work, equipment and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$95,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$90,250
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$0.00
Section 20 Costs: \$2,000
Useful Life: 5 Years
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk
U156736 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$23.72)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK FOR ZONING BOARD
TAKE NOTICE that on the 27th day of September, 2006 at 7:30 P.M., a hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of the Borough of Roselle Park on the appeal or application of the undersigned for relief so as to permit: Driveway & Parking in Front Yard 128-110 S & U on premises located at 145 Dalton Street and designated as Block 904 Lot 13 on the Municipal Tax Map, located in a R-1 zone or district.
All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public in the office of the Borough Clerk in the Borough Hall, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.
Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Board.
Ely Varetta, Applicant
U156575 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$12.56)
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on Septem-

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During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT MAINTENANCE LIFT TRUCK FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION AND APPROPRIATING \$86,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$81,700 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE THE SAME.
Purpose(s): Purchase of a Traffic Light Maintenance Lift Truck for the Police Department for the township, including all other work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$86,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$81,700
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$0.00
Section 20 Costs: \$1,000
Useful Life: 5 Years
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk
U156733 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$22.78)

Union Board of Education NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
The Union Township Board of Education has found certain items of school equipment no longer necessary for school use offers them for public sale. A public sale will take place 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26th, 2006 at which time sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Board Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.
The property is offered "as is where is" without any representation as to quality or condition and without any warranties as to fitness or merchantability.
Typewriter (Business Office)
Typewriter (memory writer) 6015
Kawameeh Library/Media Center)
NCR System 3300/Packard Dell Multimedia (Connecticut Farms)
One (1) 1993 Dodge Ram V10# 2B5WB31ZPK6511920 (min. bid \$200.00)
Please be advised all equipment is in very poor condition and/or no longer operable.
No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof.
The Board reserves the right to establish minimum prices and to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid, which in its judgment will be for the best interest of the Union Township Board of Education.
By Order of the Union Township Board of Education, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey.
U156766 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$18.60)

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey, on September 12, 2006.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$12,000 FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL ASSESSMENT IN RESPECT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, APPROPRIATING 12,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING \$12,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE THE SAME.
U156745 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$12.09)

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey, on September 12, 2006.
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY PERSONS WITH SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, adopted on June 12, 1984 and identified as Ordinance No. 3729, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.
U156744 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$11.16)

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey, on September 12, 2006.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4953 TO CORRECT THE AMOUNT OF THE DOWN PAYMENT.
U156742 UNL Sept. 14, 2006 (\$8.37)

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Healthy Living

Cancer Society: lifestyle changes, screenings are best defense

A new report from the American Cancer Society says that far from being an unavoidable fate that is hard wired into the genetic code, death from cancer is largely preventable. The report, *Cancer Prevention & Early Detection Facts and Figures 2006*, says lifestyle changes and greater utilization of proven screening tests could prevent at least half of cancer deaths.

Cancer Prevention & Early Detection, published annually since 1992, is the most comprehensive annual report on factors that affect cancer risk, including behavior and early detection.

Cancer Prevention & Early Detection 2006 details current data on modifiable risk factors and screening behaviors that affect cancer incidence and mortality and points to some hopeful trends. For instance, despite \$15.15 billion in spending by the tobacco industry on domestic cigarette marketing, nearly 23 times the funding for tobacco control in 2003, per capita cigarette consumption is now at the lowest point since the start of World War II.

Still, tobacco use, as well as physical inactivity, obesity, and poor nutrition, remain major preventable causes of cancer and other diseases in the United States. The report estimates that in 2006 more than 170,000 cancer deaths will be caused by tobacco use alone. In addition, scientists estimate that about one in three, or 188,277, of the 564,830 cancer deaths expected to occur in 2006 will be related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, over-

weight, and obesity. In its *Cancer Facts and Figures 2006*, the American Cancer Society estimates that in New Jersey, there will be 43,910 new cancer cases and there will be 17,720 deaths. This is the first year we have seen a decline in the actual number of cancer deaths.

Cancer screening also plays an important role in cancer mortality. The report says many deaths from cancers of the breast, colon, rectum, and uterine cervix could be prevented by greater use of established screening tests. While these categories overlap and cannot simply be added to determine the total number of fatal cancers that could be prevented, the report says a conservative estimate is that at least half of all cancer deaths could in principle be avoided by the application of existing cancer control practices, programs and policies.

"This year, for the first time, there was a drop in the reported number of actual cancer deaths in the U.S. This is clear evidence that our investment in research, our work to educate the public about prevention and early detection, and our efforts to advocate for legislation to win the fight against cancer are working," said Alfred Ashford, M.D., chief medical spokesman for the American Cancer Society's Eastern Division. "Although we are winning the 'war on cancer,' there is a remarkable opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of lives and to reduce suffering from this disease with lifestyle changes and an increased use of proven screening strategies."

Highlights of *Cancer Prevention & Early Detection-Facts and Figures 2006*:

Obesity and overweight

- Increasing levels of overweight and obesity among children and adults are now a major threat to America's health. Obesity increases the risk of developing and dying from a number of cancers as well as other health problems.

- The proportion of children aged 6 to 19 who are overweight has tripled over the past three decades and it appears that this trend is continuing.

- The percentage of adults who are obese rose from 15 percent in 1976 to 31.1 percent in 1999-2002.

- Caloric intake from sweetened beverages among children and adolescents increased by 115 percent between 1977 and 2001.

- Levels of physical activity among adults and children remain generally low.

- Healthy eating patterns, such as adequate consumption of fruit and vegetables, by adults and children are low. In contrast, the availability and consumption of high calorie dietary options continue to be prevalent; this contributes to the increasing trends in obesity.

Tobacco

- Per capita cigarette consumption is now at the lowest point since the start of World War II.

- Progress has been made despite an increase to \$15.15 billion in industry expenditures on domestic cigarette marketing, nearly 23 times the funding for tobacco control in 2003.

- Fifteen states have implemented statewide smoking bans that prohibit smoking in workplaces and/or restaurants and/or bars.

- The percentage of high school students who smoke decreased from 36 percent in 1997 to 22 percent in 2003.

- Between 1997 and 2004, the per-

centage of adults who smoke decreased from 27.6 percent to 23.4 percent in men and from 22.1 percent to 18.5 percent in women.

- Of the 45.4 million Americans who smoke, more than four in 10, or 41.1 percent, report having tried to quit for at least a day in the past year.

- Despite the fact that cessation treatments can increase the chances of quitting successfully, access to such treatments is not comprehensive. For example, although Medicaid programs cover one or more treatments for tobacco cessation in 39 states and the District of Columbia, 11 states offer no such coverage.

Nutrition and physical activity

- Children and adolescents spend an average of about 4.5 hours a day watching some kind of electronic screen, either television or video. The presence of a television in a child's bedroom is a strong predictor that the child will be overweight.

- Physical activity among children and adolescents has declined over the past decade; physical education class attendance among high school students decreased from 41.6 percent in 1991 to 28.4 percent in 2003. Many schools have reduced or eliminated recess and physical education classes to increase time for academic instruction and preparation for standardized testing.

- Children and adolescents have easy access to "Competitive foods" which are sold "a la carte" in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores, fund-raisers, or provided as snacks in classrooms. Only 11 states have set nutritional standards for such foods.

- Nearly one in four, or 23.8 percent, adults report no leisure-time physical activity.

- Fewer than one in four, or 23.5 percent, Americans report eating five or more servings of vegetables and fruit daily.

Early detection

- Although screening rates for cervical and breast cancer have increased during the past decade, only 55 percent of women aged 40 and older report getting a mammogram in the past year.

- Seventy-nine percent of adult women report having a Pap test in the past three years. Screening rates are lower for people who are uninsured, have low levels of education, or have immigrated to the United States within the last five years.

- Although there is strong evidence that colorectal cancer screening can both prevent colorectal cancer and detect it early, fewer than half of Americans for whom testing is recommended have had a recent screening test. The American Cancer Society has advocated for state legislation ensuring insurance coverage for the full range of colorectal cancer screening. To date, 18 states and the District of Columbia have passed such legislation.

- Early detection of prostate cancer with PSA testing is widely practiced and may have contributed to recent declines in mortality for this disease,

although the benefit of PSA screening on mortality has not yet been documented in a randomized trial.

UV exposure

- UV exposure is associated with more than one million cases of basal and squamous cell cancers and 62,190 cases of malignant melanoma in 2006.

- An American Cancer Society study showed that fewer than one in three youths aged 11 to 18 used any type of sun protection measures. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System found that only about one in seven, or 14.2 percent, of public and private high school students used sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher "most of the time" or "always" when they were outdoors in the sun for more than an hour.

- In another study, almost three-quarters, or 72 percent, of youth reported getting sunburned during the summer months. Of those, fewer than four in 10 reported they were using sunscreen lotion of SPF-15 or higher when they got burned.

The full report can be viewed by visiting the American Cancer Society Web site at www.cancer.org/statistics.

Start of classes can give kids headaches

With the beginning of the school year upon us, many parents are focusing on the education of their children. But along with thinking about academics, parents should be aware that their child might experience headaches as a result of resuming the school year.

Nearly 30 percent of children miss school or other activities because of headache, according to an online survey conducted by the National Headache Foundation. Sixty-five percent of survey respondents stated that stress is a headache trigger and 56 percent of children with headaches feel pressure to receive good grades.

For children, the start of school can be a time of both anticipation and anxiety. Facing new teachers, friends and classes along with changes in daily routine can be common triggers of migraine and tension-type headaches. Thirty-five percent of those completing the survey said there was pressure to fit in with peers.

Unfortunately, young children are often unable to effectively communicate their symptoms, making it difficult for parents to recognize a recurring problem. According to the National Headache Foundation survey, 56 percent of child sufferers experienced their first headache before age 10.

Treatment options also pose a challenge for young headache sufferers upon their return to school. The National Headache Foundation survey found that 82 percent of affected children take over-the-counter medications; however, many schools have adopted zero-tolerance policies with regard to bringing these types of drugs to school.

Parents should review the school's policy to determine what is permitted and also make sure that every teacher, the school nurse and administrators are informed about the child's headache condition.

Many parents are not aware that kids may be susceptible to chronic headaches, because the common misconception is that headaches are an adult disease. According to the National Headache Foundation, signs your child may be suffering from migraine or chronic headaches include:

- experiences car or motion sickness;
- wakes up because of headache;
- headache severity increases or headaches occur more frequently;
- changes in temperament or personality;
- nausea, vomiting or stomach pain;
- headache goes away with rest;
- pain increases with physical activity; and
- other family members experience migraine — survey results indicate that 69 percent have a family history of headache;

If your child experiences one or

more of these signs, the National Headache Foundation recommends that you schedule an appointment with the child's health-care provider to specifically discuss a potential headache problem. In addition to consulting your healthcare provider, the National Headache Foundation encourages parents to implement the following tips into their family's daily life:

- Keep a diary of your child's headaches, recording different factors experienced before and during the attack can help establish a pattern and may enable your doctor to pinpoint cause or causes of the headache. Time of onset, length of headache, intensity, location of pain, symptoms, and foods eaten are all important to record in the diary. A downloadable headache diary is available at www.headaches.org in the educational resources section. Eighty-two percent of survey respondents do not keep a diary.

- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep at regular times. Overexertion and fatigue, commonly experienced when starting a new school schedule, can trigger headaches. Help your child get acclimated to his new routine by going to bed and waking up at the same time even on weekends, with this pattern beginning at least one week before school starts.

- Avoid changes in your child's eating routine. Maintain a consistent schedule of balanced meals and snacks. Hunger and eating at irregular times can trigger headaches. Avoid foods that may trigger your child's headaches including hot dogs, lunch meat and pizza.

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Debateable

On the old Dick Van Dyke Show, in one episode, fictional character Rob Petric ran for Councilman in New Rochelle against a candidate played by Wally Cox. During the debate, Cox spoke about complex issues like sewer costs and road re-routing, to an amazed Van Dyke. After the debate, advisers told Van Dyke not to worry since the citizenry doesn't pick up on issues as opposed to personality.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

As sure as the autumn leaves, the debate over debates sprung up in some towns in the county. Roselle Park Mayor Joseph Delorio and his opponent Carl Hokenson are undecided as to location for the debate, with the spat between the borough hall and the high school. Collateral issues including whether the ward seat candidates should participate has brought about a stalemate.

In Linden, 30-year Mayor John Gregorio willingly agreed to the challenge of Independent candidate and 10th Ward Councilman Richard Gerbounka who wants the three local newspapers to run the debate. Gregorio, on Sunday, sitting at the annual Linden Clambake, seemed ready to go, though he left to his campaign staff the details.

Not to be forgotten, even the two U.S. Senate candidates are debating debates. The Meet the Press Show on Sundays, with a viewership of about nine, has offered to host a debate between U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez and his challenger, Tom Kean Jr. Menendez hasn't made up his mind yet. That failure to respond with lightning speed brought a statement from Kean spokesperson, Jill Hazelbaker. She said, "With a legislative record that includes voting against the creation of the Department of Homeland Security...and voting in favor of giving social security benefits to illegal aliens, we can understand why he'd want to hide."

After all, isn't debating the American way? From Lincoln-Douglas to Kennedy-Nixon, we love a debate. The problem is that, with the exception of the political diaphanous, and a few League of Women voter members, no one attends or cares about the substance.

We may love the quick wit of a candidate or anguish in a flop. But, let's get real, do most of us have the time or inclination to watch a real debate over municipal finances, police coverage or paying the bill for park services. Even the press, which loves to cover the debate over debate doesn't sometimes show up for the event.

The lack of interest is understandable. Once you get by the seemingly necessary thank you's of the civic-minded people for hosting the debate, describe your job and tell a witty story, what's left? Usually it's some reference to making the community more affordable, zero based budgeting or, like Commissioner Michael Plick in Cranford, you can say that you really, really are going to pursue regional sharing of service.

Think back to Corzine vs. Forrester or McGreevy vs. Forrester, or any of the freeholder debates. Any references of the discussion come to mind. Still, is there a better way? Here are some suggestions: Don't criticize, rather praise, the guy at the debate who says once in awhile, "I don't know," or of his opponent, "that's a good idea."

Maybe we tell hosts like the League of Women voters and the Cranford Jaycees, thanks but no thanks this year. Rather, we put the candidate in a studio at Comcast in Union with only a mediator with the power to shut off the microphone of a long-winded candidate. Let the candidates have a go at each other. The mediator should ask just one question — why would anybody in these tough times want to take on such a thankless task.

As a footnote, at the end of the episode, Van Dyke did defeat Wally Cox, though never again did the show mention the job. Of course that only happens on television.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

Grants green towns

County to add 1,070 trees to municipalities

By Lauren DeFilippo
Staff Writer

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will consider a resolution to allocate and additional \$150,000 to its "Greening Union County" program at its meeting tonight.

The program, which is funded through the county's Open Space, Kid's Recreation, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund was an initiative started in 2004.

Union County voters cast ballots in favor of establishing the 20-year tax that would assess 1.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed property value.

Since its inception, the Trust Fund has generated \$33.27 million in revenue. Of that, \$22.9 million has been expended for various projects.

The idea behind the Greening Union County Program is for the county to match municipalities on a tree-for-tree basis.

In 2004, more than 1,458 trees were planted across the county last year, according to the county.

Since its inception, the program has helped to plant 3,426 trees throughout the county.

This year, the county will plant an additional 1,070.

Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, who serves as chairwoman of the Freeholder Standing Committee on Open Space, said the fact that the county has planted more than 3,000 trees in such a short time was just "phenomenal."

"The concept is to plant more trees. The concept is to green Union County," she said, noting that the goal of the program is to plant as many trees as possible. "It's something the taxpayers pay for and we're giving back."

