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Low voter turnout is a disgrace

Last Monday, Oct. 5, passed without fanfare. It was the final day to register for the upcoming November election. The proxy of the Republican and Democratic sides of Union County politics both predict a low turnout in polls of year-end color election.

"My favorite political opponent, June Fischer, chairman of the Union County Board of Elections, presides of the problem of low turnout. She candidly notes that, "paraphrasing," the county's turnout is good and has been as high as 26 percent of the registered voters. This year she numbers could be less than 50 percent.

The use of percentage of registered voters is misleading. There are approximately 270,000 registered voters in the county. But another 100,000 residents over 18 who aren't criminals don't even like the time to register. They just have to go to work and presumably have opinions. They just choose not to have a voice. They are eligible but not registered.

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County receives grant to combat terrorism

By Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

With international tensions rising toward a boiling point, the federal government is making sure localities nationwide are adequately prepared if a terrorist strikes.

Union County received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to buy emergency equipment should the county ever have to deal with a biological or chemical attack; the freeholder chairman announced last Thursday night.

With \$147,530, the grant will pay for 20 suits and five self-contained breathing systems, radio equipment, biological detection equipment, all of which to help rescue workers and emergency crews better handle such a crisis.

News of the county's receiving the grant came at the end of the freeholders' meeting. Some on the nine-member board must now close to home national security issues can get.

"We are living in dangerous times," Daniel P. Sullivan said in prepared remarks. As the world's political landscape grows more unstable and as ethnic conflicts spill out to other areas of the world, Sullivan said, "Union County must be prepared to respond in an attack of this kind."

Many factors make the county, located near a major international airport and the nation's financial center, a vulnerable target. Neighboring Middlesex County also received a grant, one of 41 awarded nationally.

In recent months, the nation has put an

emphasis on tightening national security after two American embassies in Africa were targeted by international terrorists earlier this year. Americans were killed, and federal officials have searched for the man who orchestrated the bombings.

Freeholder Leslie Stender echoed Sullivan's comments and said county officials are obligated to ensure the safety of all the county's almost 500,000 residents.

"But today, any place in America can potentially be the site of a terrorist act," he makes sense for the county to prepare for that possibility," he said. "To care lives and protect county residents, our ability to respond in a timely, effective manner is crucial."

Union County worked hard at getting the grant money, Sullivan said. "By aggressively pursuing grant opportunities such as this, we are preparing the county to meet the challenges of the 21st century without relying as heavily as property-tax dollars," Sullivan said.

Biological or chemical weapons can cause widespread damage; emergency personnel need to get to areas impacted by them quickly, a federal official said. Rescue workers cannot waste time when trying to rescue people, Attorney General Janet Reno said.

The first hours of a terrorist attack are crucial, Reno said. "This equipment will help emergency personnel save lives right here on the front lines."

Officials address safe sacred places

By Michelle Runge
Staff Writer

Prevention is the key word when it comes to making sure all places of worship in Union County remain safe havens. The safety and security of Union County's sacred places is why the Union County Sheriff's Office recently co-hosted an Interfaith Conference with Reverend James Roemer of the First Presbyterian Church at 42 Broad St. in Elizabethtown.

"Places of worship have been the targets of malicious vandals, drug dealers, and opportunistic thieves who target unoccupied dwellings," said Sheriff Ralph Fröhlich. "These criminal acts take on an ominous significance because they are a personal affront to the religious convictions of the victimized congregation."

"There are several reasons why the recent rash of arson fires is occurring in houses of worship.

"Churches tend to underreport crime," said Reiser. "Crime is very costly to religious communities so I

have a profound concern since today's churches are faced with the unique dilemma of maintaining a delicate balance where sanctuaries remain open and inviting places yet offer safety to parishioners so they can worship in peace and security.

Arson is the second leading cause of residential fire deaths, claiming 700 lives in 1994 alone and annual dollar loss estimated at \$2 billion. At least 55 percent of fires are set by juveniles, one reason why the fledgling community task force is taking a preventative approach.

Fröhlich asked Leslie Cole, the president of Leslie Cole Associates security firm, to develop a comprehensive security plan for different houses of worship in Union County. Cole's specialization in corporate security enabled him to present more than 50 cost-effective suggestions for the county's religious dwellings.

"The surprise and outrage that people express when they hear about churches being robbed or desecrated



From left, Leslie Cole, Rev. James Reiser and Sheriff Ralph Fröhlich address safety and security in sacred places.

is understandable," said Cole. "Yet it happens more than people suspect since religious institutions tend to cover up robberies for fear that they will scare away church members or the news will attract unwanted attention that the buildings are an easy mark."

Cole prepared a comprehensive list of his security suggestions and answered questions posed by Anglican religious leaders at the conference. Reverend Howard Bryant of Elizabeth's North Avenue Westminster Church wondered how anyone could prevent thieves from again stealing a copper bell off the top of a church for ship-bumping.

"If my expertise can generate awareness and help eliminate crime, then I'm only too happy to offer my services," said Cole. "We don't want to wait until someone has been victimized."

Sole of Cole's suggestions seem like common sense, yet not every religious leader would think to do a threat assessment to recognize a church's vulnerabilities or provide police contact numbers and binoculars to a next-door neighbor.

Statistics from the National Fire Protection Association state that there have been nearly 600 reported incendiary fires on suspicious fires per year in churches and related properties in recent years. Cole suggests removing combustible materials from life-basement.

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Left Out

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Discover the county in 'Four Centuries in a Weekend'

Union County residents and visitors can turn back their clocks in October to explore Four Centuries in a Weekend, A Journey Through Union County's History. This heritage festival takes place Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

Throughout the weekends, 30 historic sites across the county will open their doors to the public. Since several of these sites are opened infrequently, this is the only chance during the year to see them all in a single weekend.

Children and adults will find these historic sites educational and interesting," said Daniel P. Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "This is a great opportunity to view some of the county's most important historic sites, some dating back to the 1600s."

Families and those of all ages are welcome to come and imagine life in Union County during its early Colonial settlement days, the times of Revolutionary turmoil, the presidential and Victorian ages and the dawn of the 20th century.

"Four Centuries in a Weekend" is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Department of Economic Development, Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the participating his-



These houses, Abraham Clark House in Roselle, left, and Hetfield House in Mountaindale, will be among the 'Four Centuries in a Weekend' tour on Oct. 24.

toric and cultural sites. Additional support is provided by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

"This is an opportunity to glimpse at how early Union County residents once lived," said Freeholder Mary P. Rucolo, the board's liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "Period rooms in these historic sites open their doors to reveal workshops, kitchen and food pantries, charming children's nur-

series as well as collections of tools, farming implements, vintage clothing, wardrobes and other articles of everyday living.

Most Union County towns offer at least one stop on this self-guided tour. Illustrated brochures with maps describe the sites.

The stops along the "Four Centuries in a Weekend" tour include: Little Lord Farmstead and The Descended Village of Fairville-Glenide in Berkeley Heights; Dr. William

Robinson Plantation in Clark; Crane-Phillips House in Cranford; Belcher, Ogden Marston and Rowwood Hall in Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemetery and Weddell House/Baugh Store Museum in Hillside; Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountaindale; The Salthouse Museum in New Providence; Drake House Museum in Plainfield; Merchants and Drivers Tavern in Rahway; Abraham Clark House in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum; Osborn Cannibal House in Scotch

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UCEDC offers courses for in business training

The Union County Economic Development Corporation is helping businesses take the information with their series of business training programs offered this fall. The EDCC will be holding a series of seminars designed to help small businesses integrate new technologies, increase their efficiencies and save money and time. Anyone can attend the upcoming courses that include:

- **Basic Internet Skills:** Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Course for the beginning internet user:** This hands-on session introduces attendees to Web browsers, search engines and other basic internet applications.
- **Business on the Internet:** Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Practical business uses for the Internet and Web page development:** How to find selling opportunities and make money on the Internet without a hefty price.
- **Marketing & Sales Techniques:** Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **This course will outline the development of a marketing plan and market research to market your firm to industry and the federal government.**

- **Internet Marketing and Business Operations:** Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to noon. This course is a demonstration-packed session that will explore selecting your products on the internet, using your Website to market your business and will look at how successful companies conduct their business operations on-line.
- **Home Page Development:** Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's how easy to create your own home page and have a presence on the Internet is now faster the right tool.
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- **Patent, Trademarks and Copyrights — Current Issues:** Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to noon. 15 for two agencies. How you develop something new and are unsure how to protect it. Learn about the costs and procedures involved in obtaining patents, trademarks, and copyrights.
- **Introduction to Electronic Data Interchange:** Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to noon. This course covers everything the small business owner needs to know to get started with EDI.
- **EDI Implementation: Technical Issues:** Nov. 19, 1 to 4 p.m. How to make your EDI system better, faster, and at less cost.
- **"Financing: Where's the Money?":** Nov. 20, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet directly with lending institutions on-site.
- **"Small Business Tax Workshop":** Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ask a specialist about your small business directly — representatives from the IRS and NJ Division of Taxation.
- **"Laying the Groundwork for Electronic Commerce":** Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about hardware and software requirements of Electronic Commerce program.
- **Electronic Commerce Survival Skills:** Dec. 10, 1 to 4 p.m. Turn your paper-based files into an electronic format ready to access, share and use right from your desktop. Increase your sales to your company! Earn a free certificate in electronic commerce through Kean University's Continuing Education Department. All eight seminars that are asterisked (*) cannot be completed to be eligible for the certificate.

These classes will take place either at the Union County Economic Development Corporation, 3085 Morris Ave., Union, or at the Kean University Small Business Development Center, in Union.

Union County Economic Development Corporation has been helping businesses start, develop and expand for more than 20 years. The oldest and largest county economic development organization in New Jersey offers a range of services to start-up and established small retail and manufacturing businesses: financial programs, and technical, government contract assistance, research and advocacy services.

Focused on maintaining a strong, stable commercial district and manufacturing business climate, the corporation's staff and board are active in municipal, county and state issues and development projects. Union County Economic Development Corporation is a private, non-profit, and non-partisan organization. To register for any of the above classes or to receive a complete brochure of the above training programs, contact the Union County Economic Development Corporation at (908) 527-1166.

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Rajoppi selected

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi recently was elected to serve as president of the New-Jersey Women's Political Caucus at its 50th annual conference. The NJWC is a bipartisan organization dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political process through voter and appointment to fiscal, youth, state and national offices.

Previously, Rajoppi served as the state's first and second vice-presidents. She is a member of WPC National Steering Committee, the national parent organization of the state caucuses based in Washington, D.C. Rajoppi is the 1997 recipient of the Mary Philbrook Award from the WPC-NJ, an prestigious award given to a woman who is a role model. She also has served as President of the

Union County Caucus.

Lynn honored that the state membership. Rajoppi said, "I was honored to be elected as president. She said she plans for the organization include an aggressive outreach program to assist women in families for elective and appointive offices. With skills and acclimation, greater numbers of women will be elected in the political arena," she said.

Previously, Rajoppi served as member of Springfield, Union County Freeholder Director, Union County Register of Deeds and NJ Assistant Secretary State. She was elected as Union County Clerk in 1993. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Rutgers University in the Political Science Department.

Other officers elected to the Women's Political Caucus of NJ for the coming year are: Marie Blom of Bernardsville, First Vice President;

Marianne McConnell of Ironia, Sec. and Vice-President; Gilda Marateo of Piscataway, Secretary; Claudine Longo of Mt. Laurel, Treasurer; Linda Anselmino of Princeton, Political Action Committee Chairman; and Christine Stearns of Lambertville, Political Action Committee Treasurer.

Vendor sale set

The Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County Volunteer Guild will hold its next vendor sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 23, in the Multipurpose room of the facility, located at 5000 Washington Way, Berkeley Heights.

The sale will feature a wide variety of items, including clothing, home goods, and more. The sale is open to the public. Activities are planned

vendor for the sale, promises they buy only quality multi-overstocks, and sell at 40 percent to 80 percent off department store prices. Other items available are novelty items for adults, novelty sweats and tees for children, heavy-weight sweatpans with pockets, fashion long sleeve tees for adults and Disney merchandise for women. Big savings are available in most items.

Thanks to the efforts of Runnells Volunteer Guild, the public is invited to shop at our monthly vendor sales and realize huge discounts on varied merchandise," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County is always in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours each day, call the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 571-5837.

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Officials address safety at sacred places

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holders from outside the building and considering a light curfew for the exterior of the buildings to increase the possibility of an intruder being spotted.

Despite a favorable trend indicating few incidents from 1,420 drug fires in 1998 to 520 such fires in 1994, Cole said a proactive approach emphasizing prevention is one way to keep those numbers from increasing. Already related property damage was \$16 million in 1994 compared to \$20.2 million to \$30 million in more recent years.

"Churches everywhere are faced with the dilemma of maintaining a delicate balance," said Reiser during a panel discussion. "On the one hand, we want our sanctuaries to be open

and inviting places; on the other hand, we also have to ensure the safety of the people who worship and work in our sacred places."

Reiser, Reiser and Cole formed the Union County Task Force to prevent any crime of arson fires from igniting Union County's houses of worship.

"We need to protect every congregation from St. Patrick's home (the address of the union government in Clinton Township)," said Reiser. "It is an honor to be a part of the joint venture."

Reiser said it made him sick to recall the fireproofing of two southern churches' roofs, signs and reading about the vandalism often caused by juveniles in carteracts.

"This is the fun time that we have had this year of coordination in Union

County, giving all the synagogues, synagogues and places of worship," said Reiser. "There is a lot in this town type of mentality because so few people have experienced some in places of religious worship."

That heightened awareness is one reason Cole is urging church members to establish proactive programs and involving the involvement of active members of the congregation.

"There have been good examples of churches that have changed well from time to change," said Cole. "Our greatest challenge is to help our congregations be the appropriate to form committees and synagogues, advisory bodies of worship."

On June 26, 1996, President Clinton and leaders of eight national faith organizations pledged a joint worship in the light against the crime of arson and signed the President's

Partnership for Fire and Arson Prevention.

"Arson poses a serious threat to our homes, our communities, and our way of life," said James L. Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. "Arson fires at houses of worship affect us all. We must work together in our neighborhoods and communities to prevent these tragedies."

Fischich echoed Witt's statement, saying, "I have absolute faith in you, these types of events that we target on the news where you can see the damage on synagogues, walls. That that graffiti is comparable to disease — you have to get rid of it right away, fix it, or there will be more."

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of security tips for sacred places should contact (908) 353-1518.

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- **Postnatal Exercise Classes** - "Moms In Motion" is a postnatal exercise series designed to enhance pregnancy and after the baby is born, to help you get your pre-pregnant figure back. The program is under the direction of licensed physical therapists and follows guidelines set forth by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Physical Therapy Department, located on the ground floor of the Medical Center. For registration and schedule fee, call the Physical Therapy Department at (201) 533-8990.