The municipality receiving the largest number of trees is Elizabeth,

Tree grants broken down by municipality

Municipality	Total Trees	Total Cost*
Elizabeth	250	\$50,000
Rahway	170	\$30,000
Plainfield	100	\$18,000
Garwood	93	\$10,198
Roselle Park	70	\$14,000
Summit	40	\$7,780
Berkeley Heights	16	\$3,112
Fanwood	9	\$1,800
Other Projects	316	\$91,115
Total	1,070	\$226,605

Source: Union County
*represents the total cost of the trees — the county and the municipality split the costs 50/50.

with 250. The borough of Fanwood will receive the smallest number of trees at nine.

Another award of trees and matching funding has been awarded to one municipality, but county officials could not disclose the name of the town. Letters of award have been drafted, they said, but official notice has not yet been given. The announcement is expected to come in the next couple of weeks, officials said.

To receive the matching grant award, municipalities must submit an application that stipulates how many and what species of trees they would like.

Towns throughout the county get a choice between nine different varieties of trees: the Northern Red Oak, the White Oak, Starburst Amurensis, Village Green, Pyramidal European Hornbeam, Tilia Cordata - Greenspire, Pine Oak, Green Ash and Serbian Spruce.

Scanlon said no municipality had been refused their requested number of trees since the inception of the program.

In total the county is chipping in \$77,745 for the announced awards.

"Trees are aesthetically and environmentally beneficial to our resi-

dents," Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella said in a prepared statement. "They improve the environment by reducing air and noise pollution, thus improving the overall quality of life."

In addition to matching funds for tree purchasing ability, the county also provides for the installation of the trees by forestry professionals and a one-year maintenance guarantee.

Municipalities can also purchase trees through their own vendor, providing the installation and one year maintenance criteria are met, a county statement said.

County officials said that the municipalities generally decide which trees will go where. They even get to pick which species of tree can be planted.

For the most part, officials said, trees awarded to municipalities are brand new plantings, but there are some instances where the trees are planned to replace older or dead trees throughout the municipality.

For more information about the Greening Union County Program, call 908-558-2277.

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Ballot question aims to boost urban parks

By Lauren DeFilippo
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When Union County voters cast their ballots this November in races for the U.S. Senate, congress, county freeholder and municipal officials, they will also have an opportunity to decide on three public ballot questions.

State and local officials gathered in Newark's Weequahic Park to show their support for public question No. 2, which would dedicate revenues collected from an existing corporate tax and reallocate them to fund capital improvements and facilities on open spaces throughout the state.

Weequahic Park Association Project Manager Kevin Moore worked with the New Jersey Audubon Society to craft the legislation for the public question.

The vote would allow for an amendment to the state's constitution.

The goal is to channel more money toward urban parks, which had received less money from previous open space funding structures.

The other ballot questions include one geared toward addressing property tax reform, while the other is a constitutional amendment that would dedicate revenues from an existing motor fuel tax to the state transportation system.

"Question two is the first critical step in acknowledging the function urban and local parks represent in New Jersey," Moore said in a prepared statement. "It is essential we recognize their demonstrated economic and ecological value."

Wilbur McNeil, president of the WPA, called the questions, "truly something good for all the urban parks in New Jersey."

If approved, the question would create an ongoing, stable source of funding for repairs and improvements to both local and state parks and natural areas throughout the state, materials from the Outdoor Recreation Alliance said.

The constitutional amendment would simply reallocate a surplus of existing, already environmentally dedicated funds from the Corporate Business Tax, in the amount of \$15 million a year throughout 2015 and \$32 million a year thereafter, for capital projects, the materials said.

Tom Gilmore, president of the New Jersey Audubon Society, also put his support behind the question.

Gilmore served on the Governor's Council on the Outdoors in the late 1990s, which yielded the Garden State Preservation Trust in 1998.

When the question to establish the trust was put to voters, it was approved, and in urban communities, the initiative passed by a margin of more than 3-1.

However, Gilmore said that with the implementation of the trust, two critical components were overlooked.

While the state did well to preserve 100 million acres across the state, it failed to create a stable source of funding for capital improvements for those properties, as well as a stable source for operation, maintenance and stewardship.

The funding allocated through the public question, and the constitutional amendment, would address that.

Statewide, Gilmore said, approximately \$250 million of repairs need to be completed in the state-owned parks.

"(It's an) unprecedented opportunity to invest in their parks," Gilmore said of the appeal of the question to voters.

Greg Rемаud, preservation director of NY/NJ Baykeeper also talked about the benefits of parks on their surrounding neighborhood and communities.

Calling attention to the GSPT's shortcomings, Rемаud said that urban communities had been asked to choose between construction of more playgrounds and amenities, or acquiring additional open space.

The constitutional amendment, he said, would address those issues, putting the state's urban communities in a position to do both if they chose to.

Moore was careful to note that the new amendment was not designed to take the place of the GSPT, which is up for renewal next year, but to supplement it. After the votes are cast Nov. 7, work can begin on enabling the actual legislation and then a prioritization of the projects, Moore said.

In the coming months the Audubon Society, the WPA, the ORA, and the NY/NJ Baykeeper will be bringing information about the public question to communities across the state. Press events in Middlesex and Hudson counties are already planned, and Moore said he is in the process of reaching out to local mayors to spread the word.

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County receives state funds for public health

By Lauren DeFilippo
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The county announced last week that it received a \$604,701 grant from the state Department of Health and Senior Services to develop emergency-ready public health departments.

The Local Core Capacity for Public Emergency Preparedness grant will be used for upgrading, integrating and evaluating local public health jurisdictions' preparedness for and response to terrorism, pandemic influenza, and other public health emergencies," a county release said.

The grant will be used by the county's Local Information Network and Communication System, which is based out of the county's public safety building in Westfield.

The LINCOS agency functions as the county's public health agency, County Health Officer Denise Santiago said.

The DHSS grant is the only financial assistance available for the LINCOS agency, Santiago said.

Its primary function is to make sure that

responses between local, county and state agencies are integrated in the event of a public health emergency, whether it be a natural disaster, bioterrorism event or pandemic.

Union County LINCOS was created approximately two years ago and is one of 22 such agencies in the state.

A majority of the grant funding, Santiago said, will go toward funding seven, full-time core positions at LINCOS.

Those positions include a LINCOS coordinator, a health educator, an epidemiologist, and a public health nurse.

The epidemiologist is responsible for disease surveillance, Santiago said. Basically, that translates to tracking trends in diseases throughout the county, and elsewhere.

The funding will also go toward three priority areas: mass prophylaxis and treatment; command, control, and coordination; and emergency response.

This is the second year that the county has received the grant, Santiago said.

In the area of mass prophylaxis and treatment, LINCOS will continue the development of alternative methods of distribution for antibiotics, antivirals and vaccines in order to expand the state's capacity to quickly and efficiently distribute medication or treatment to an entire population, a county statement said.

The funding will also go toward ensuring that information sharing between local, county and state health agencies takes place using the National Incident Management System compliant planning, the statement said.

This phase of the LINCOS work includes coordination of all of the local hospitals within the county. Presently, local hospitals are only required to report instances of disease to their local health department and the state.

"Union County is unusual because local hospitals voluntarily report to us regularly," Santiago said, noting that she foresees the state requiring that to happen in the future.

Additionally, in the area of emergency response, the funds will go toward ensuring that

executable, operational, and documented plans for the county's response to a public health emergency are NIMS compliant.

"With funds from this grant we will be able to make sure that in any emergency situation our health officials will have all the tools necessary to deal with major health issues," Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella said in a prepared statement.

Additionally, the county will use \$117,422.83 in funds from unspent overtime from the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program's Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program for law enforcement training exercises at the county most at-risk facilities.

Money will also be used to purchase personal protection equipment, including chemical protective suits and boots, air monitoring equipment, in-suit air pieces and microphones, explosive protection search suits, a county release said.

For more information about LINCOS or to sign up for the Community Health Alert Network, visit www.uncj.org, and click Homeland Security.

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COUNTY NEWS

County dispatches police for school safety

As children return to school, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced Union County Police traffic teams will be deployed to towns with local access outlets from Route 78 to aid local police departments in making school travel as safe as possible.

The traffic enforcement program will intensify police presence in the municipalities receiving increased traffic on local roads due to a major construction project on Route 78, Berkeley Heights, Hillside, Springfield and Union are affected by the construction that began more than a month ago.

A seasonal surge of motorists after Labor Day is expected on Route 78, which has all its express lanes closed in the area until December, and local roads accessible from the interstate highway.

The traffic safety program is designed to ensure students' safety, especially during daily school openings and dismissals, and will be in place for several weeks.

MOMs host speaker on internet dangers

Parenting today deals with many more complexities than in the past. The Internet, although a huge successful contributor to educating our masses is also however, an open door to dangerous arenas where we need to be vigilantly aware of how to keep our families safe from online predators, scams, identity theft and the like.

At its Wednesday meeting, the Union County Chapter of Mothers and More will host Sgt. Andre Banks of the Prosecutor's Office High Tech Unit, who is a member of the Union

County High Tech Task Force.

He will conduct a special presentation about online dangers and how to stay safe.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood Recreation Center located in Forest Road Park in Fanwood. The meeting will also be an opportunity for interested persons in the area to find out more about the chapter's other activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, and a book club.

Mothers and More is a national, non-profit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to our society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home. For more information about this meeting or Mothers and More, call Michael at 908-620-3202 or Vicki at 908-259-1161 or log on to motherandmore.org.

County to host annual harvest festival

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host the 25th annual Union County Harvest Festival on Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

The Harvest Festival sends visitors back in time to bring Native American and colonial history to life. Highlights include a Revolutionary War encampment, a Native American lodge and artifact display, puppetry and storytelling, music and dance, colonial and Native American crafts and work skills, a petting zoo, pony rides, log sawing and shingle splitting, and so much more. An always popular activity will be the Build a Scarecrow contest, which requires a nominal fee for participation.

The festival will be held rain or

shine. Admission is \$3 per person, with children ages 7 and younger admitted free of charge.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 908-789-3670, or by visiting www.ucnj.org.

Amateur Astronomers resume meetings

On Friday, Amateur Astronomers Inc. will conduct its monthly membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall of the Nomehagan Building at Union County College located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Immediately following the business meeting at approximately 9 p.m., the club will present a lecture on "Bicycling on Other worlds," given by Lonny Buinis. Buinis is an instructional designer, space artist and amateur astronomer. He will discuss closeup impressions of the planets as viewed during a bicycle trip through the solar system.

Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory that is located nearby on campus and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility. Refreshments will be served. If weather permits a celestial viewing focusing on two globular star clusters, M13 and M92, in the constellation Hercules will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes.

In addition to the monthly meetings on the third Friday of each month September through May, more informal meetings are on the remaining Fridays at Sperry Observatory. At 7:30 p.m., a program for younger audiences is held with topics that include the constellations and phases of the moon. Arrangements can be made for groups to attend at 7:30 p.m. by contacting Anthony Espinoza at symme-

try57@hotmail.com. At 8:30 p.m. programs for the general public are presented on such topics as cosmology and astronomy software. If weather permits there will be a celestial viewing throughout the evening. All meetings and lectures have no admission fee and are open to the public. Free parking is provided. For more information on AAI and directions visit www.asterism.org.

Veterans to dedicate memorial in Elizabeth

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and the Eastern NJ Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America invites all family members of the 29 U.S. servicemen from Elizabeth who were killed in Vietnam to the dedication of the Elizabeth Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"It would be an honor to stand with the families of these brave men as we remember the ultimate sacrifice they made for our country," said Froehlich. The Elizabeth Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be dedicated Sept. 21 at 10:30 a.m. in Scott Park, directly across the street from Jefferson High School in Elizabeth.

The memorial to the 29 servicemen has come to fruition thanks to the diligent work and fund-raising efforts of many individuals and veterans groups. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders also contributed funding for the completion of the memorial.

Chapter 779 is still accepting donations for the memorial through its "Buy A Brick" program. Each 4x8-inch brick costs \$100 and offers the donor a place to leave a personal message that will be forever visible in the memorial.

For more information about the dedication ceremony and making a donation, call 908-282-9100.

SeniorNet offers photo, computer classes

SeniorNet Learning Center at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County is offering computer and internet training for seniors 50 and older. The volunteer senior instructors and coaches at the Union SeniorNet Center in Union County are offering introductory computer classes starting in September for seniors interested in learning how to use a computer for word processing, searching the Internet, using e-mail to communicate with friends and family, and learning digital photography.

Classes offered:

• Computer Fundamentals — four-session troutout course. For seniors with no computer experience. Sept. 26, 28, Oct. 3, 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Digital Photography Learn how to use that new digital camera to take pictures of the grandchildren. Sept. 25, 27, Oct. 2, 4, from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$25. Registration deadline is Sept. 22.

• Introduction to Computers — Learn some of the things that a computer will do for you. Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon, eight weeks beginning Oct. 16.

• Word Processing — Mondays, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., eight weeks beginning Oct. 16.

• Introduction to the Internet. Learn how to use e-mail and surf the 'net. Wednesdays: from 10 a.m. to noon, eight weeks beginning Oct. 18.

Registration deadline is Oct. 12. Fees for all eight-week classes \$60. For all classes, a training manual will be provided. Coffee served at break times. Ample free safe parking is available. Registration and classes are held at the Boys & Girls Club of Union, 1050 Jeannette Ave., Union. For more information, call 908-687-2697.

Ombudsman seeks nursing home advocates

Dedicated, committed and caring people are needed to be volunteer advocates for nursing home residents in Essex, Hudson, Morris and Union counties.

After completing 32 hours of training in communication, observation and trouble-shooting skills, the advocates visit nursing facilities near their homes a minimum of four hours each week. Their role is to visit and address concerns on such issues as living conditions, daily activities and quality of care.

For more information and an application, call Sue Rosenkranz at 973-226-1041.

Towels, toiletries and linens being collected

Tired towels, toiletries and linens are being collected by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to local shelters for abused women and the homeless. The 12th annual drive will conclude Wednesday.

The public is invited to donate towels and linens that are still serviceable but perhaps no longer suitable for guests or may not match the current decor. Also sought are the unused toiletries from hotels. Included also may be donations of makeup and cosmetics, hygiene items and the hospitality packages given by airlines in first class overseas flights. The committee has expanded the collection to include bed linens, such as spreads, quilts and blankets, either for adults or children.

Items can be brought to the Greater Union County Association of Realtors at 767 Central Ave., Westfield, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or call 908-232-9000 to make alternative arrangements.

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Conference to explore connection between healing, storytelling

Can poetry, writing, and storytelling help heal the mind? Come find out what leading researchers and practitioners have discovered at an interactive daylong conference for healthcare professionals, mental health and social service providers, hospital administrators, educators, artists and writers.

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"Language and the Mind: An Arts & Well Being Initiative" will take place Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 1170 Spring Street (Route One), Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Union

County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Pre-registration is required. The fee for early registration by Sept. 15 — and students with current I.D. — is \$65 per person, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. Registration after Sept. 15 is \$80. Registration on the day of the conference is \$95.

Register by Friday and get free admission to the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival on Sept. 29 at Waterloo Village, Stanhope.

There will be two morning keynote presenters. Sayantani DasGupta of Columbia University's Program in Narrative Medicine teaches courses on reading illness narratives and writing personal narratives to medical students and Health Advocacy graduate students at Columbia University and Sarah Lawrence College. She is co-editing a book on women and illness narratives. Cheryl Hulteen, associate director and

master artist at Artsgenesis Inc. is a speaker on the role of the arts in healing, multiple intelligences, differentiated learning and the role of creativity in literacy. She is writing a book about her learning experiences in the classroom. Cheryl also is an actress, famed for her on-going role as Winifred in "All My Children."

The conference features six concurrent workshop sessions that are offered in the morning and afternoon. The workshops explore how language is a successful strategy in working with well-aging, healing trauma, serving people with special needs, aiding children in schools, restoring mental health/treating substance abuse and conquering compassion fatigue. CEUs are available at no extra charge for professional development credit.

There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in language and healing, moderated by Martin Farawell, associate poetry director,

Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Program. Farawell is a graduate of New York University's Creative Writing Program.

He taught writing and literature for 12 years before joining the staff of the Dodge Poetry Program. He is the author of "Genesis: A Sequence of Poems" and a frequent Pushcart Prize nominee.