The following free support groups are available at St. Barnabas Medical Center:

- **Parenting Insights** - This informational gathering is an opportunity for new parents to meet, compare ideas about baby care and ask St. Barnabas' obstetrical nurses about a variety of parenting questions. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, 3301 St. Barnabas Newborn Nursery. Refreshments are included, and refreshments will be served. For reservations and information call: Michael Child Health at (973) 322-3000, ext. 2584.
- **Children of Aging Parents** - If you are caring for an elderly parent, experiencing the demands of the "sandwich generation," and would like the opportunity to talk with others, join our group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Suite 100 of the East Wing. To register, call (973) 322-2466 or (973) 322-5829.
- **Breast Cancer** - This group is open to women currently receiving treatment for breast cancer. The group provides a supportive atmosphere in which to gain emotional support and practical information about issues specific to breast cancer. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cancer Center Conference Room, located on the second floor of the East Wing Building. For more information, call (973) 322-8414.
- **Better Breathers Club** - This group is open to all persons interested in helping themselves, a friend, or loved one with lung disease. The group offers an opportunity to share your experiences and self-help techniques with others who have similar concerns. Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month in Classroom C on the ground floor of the medical center. For more information, call (973) 322-8990.

• **Renal Support Group**

This group offers education, information and emotional support for dialysis patients, their families and friends. Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month in Classroom C of the SBMC, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call (201) 322-8546 for additional information.

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• **Growing Through Loss**

This support group offers a caring and supportive environment for persons grieving the loss of a loved one.

in Westfield. The Union County Unit is looking for people interested in volunteering on Saturdays at the Discovery Shop, which is open from Monday-Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Volunteers are responsible for accepting donations, pricing, clothing and displaying merchandise. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must be punctual.

Help the American Cancer Society fight cancer by volunteering at the Discovery Shop, donating clothes or purchasing a bag during Bag Sale Days. All proceeds raised from the sale of these articles directly supports programs in research, education and patient services. For information about volunteering or donating, call the Union Unit at (908) 354-2373.

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Dr. Antonelli is a board certified chiropractor with over 20 years of experience. He has a special interest in the care of senior citizens. He has a special program for senior citizens called "Care for Senior Citizens." This program is designed to help senior citizens with their physical problems. It includes a physical examination, a chiropractic adjustment, and a series of exercises. This program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Physical Therapy Department, located on the ground floor of the Medical Center. For registration and schedule fee, call the Physical Therapy Department at (201) 533-8990.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Neither rain nor sleet nor power failures keep DJ from the airwaves

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

Bob Rixon of Rahway has said that he hates the spotlight. Then what was he doing behind the microphone of the premier broadcast at WFUM-FM 91.1 from radio on Aug. 29 upon the nation's relocation from East Orange to Jersey City? His name was chosen out of a hat.

"That was the single most difficult experience I ever had up there, and I asked for it," said Rixon, a 17-year veteran of the listener-sponsored station. "Some people didn't put their names in the hat, some people know better."

Rixon's reputation of being a somewhat cynical, somewhat rebellious radio personality, well earned, from on-air gags such as recording himself "drowning" in a bathtub while singing "Sister Girl." "I don't regret it, really, but it was kind of unnecessary to do it," he said, "that unkind and cruel, and superior to a train." "Somebody called up who was so mad that he was reporting to the complaint by telling the caller she was a stupid woman. So, how would I go to his listeners, know him, greet the listeners who made WFUM-FM possible?"

With gratitude, "The manager and I agreed completely that there was going to be no publicity, no excitement, a lot of practicality, and that was fine with me," Rixon said.

That was the easy part.

"I knew that we were going to a new studio, and it was going to have all the problems of a brand-new, never-used studio. The old studio at Upsala (College) was held together with baling wire, and there were always breakdowns going on there, where someone would have to go and broadcast from the transmitter site," he said. "So I thought, 'OK, I'm going to bring in a makeshift studio. I'm going to come in and do one hour of

what I usually do late at night," Sunday 11 p.m. to 1 a.m."

Sounds simple enough.

"As the week finally came, I was told that I was only going to have a cassette, a CD player and one turntable," Rixon said. "I thought, 'Fine, I can work with that.'"

The night before the show, Rixon was informed that the studio equipment had been introduced to a turntable and a tape deck.

"So I put all the CDs away and I drove back to Rahway, because I knew had to cue up my archive tapes," Rixon said. "And when I got back to Rahway, there was a power blackout. There had never been a power blackout like a whole time. I've lived in Rahway," said the eight-year resident.

Rixon sat in the hallway of his apartment, building to utilize the emergency light, and cool tapes on the Walleman at 3 a.m.

"I'm at the studio at 8:15 the next morning," for the 4 a.m. broadcast, "with hardly any sleep, but nervous as anything," Rixon said. "And little bit into the show I get a call that the turntable had been miswired, and so anybody who has listening in mind was barely hearing anything. That got me very on the nerves. There was a message I could do," said the spin-out disc jockey. "I got frustrated at the end of the show."

"So just what can listeners expect from Rix's late-night radio show? Initially, poetry.

Rixon attended Rutgers and Thomas Edison colleges. "I've graduated as far as I'm concerned," for music, composition "and met a poet named Joel Oppenheimer, and that was a composition experience for me. Music kind of fell by the wayside."

Rixon had never thought about becoming a radio personality until he became friendly with members of WFUM staff and "got this idea in my head that I was going to do a poetry show unlike any other poetry show."

Rixon said, "I thought, 'What if it was a lot of different people talking, what if it was old records, what if you brought the pod in and you tried to get through to say great things instead of reading about poetry?'"

Rixon's minimalist poetry format was born.

"That seemed too limited after a very short while, and frankly, I wanted to be the center of attention, not somebody else," he laughed. "I wanted to be free to express myself."

What can Rix listeners expect to hear now?

"They'll hear me announce the music and maybe comment on it, and at certain points during the show they'll hear me ramble about something for about 15 minutes," he said.

The format of the show is the same week-to-week, but a lot of it has to do with what's in the news, music, or combined with what I bring from home, combined with what's happened during the week, combined with whatever mood I'm in at the time," he continued. "I try to let the set go its own way if I can, with a minimum of control. It just happens. Very much like writing poems, when it's working. And if I'm having a clunky night you get the engineering message, too."

"That's always adds something."

Rix's radio reputation includes turning engineering mistakes into an art form. "A WFUM DJ is as well."

"A good scratch on old vinyl, a good tick that repeats, is a wonderful thing," Rixon said, "unless it's something you're really serious about. And nobody calls and complains that the great thing," he added. "Nobody's ever called and complained about a scratch record. A couple of guys have actually complained one on my scratchy efforts."

Loyal WFUM listeners know what to expect, according to Rixon. "There's still a lot of people up there still doing a real broad side



Bob Rixon relaxes at Rentelec Design Studio in Rahway.

range of free form, people who are very curious about all different kinds of music, people who aren't afraid to go on the microphone and reveal the most intimate details of their lives. Rixon laughed, "which I don't do."

The one thing WFUM DJs are serious about, according to Rixon, is music.

"There are people at the station that have such great taste in the music that I always listen to what they're listening to. I rely on myself for the jazz, such as Count Basie and Tangi Bennett's 'With Plenty of Muddy and U-Turn.' Rixon's Sept. 7 themed set, "What's Her Name Today?" "I got novelty things I'm gonna play like weird organ music, such as an organ version of 'Lullaby Medley Song,'" a lot of so-called cocktail music, such as Jimmy Smith's version of "The Minister's" television show theme song.

"There's so many groups that come back to me and time again, such as Neil Young, Elvis Costello, and The Roots' date.

There are bands that I'll play regardless of whether they're considered fashionable or not, regardless of whether anybody likes them or not," said Rixon. "I'm so comfortable with them, not only do I want to hear them but I feel it's a part of my job to keep them on the radio, especially songs other stations don't play by these artists."

The bulk of WFUM's music, however, comes from new and undiscovered bands. What's in the new music bin at WFUM? According to Rixon, an album of children's music recorded with electronic music — "but if you were a child, these songs would be really frightening, because there's this weird electronic music going on, and a robot voice" — Scandinavian neo-psychedelia — "almost guaranteed to give you acid flashbacks" — and a compilation of girl-group covers, recorded at West Texas in the 1960s.

"Imagine pulling out 45s in the 1960s about interracial relationships" — "With many of the technical diffi-

culties of his main broadcast spread out, Rixon said he enjoys working at the new studio in Jersey City.

"We're in the center of our listener-ship now. I love being near New York City. I love looking out the window and seeing the World Trade Center there."

Rixon grew up in Roselle Park, and spent summers vacationing at the shore, the subject of much of his poetry. His most recent collection of poetry, "Birdwalk," was released last year. His next collection, "Murder in My Music," will be released later this year, to be followed by "Horrorshow Great!"

In the meantime, Rixon also functions as a copywriter and "chief mucky-muck" at Rentelec Design Studio in Rahway.

And he'll continue to look at the World Trade Center while broadcasting his "crazy organ" music at WFUM.

"You hope you'll be entertaining, and on the music end I have to frustrate him that."

Antique, classic automobile buffs will meet in the street

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Automobile and history buffs will have at least three car shows to choose from in Linden Plains Sunday afternoon.

Organizers of the respective shows in Kean/Warrenton and Summit are anticipating over 350 automobiles and trucks to be on display. The car, truck, and motorist will see an interesting and important day of the month, with weeks of the month.

The Garden State Classics are set to hold their 15th annual street meet at El's Grill & Bar on North Aldiegan Avenue. Although the show's focus is on a particular Chevrolet model from the 1960s, they welcome cars from all manufacturers.

This is actually a return to the area. New Jersey for a car show, which is Bob Rogan. The meet was held in South Jersey the last couple of years due to our connection with a General Motors supplier. Our members were mostly in Central and Northern Jersey, and El's Operating Manager, Steve Hysman, opened his parking lot to us.

Rogan said while admission is free,

specialists are welcome to make a \$1 donation to the C.L. Foundation for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and the Tompkins Children's Fund. Donors will receive tickets for door prize drawing. Car entrants are eligible for a grand tour prize of a 1962 Studebaker DeVille from Associated Auto Parts.

The Linden Fair Club is sponsoring a 1960s Long Motor Vehicle Rally. The rally will start at City Hall, One-Ninth, North, South, and North Wood Avenue will be closed between Elm Street and Elizabeth Avenue for at least 140 cars.

The Fall Festival was originally part of the 50th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World, said Salsky. "People liked it so much, we made it an annual event by the Linden Cultural and Heritage Committee."

Salsky anticipates more cars from the Fall class, and show trophies. He also has a one-piece racing Harley Car Club with radio-controlled car races for the first time. Donation proceeds are to go to a charity of Mayor John Gregorio's choice.

Summit Downtown Inc.'s Second

Annual Antique/Classic Car show is the "Grandest Sunday in the Promotions." Co-ordinator Diane Gallo said they had 435 cars at the inaugural show, and is expecting 500 this time. "We're going to have Springfield Avenue closed between Maple Avenue and Elmwood Plaza," said Gallo. "There's additional space at Beechwood Road and Bank Street."

The street meet will get new people into the town in Summit, last year and it was a success.

The Summit show, like other exhibitions, has many categories and local vendors. This event is to run 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 8 and has an Oct. 18 run date.

All three organizers said their entry numbers are excellent. Many entrants with an eye on the weather, possibly fine in the last minute. Some car owners are considering what they're doing.

Gallo said he is leaving toward Summit. Lou Rob Rost of Mountain View, a friend in Chatham, told us about it and it is close by. Our only concern is the weather — our cars don't like wet and jump in the rain."

Bob and Cathy Ross own a 1969

Chevrolet Camaro RS which they spent 10 years searching for a Pro Street dragster. They have won their third straight class trophy in the Englishtown Fall '98 Auto Show and Show at 3:00 on Sept. 26.

"I'm thinking about a new car," said Cathy. "I like the look of the show, where I can have fun and help a charity."

Mariello brought out his 1969 Ford Thunderbird to the Union Elks Lodge Show on Sept. 20. The Springfield firefighter tested the car since he found it half-embedded in mud last year.

The Linden show is in its 20th year, said Charlie Robinson. It is also the hometown of the 1965 Chevrolet. Since I bought it from my boss in a local gas station in 1967, Robinson's restoration has put his car in the pages of Top Chevrolet, High Performance magazine.

For the Kean/Warrenton Street Meet, call (908) 923-1571. Linden Fall Festival details are found at (732) 579-0442. Word on the Summit Classic Car Show can be had from (908) 522-0357.



This 1969 Camaro RS street dragster is owned by Cathy and Bob Ross of Mountainside. They are planning to take their award-winning car to the Summit car show Sunday.

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor
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Many celebrity cameos throughout 'Homegrown'

In the movie "Homegrown," Malcolm is a buxom woman. He wears a gold chain, tracks in his shoes and talks on cell phones. His best friend is well into seven figures. One of his "offices" is located in a few hundred acres of Northern California forest that he grows the marijuana that he sells to his accountant with an endless amount of zeros.

The illegal plants that are grown in this large chunk of real estate are taken care of by the only "three farmers" Jack, Carter and Harlan. The botanical genius and Harlan is new kid on the block. They live in a tent high in the middle of the forest, feeding the crop by day, feeding by night.

As harvest time approaches, Malcolm is befuddled at the lack of the payday. Jack, Carter and Harlan are walking through the woods to the clearing when they see Malcolm exit the chopper and taking a bullet in his head. The helicopter quickly exits and the three run to see if Malcolm is still alive. He's not.

Knowing the gunman isn't flying back to the police, the growers decide to bury Malcolm and spend a day picking and looting with what they can. The plan moves well and a few days later they're set up at Carter's girlfriend's place with a washing machine and shipping containers. People are calling about Malcolm, but

The Video Detective

By Jim Hitt

Jack assures everyone that Malcolm probably looking at some real estate in Hawaii. They keep stalling until the band they stole is sold.

The deal went down so effortlessly that they have little time to meet in the girlfriend's kitchen and decide to go back in the woods for a few days and get the rest of the crop. This turns out to be a bad move. Drug dealers can be a nasty bunch and armed with state-of-the-art machine guns, they are just staying out of their way. Unfortunately, Jack, Carter and Harlan are a little money hungry and with the cash crop right in front of them, they decide to push their luck. They hire a few pickers to accompany them and head for the mountains. The girlfriend's place now has people working in every room. And then the men with machine guns come. This is a little better than the movie, although 10,000 bullets don't fly. The script is a little smarter than that.

In addition to Billy Bob Thornton and John Lithgow, the picture also features Kelly Lynch and Jamie Lee Curtis. Ted Danson, from television's "Cheers," has a small but memorable part as a Mafia Kingpin.

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Polish gallery displays works of Russian artist

The Skulptur Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is pleased to present an exhibition of paintings by Russian artist Vladimir Paramonov, tomorrow through Nov. 6. The opening reception will be held at 8 p.m. The public is welcome, admission is always free, light refreshments will be served.

Vladimir Paramonov was born in 1951 in Tula, Russia. He studied art at the School of Fine Arts in Moscow and later at the University of Vladivostok. From 1977-80, he worked at the Architecture Department at Vladivostok University. He has an art works as free-lance artist in Hannover, Germany.