The panelists are: Henry Acosta, deputy director NJMHI and project director, Changing Minds, Advancing Mental Health for Hispanics; Rasheed Adero Merritt, NJ Poetry S.L.A.M.; Elizabeth Motts, coordinator, literature and medicine program, New Jersey Council for the Humanities; and Michael Riordan, past president and CEO, University of Chicago Hospitals.

Poet William J. Higginson will moderate the Poetry Café open reading. Bring your favorite healing poems to read. Higginson has taught poetry since 1973, beginning with the NJSCA Writers-in-the-Schools program. He

has led writing workshops for the incarcerated for the NJSCA. His many books include The Haiku Handbook, Paterson Pieces and the forthcoming Surfing on Magma.

Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the statewide arts and healing community. Attendees are encouraged to bring fliers and brochures to share at the resource table.

To request a registration brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, at 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users dial 711. The e-mail address is culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Assistive services are available on request.

The event is funded 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; and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

LIFESTYLE



Robert Grossberg and Haley Elman

Grossberg to wed Elman

Bea and Rich Grossberg of Union announce the engagement of their son, Robert Grossberg, to Haley Elman, daughter of Harriet and Gary Elman.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Manalapan High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary and special education from the University of Delaware and received a Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She is employed by the East Brunswick Board of Education as a third-grade teacher at Irwin School.

Her fiancée is a graduate of Union High School and St. John's University, New York City, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sports management.

He is a senior executive recruiter for Bond Street Group, an executive search and recruitment firm in New York City. A July 2007 wedding is planned.



Angela Taylor and Andrew Schmitt

Schmitt and Taylor to wed

Andrew T. Schmitt and Angela M. Taylor have announced their engagement to be married in Hagerstown, Md., in November of 2006.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda and Alfred Taylor Jr. of Roncoveva, Va. Ms. Taylor is a graduate of Bridgewater College, W.Va. Ms. Taylor formerly taught in Manassas Park, Va., and will begin teaching this September in Union, N.J.

Andrew is a graduate of Cranford High School. He received his undergraduate degree in social work at the University of Scranton, Pa., his graduate degree from Rutgers University and recently his LCSW. He is currently the coordinator at the High Focus Center in Parsippany. Andrew is the son of John and Dianne Schmitt of Cranford.

The couple will reside in Union.

Matheis family welcomes baby

Jake Robert Matheis, a 6-pound baby boy, was born May 21 at Morristown Memorial Hospital to Elizabeth (Nissim) Matheis and Robert Matheis of Parsippany, proud parents of their first child.

Jake was also welcomed by grandparents Samia Nissim of Livingston, and Sean and Cookie Matheis of Roseland.



Jeffrey Checchio and Adrienne Michal

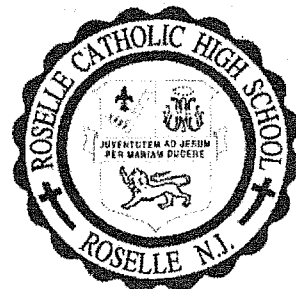
Michal to marry Checchio

Myra and Michael Zihal of Hillside announce the engagement of their daughter, Adrienne Michal, to Jeffrey David Checchio, son of Diane and Gary Checchio of Westfield.

Adrienne graduated from Hillside High School and Union County Vocational-Technical Schools of Scotch Plains. Jeffrey graduated from Westfield High School.

A March 28, 2008 wedding is planned.

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The 10 trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits

every season of the year in New Jersey: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "They will add to the proud heritage of New Jersey's 131 Tree City USA communities. For almost three decades Tree City USA has supported community forestry across New Jersey, and planting these trees will make this tree-planting tradition even stronger."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The 6-to-12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Sept. 30, 2006. Or join online at arbor-day.org.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Surprises are waiting in 'The Shape of Things'

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

The dream that if women could change one or two things about their significant others, the men would be "perfect" lies at the heart of "The Shape of Things," now playing at Premiere Stages at Kean University in Union. This time, however, the dream becomes a nightmare.

Called by The New Yorker, "the best new playwright to emerge in the past decade," Neil LaBute has written an edgy comedy about contemporary relationships, focusing on nerdy, impressionable Mercy College junior Adam, who becomes involved with beautiful, rebellious graduate art student Evelyn, who is determined to challenge the culture's obsession with appearance.

Hopelessly enamored, Adam changes his physical appearance, his clothes and even his friends to please her. Without my giving away the ending, suffice it to say that the shocking, intriguing twist will have you on the edge of your seat, thinking about what's gone on before and talking about the play after the curtain falls.

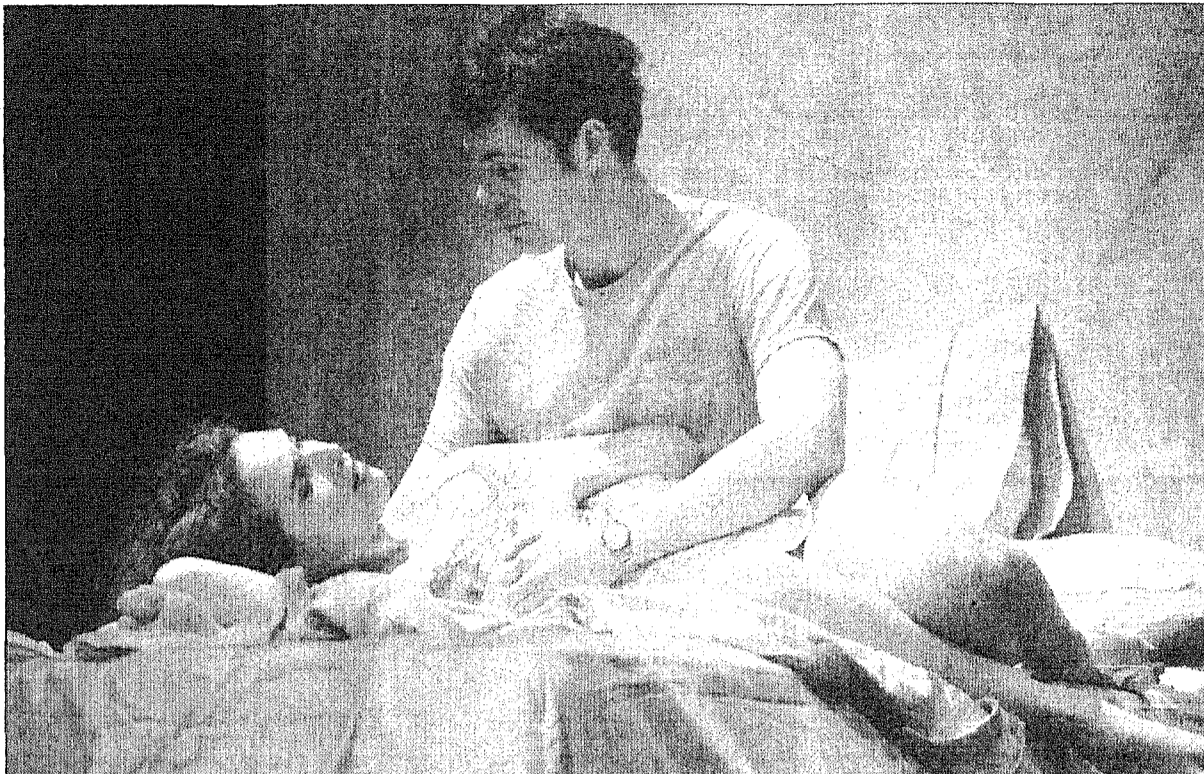
Director Ted Sluberski has steered

his very talented cast through this "relationship rumba" so deftly that the action and dialogue always sound natural and convincing, and the action never flags.

Erika Sheffer is splendid as Evelyn, so confident and sophisticated that one wonders why she would be interested in Adam. Despite her attractiveness, there's something sinister, almost repellent, in her portrayal. For a young woman who scorns any interest in physical appearance, her urging Adam to change his hairstyle, lose weight, jog and keep a journal raises questions about her intentions and sincerity early in the play.

Avery Clark's English major, Adam, is adorably and sympathetically geeky, especially when he makes allusions to the literature he's studying. Dressed in baggy clothes and ratty sneakers, he looks and acts like the guy least likely to attract a beautiful, bohemian art student, a fact not lost on Adam, even as their romance progresses.

Able support is provided by Cathryn Hardy and David Arsenault as Adam's friends, the nervous Jenny and the obnoxious Philip, who don't



In 'The Shape of Things,' now playing at Premiere Stages at Kean University in Union, Avery Clark portrays Adam and Erika Sheffer is Evelyn in this production which has an ending so shocking, you'll be talking about it long after the curtain falls.

like Evelyn and her influence on Adam from the get-go.

The play's production values are terrific minimalist set of huge marble rock solid. Bill Motyka has created a blocks moved around quickly and

fluidly by four "museum workers." Christopher Bailey's sound and Nadine Charlsen's lighting enhance the atmosphere and give the spare set a feeling of time and place. And Karen Lee Hart really outdoes herself with the wide variety of costumes, which signal the passage of time and give a sense of character and the changes in Adam and Evelyn's relationship.

One of Neil LaBute's plays to receive its New Jersey professional premiere — the other is "Fat Pig" at 12 Miles West in Bloomfield this fall — "The Shape of Things" explores the question of what constitutes art, the nature of intimacy and love and the things people will do for love, all with an edgy, almost nasty attitude. And Premiere Stages' performance of this comedic drama/dramatic comedy is a topnotch theatrical experience, right in our own backyard!

"The Shape of Things" will be performed Thursday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Sunday in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre in Union. For tickets and information, call the box office at 908-737-SHOW.

Calling all volunteers



Claire Fox of Westfield paints a snake tattoo on the arm of Cooper Heisey of Scotch Plains during a special event hosted by Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Volunteers, ages 15 and older, are needed to assist with children's crafts, games, face painting, lollipop sales, log sawing/shingle splitting and other activities at Union County's 25th annual Harvest Festival on Sept. 24. Interested people are encouraged to call 908-789-3670.

Shop 'til you drop at Liberty Hall Museum

Get a jump-start on your Christmas or Hanukkah shopping during the huge, end-of-the-year sale at Liberty Hall Museum's Gift Shop. This event begins in September and runs through December.

Customers can choose unique, quality gifts at a fraction of the original price for everyone on their lists. The shop carries an extensive selection of children's toys, including fire department-related items, imported teapots, teacups, brass giftware, fine linens, books and much, much more. Customers are not required to pay an admission price when shopping in the museum store.

Liberty Hall Museum chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. It was the home of William Livingston, the first elected governor of New Jersey and a signer of the Constitution, and houses extensive collections of antique furniture, ceramics,

textiles, toys and tools owned by seven generations of the Livingston/Kean families.

In 2005, Liberty Hall added the Firehouse to the Museum's complex. It houses a 1928 American LaFrance Pumper, a 1927 Seagrave Pumper, and an extensive display of fire helmets, uniforms, bells, tools, documents, and photographs. Liberty Hall's 23 landscaped acres contain a formal English garden, a fruit orchard and some of the oldest trees in the state.

Liberty Hall Museum is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. It is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., April through December. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations, call 1-908-527-0400 or visit on the Internet at www.libertyhallnj.org.

Driscoll helps bring Alliance Repertory Theater to life

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

For an actor who has appeared in more than 80 plays in community theaters, Michael Driscoll of Linden is reveling in his true goal in life, and that is as a director. He has, in fact, gone a step further. He is an artistic director for the Alliance Repertory Theater, which now stages plays in the Linden Presbyterian Church at 1506 Orchard Terrace and at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

"During business hours, I am an accountant for M. Eagles Tool Warehouse in Newark," explained the 46-year-old Driscoll. "And the rest of my time, my life, actually, is devoted to the theater."

Even though he doesn't direct all of the plays at his theater company, he does oversee everything and makes decisions as to how to entertain the public with "thought-provoking off-Broadway plays." The current play, "Moon Over the Brewery," now in rehearsal, which was written by Bruce Graham, is a comedy which will be staged at the Linden church Sept. 22 through Oct. 7, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

"This play is being directed by Douglas Brautigam, who is also manager of the theater group." It features Kate Fallon, Gus Ibranyi, Stuart Marshall and Tracey Randinelli. Set in a Pennsylvania mining town, it concerns a single mother and her genius teenager daughter, who has an imaginary friend that helps her complicate the relationship of her mother and a town mail carrier.

Driscoll takes great pride in the award-winning Alliance Repertory Theater and in selecting the proper plays for his company and his theatrical staff. "My philosophy is," he declared, "Broadway is not the Broadway of the past. It's now, what I like to call it, Six Flags Over Broadway, because it's more of a tourist trap. The real work comes out of the off-Broadway theater. I always said that we should really start doing plays — not your typical Neil Simon summer-type shows — but to do more cutting-edge thought-provoking theater."

Driscoll chooses his plays very carefully. "I order a few scripts. I read a lot of plays and I fill in as director in our theater company frequently. One of our directors, Paul Zeller, is a good source for finding unique plays. I will be directing twice this year: 'Sec Rock City,' in Linden from Nov. 1 to 18 and at the Union County Arts Center on Dec. 1, 3 and 8."

Driscoll will direct "Last Train to Nibroc," written by Arlene Hutton, at Union County Arts Center from Feb. 22 to 24 and March 2, 2007, and "The Moonlight Room," written by Tristine Skylar in Linden, from April 20 through May 5. Zeller will direct "The Retreat From Moscow," written by William Nicholson. It will be staged in Linden.

"The Alliance Repertory Theater," explained Driscoll, "is a non-profit 501-c3 company founded in 1999. We are dedicated to producing distinctive, challenging, thought-provoking

and engaging theater and to providing a forum for local actors, directors and writers to display and expand their talents."

Since its inception, he indicated, "We settled in to produce a full season at The Brook Arts Center in Bound Brook for the 2002 season. Even though we are a community theater, our productions were nominated for 13 Perry awards in four years, for acting, directing and production value. We won five of them."

The Princeton Packet placed three of the shows, "American Buffalo," "Gross Indecency" and "Laundry and Bourbon and Lone Star," in the top 12 productions in New Jersey for 1999, 2001 and 2003. In November of 2002, the theater was granted associate membership in the New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of New Jersey professional theaters.

Driscoll had been "doing theater when I was a student in Roselle Catholic High School," he recalled. "It really all began as a dare." Driscoll mused. "A friend of mine, Daniel Hugh Kelly, made a bet that I couldn't act. So I appeared in 'Don't Drink the Water' and continued to act throughout my college years in Seton Hall University and had been acting for the longest time in community theaters in New York and New Jersey."

He studied acting with Richard Leighton at the McCarter Theater and with George Di Cenzo at The School for Film and Television. Among the plays in which he appeared were "Equus," "A Lion in Winter," "A Few Good Men," "Tales From the Vienna Woods" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." In 1996, Driscoll founded The Black Box Series. "I was the director for the series, and then I took over as artistic director."

He mentioned, "I always said I can direct, so I decided that I would direct, and I directed plays at the Villagers Theater in Somerset. Then I came to Alliance in 2000 as director and took over as artistic director in 2003."

Driscoll sighed. "Prior to doing our last two shows in April and in June, were dark from 2005 to April. We needed a new theatrical site and I found that the Linden Presbyterian Church had done productions in the past, so I called one day and, before I knew it, I was told to come on in, and you know the rest."

Driscoll plans to direct the play "Living Out" at the Summit Playhouse in February.

But right now, he is seriously considering widening interest in the Alliance Repertory Theater. "You know," he reminded, "once audiences come to see the show and they enjoy it, they'll come back for the second one. And when they come to see ours, they will know they are getting the best of off-Broadway shows. In order to be successful, we need to establish an audience."

"And," he added, "we're hoping that the people in Linden and the surrounding communities will come out and see live theater as it is meant to be presented."

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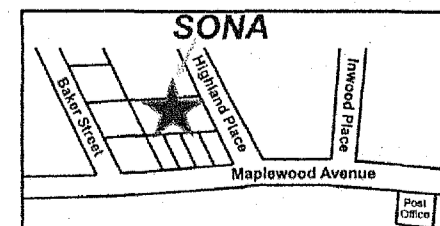
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Garwood gets 'Nasty'

New 'roots music' night opens soon

"American Roots Live with Nasty Ned," an open-mic celebration of American roots music of the 20th century — an extension of the grassroots American Roots Movement — is moving to its new home at The Crossroads, 78 North Ave. Garwood, starting Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. and will run every Wednesday night.

American Roots Live with Nasty Ned, now in its 23rd week, attracts the area's biggest players, with musicians and music fans from far and near making the pilgrimage every week.

"There is no other show like it anywhere," says promoter Nasty Ned, a charismatic showman who sings and plays harmonica and is the show's MC.

"We have veteran players like Johnny Charles, Bernie Brauswetter, HoneyBoy Dupree, Tommy Fuller, Lee Fink, Michael Krizan and others playing shoulder to shoulder with young musicians who are just ecstatic to perform with these popular, accomplished veterans," he said.

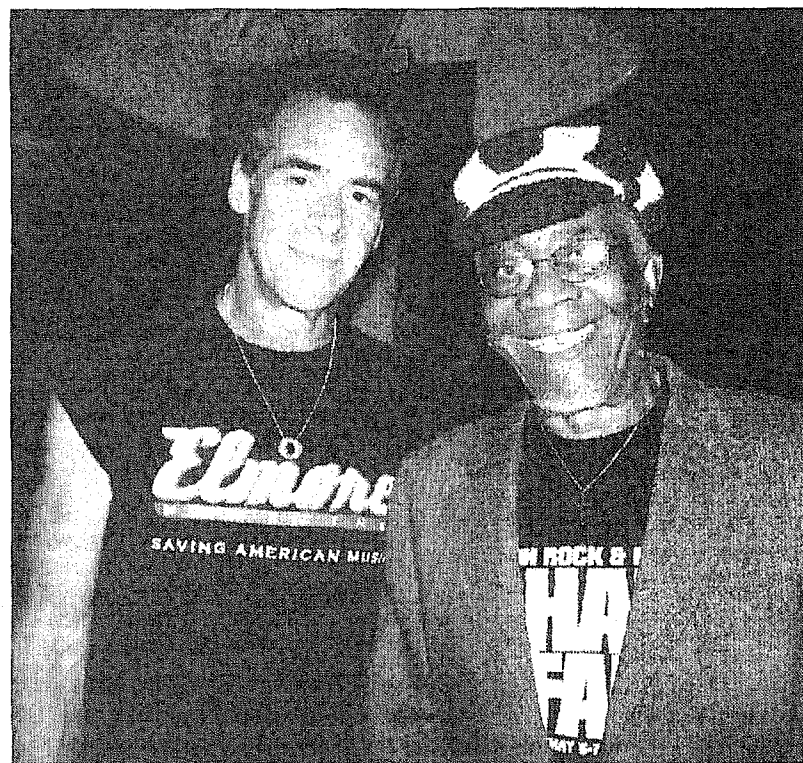
Crossroads in Garwood is perhaps the most popular blues and roots club in New Jersey and is known for showcasing local and national talent.

Crossroads features five-star dining, a professional house sound-system, large stage and full concert lighting.

"Lee Frankel at Crossroads is a roots revival visionary. American Roots is proud to be associated with him and his room," said Ned.

It is the mission of the American Roots Movement to promote and preserve our American roots heritage through all media available including television, radio, print, recorded media, internet, pod cast and live performance so that grandchildren will pass it on to grandchildren and so on.

Nasty Ned mentors and nurtures young artists at American Roots Live and is responsible for helping launch



'Nasty Ned' of American Roots, left, shown with Chicago blues legend George 'Mojo' Buford, will begin hosting a new open mic night at the Crossroads in Garwood.

the careers of talented upstarts like 26-year-old John Powers, Kelly Caruso, 19, Johnny Thompson, 21, and The Williamzboy, 29.

Everyone is invited to come, watch, listen or participate at American Roots Live. Though there is never a cover charge, optional donations are appreciated and go to pay the guest host band that agrees to play for free and share their equipment with all other participants.

Those who donate receive raffle tickets that can be redeemed for gifts and prizes ranging from autographed harmonicas, American Roots T-shirts and compact discs.

For more information, visit <http://american-roots.blogspot.com>, www.nastyned.com or call Nasty Ned at 908-392-0486 or Crossroads at 908-232-5666.

The American Roots Movement is led by Nasty Ned and American Roots ambassadors Duane Chez of Puerto Rico, John Powers of New Jersey and Honey Boy Dupree of Arizona, as well as a group of dedicated volunteers committed to the preservation of America's rich musical heritage of blues, jazz, rock and roll, country, bluegrass, rhythm and blues, soul and all the hybrid rhythms and sounds in between that make up the genre we recognize as American

Roots music of the 20th century.

The American Roots Movement plants the seeds of rebirth for musicians and music fans, young and old — today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

The American Roots Movement celebrates roots music as the birthplace of all 21st century music and is dedicated to sharing, encouraging and inspiring children and young adults to appreciate and get involved by simply listening or playing side by side with professional musicians of all styles who come together in celebration of our music at any of a growing number of American Roots Live open mic locations.

The impetus behind the movement is significant as American Roots music is no longer played on mainstream radio or showcased in mainstream media, and sadly is being forced into an ever narrowing niche away from mainstream American audiences.

This is evident in music venues who originally opened their doors as "blues" or "roots" clubs that are now forced to feature karaoke nights or DJs playing "modern" music or '80s "tribute bands" just to pay their bills.

Disturbingly, this has become the norm in many so-called roots venues around the country.

Visual Arts Center presents Travelers Between Cultures

Contemporary Chinese art is currently red hot. Recent high prices at Sotheby's and Christie's auctions have helped fuel the groundswell of interest and activity. As curators, critics, buyers, and sellers get involved, the international art world is taking note — contemporary Chinese art is the happening topic of the day!

In response to the growing interest in contemporary Chinese art, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, located at 68 Elm St. in Summit, proudly presents Travelers Between Cultures. This exhibition showcases a remarkable global phenomenon in the world of contemporary art: works by artists as travelers between Chinese and American (New York) cultures. Travelers Between Cultures will include paintings, photographs, installations, video and performance pieces, all completed within the last three years by leading artists Zhang Hongtu, Xu Bing, Lin Yilin, Lin Yan and Wenda Gu. The exhibition will be opened Saturday and will continue now through Nov. 26.

Travelers Between Cultures presents the extraordinary work of five critically acclaimed artists, many of whom have enjoyed skyrocketing prices and great success on the international art stage. According to Curator Zhijian Qian, "The exhibition examines how these artists deal with such cross-cultural issues as re-interpreting the Chinese art tradition in a Western and contemporary art world, understanding and misunderstanding among audiences from different cultural backgrounds, and the desire to explore the possibilities of trans-cultural communication."

Since the mid-1980s, the United States has seen the arrival of many artists from mainland China after

China opened its long-closed door to the world. While many decided to return to their native country after their shows here, some have relocated to the United States to continue their work or to go on to universities. For the past two decades, New York has been the last destination for many of the Chinese artists who have developed their artistic careers while displaced in a different culture. Zhang Hongtu and Wenda Gu arrived in the 1980s and considered themselves in self-exile, while Xu Bing and Lin Yan came in the 1990s and, by comparison, found it easier to communicate with their contemporaries back home. Those like Yin Yilin who arrived in the 21st century have little trouble traveling between two worlds as China asserts a more significant role in global affairs. However, in recent years, with the relaxing of travel restrictions, all of the above artists have been able to travel back and forth freely between the United States and China.

Traveling between two cultures is like traveling in a time tunnel between two different worlds. For many artists, it is not easy to deal with traditions that are more than 1,000 years old on the one hand and the reality of contemporary art in a highly developed society on the other. These experiences have been expressed in works by Chinese artists from the early 20th century who tried to blend the two traditions. But, unlike their predecessors, the artists in this show — and many of their generation — tend to go beyond visually translating between the two traditions. Although hybridism marks the works of most of the artists, it is presented in a way that aims to blend into the world of contemporary art.

Wenda Gu will be showcasing one of his human hair installations, titled

"united 7561 kilometers." This piece will be suspended from the Main Gallery ceiling. Made largely of human hair, a trademark of the artist, the continuous braid is 5,000 meters long; it has been calculated that the individual strands would extend 7,561 kilometers in total length, hence the title of the piece.

Xu Bing will be creating a special work, based on a tree that is on the grounds of the Visual Arts Center, just for this show. In addition, Xu Bing is also designing a banner specifically for the exhibition.

Lin Yilin has created a new series of photographs and is designing a performance piece especially for the exhibition. Lin Yilin, the youngest artist in the show and the most recent émigré, works in digital photography, video, and performance art.

Travelers Between Cultures is one more example of the efforts of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey to fulfill its mission of bringing art and people together; in this case, people of different cultures who can better understand each other through art.

The Visual Arts Center offers a broad spectrum of educational programming for all of its audiences, including Kaleidoscope and decentered tours. For more information, contact Kaleidoscope Chairwoman Alice Dillon at 908-233-9374 or via e-mail at redillonjr@aol.com.

A full-color exhibition catalog is available for purchase to accompany this exhibition. Contact Mari D'Alessandro at 908-273-9121, ext. 46, or via e-mail at mari@artcenternj.org.

Also available, free of charge, is the Gallery Guide, containing exhibition-focused activities for children of all ages. These are available in the gallery or by contacting D'Alessandro or Dillon.

Joe Kurasz opens the door to Music Discovery in Rahway

Nationally acclaimed keyboard artist, composer and arranger Joe Kurasz has opened the door to music through his Music Discovery group and individual classes. Music Discovery offers an interactive musical experience introducing young children to music, song and movement and older children through adults to the keyboard.

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As a member of BMI, the Conductor's Guild and the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, Kurasz is committed to contributing his talents to the next generation of musicians. Kurasz has been in the music business since his early teens.

His original song "Just A Simple Song" was voted No. 1 jazz song in Billboard Magazine's Songwriting Competition. His most recent compact disc "Soul Searching," featuring his performance on the Hammond B-3 as a solo instrument, was noted by many jazz publications nationwide.

Jonathan Widran from JAZZIZ magazine said that "Soul Searching" is "an immediately enjoyable indie gem, featuring a mix of funk, smooth jazz, the tastiest Hammond B3 lines this side of Joey DeFrancisco, and a sensuous cameo by Gerald Albright." Music from this compact disc, as well as Kurasz's previous compact disc, "Elements of Style" is regularly played on radio stations and on local access cable channel Cranford TV-35.

Kurasz has composed music for the "Guiding Light" television show, and for the morning show "B Smith with Style." His original song, "Intergeneration," was performed at the Lincoln

Center Plaza and the UN by the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra.

Kurasz received a H.E.A.R.T Grant from the Union County Freeholders to create a workshop presentation for school students called "From Idea To Song" on the elements of composition. He also received credit for his contribution to Disney's 4 compact disc Box set "The Music Behind the Magic," featuring composer Alan Menken.

Kurasz is also the creator of the newly established Jazz Monthly.Com internet jazz webzine, featuring interviews with leaders in the jazz field. For more information on Kurasz, visit his Web site at www.joekurasz.com or www.jazzmonthly.com.

Music Discovery blends Kurasz's exceptional talent and experience into lessons that appeal to students of all ages. Classes are set to begin in September and registration is now open. Classes, as well as private lessons, are at the Union County Dance Centre in Rahway. Kurasz's wife, Patricia, is the director of the studio. Kurasz has a full recording studio as

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Classes take place afternoons, evenings and on Saturdays for children ages 4 and older, and for adults. The School offers private instruction in all musical instruments and voice with music theory, solfège and ensembles included, as appropriate. Dance includes ballet, modern, jazz, tap, African and hip-hop. Drama involves monologue reading, improvisation and scriptwriting; visual arts has

informal and formal settings. Instruction is given by an international faculty with degrees from leading college conservatories. Though 39 years, graduates of the school have excelled in the arts and other fields. The School has an outstanding reputation; in the past several years it has earned three citations for excellence from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

The Newark School of Arts is open to everyone with an interest in studying the arts and it offers pre-professional training in music for advanced pre-college music students. Students will have opportunities to perform in

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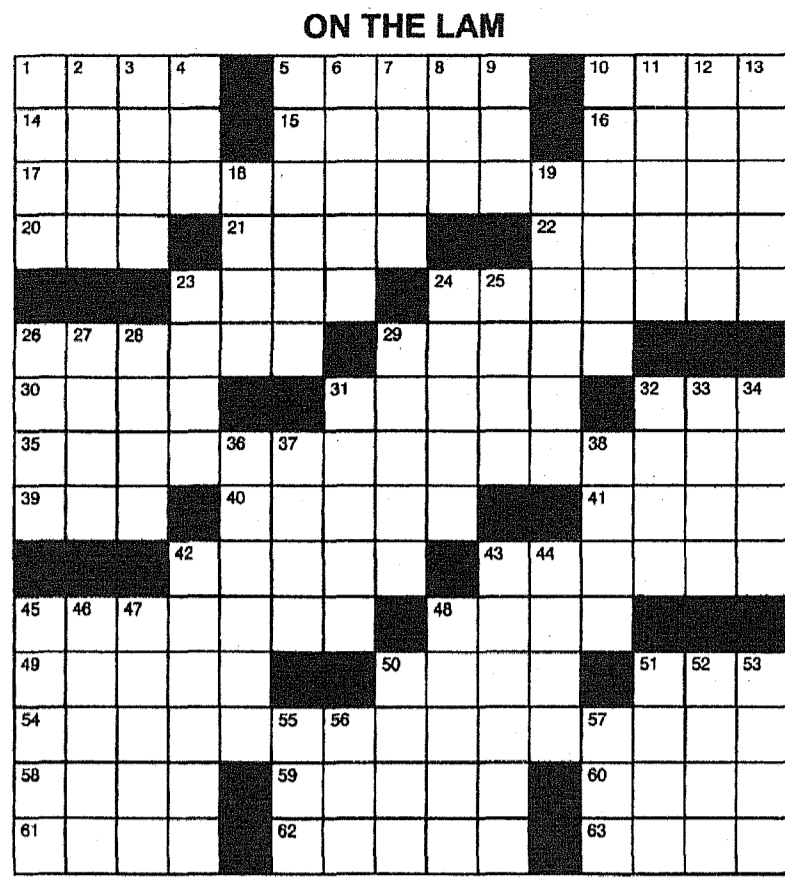
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What's Going On?

FAIR

SAURDAY
September 23rd, 2006
EVENT: CRAFT FAIR
PLACE: Holy Spirit School, Morris Ave & Suburban Rd, Union
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PRICE: FREE ADMISSION.
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HOROSCOPE

Sept. 18 to 24

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Take time to work out the kinks and to eliminate doubts in a business proposal. It is OK to solicit assistance or input from a willing and capable co-worker.
TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Add a dose of creativity or ingenuity to your plans this week. Come up with a brilliant idea for a social gathering and stir up tons of laughter and fun.
GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Balance is the key word that should be applied in successful dating or relating. Avoid asking more from a loved one than you are willing to give yourself.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Keep your conversations with siblings or loved ones lively and interesting.