Paramonov took part in numerous group and individual exhibits. His art can be found in many private and public collections in Russia and Europe. He specializes in portraits, color-landscapes and night.

His landscapes are inspired by dreamlike contemplation which become glimpses of nature that are created in his mind. Usually his motif of nature are grass, textures, fields and moonscapes presented in a style which renders the composition quite abstract or meditative form rather than a simple realistic presentation. There is harmony within the one painting. His portraits are very expressive. He tries to integrate the background to the character and looks of the person by the use of color and abstract shapes. There is likeness of the model, but also of the inner world of the human being presented.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 127 Hobbsway, Clark, just off exit 315 of the Garden State Parkway. The gallery is open to the public Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For additional information, contact Aleksandra Krawak, gallery director at (732) 382-3197.

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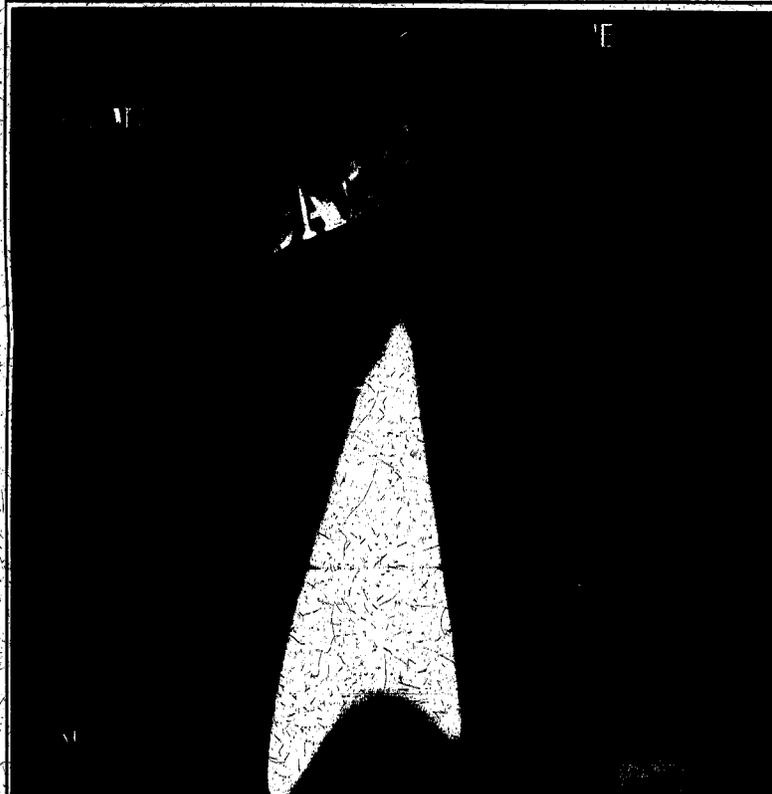
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SUNDAY
October 11, 1998
EVENT: Johnn Moore and the Brooklyn Big Band
PLACE: West Orange High School Auditorium, 600 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ
TIME: 8:00pm
PRICE: \$20.00
ORGANIZATION: West Orange Education Foundation

DINNER-BANQUET

MONDAY
October 19, 1998
EVENT: Taste of So. Towns '98
PLACE: Woman's Club of Maplewood, 60 Woodland Road, Between Ridgewood and Maplewood Avenues
TIME: 6:00pm-9:00pm
PRICE: \$15 Adults, \$3 Children. Top 30 restaurants serve complimentary samples of American, Italian, Irish, French, Caribbean, Indian, Southern, Oriental foods. Door prizes. No tickets or reservations required. For more information: 973-762-9119.
ORGANIZATION: Woman's Club of Maplewood, nonprofit service club

FUN AUCTION

SUNDAY
October 18, 1998
EVENT: Thrifty Toy Auction
PLACE: St. Theresa School, 705 Glenmont Avenue, Union, NJ
TIME: 9:00am-3:00pm
PRICE: Admission \$6.00 at door and \$5.00 in advance. For further information call 508-822-1619. Use message ORGANIZATION: St. Theresa School

GARAGEYARD SALE

SATURDAY
October 17, 1998
EVENT: 32 Family Garage Sale
PLACE: 40 Underhill Road, Milburn, New Jersey
TIME: 9:00am-3:00pm
PRICE: Free Admission! Available: Kids' toys, clothes, games, sports equipment, etc. All proceeds to Milburn Co-Op Nursery School.

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- 22. Loved swimming
- 23. Clever, like vegetable
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- 28. 1981 State Oscar
- 30. Comic leaver
- 31. Firearms acronym
- 32. Late force
- 33. Handle
- 35. 1979 Wimbledon Award winner
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- 44. December 11
- 45. A splurged
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- 51. ... (Algeria, 31)
- 53. Field
- 54. 1981 winner
- 57. Light on jacket
- 60. Whimper
- 61. Start young
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- 68. Provincial winners
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- 86. Boatful person
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- 104. 1989 Super Bowl MVP
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Precious People

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- 112. Transparent
- 114. Bound
- 115. Member of 1977 Grammy Award
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HOROSCOPE

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
That trip you've been dreaming of taking may be just around the corner. Keep your eyes and ears open; the opportunity may come from an unexpected source. Don't go overboard with your spending this week; you may need the money down the road.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Don't be fooled when an old flame comes back into your life. He/she won't be around long; you don't get too involved or attached. A wise compromise could send you down the wrong path. Don't overreact; just be ready to change your plans on their notice.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Be wary about the motives of some new acquaintances. They may be pushing you, but don't give in until you've checked out the situation more thoroughly. Enjoy some time this weekend with an elderly relative. It will do neither good nor harm.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21
That person you've been trying to "shake" will manifest just when it's your week. Be honest; that's what you can both get with your lives, and you won't have to worry about looking over your shoulder all the time. This may just be your lucky week; so have a little fun.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20
It may be a challenge, but you should try to understand the virtues and values of those around you. Be patient with your friends, especially if one of them is trying something new and different. Use a new career. Whatever you do, don't hurt his/her feelings.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You've been feeling the world pass you by. Stop dwelling on the past and get out there and enjoy life and what it has to offer. You'll find new acquaintances can be a great way to get beyond what's been going on back. Be open to new opportunities.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20
Listen to your intuition. It's putting all your experience to work, and it hasn't failed you in the past, so don't hang off to "silly" things. It's been a while since you've spent time with yourself. Find the time this weekend because he/she is feeling the night.

For the week of Oct. 11 to 17

March 21-April 20

Be ready to help a friend who asks for a favor this week. You may be surprised at what doors could open just for doing one little favor. You're getting behind on some of those mental tasks at home. Don't let it get you down; get busy instead.

Taurus April 21-May 21

If you've been dealing with unhappiness in your life, things are beginning to look up. The changes will give you new hope about your future and your success. Even your difficult money situation will start working itself out. So don't be so gloom.

Gemini May 22-June 21

This week you'll find that others will depend on your advice for their purchases. Be careful not to lead any one astray. Purchases are one thing; money is another. Don't get into the habit of giving financial advice. This could end up coming back to haunt you.

Watercolors on display at children's hospital

Paintings by 51 Shipley and members of The Art Center Watercolor Affiliates, an affiliate group of The Art Center of Northern New Jersey in New Milford, NJ, will be on display during the month of October at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road in Moonanside. CSH's East Wing will feature paintings by fine artist Shipley. Shipley captures subjects like birds and flowers in their natural environments using soft watercolor and personal style to create work with an abstract, lyrical tone. Shipley's experience in the arts has bridged many areas, from commercial to fine art. Her fine art endeavors have led to many awards in New York and New Jersey juried shows and are represented in many private and corporate collections across the country.