Include humor along with some valuable information or suggestions in your discussions.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Get on board and plan to enjoy an exciting and romantic undertaking. You can afford to be generous with your heart, but be mindful of your monetary budget.
VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: You have a strong will and a positive attitude working in your favor. Take a bold step forward and do not be afraid to go against what is popular in order to do what is right.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: This week's planetary lineup activates your subconscious mind.
 Be sure to balance realistic or logical goals with the need or desire to escape through daydreaming.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21:

You can make a lot of important and exciting contacts on the group scene. Share your gifts, talents and ideas in exchange for input from others.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Be prepared to face a new challenge or decision in your career sector. Check out an amazing opportunity that has the potential to change your life.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: Enjoy travel, learning and a variety of uncharted adventures this week. Pack your bags and your books for destinations that are known and unknown.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Be especially cautious with the finances or resources that are jointly shared. Keep an eye on spending and observe the events that could impact your profit margin.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20:

Treat a partner or mate to something special and that will guarantee you a hug of appreciation. Make it a surprise and double the excitement and fun.
 If your birthday is this week, your ability to communicate what you want and what is important to you will be your ace in the hole during the coming year.
 Keep your mental antennas on high alert in order to recognize opportunities when you see them and to put yourself in a position to easily take full advantage of them. Maintain a positive or optimistic outlook without being too idealistic or unrealistic in your expectations.
 Also born this week: Greta Garbo, Joan Lunden, Upton Sinclair, H.G. Wells, Ray Charles and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

REUNIONS

Worrall Community Newspapers seeks information on reunions of Union County schools. Send news of your reunion plans to Reunions, Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union 07083, or by e-mail to djablonski@thelocal-source.com, with "Reunions" in the subject line.
 Include all pertinent contact information, such as the names of contact personnel, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so that attendees may inquire about the reunion. All dates and deadlines relevant to the reunion should also be included.
 The following schools are planning reunions:
 • Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
 • Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
 • Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.

For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, or call 732-617-1000.
 • Rahway High School Class of 1966 will have its 40-year reunion on Oct. 14 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Clark. The cocktail hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be a buffet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dancing will be until 11 p.m. There will be an Oct. 13 night get-together in the Crown Plaza Hotel cocktail lounge.
 For information, contact Irwin Kreisberg at 732-382-3924 or bcik@aol.com; Bob Cadamone at 732-693-5438 or cardo7@myway.com; Al Shipley at 732-382-7573 or shio007@nac.net; or Jill Hand Moran at 732-775-3111 at jilldiddy47@yahoo.com.
 • Hillside High School Class of 1960 is planning its next reunion for

2007.
 Forward your contact information to Linda Arotzky Lieb at Hillside-high1960@aol.com.
 The event is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2007, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Hyatt Morristown at Headquarters Plaza. Send your current contact information by e-mail to: Linda Arotzky Lieb at HillsideHigh1960@aol.com.
 • Rahway High School Class of 1980 is organizing its 25-year reunion. Call 732-288-2857 or send an e-mail to Ron Knox at rahway25reunion@aol.com for more information.
 • Roselle Park High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion.
 The reunion committee is seeking classmates from 1976 for the event which is Nov. 25. If interested in attending, contact Bob Milici via e-mail at bobmilici@aol.com or by phone at 908-241-5255 with a current home or e-mail address.

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Larkin featured in Coffee with a Conscience Series

Guitar hero and folk icon Patty Larkin will be featured at "An evening with Patty Larkin" on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Coffee with a Conscience Concert Series.

Larkin has been redefining the boundaries of folk-pop music for more than 20 years with her inventive guitar wizardry and uncompromising wit. Acoustic Guitar hails Patty for expanding "her singer-songwriter folk style with soundscape experiments," while Rolling Stone praises her "evocative vocals, warm tunes, and subtle sonic shading." She has also been described as "riveting" by the *Chicago Tribune*, "hypnotic" by Entertainment Weekly and "drop-dead brilliant" by Performing Songwriter.

Larkin is a rare combination of talents. During her 10 compact disc history, she has honed a reputation as a "musician's musician," working with some of the brightest talents in American music. Long a favorite with critics, Larkin is that unique level of artistic sophistication — one that her audiences have come to appreciate and her new fans will grow to love.

For her latest project, "La Guitarar:

Gender Bending Strings," Larkin finds herself at the helm, producing this extraordinary compilation chronicling women's contribution to the evolution of the modern guitar. *The Washington Post* applauds, saying, "Patty Larkin and other pickers shine on La Guitarar ... an anthology of 14 brilliant guitar performances."

"An absolutely stunning guitarist, easily on par with Bonnie Raitt, Larkin matches her instrumental chops as a vocalist and songwriter, making her a true triple-threat artist," says Billboard.

"Patty Larkin transmits eccentric magic with taut, amused gems delivered in a rich alto. An uncommonly articulate guitarist, she has evolved into one of the finest self-accompanists anywhere in popular music," adds the *Boston Globe*.

The Coffee with a Conscience Concert Series is at Westfield First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., the corner of North Avenue, Westfield. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 908-412-9105 or visit www.pattylarkin.com or www.coffee-withconscience.com.

Small-scale artworks featured at mini-Mania exhibit in Rahway

The Arts Guild of Rahway presents mini-Mania, an art exhibit of small-scale artworks, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 6. This exhibit features work by Francesca Azzara, encaustic painting; Gina Bellando, pin-hole camera photographs; Lito David, watercolors; Carol Davis, assemblages; Denise Devone, acrylic painting; Pamela Guenther-Duffus, wire sculpture; Gina Minichino, oil painting; and Nancy Ori, Polaroid image transfers.

There will be a reception with the artists, open to the general public on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

Throughout the course of Modern Art, large scale artworks have been a staple for many artists. These epic canvases and sculptures have become in many ways a hallmark of the modern and contemporary art movement. For centuries, the majority of work by visual artists, painters in particular, was moderate size easel paintings. Yet many of the masters throughout the centuries from the

Renaissance to academic painting in the 1700s and 1800s challenged themselves by creating epic works either on canvas or as frescoes in public buildings.

While this trend continues, there are many artists who have chosen to create all or at least some of their work on a moderate or even miniature scale. The mini-Mania exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway focuses on these small, charming works.

This is not a format with which all artists feel comfortable, but the artists featured in the show excel on the tiny side and their work is often remarkable for the ability, patience and focus involved in the execution of their work.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit center for the Arts located at 1670 Irving St. in the downtown Arts District of the city of Rahway.

For information about our programs, contact the Arts Guild at 732-381-7511, by e-mail at arts-guild1670@earthlink.net or visit the Web site: www.rahwayartsguild.org.

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★★★★★ By Anne Santos, Staff Writer

Shorter days, cooler weather, leaves changing color, apple picking and a hearty appetite are some indications of Fall's approach. When the dining reviewers discovered Chestnut Chateau had a new autumn menu, our decision was made. Chestnut Chateau it is.

The Niotis family owns Chestnut Chateau which is located on 649 Chestnut Street, Union. The establishment is tastefully decorated -- recessed lighting, delicate pastel colored walls, fresh linen tablecloths & napkins, sand blasted glass hand-etched with scenery, very comfortable chairs, candlelight and gentle music. Mrs. Niotis decorator/hostess artistic cozy flair appears throughout the restaurant.

Once seated my companion and I reviewed the new Fall menu of appetizers, black Angus beef, veal, fish, chicken, and pasta. The menu still had a lot of our old favorites but many new arrivals were showcased. Also Premium liquor and wine are available from the well stocked bar, attended by son, Michael.

Donald, our waiter, came to assist us with our order. He suggested we start with the carrot/broccoli soup. Everyone who previously ordered it had raved about how exceptional it was. The soup arrived artfully split. Each selection occupied exactly 1/2 of the dish and yes it was a great combination of flavors.

Next we eagerly awaited our hot antipasto. It was a wonderful selection of the Chateau's best appetizers! The shrimp cocktail (very fresh), coconut shrimp (slightly sweet & crunchy), calamari (so tender), stuffed clams (topped with bacon, seasoned with sage) and the buffalo wings with blue cheese (a true treat). The antipasto was excellent, prepared and cooked to perfection - sure to please.

For our main course, my companion chose Prime Ribs and I selected Filet Mignon/Lobster Tails. The sides were baked potatoes and a carrot/string bean medley. The serving of Prime Rib was huge, extremely tender and juicy. My dish spoke volumes of what really great food should taste like.

Manny and son, George (our chefs) use only the freshest and finest ingredients in all their meals. I can vouch for that. Everything was superb. George has recently graduated from the French Culinary Institute of New York and his signature dishes are 5 stars.

For dessert, decaf coffees, peach melba, and orange sorbet. All our choices of the evening surpassed excellence -- this is one fine restaurant.

My companion and I decided after the dessert -- we would come back to this restaurant again. Manny has created something wonderful here, great atmosphere, heavenly food, congenial staff and reasonable prices. Reservations are suggested on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Banquet facilities are also available for parties up to 70 people.

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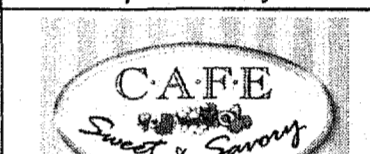
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ART SHOWS

THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY presents mini-Mania: An exhibit of small scale artworks, from now through Oct. 6. The reception is Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. There is free admission. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, go to artsguild1670@earthlink.net or www.rahwayartsguild.org.

THREE NEW ART EXHIBITS OPEN AT EDGEART GALLERY: EdgeArt Gallery, will inaugurate their new galleries in Rahway's Arts District with a series of exhibitions running Sept. 28 through Oct. 18.

Californian Modernism — A diversified look at the work of Californian artists since the 1940s, including paintings, prints and sculptures by Charles Arnoldi, Carlyle Brown, Hans Burkhardt, Mario De Ferrante, Jules Engel, Gordon Ornslow-Ford, John Haley, Tom Holland, Eric Loran, Kimber Smith, John Von Wicht and others.

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EdgeArt Gallery is located at 1575 Irving St. in downtown Rahway, New Jersey. The gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday, from noon to 7 p.m., and Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m. Other days by appointment. The phone number is 732-669-0112.

The opening reception is on Sept. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY ORI is featured at a permanent exhibit at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 908-464-9333.

BOOKS

IT'S SPOT WEEK! Today at 4:30 p.m., read, color and take photos when Spot comes for story time at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. Have lots of fun when Spot comes to visit on Sept. 14 only! For information, fax 973-376-8142 or call 973-376-8544.

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STORY TIME: AHOY! ALL ABOARD FOR PIRATE WEEK! will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. The children's lead, Jessica, is a pirate expert and she has lots of fun stories and crafts planned for Pirate Week! Don't walk the plank... come to story time instead! For information, fax 973-376-8142 or call 973-376-8544.

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITING CRITIQUE GROUP, a critique group for writers and illustrators of children's picture books and stories, will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, fax 973-376-8142 or call 973-376-8544.

THE BOOK GROUP will discuss "African American: The Ways of White Folks," Langston Hughes' compelling short stories underlining the relationships between the races in the 1920s and '30s, on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. This discussion was postponed from August. The public is invited to join the discussion facilitated by the Newark Literacy Campaign. For information, fax 973-376-8142 or call 973-376-8544.

THE BOOK GROUP will discuss "Books We Like: Wicked" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. Gregory Maguire creates a fantasy world so rich and vivid that you will never look at Oz the same way again. Wicked is about a land where animals talk and strive to be treated like first-class citizens, Munchkinlanders seek the

comfort of middle class stability and the Tin Man becomes a victim of domestic violence. Join this discussion for an entertaining evening. For information, fax 973-376-8142 or call 973-376-8544.

THE GOTHAM WRITERS' WORKSHOP series begins this fall on Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, with a Memoir Writing Workshop featuring David Goodwillie, author of "Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time." His book has received wonderful reviews and we are fortunate to have him as our guest instructor. Everyone has a memoir inside waiting to be written. Writers of all levels are welcome. For information, fax 973-376-8142 or call 973-376-8544.

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

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have a Knitters' Group every Monday at 10 a.m. Join the group of happy knitters in the cafe every Monday morning. Bring your latest project and a smile.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have a Chess Group every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Players of all levels are invited to discuss, play and enjoy chess in the cafe each week.

BARNES & NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will have Weekly Children's Story times with various themes on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for preschoolers and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. for 5- to 7-year-olds.

CLASSES

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.ducret.edu.

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

CONCERTS

MUSIC FEST '06 will be presented Saturday in Cranford by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, featuring the rock band Cheap Trick as the headliners. Veteran Jersey Shore rockers LaBamba's Big Band with guest vocalist Southside Johnny and the critically acclaimed Beatles cover band Fab Faux will also perform during the daylong concert. The North Carolina all-country band Roman Candle will kick off the festival followed by an acoustic set by Welsh rocker Mike Peters of The Alarm playing his last scheduled North American appearance this year.

Music Fest '06, a free outdoor concert, will be at Nomahegan Park in Cranford from noon to 10 p.m. In the event of rain, it will be at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. For driving directions, visit www.ucsocietyfest.com.

The fun-filled day will include special entertainment, rides, games and activities for young children provided by the

Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee from noon to 4 p.m. Kids Kingdom will be adjacent to the concert area so the whole family can enjoy the outing.

The daylong celebration of music will close with a fireworks display.

Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. Food and refreshment vendors will be available.

CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD will feature the following:

Every Monday, Open Mic Night.
Every Tuesday, Jazz Jam.
Every Wednesday, karaoke night.
The Crossroads is located at 78

1906 E. St. Georges Ave., Linden. Call 908-925-4120 for details.

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.tmrcl.com.

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Actor-director Paul Mullins will appear as Shakespeare's malevolent monarch in the title role of *Richard III*, on The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Main Stage in Madison from Tuesday through Oct. 8. For tickets, call 973-408-5600 or order online at www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

North Ave., Garwood. For information, call Lee at 908-232-5666, or visit the Web site, www.xxroads.com.

COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES of Westfield has resumed. All shows start at 8 p.m. and the doors always open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and will benefit the AIDS quilt. For information, call 908-412-9105, press 2. Other concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St., corner of North Ave., Westfield.

DANCE

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

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN ELIZABETH. Pick your choice of social dancing, \$9 per person, or Latin dancing, \$10 per person, at the Bayway Polish Club, 625 Pulaski St. For information, call 908-355-3131.

LUNA LOUNGE hosts "Tasty Thursdays" with DJ Richie, who spins raggaeton and hip-hop. Patrons must be 21 or older, dress is casual but trendy. Parking is available. Luna Lounge is located at

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

KNITTING GROUP meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Cafe. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in barbershop style, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets, women and teen-aged girls who sing are urged to visit the Web site, hickorytreorchorus.org, send a message by e-mail to info@hickorytreorchorus.org, or call 973-966-6815.

INTERNET

THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 South Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mic/Karaoke Night on Sundays at 7 p.m. Join the group for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods and participate in an original poetry reading, a stand-up comedy routine or a musical number. There's no cover charge, and patrons can come in, make new friends,

surf the Web or play a game of Diablo2, NeverWinterNights, WarCraft or Counter-Strike. To ask about a schedule of events, call 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: www.theinternetlounge.com.

JAZZ

LANA'S RESTAURANT, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, will offer dinner and live reggae with Exodus Supreme every Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

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KIDS

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

RADIO

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

SCRIPTS

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

SINGLES

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. A donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$8. For information, call 908-688-8816.

SINGLES MIX AND MINGLE, every Thursday, starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment and free finger food at Cafe Vivace, 1370 South Ave., and Terrill Road, Fanwood. Admission is free. Call 908-753-4500 for details.

THEATER

ALLIANCE REPERTORY announces the opening of its eighth season with the hilarious comedy "Moon Over The Brewery," by Bruce Graham and directed by company manager Douglas Brautigam. Opening night is Sept. 22 at the Linden Presbyterian Church, 1506 Orchard St., Linden. Reservations can be made at 908-486-0665.

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Premiere Stages is made possible in part through funding from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The New Jersey State Council on the Arts, the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, and through the generous support of patrons.

THE SHOWCASE THEATER, a tuition-based program, awards scholarship money based on a talent evaluation.

For information on the Showcase Theater or any NJWA program, call 908-789-9696, visit the office at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield or log on to www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

VARIETY

THE 25TH ANNUAL UNION COUNTY HARVEST FESTIVAL will be Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, hosted by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Harvest Festival sends visitors back in time to bring Native American and colonial history to life. Highlights include a Revolutionary War encampment, a Native American lodge and artifact display, puppetry and storytelling, music and dance, colonial and Native American crafts and work skills, a petting zoo, pony rides, log sawing and shingle splitting, and so much more. An always popular activity will be the Build a Scarecrow contest, which requires a nominal fee for participation.

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The 25th annual Union County Harvest Festival will take place, rain or shine, so mark your calendar and bring your friends and family for an afternoon adventure. Admission is \$3 per person, with children ages 7 and younger admitted free of charge.

Trailside Nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Additional information can be obtained by calling 908-789-3670 or by visiting the Web site at www.uconj.org.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, and live bands perform on Friday and Saturday nights.

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Web site is unveiled by Century 21 JRS Realty

The real estate market is ever changing, and only the companies that focus on change for the betterment of the service to their clients will survive. For these reasons and more, Century 21 JRS Realty will unveil a new, state-of-the-art Web site at www.century21jrsrealty.com.

The new site will be complete with multiple pictures and descriptions of thousands of homes from Union and Middlesex counties, as well as links to contact your agent, as well as many other exciting features.

"This is a service industry. Too many Realtors forget that. We are in business for the public. They do not exist to service us, we exist to service them. Our new site will allow us to do just that," said manager and trainer JR Sanguiliano.

The new Web site is just one of the many new and exciting changes taking place at Century 21 JRS Realty. Now Century 21 JRS Realty has two locations, the main office in Clark, and a new office in Rahway, located at 1474 Main St., right in the heart of the redevelopment going on in Rahway. In addition, Century 21 JRS Realty has added 10 additional full-time agents to its company. These are the most well-trained, service-oriented, hard-working agents in the industry. Their focus is to make the American Dream of home ownership become a seamless transaction, with full-time, informative guidance through the entire transaction.

It is the desire of Century 21 JRS Realty to forge relationships with every homeowner in Union and Middlesex counties.

"Knowledge is power. However, we feel knowledge needs to be used in the right way and for the right reasons," Sanguiliano said.

Century 21 JRS Realty would like to hear from the public about the industry of Real Estate.

"Let us help you with any questions or concerns you may have about our business. Visit our Web site at www.century21jrsrealty.com and drop us an E-mail, or pick up the phone and call us to talk about any subject in the real estate industry. We would like to talk to you about our services and answer any questions you may have about your home, the real estate industry, or changes happening in your neighborhood," JR added.

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BBB warns homeowners of a rise in real estate fraud

Better Business Bureaus in the United States and Canada on July 19 issued an international alert to help combat the growing incidences of real estate fraud.

Sometimes the victim is a retired senior strong-armed into signing some papers under the misconception that they are being granted a reverse mortgage. Or it's a desperate homeowner who can't make his monthly adjustable rate mortgage payment and transfers his deed to obtain some financial relief. Other times, it's a family that has suffered huge medical expenses, is facing foreclosure and succumbs to a stranger's offer to "buy" their property.

"It's understandable that people panic when facing the loss of their home. Yet this is a situation that calls for clear-headed thinking. The BBB urges homeowners who are in financial distress to explore every alternative to keeping their home and avoid falling victim to 'easy' solutions," said Elizabeth Merkel, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of New Jersey.

The BBB's first piece of advice is to talk to your mortgage lender. Do not ignore the delinquency letters. Con-

tact your lender to explain your situation and ask about how to restructure your loan payment or to refinance or extend the term of your mortgage loan. If you are hesitant to talk to your lender yourself, engage the assistant of a trusted family member, financial adviser or lawyer.

If the lender is not responsive, try selling the house on your own to pay off the mortgage. Or, engage the services of a reputable real estate firm and licensed agent.

If you are unable to sell your home and decide to use a "home buying service" or do business with someone who offers to help you with your financial situation, thoroughly check out their expertise, reputation and marketplace record. Contact the Better Business Bureau, your state attorney general and your state real estate commission to find out if they have information on the prospective buyer.

The BBB warns that in some parts of the country, months of rising interest rates have led to a 33 percent increase in foreclosures. These foreclosures are a matter of public record, providing easy targets for scam artists.

"At-risk homeowners are bombarded with offers that arrive by mail,

over the phone or are tacked to neighborhood telephone poles. Smooth-talking salespeople appear, eager to buy their property and promising to "save" their home by paying off the amount that is overdue on the loan," the BBB president said.

The homeowner is talked into moving out and deeding the property over to a third party. He or she is told they can choose to rent the property with the option to buy it back later. Unfortunately, the rent payment on the home is often higher than the homeowner can afford. Often times, the original homeowner cannot make the rent and is evicted from their home. Or, if the homeowner expresses a desire to buy back the property, the scam operator usually sets the price of the home higher than the homeowner can afford.

"The hapless homeowner can lose his equity and his home," Merkel said. "Sometimes, the homeowner's troubles go even deeper." In many cases the initial mortgage has not been paid off and the deed was never transferred, as promised. As a result, Ms. Merkel explained, the homeowner faces eviction from the home and still owes for the original loan amount.

The BBB offers the following tips for homeowners whose mortgage is in arrears or who are facing foreclosure:

- Read everything before you sign and get all "promises" in writing. Some scammers will offer to complete paperwork for you, or ask you to sign a stack of documents, supposedly to secure a new mortgage. Victims later learn that they signed a quit-claim deed to their home.
- Beware the personal approach. Some less-than-ethical businesses will stuff a handwritten note in your front door or mailbox that implies that "help" is available from someone you know or who has your interests in mind. Foreclosure scam artists know exactly what neighborhoods to blanket with their offers.
- If a foreclosure "rescuer" or mortgage "broker" instructs you not to

contact your mortgage company or your attorney, be wary. Your mortgage company is the very business that you should be in touch with! Furthermore, why would you agree to cease contact with your attorney?

- You should never sign a contract under pressure and never sign away ownership of your property. Remember, signing over your deed to someone else does not necessarily relieve

you of your obligation on your loan. Ask a trusted family member, your attorney or a financial professional to review any paperwork you are asked to sign.

- Before agreeing to any deal with a business or firm to buy your home, contact your BBB to request a report on the company and check with your state attorney general and state real estate commission.

Send us news of your accomplishments

Readers of the Real Estate pages are interested in the accomplishments of their local real estate agents. It gives the section a personal feel and might influence a homeowner when they are about to select an agent to list their home or help them house hunt.

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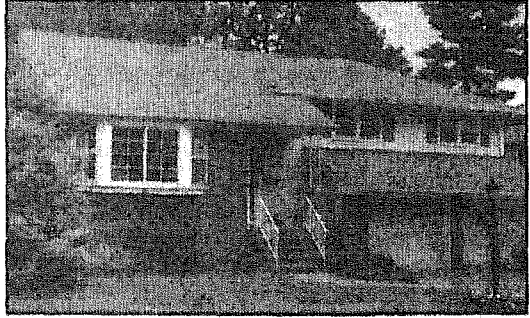
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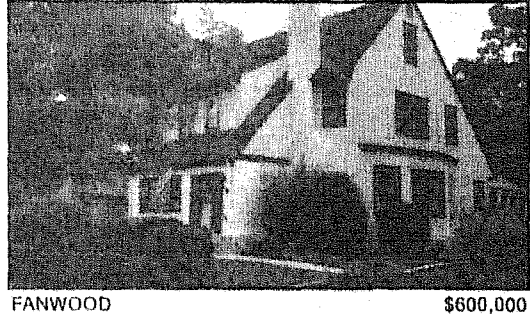
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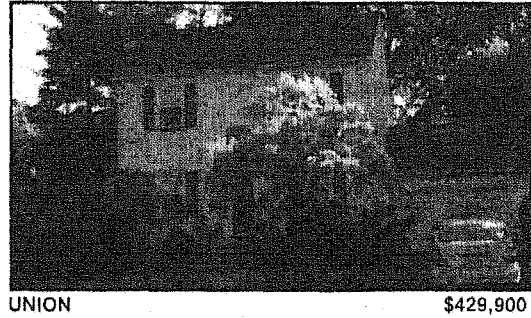
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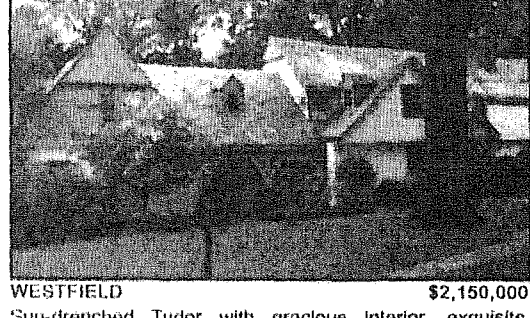
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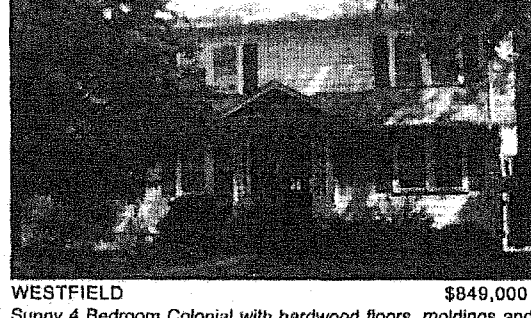
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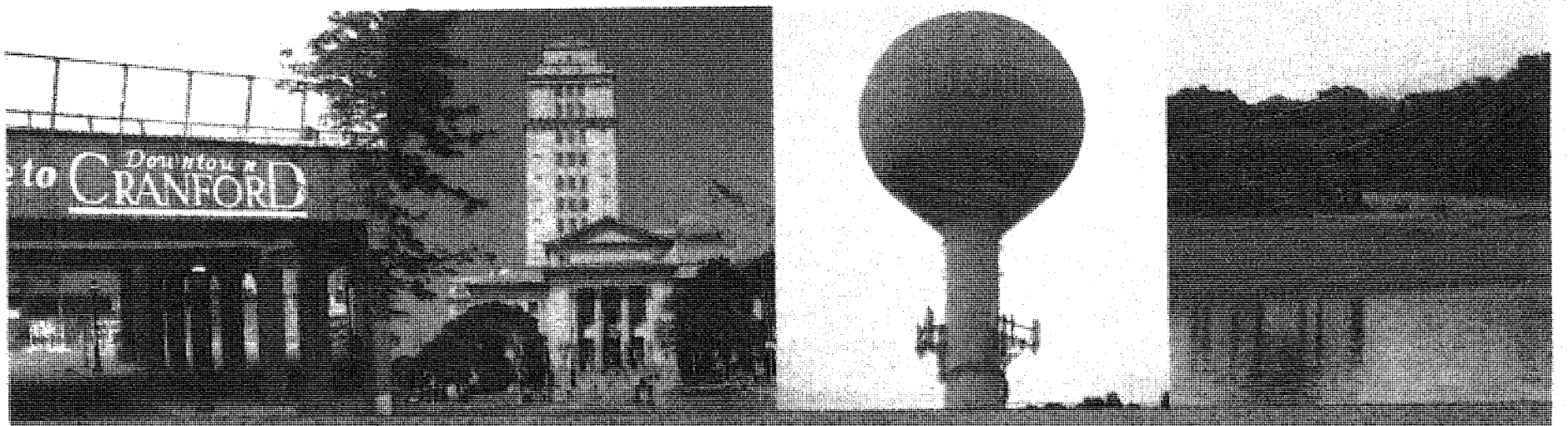


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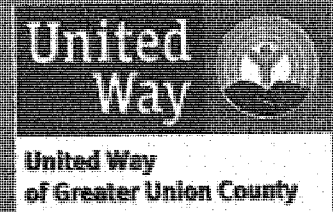


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Honoring Excellence in Caring

United Way of Greater Union County proudly presented the *2nd Annual Dell Raudelunas Spirit of Caring Award* to St. Joseph's Social Service Center and Sister Jacinta Fernandes.

St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth is a multi-service program that provides counseling, job training, food, clothing medication and other necessities to the poor and homeless. Since 1983, St. Joseph's Social Service Center has worked closely with its partner organization, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, to provide long-term solutions for working poor families, such as affordable housing.

Every day, St. Joseph's Social Service Center plays a critical role in supporting the needs of our community's poor and homeless. Their ongoing partnership with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless has woven a secure safety net for the most vulnerable members of our community.

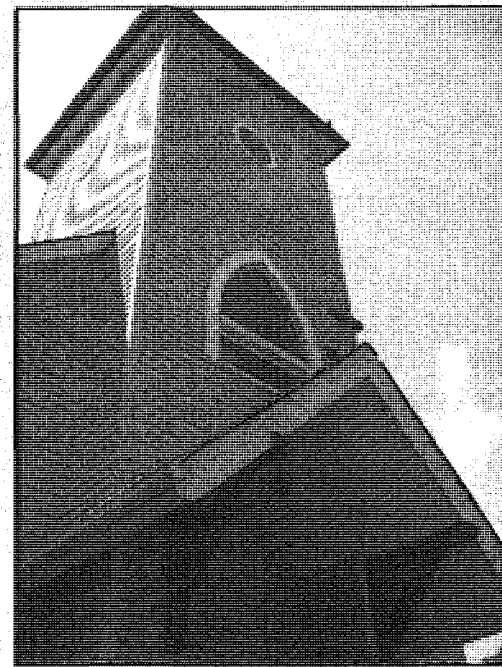


Sister Jacinta Fernandes
St Joseph's Social Service Center

In the early 1980s, Sister Fernandes helped found Our Lady of Fatima's Social Service Center, which later became St. Joseph's Social Service Center. She is widely recognized throughout New Jersey for her tireless work as an advocate for the homeless and those in need. Simply put, Sister Jacinta serves as a shining example of what it means to be committed to improving the lives of our neighbors in need. She has been the driving force that has inspired thousands of local people to put their faith and good will into action to help others.

United Way's *Dell Raudelunas Spirit of Caring Award* is named in memory of Dolores (Dell) Raudelunas who served as United Way of Greater Union County's Chief Executive Officer from 1969-2000. In 2005, the award was presented to the late Ann Baran, who was a longtime United Way volunteer throughout her professional career and while she served as County Manager.

St. Joseph's Social Service Center



St. Joseph's is a community that unites city and suburb, poor and affluent, young and old and people of all colors. It is a place where hearts are touched and consciousness raised among many, so that together we can begin to build a more just society where all people can live in peace.

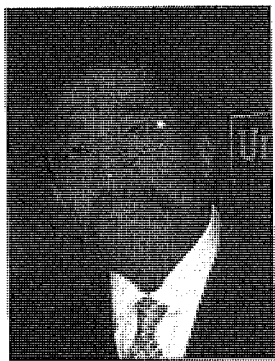
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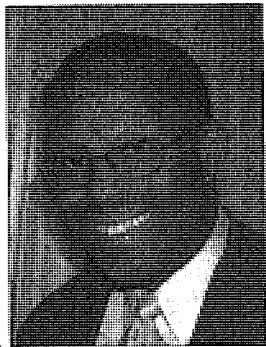


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Dear Friends,

We are extremely proud to report that 2006 has been one of the most successful years in the history of our United Way of Greater Union County.

Thanks to the generous support of our community partners, we have strengthened our united movement to better serve the people of Union County, North Plainfield and South Plainfield. In fact, our United Way has generated a projected total of \$4,210,000 in donations during the past year. That's an

impressive 6% increase compared with last year's totals. We have also erased our organization's budget deficit to fully strengthen our financial standing.

FOCUSED ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS...

The key to our success has been our ability to match the philanthropic goals of our supporters with United Way's programs that address key community needs. This has involved bringing new partners to the table and adding additional Board members to better represent our diverse communities.

We have also improved our working relationships with our certified partner agencies by organizing special forums and discussion groups to better respond to the needs of local children and youth, seniors, people with disabilities and families in crisis.

Another important development is our cooperative agreement with United Way of Westfield. For the first time, our United Ways will work together to raise funds and support critical programs to eliminate duplicate efforts and ensure more dollars are invested in our communities.

HELPING THOSE MOST IN NEED...

In addition to our fundraising success, our United Way has responded effectively to meet emerging needs.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, more than 100 evacuees relocated to Union County without much more than the clothes on their backs. Our United Way worked quickly to help meet the immediate and long-term needs of these families by bringing several local partners, including the County of Union's Dept. of Human Services, American Red Cross - Tri-County Chapter, Jewish Family Services and Urban League of Union County.