Children's hospital

In CSH's two other gallery halls, more than 50 paintings by professional watercolorists will be on display in an ACWA group exhibition. According to ACWA President John Panzenberger, the diverse style of work in this exhibition illustrates the many directions available to the watercolor painter. From realism to abstraction to impressionism to expressionism, the paintings in this collection have been applied to various subjects because of their immediacy, flexibility and fluidity of color. The original ACWA group, formed in 1978, had a membership of about a dozen. Through a joint membership process, they have grown to currently include 38 artists who exhibit together annually at the Art Center in New Milford and have been in group shows

children's hospital

recently at the Princeton Museum and The Essex Fine Arts Gallery. CSH's art initiatives are open to the public. Free-of-charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the Ambulance Entry. The artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the hospital. Children's Specialized Hospital is New Jersey's only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric rehabilitation. CSH treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years. Founded in 1971, the hospital provides outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care through its facilities in Moonanside, Barnwood, St. Kever, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Keane Hijuelos
Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
will appear at
Keane University
Wednesday, October 14, 1998
6:30 p.m. | Wilkes Theatre | No Fee

Keane Hijuelos was born to Cuban immigrants in 1951 on the Upper West Side of New York City; a neighborhood which continues to influence and shape the writing. He is the 1990 Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*. A book signing will follow this reading/discussion.

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Stepping Out

ART SHOWS

WORKS ON PAPER by Francesca Delgado will be on display at the Donald G. Pappas Museum of the Springfield Library through today. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The show is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

RENEE FOCSANER at Gallery at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn will display "Women in the Arts" through Oct. 25. Gallery hours are one hour prior to the regular matinee and evening shows and Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 276-3636, ext. 2272.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE Tomasaio Art Gallery will display "Who Killed the Queen?" Part Four of the "Parade World" by China Marks through Oct. 26.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Tuesday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. For information, call (908) 709-7503.

WOODLAND WHISPERS by Robert W. Steyer will be on display at Grand Place School in Summit through Oct. 30.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at Kent Park School, 42 Norwood Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-0260.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will display works by Vt-Spisey and members of The Art Center Watercolor Affiliates through October.

Works are displayed in the East Wing, via the appearance every hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The exhibit is located at 155 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

HJ-CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS will host David Bates and Betty Woodman. Patagonia in Paint, Wood and Clay in the Palmer Gallery. The exhibition will run through 10/30/88.

CONTEMPORARY by Tonya Zimmerman, Oct. 10, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Palmer Gallery is open Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. NJCAA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit.

PLACES NEAR a top exhibit by watercolorist and pastelists Mark Delmon will be on display through Oct. 30 at Grand Place School in Summit.

Gallery hours are weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays to 4 p.m. SWAN is located at 700 Washington Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call (908) 256-1707.

NJ-CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will exhibit the works of Deyra Livingston through Oct. 29.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. NJCAA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

POINTS OF VIEW, a collection of photographs by Shirley R. Gray and Judy Nader, will be on display through Oct. 29 at Grand Place School in Summit.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY will feature a program of Polish music on Saturday at 2 p.m.

The library is located at 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 354-0060.

INTERGENERATIONAL DANCERS will perform Sunday at 7 p.m. at Cranford High School.

The host is located on Walnut Street in Cranford. For information, call (908) 700-0040.

THE TEMPTATIONS will perform Sunday at 8 p.m. at Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

LOCAP is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (972) 495-8225.

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA will perform Monday at 7:30 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

NJPCA is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) 500-NJPCA.

PAPER MILL Playhouse in Millburn will present "The Countess, The Dribbler and The Players on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call (973) 376-4343.

JAZZ NIGHT will take place Wednesday from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. The event also features live art show and rock 'n' roll.

Admission is free. The restaurant is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 217-4600.

BARNES AND NOBLE GALE will present music by Carolyn Street Johnson from 6 to 10 p.m.

The book store is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE presents art, coffeehouse atmosphere, jazz entertainment is presented on Sundays at 8 p.m. Oct. 11, Jeff Dunston Trio, Oct. 18, The Edge, Oct. 25, Pat, Purnell and Bob Jochenman, \$3 cover is charged.

"Acoustic Tuesday" is followed by Open Mic Night from 7:30 to 10 p.m. with sign-up at 7 p.m.

Van Gogh's Ear is located at 1617 Springfield Ave. in Union. For information, call (908) 810-1844.

LINDEN ART ASSOCIATION will hold classes at Sunnydale Recreation Center, Mercer Terrace Rd., Cranford.

Workshops are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 21 — Nov. 18, Dec. 2 — Jan. 13, Jan. 20 — Feb. 17, Feb. 24 — March 24, March 31 — April 28.

Workshops are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call (908) 468-1408.

LINDEN CERAMIC CLUB meets every other month on the second Wednesday at Gregorio Recreation Center in Linden.

Workshops are held every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Class is available three days a week. Classes are held Thursdays in October at 9:30 a.m. at 7th Ward Recreation in Linden.

For information, call (908) 474-8627.

COMEDY JOE'S ASSEMBLY at Tavern in the Park, 1617 Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, Oct. 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for local only, \$25 dinner, package is available. Show begins at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. For information, call (908) 241-7400.

RENN AND TELLER will perform tomorrow at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

NJPCA is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) 500-NJPCA.

CASUAL TIMES restaurant features music on Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-8511.

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RETRUBA will perform Sunday at 7 p.m. at NJ Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$9 for children under age 14. NJAPC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information, call (888) 500-NJPCA.

SOCIAL AND BALLROOM dancing for seniors will run through Dec. 11 on Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at John T. Gregorio Recreation Center in Linden.

Registration will take place the first day of class. For information, call (908) 474-8627.

ANGELA'S ASHES by Frank McCourt will be discussed today from 2 to 4 p.m. at Summit Library.

The library is located at 512 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 277-9448.

OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB at Barnes and Noble book store in Springfield will discuss "What Looks Like Crazy" by Pearl Cleage today at 7:30 p.m.

The book store is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

PRINCETON SERIES: The Fountains of Rome will be presented Monday at 6 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit.

Admission is \$10. The church is located at 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 273-1417.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB in Summit will present "Historical Candies and Shuggies" luncheon lecture on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Cost of luncheon is \$12. The club is located at 214 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 277-0002 or 273-3373.

KEAN UNIVERSITY in Union will host author Oscar Hijuelos on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Keen is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (973) 523-2273.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE will welcome author Joyce Carol Oates on Wednesday at 10:30 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 799-7503.

BETTY WOODMAN will be speaking at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit on Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. in conjunction with her art show.

NJCAA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

FESTIVALS APPLE FESTIVAL will take place today at 7:30 p.m. at Connecticut Farms in Union.

For information, call (908) 667-5643.

UNION BLAZE Youth Festival will take place Saturday at Evangel Church in Scotch Plains.

The church is located at 1251 Turner Road, Scotch Plains. For information, call (908) 322-9300.

OKTOBERFEST will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Deutscher Club in Clark.

Admission is \$4, children under age 12 are admitted free. The club is located at 783 Fairview Lane in Clark. For information, call 574-8600.

FALL FESTIVAL will take place Saturday and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. on North Wood Avenue in Linden.

CRANFORD ANNUAL FESTIVAL will take place Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Eastman Plaza Ave.

Rain date is Oct. 18. The plaza is located at the intersection of Walnut, North and South Linden streets in Cranford. For information, call (908) 996-3038.