This past winter, we also established a strong partnership with AGL/Elizabethtown Gas to provide heating assistance to dozens of local families in crisis. Our innovative partnership with Northfield Savings Bank is also working to deliver meals and produce to families and homebound seniors in Rahway and Linden.

MOVING FORWARD...

As we move ahead, we will continue to focus on raising additional funds for our community by engaging new partners to address key community needs. We will also complete a detailed assessment of health and human service issues throughout Greater Union County to ensure that donor investments are making the greatest impact possible.

In closing, we recognize that our United Way's success is a direct result of the tireless efforts of our donors, businesses, volunteers and community partners that take pride in keeping our neighborhoods safe and thriving. We hope that you enjoy reading our 2006 Annual Report, and we encourage you to stay united in caring for our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your support!

Larry J. Lockhart
President of the Board

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Chief Executive Officer

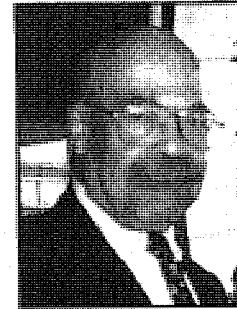
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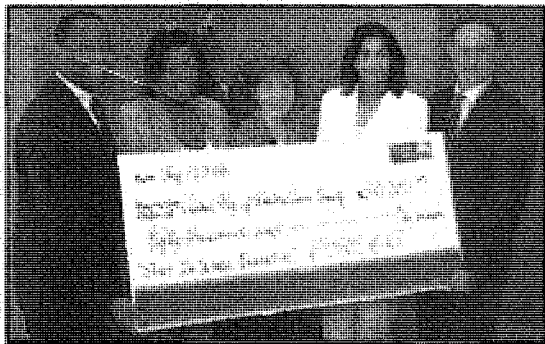


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We will always remember our dedicated volunteers for their lifelong commitment to helping others.

Campaign Highlights

United Way of Greater Union County is the one organization that brings together hundreds of local businesses and organizations to make good things happen in our community. In addition to generating \$4,210,000, several local companies went above and beyond the call of duty in supporting United Way.



PSE&G'S STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

Student dropout rates in urban and suburban communities are a growing concern throughout our nation. That's why **PSE&G** made a special \$50,000 donation to support United Way of Greater Union County, the Plainfield Area YMCA and Plainfield Public Schools. PSE&G's Stay in School program provides free after school programming for 60 at-risk youths (ages 10-13) in Plainfield. The program supports students with after-school tutoring in English and Math, character building classes, leadership skills training and career exploration.



BACKPACK DONATION

BOC gave a helping hand to local children from low-income families by donating dozens of new backpacks filled with school supplies.

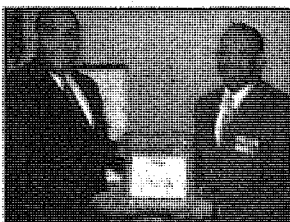


OVER AND OUT

Schering-Plough Corporation completed a United Way caring Connection by donating walkie-talkies to Trinitas Hospital's EMT Training Unit. Warner Communications Co., Inc. also supported this generous donation by helping to defray some of the costs for reprogramming the two-way radios.



KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORS WARM



United Way and **AGL/Elizabethtown Gas** formed a critical partnership to provide heating assistance for AGL/Elizabethtown Gas customers in need.

This special initiative provided up to \$500 in heating assistance to customers that were in danger of having their utilities turned off.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Families in transitional housing at the YMCA of Eastern Union County's Madison House in Elizabeth had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal thanks to generous donations from employees at **Vision USA**, a promotional products company in Rahway. The Vision USA employees filled United Way's Cartons of Caring with canned foods and other trimmings for the holiday meal.

BARD CLOTHING DRIVE

Employees at **C.R. Bard, Inc.** in Murray Hill filled several clothing racks with professional attire for job seekers who desperately need appropriate clothing for interviews and their first weeks of work. The clothing was distributed to the Urban League of Union County and Elizabethport Presbyterian Center to help graduates of their Work First New Jersey programs.

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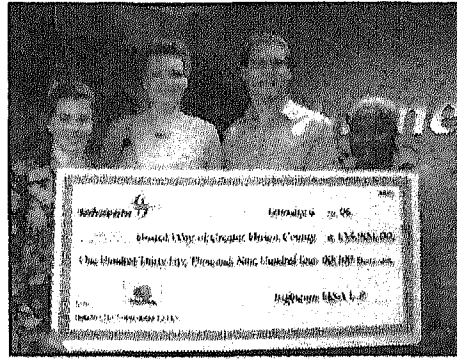
**C. R. Bard, Inc. and its employees
proudly support
United Way of Greater Union County's
work in improving lives
in our community!**

Campaign Highlights



A CULTURE OF CARING

Employees from **Standard Insurance in Clark** make it a monthly habit to volunteer in our community. The volunteers recently spent time playing with children at the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center in Elizabeth.



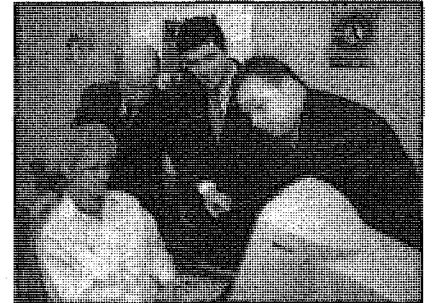
INFINEUM MAKES A PERFECT MATCH

Infineum USA L.P.'s Workplace Giving Campaign generated more than \$135,000 for United Way's local programs and services. Infineum employees donated more than \$67,000, which was matched by an Infineum corporate grant.



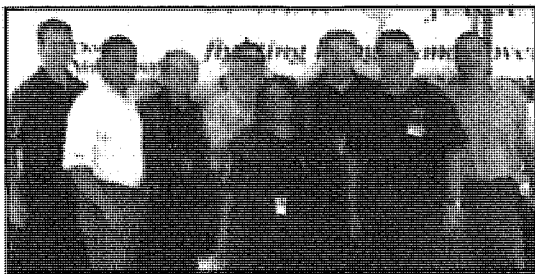
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Employees from the **UPS Liberty International Airport** location delivered a generous donation of sandboxes to the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center's playground. The UPS employees also spent several hours touring the center and interacting with the children during playtime.



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Hundreds of Hispanic residents in Elizabeth learned basic computer skills that will help them in today's work environment and in their day-to-day lives. The free workshops were held at the Elizabeth Public Library and were made possible thanks to a strong partnership between IBM and United Way.



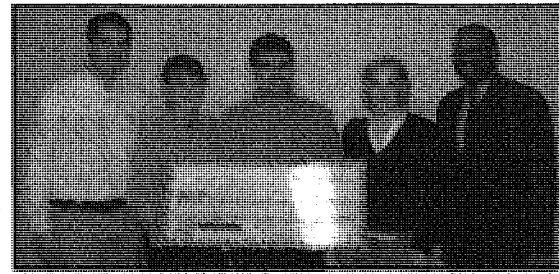
BACK TO SCHOOL

Employees from **FedEx** in Elizabeth made a caring connection that will help prepare hundreds of local children to learn and succeed in school. The FedEx volunteers stocked and organized a truckload of donated school supplies at the Community Food Bank in Hillside. Schoolteachers from throughout the New Jersey turn to the Community Food Bank for supplies to support students from low-income families.



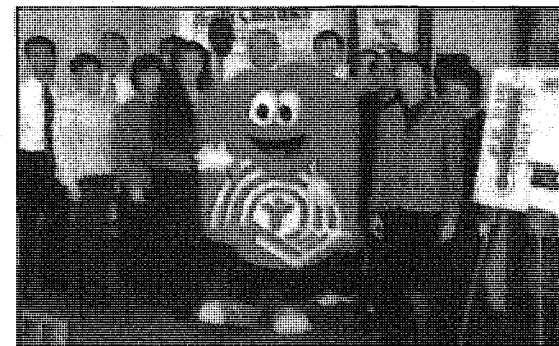
ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Northfield Savings Bank and United Way have teamed up to support a special program that delivers groceries and New Jersey Fresh Farms produce to families and homebound seniors in Rahway and Linden. The Rahway Community Action Organization administers this vital program.



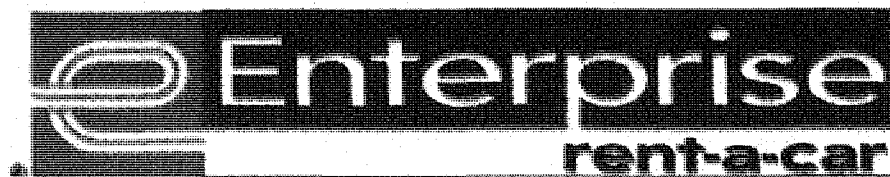
BIG ON COMMUNITY

BOC's Workplace Giving Campaign reached new heights this year - generating \$327,180 to support United Way.



AN AMAZING INCREASE

C.R. Bard, Inc. and its employees donated a total of \$222,400 to support United Way and Community Health Charities - a 22% increase over last year's giving total.



*Proud sponsors of
United Way of Greater Union County's 2006 Season of Caring*

Community Investments



Latest News

United Way's Board has approved \$1,150,000 in fund allocations for 2006-2007 - a \$100,000 increase!

Each year, United Way's Community Investment Volunteers have the difficult task of assessing more than 100 local health and human service programs. These dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to do this because it helps them to skillfully target United Way donations to support programs that measurably improve the lives of our neighbors.

During the 2005-06 campaign, these volunteers allocated \$1,044,611 to dozens of programs that are focused on:

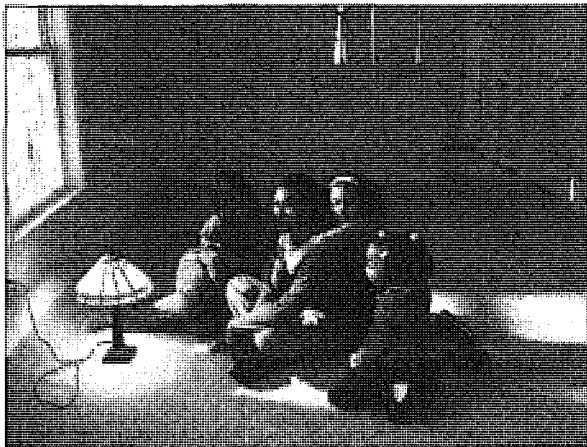
- Helping Kids Succeed
- Meeting Basic Needs
- Increasing Independence for Seniors
- Strengthening Families
- Fostering Self-Sufficiency
- Promoting Health & Wellness

2005-2006

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VOLUNTEERS

Brenda Anderson	Maria Mastorakis
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Edward Luckenbauch	

Meeting Basic Needs



It's difficult to address your child's educational needs and your family's financial future when there is no food on your table or roof over your head. That's why United Way supports programs that serve meals, provide shelter, clothing and other emergency and short-term services. These critical programs are the first step in getting our neighbors back on their feet during times of crisis.

American Red Cross - Tri-County Chapter	Emergency Services	\$70,783
American Red Cross - Tri-County Chapter	Community Services	\$22,233
American Red Cross - Tri-County Chapter	Blood Services	\$14,348
Bridgeway	Homeless Outreach	\$3,219
Community Access Unlimited	Union County HomeShare	\$3,665
Community Health Law Project	Legal Assistance	\$6,381
Cranford Family Care Association	Emergency Assistance	\$37,900
Cranford Family Care Association	Food Pantry	\$2,229
Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless	Advocacy/Case Management	\$12,601
Elizabethport Presbyterian Center	Youth Program	\$8,274
Family and Children's Services	Adoption	\$7,090
HomeSharing Program of Somerset County, Inc.	HomeSharing Match Program	\$2,795
Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County	Interfaith Hospitality Network	\$6,288
Mobile Meals of Westfield	Mobile Meals	\$320
Salvation Army - Elizabeth Corps	Emergency Shelter	\$19,605
Salvation Army - Elizabeth Corps	Feeding Program	\$5,373
Salvation Army - Union County Service Units	Community Welfare	\$3,761
Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children	Basic Needs	\$3,144
YWCA of Eastern Union County	Project:Protect	\$15,263
Total =		\$245,272

Did you know

More than 14,000 local families live below the poverty level, and thousands more live just slightly above it. Many of these working families face daily struggles with life's everyday needs, such as paying for utilities, food and rent?

Helping Kids Succeed

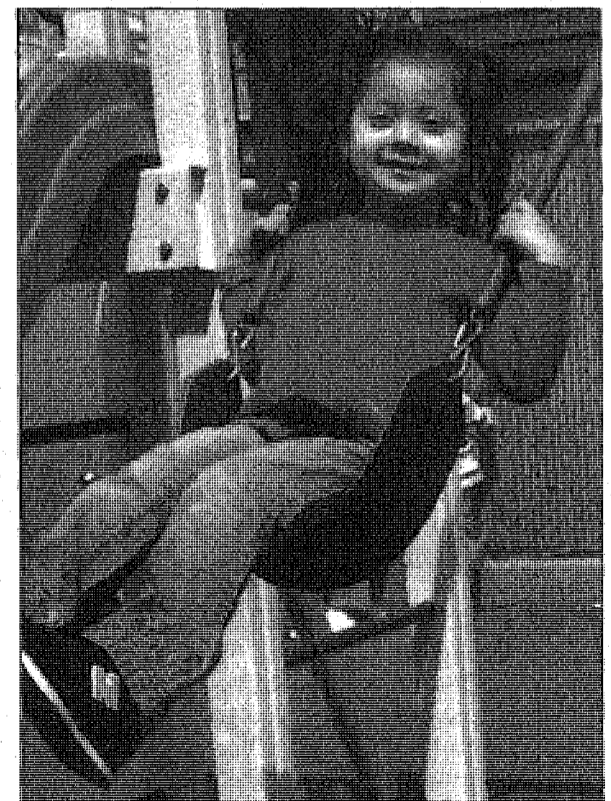
ARC of Somerset County	Jerry Davis Preschool	\$1,397
ARC of Union County	Bright Beginnings	\$19,099
Catholic Community Services	The Little Schoolhouse	\$22,433
Center for Infant Development	Child Care	\$5,502
Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County	The Children's Center	\$1,731
Community Coordinated Child Care	Child Assault Prevention (CAP)	\$7,123
Community Coordinated Child Care	Child Protective Services	
	Family Child Care Network	\$8,852
Egenolf Early Childhood Center	Child Care	\$19,111
Elizabethport Presbyterian Center	Day Care	\$16,446
Elizabethport Presbyterian Center	Social Services	\$3,156
Girl Scouts of Delaware/Raritan, Inc.	Comprehensive Youth Development	\$4,981
Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc.	Outreach	\$17,912
Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc.	Outdoor Program - Resident Camp	\$2,585
Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc.	Comprehensive Youth Development	\$3,247
Jefferson Park Day Care Center	Early Care and Education	\$24,159
Jewish Community Center of Central NJ	Aftercare	\$4,192
Jewish Community Center of Central NJ	Camper Scholarships	\$1,831
King's Daughters Day School, Inc.	Early Care and Education	\$16,669
Neighborhood House Association	Infant/Toddler Program	\$10,577
Neighborhood House Association	School-Age Program	\$5,478
Neighborhood House Association	Summer Camp Program	\$1,998
Plainfield Area YMCA	Emergency Housing	\$12,786
Plainfield Area YMCA	Youth Department	\$8,647
PROCEED, Inc.	Rafael Cordero Day Care Center	\$6,513
Rahway Community Action Organization	J.F.K. Child Care Program	\$7,090
Rahway Day Care Center	Preschool	\$2,060
Rahway Day Care Center	Kindergarten	\$2,060
Rahway Day Care Center	Before & After School	\$2,060
Roselle Day Care Center	Child Care	\$15,599
Second Street Youth Center -SSYC	Plainfield Day Care	\$15,371
Urban League of Union County	Youth Services	\$16,716
Urban League of Union County	Achievement Matters	\$12,411
Urban League of Union County	Whitney M. Young, Jr. Day Care Center	\$17,726
YMCA of Eastern Union County - Elizabeth Branch	Youth and Teen Program	\$12,451
YMCA of Eastern Union County - Rahway Branch	Preschool Child Care Program	\$5,612
YM/YWHA of Union County	Children's Services - Camp	\$7,870
YWCA of Central New Jersey	Children's Services	\$18,734
		Total = \$362,185

Born Learning

Did you know that every \$1 spent on quality early care for children saves \$17 in future costs for crime control, unemployment and special education? That's why United Way has developed two special initiatives that are working to prepare local children for a lifetime of learning:

- **PROJECT IMPROVE** - United Way and Community Coordinated Child Care are bringing on-site training and technical assistance to local child care centers. Project IMPROVE has been widely credited with boosting the quality of care in more than 90 local child care classrooms in areas such as language skills, diversity awareness, and arts and music.