FILMS ELIZABETH LIBRARY, Elmora Branch will present Monday through Oct. 19 and 26 at 2 p.m.

The branch is located at 740 W. Grand St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 353-4820.

GARDEN AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY will meet today at 10 a.m. at Scotch Plains Library. Topic of discussion will be "Dividing" by Beatty.

The library is located at 1227 Burke Ave., Scotch Plains.

KIDS ZANY BRAINY in Springfield will present an American Girl program today at 7 p.m.

For ages 7 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

NEW BOOK Friday will have place today at 7 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield.

For ages 4 to 6 with an adult. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

STORYTIME with Illustrator Missa Bay Mathis will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

The bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

RE-BOP Hip-hop group will perform Saturday at 3 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield.

The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

TEAM LEGO Insectoid Challenge will take place Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield.

For ages 7 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

AUTUMN WONDERS will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Traiside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

For ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3. \$2.50 for seniors. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 799-3670.

LEAF ZOO will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at Traiside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

The book store is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 799-3670.

TEAM YOROGA will teach you to tricks Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield.

The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

TUBETTUBIES Party will take place Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield.

The book store is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-8544.

ZANY BRAINY in Springfield will present Board Book Studies on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

ZANY BRAINY in Springfield will present "The Book of the Week" on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

The store is located at 295 Route 22 East in Springfield. For information, call (973) 467-9444.

FAMILY NIGHT at Elizabeth Library Branch will take place Thursday from 8:30 to 7:30 p.m. throughout October.

The branch is located at 405 Palmer St., Elizabeth. For information, call 320-0200, ext. 4.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY, Elmora Branch will screen films for kids on Fridays at 3:45 p.m. on Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The branch is located at 740 W. Grand St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 353-4820.

TRAFALGE Nature and Science Open House in Mountainside.

For ages 6 and up. Admission is \$3. \$2.50 for seniors. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 799-3670.

ART THERAPY FOR CHILDREN for children age 6-17 coping with divorce/loss of a loved one, will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Mental Health Association of Union County in Cranford.

Cost is \$40 per week; insurance is not accepted. The association is located at 13 Abbot St. in Cranford. For information, call 272-0200.

MAGIC CARPET Story Time at Elizabeth Library, Elmora Branch, will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. throughout October. For information, call (908) 353-4820.

SOUL BEGINNINGS is a weekly feature on KISS-FM 98.7, airing on Sundays from 10 to 11 p.m. It is a nightly "look back at classic music and blues, along with historic events that shaped the genre."

WBOB 88.3 FM carries the Metropolitan Area's main station, news, music and public affairs programming. Licensed to Newark Public Radio, the award-winning, non-commercial station was founded in 1979. WBOB is supported by over 15,000 members and serves about 200,000 listeners weekly. WBOB's website is located at www.WBOB.org. WBOB programming will present the following shows this week:

Today - "Artists," a weekly magazine show covering all facets of the arts, will be heard at 6:30 p.m. "Martin Mull's Planet Jazz," 7 p.m.

Tomorrow - "Portals in Blue," 7 p.m.

Saturday - "Jazz Classics," 8 a.m. "Beats Street Caravan," a one-hour magazine show about the Blues, 7 p.m.

Sunday - "Jazz with Branford Marsalis," 8 p.m. "Sunday Jazz from the Archives," 10 a.m.

Monday - "Bobby Short's Jazz at the Kennedy Center," 7 p.m.

Tuesday - "Jazz Profiles," 7 p.m. "98.7's Jazz Profiles," 10 p.m. "Jazz in the Park," 10 p.m. "Jazz in the Park," 10 p.m. "Jazz in the Park," 10 p.m.

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TELEVISION THIRTEEN/WNET will air "Sessions at West 54th" Sundays at 11 p.m.

Ovation cable channel will air "Ovation Profiles" throughout September and October. Today, "Morris Chestnut: Black Angels," 9 p.m. "Morris Chestnut: The Prince of Paisley Park," 9 p.m. Wednesday, "Benjamin Zander: Living on One Botchuk," 10 p.m.

THE ARTS is a half-hour cable television program about the visual and performing arts in New Jersey. Each month the viewer is introduced to the creative people and nonprofit organizations directly involved in upcoming cultural events. An additional feature is the monthly calendar. Each program is closed captioned for people who are deaf or have hearing impairments, as well as for those who may need assistance with the English language.

The program is carried on Comcast Cablevision Channel 57 in Union County and on Comcast's HomeView service on the month of October 15. It will be carried on CTUNJ on the second and fourth Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 1997.

For more information about "The Arts" and/or for a broadcast schedule, call (908) 745-4489/3888.

TRIPS SUMMIT AREA Community School will sponsor a trip to "Atmosphere: Glimpses of the World" on Wednesday from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Price is \$15. Tickets are located at 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit. For information, call (908) 273-1141.

VARIETY HAYRIDES are scheduled on Saturdays through Nov. 6 at Traiside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

Admission is \$4.50 for seniors and students. The show is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 799-3670.

SUMMIT AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOL will offer "Jugglin' for Everyone" on Thursday's beginning Nov. 3 at Summit Middle School. Open to all ages. The show is located at 272 Morris Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-1141.

TASTE DR. THE TOWNS sponsored by the Rotary Club of Elizabeth, Union County Chapter of Community Newspapers and the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, will take place Oct. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Pastiche Renaissance restaurant in Scotch Plains.

Advance tickets are \$30, \$4

Automotive

GMC Jimmy provides sport-utility with a touch of class

The bold, expressive look of the 1998 GMC Jimmy is a clear signal that the compact sport-utility vehicle delivers versatility and comfort with a touch of class.

Expressive front-end styling includes a new front bumper and fascia, redesigned headlights and a bold new grille with the new red GMC nameplate that emphasizes Jimmy's wild stance.

The profile is refined, yet suggests a sophisticated capability for people who like to look good while taking care of business. Wraparound body molding on SLE and SLT four-door models provide a protective look while enhancing the harmonious styling elements of Jimmy's exterior. These models also have a new rear fascia to complement the body-side finishing.

Harmonious rear styling also features a new rear bumper which accommodates a larger "hitch ball."

"Sport-utility buyers expect more of their vehicles in today's marketplace," said Jimmy, Brand Manager Jeff Cohen. "Our expressive new 1998 4x4 and four-door models not only looks inside and out, but Jimmy owners to accomplish all the things they want to do."

Two new exterior colors—power metallic and copper metallic—are available to Jimmy buyers for 1998. The power metallic is also available as one of Jimmy's lower two-tone of

interior with gray metallic. Jimmy designers completely refurbished the interior for 1998. New interior features include a newly styled instrument panel with improved ergonomics for a more driver-oriented cockpit feel.

The new IP features radio and HVAC controls angled 15 degrees below the driver for improved accessibility. Another ergonomic touch is the repositioning of the glovebox latch to the interior side for reduced driver reach.

Thoughtful amenities include a passenger side IP mounted assist grip, a cigar holder in the ash tray and two power outlets just below the ash tray.

Comfort system enhancements on the 1998 Jimmy include individual air-conditioning outlets with positive shutoff controls on all models and standard electronic climate control on SLT models. Electronic climate control maintains a customer-selected cabin temperature between 66 and 82 degrees.

On two-door Jimmy models with automatic transmission, the shifter has moved to the steering column allowing engineers to redesign the front console. The new design incorporates many driver-friendly features such as a spring-loaded coin release, dual bin storage under the arm rest

and cupholders designed to handle contents of varying sizes.

Additionally, the new console on the two-door Jimmy accommodates a new available remote cassette player providing dual playback when a dash-mounted CD player is ordered.