- **LEARNING MI WAY** - Studies show that exposure to the arts helps children build self-confidence, express their creativity and prepare them to succeed in school. Thanks to tremendous support from Merk & Co. Inc., United Way's Learning Mi Way program is teaching hundreds of children these skills through dance, storytelling and music.



Impact You Can See

13,000 local kids are better prepared to learn and succeed thanks to quality day care, after school and recreational programs.



United Way of Greater Union

2006 will be remembered as the year that United Way of Greater Union County greatly enhanced its fundraising efforts to generate a projected total of \$4,210,000 in donations for our community. That's an impressive 6% increase compared with last year's totals. But United Way's success carried far beyond its fundraising results. Here is a look at some of the United Way's biggest events and projects from 2006:



SCHOOL #1 STUDENTS CARE

Fifth Grade students at School #1 in Elizabeth organized a successful food drive to help feed the homeless of Union County. United Way delivered the bounty of donations to The Hope Center in Elizabeth.



HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES COME TO UNION COUNTY

United Way spearheaded our community's outreach to support more than 100 Hurricane Katrina evacuees that moved into our area from the Gulf Coast. A Shop-and-Share collection drive was held at the Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth to help fill an 18-wheel truck with donated clothes, linens, household supplies, toys and personal care items.



YOUTH FOR UNITED WAY

Linden High School's Youth for United Way volunteer group supported local families in need by delivering several boxes and bags filled with clothing, toys and personal care items to the Madison House, a program of the YMCA of Eastern Union County in Elizabeth. Youth for United Way has been an extra-curricular student activity at Linden High School since 1991.



PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

United Way is a proud member of Union County's Partners for Healthy Children. This active collaboration organized an important workshop that taught more than 100 child care professionals how to better plan and prepare for public health emergencies. The workshop, hosted by Elizabethtown Gas, focused on ways to respond and protect children during natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other emergency situations.

County's 2006 Year In Review



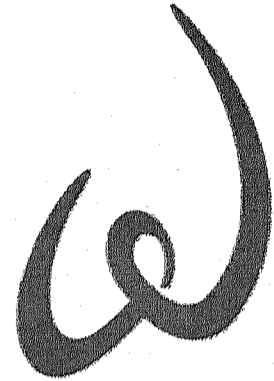
CREATIVE FUN

Girl Scout Troop 890 of Westfield visited the Jefferson Park Day Care Center in Elizabeth and helped the children complete several arts and crafts projects.



2005 SPIRIT OF CARING AWARD

United Way of Greater Union County's 2005 Celebration event proved to be a historic and highly emotional event for nearly 200 attendees at Merck & Co., Inc. in Rahway. United Way honored Ann Baran, Senior Vice President of External Affairs and Hospital Services at Trinitas Hospital, for her lifetime of leadership and active involvement in community services. Attendees gave Baran and her family a standing ovation as she was presented as the first annual recipient of United Way's Dolores (Dell) Raudelunas Spirit of Caring Award. The award is named in memory of Dolores Raudelunas who served as United Way of Greater Union County's Chief Executive Officer from 1969 to 2000.



WOMEN UNITED FOR A CAUSE

United Way of Greater Union County's Women's Leadership Initiative has been energized by the group's new focus to economically empower local women. The volunteers are driven to ensure that ALL local women have:

- Access to health, education and nutrition
- Access to economic assets such as land and property
- Access to employment opportunities
- The ability to make strategic choices and control decisions that can affect important life outcomes

To get involved in United Way's Women's Leadership Initiative, please call (908) 353-7171.



GOLF CLASSIC

Nearly 100 representatives from dozens of local businesses hit the golf links at Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club in Scotch Plains to support United Way's 2006 Golf Classic. The event, presented by Alpine Aromatics International Inc., generated more than \$32,000 for our community. Other top sponsors included AGL Elizabethtown Gas, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Merck & Company Inc., Schering-Plough Corporation and Survivor Technologies.



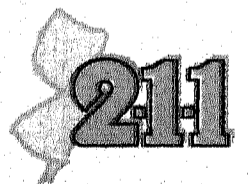
HITTING THE STREETS

United Way proudly participated in the Elizabethport JulyFest event to help raise awareness about United Way's 2-1-1 helpline.

2-1-1 Links

Residents to Services

United Way's 2-1-1 helpline continues to play a vital role in helping local people and families with life's everyday health and humans service needs.



VOLUNTEERING MATTERS

United Way and the County of Union have forged a powerful partnership to link those who want to help with those who need help. A complete listing of ongoing volunteer projects can be found online at www.uwguc.org.

Fostering Self Sufficiency



Impact You Can See
 15,000 working poor families
 are making ends meet thanks to job
 training and assistance with housing,
 utilities and basic needs.

The old adage goes, "Give someone a fish and they eat for a day; teach them to fish and they eat for a lifetime." United Way programs help provide the knowledge, skills, and resources people need to make their own way in society. This is the most effective, direct way to fight poverty and hopelessness. United Way programs also teach life skills to thousands of local people with mental and physical disabilities.

ARC of Somerset County	Occupational Training Center	\$1,397
ARC of Union County	T.R.A.I.L.S	\$7,336
Bridgeway	STRIDES	\$2,379
Bridgeway	Partial Care/Supportive Employment	\$5,624
Central Jersey Legal Services, Inc.	Legal Assistance	\$14,640
Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County	Rehabilitation/Enabling Technology	\$3,515
Cerebral Palsy League	The Vincent Coletta Vocational Center	\$28,930
Community Access Unlimited	Recreation and Education	\$3,525
Community Access Unlimited	Member Advocacy Services	\$2,759
Literacy Volunteers of America - Union County Affiliate	Basic Literacy One-on-One Tutoring Program	\$4,609
Literacy Volunteers of America - Union County Affiliate	English as a Second Language (ESL)	
	Small Group Tutoring Program	\$3,546
YWCA of Central New Jersey	Career Options Center	\$15,939
		Total = \$94,199

Promoting Health and Wellness



Did you know
 Nearly 50% of all Americans suffer
 from at least one chronic illness?
 Today's most prevalent chronic
 conditions include diabetes, cancer,
 asthma, and the leading cause
 of death-heart disease.

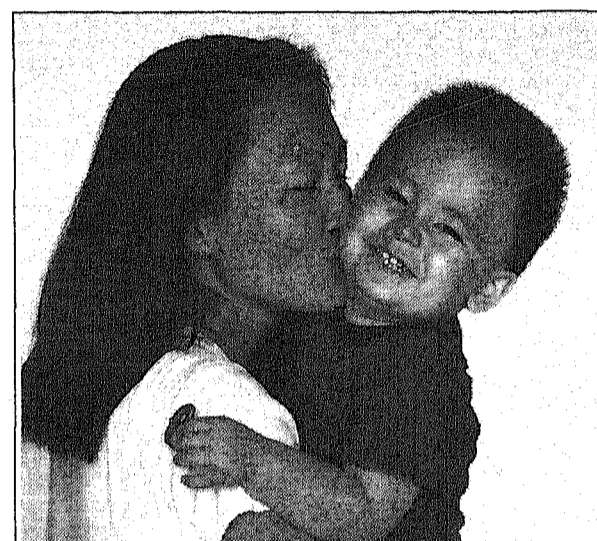
We know that disease can spread within a community. So can wellness! When someone is healthy and knows how to stay that way, everyone benefits. United Way strategically invests in programs that complement or augment government healthcare assistance, including prevention and awareness programs for drug/alcohol abuse, and other illnesses.

Alfre, Inc.	Halfway House Program	\$4,327
Ambulatory Detoxification of Trinitas Hospital		\$15,038
CONTACT We Care, Inc.	24-hour Crisis Hotline	\$5,595
CONTACT We Care, Inc.	Care Ring	\$284
Lifetime Support	Guardianship	\$7,319
Mental Health Association of Union County	Anxiety Disorders Program	\$709
Prevention Links	BABES	\$2,482
Prevention Links	Union County Coalition	\$1,063
Prevention Links	Club Drugs Program	\$746
Resolve Community Counseling Center, Inc.	Individual and Family Counseling	\$3,633
UCPC Behavioral Healthcare	Outpatient Services	\$17,152
Visiting Nurse & Health Services	Home Care	\$36,137
		Total = \$94,485

Strengthening Families

Families are the building blocks of strong communities. But the challenges of today's world can place plenty of stress on family relationships. And when families reach the breaking point, it is often the children that are hurt the most. Getting help to families before a crisis occurs is the best way to keep them strong and together. That's why United Way programs provide parenting classes, family counseling and domestic violence prevention programs.

ARC of Somerset County	Camp Jotoni	\$2,096
Association for Retarded Citizens - Middlesex County	Family Support	\$1,819
Catholic Community Service	Visually Impaired Program	\$1,332
Family and Children's Services	Outpatient Counseling	\$34,458
Family and Community Services of Somerset County	Professional Counseling Services	\$1,747
Jewish Family Service Agency of Central NJ	Counseling Services for Children and Families	\$14,627
Mental Health Association of Union County	Domestic Violence	\$12,980
Mental Health Association of Union County	Cherish the Children	\$1,242
United Family and Children's Society	Family Services	\$38,409
Visiting Nurse & Health Services	Teaching Homemaker	\$5,864
Visiting Nurse & Health Services	Healthy Families	\$5,438
YMCA of Eastern Union County - Elizabeth Branch	Government-Funded School-Age Childcare	\$31,907
YM/YWHA of Union County	Children's Services	\$22,097
Youth and Family Counseling Service	Counseling	\$14,408
YWCA of Eastern Union County	Project:Sustain	\$8,273
Total = \$196,697		

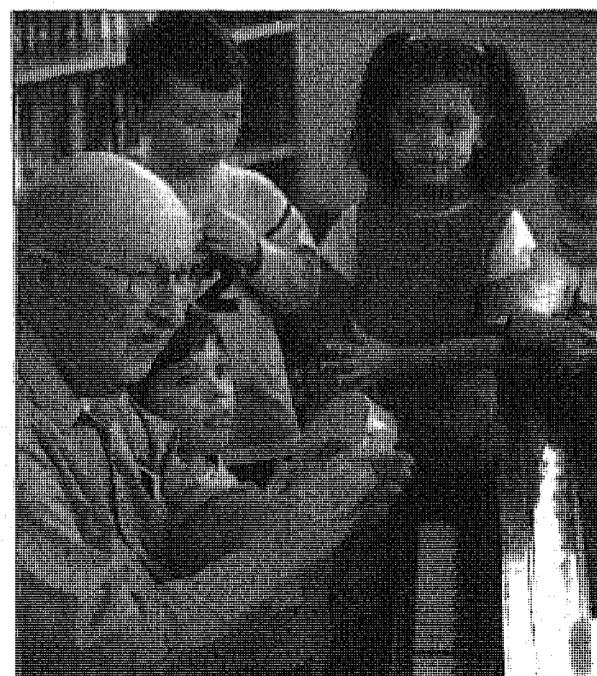


Impact You Can See
2,000 local families have learned the keys to building stronger personal family relationships thanks to counseling programs supported by United Way.

Increasing Independence for Seniors

The complexity of the needs of the senior population is enormous. The obvious social issues, such as health care, receive a good deal of funding from federal, state and local governments. United Way focuses on senior needs that are often overlooked, such as adult day care, recreational activities, nutritious meals, home health aide visits and assurance calls.

Catholic Community Services	Engel Center	\$27,806
Jewish Community Center of Central NJ	Senior Adult	\$4,891
Jewish Family Service Agency of Central NJ	Homemaker & Home Health Services	\$6,371
SAGE, Inc.	Spend-a-Day	\$709
SAGE, Inc.	InfoCare/PREP/Tel-Assurance	\$2,836
Visiting Health Services of Union County	Certified Home Health Aide Service	\$8,248
YM/YWHA of Union County	Senior Adult Services	\$992
Total = \$51,853		



Impact You Can See
3,500 local seniors are living life to its fullest thanks to social activities and home care services supported by United Way.

Leadership Givers Lead the Way

United Way's Leadership Giving Society recognizes the caring leaders in our community who pledge their annual support at the highest levels.

ALEVIS DE TOGQUEVILLE SOCIETY

La Société Nationale	\$100,000 or more
Ordre de Fraternité	\$75,000 - \$99,999
Ordre de d'Egalité	\$50,000 - \$74,999
Ordre de Liberté	\$25,000 - \$49,999
Ordre de Consul	\$15,000 - \$24,999
Membre de la Société	\$10,000 - \$14,999

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	AUDITED 2004-05	PROJECTED 2005-06
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS:		
1 Local Campaign	2,523,750	2,654,347
2 Tri-State Campaign	1,669,575	1,171,107
3 Non-recurring Campaign Contributions	0	34,056
4 Prior year contributions	<u>34,581</u>	<u>83,786</u>
5 Total campaign contributions	4,227,906	4,019,685
LESS:		
6 Donor designated contributions within Greater Union County	(395,018)	(59,840)
7 Donor designated contributions to participating United Ways	(122,528)	(73,335)
8 Donor designated contributions outside of the Tri-State system	(477,942)	(722,454)
9 Tri-State Shared Pledges	(798,988)	(619,829)
10 Estimated uncollectible contributions	<u>(110,689)</u>	<u>(180,502)</u>
	<u>(1,905,165)</u>	<u>(1,655,960)</u>
11 Campaign contributions revenue, net	2,322,741	2,363,725
12 Special Events Revenue	82,881	60,085
13 Special Event expenses	<u>41,959</u>	<u>37,110</u>
14 Net special events revenue	40,922	22,975
OTHER REVENUE:		
14 Interest Income	321	1,678
15 Government grants	175,138	133,194
16 Net unrealized gain on investments	73,195	50,911
17 Distributions from perpetual trusts	36,329	39,591
18 Interest and dividends from trusts	11,654	12,805
19 Incoming Designation Revenue	123,400	194,965
20 Service fee income	3,127	3,206
21 Other Grants	<u>94,939</u>	<u>157,838</u>
22 Total other revenue	518,103	752,026
23 TOTAL REVENUE	2,881,766	2,980,888
EXPENSES:		
Program services:		
24 Distributions to agencies in GUC	2,839,167	2,625,458
25 Less Donor designated contributions	(1,794,476)	(1,475,458)
26 Net distributions to agencies in GUC	1,044,691	1,150,000
27 Other Grants	199,905	199,660
28 Government grants	<u>175,138</u>	<u>133,194</u>
29 Total Program	1,419,734	1,482,854
OPERATING BUDGET:		
30 Compensation	777,711	728,644
31 Fringe and Taxes	222,136	234,131
32 Contract Services	108,194	31,475
33 Professional Development	491	12,517
34 Services and Supplies	181,198	184,843
35 Campaign/Communications	50,207	79,033
36 Shared Expenses	(124,501)	(129,250)
37 Other Expenses	<u>188,753</u>	<u>91,608</u>
38 Total Operating Budget	1,404,189	1,141,393
39 TOTAL EXPENSES	2,823,923	2,715,855
49 Net Assets at Beginning of Year	1,945,202	2,003,045
50 Changes in Net Assets	57,843	265,033
51 Net Assets at End of Year	2,003,045	2,268,078

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