Other new audio systems for 1998 include an available ETR AM/FM stereo with cassette and an ETR AM/FM stereo with CD player. Both feature speed-compensated volume, automatic loudness and tone controls, antilock protection, preset scan and music search modes.

Occupant comfort is enhanced with new front and rear seat features. The lap belt-to-seat design for 1998 Jimmy front seats allows the belt to travel with the seat resulting in a safer, more comfortable ride for smaller and larger occupants. Other front seat improvements include an available six-way power driver's seat with power recliner, four-way adjustable headrest and available heated driver and passenger heater seats on available four-door SLT models.

Custom cloth trim with manual two-way driver lumbar and manual driver/passenger recline features are now standard on SL Jimmy.

Improved seatback strength and occupant retention characteristics and two of the enhancements for 1998 Jimmy rear seats. Additionally, rear seats now include an adjustable folding head-restraint.

Functional improvements are

everywhere in the 1998 Jimmy, including standard four-wheel disc antilock brakes on all models. Corrosion-resistant brakes feature independent front calipers and a single drum-in-hat design parking brake.

Jimmy's new brakes were designed for significantly better wear life, improved stopping distance and deceleration capability and better high altitude performance. Customers can expect improved brake pedal feel, reduced pedal travel and reduced response time.

Many of the electrical features on the 1998 Jimmy are controlled by a new Truck Body Computer. Standard on all models, the Truck Body Computer provides the following safety, security and convenience features:

- PassLock theft-deterrent system.
 - Automatic head lamp control.
 - Battery rundown protection.
 - Retained accessory power.
 - Lockout prevention.
 - Remote door lock/unlock feedback.
 - Remote panic alarm/vehicle locator.
 - Exit lighting.
 - Turn signal reminder chime.
- Minor improvements include available heated outside rearview mirrors and an inside rearview, electrochromic mirror. The outside mirror defrost feature is operated by the rear window defogger switch.

Jimmy's successful powertrain combination returns for 1998. The standard Vortec 4300 V6 engine generates 190 horsepower at 4400 rpm and 250lb-ft of torque at 2800 rpm. Standard transmission is the four-speed electronic automatic, which has a new two-piece transmission case to reduce vibration and noise. A two-speed manual is available on two-door models.

Trim levels on the two-door Jimmy are the base SL and SL2 Sport trim. The four trim levels of the four-door Jimmy include the base SL, an SLS Jimmy with an SLE comfort trim and the top-of-the-line SLT Jimmy trim.

Luxury features abound for the 1998 Jimmy. Four-door SLT models offer standard leather seating, stereo climate control, six-way power driver's seat with power recliner and six-way power lumbar driver and passenger seats. Heated front leather seats are available. An overhead console, electric defogging outside rearview mirrors and an electrochromatic inside rearview mirror are standard on SLE and SLT and available on SL2 Jimmy.

Other available luxury amenities on the 1998 Jimmy include a power sunroof and Home-Link, three-channel transmission computer.

Whether they choose a two- or four-door model, Jimmy buyers have the choice of three uniquely tuned

suspension systems. Suspension choices for two-door models include the base Handling, Euro-Ride and a rugged, Off-Road four-wheel-drive suspension.

On four-wheel drive models, just a touch of a button engages the Instant Shift on-the-fly four-wheel-drive system for extra traction. When equipped with the heavy-duty trailer package, the four-wheel-drive Jimmy can tow up to 5,000 pounds while two-wheel-drive models have a towing capacity of 5,000 pounds.

Numerous safety and personal security features contribute to Jimmy's overall appeal as a family vehicle. Among the key safety features are:

- Next Generation driver and front passenger air bags.
 - Daytime running lamps and automatic headlamp control.
 - Rear door power window lockout and child security locks.
 - PassLock theft-deterrent system.
 - Standard four-wheel disc antilock braking system.
- Like all other GMC vehicles, the 1998 Jimmy is covered under GMC Commitment Plus. Customer benefits include a three-year, 36,000-mile warranty, Premium Roadside Assistance for on-the-road emergencies, recovery transportation for same-day warranty service and travel benefits including free top routing.

Lexus provides a peek into the future of luxury sedans

A dramatic hint of what's in the future for luxury sedans, the Lexus high performance sedan concept which combines advanced styling with innovative packaging efficiency, and provides a showcase for a variety of new Lexus technologies expected in the next future.

HPS is a creation of Lexus' parent company's design studio Japan. It is a high-performance luxury sedan, with priorities placed on compact and nimble exterior size, very powerful V8 engine, efficient engine output, superior cornering, ample interior comfort and advanced levels of stability and safety.

Lexus designers sought to redefine

the classic performance chassis layout of front engineer wheel drive. The HPS takes a step beyond so-called "sports car" design, and provides the cabin and trunk space of the prestige luxury model, yet occupies the smaller footprint of smaller sport sedans. It combines the performance and handling benefits associated with rear drive cars, yet space efficiency (most commonly associated with front-wheel drive). As a result, weight is minimized and aerodynamic properties are enhanced to benefit acceleration and handling performance.

The aggressive "front-end" design embodies the spirit of the groundbreaking Lexus Coupe in sport sedan form. Its dramatic headlight incorporates self-levelling high intensity discharge lamps with infrared high beams located in unshielded enclosures. The signature hybrid/plasma beam lighting arrangement is continued in the taillight theme.

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The Lexus HPS is controlled in manual mode by finger-tilt shifting buttons on both horizontal steering wheel spokes. Downshifts are triggered by touching a button on the top of the steering wheel with either thumb. Upshifts are controlled by index finger contacts with buttons on the back side of the steering wheel spoke.

The Lexus HPS V-8 is coupled to an experimental 5-speed transmission which can operate in either of two modes providing fully automatic or electronic manual control. The transmission concept affords the best of both worlds for drivers who enjoy the control of manual shifting when driving for pleasure, but must contend

with urban stop-and-go when driving for work.

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To place a classified ad call 1-800-562-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Mercedes-Benz to distribute Maybach super-luxury vehicle

Following a decision by Daimler-Benz AG to develop and produce the Mercedes-Benz Maybach Mercedes-Benz of North America has announced that it will offer the super-luxury limousine beginning around 2003, when several hundred vehicles annually are expected to be offered through U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealers. Other major markets for the new limousine will be in Europe and Asia, including Japan. Shown recently at a major auto show in concept car form, the Mercedes-Benz Maybach will be produced at the Daimler-Benz plant in Sindelfingen, near Stuttgart.

Jürgen E. Schwenng, chairman of the DBAG board of management, said: "By deciding to have our exclusive Mercedes-Benz Maybach, we are once again confirming our claim of representing the absolute 'crown of the crown' in all segments. The Mercedes-Benz Maybach will be a masterpiece of automotive technology, setting ultimate standards in luxury features and engineering."

The Mercedes-Benz Maybach continues the long-standing Daimler-Benz tradition of manufacturing special Mercedes-Benz vehicles for very small market segments. The new car is named after designer Wilhelm Maybach, a long-time colleague of Gottlieb Daimler, the first of Germany's automotive designers, who was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame last year for his achievements.

Professor Jürgen Hubbert, DBAG board member in charge of passenger cars, said: "Like the Mercedes-Benz 600 Pullman of the 1960s and 1970s, the Mercedes-Benz Maybach will be individually built for each customer in a very small and very exclusive series."

Professor Hubbert also emphasized that, as with the classic 600 model, the new Maybach will not allow the premium market position of the S-Class line. The Mercedes-Benz Maybach will complement rather than compete with the Mercedes-Benz S-Class sedan and limousine which occupy an additional market segment and responding to a special group of high-end customers.

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