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Financial relief to ease Labor Day storm's burdens

DiFrancesco unveils package to mitigate towns' woes

By Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

A comprehensive relief package should help mitigate the financial burden experienced by towns statewide after the devastating Labor Day storm, said the state deputy president earlier this week.

Acting Governor while Gov. Christine Whitman is out of state, Donald T. DiFrancesco, R-Union, unveiled the package in Union County at a press conference in Cranford. It will help many towns in three counties defray massive cleanup costs. Officials expect \$100 million in extra hours, which increased overtime pay, DiFrancesco noted.

Towns had anticipated sharp increases to their municipal budgets. The Labor Day storm tore through much of Union County, crippled most towns for weeks, left people without electricity and caused millions of dollars in damage.

"Many of us experienced the damage and inconvenience first-hand," the senator said. "I know the tremendous toll this storm took on so many residents of Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties."

To restore normalcy and get their towns running again, officials notified their public works departments to put

in extra hours, which increased overtime pay, DiFrancesco noted. "Not as publicized, however, is the strain that the response and cleanup efforts took on individual municipalities who spent countless hours and money on removing debris and controlling traffic. Property taxpayers in these communities should not be made to pick up these costs."

The Republican said the money came from a Department of Transportation discretionary aid program. In total, \$1,260,481 is earmarked for the areas hit hardest or were damaged because of the storm.

By Union County residents in three towns saw tremendous devastation, and some are still cleaning up, Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly said her town of roughly 1,300 square miles had acute power outage 90 percent of the town was powerless. Fanwood is slated to receive \$96,500.

"I'm very, very pleased with that," Connelly said about receiving the money. "We are very grateful to Senator DiFrancesco for his efforts."

The storm touched down in Clark as well, and Coonington, St. Bonaventura and his town's island residents \$100,000, appreciated whatever the

state could spare. "I'm glad they gave us \$60,000," he said. "It helps us a lot."

Trying to be equitable, officials use a simple formula to distribute the money. Towns that had damage under \$16,000 received half their cleanup costs, towns whose damage exceeded \$16,000 received an instant \$15,000 but had to put up \$25,000 of their own money.

The towns then would be eligible to receive half their remaining debt up to \$100,000.

As one case, Rahway's town with damage costs estimated at \$150,000 received \$70,000. That figure was

reached by taking the combined \$15,000 and \$25,000 and subtracting it from the \$150,000, which equals \$110,000. That number, then, is divided in half to equal \$55,000 — the amount of state aid Rahway received plus the \$15,000.

Two towns, Plainfield and Cranford, received the full \$100,000, and Union County also received the same, County Manager Michael J. LaPolla said. "This \$100,000 gives a long way to defraying our costs, and we thank Senator DiFrancesco for that."

As for other towns, Elizabeth received \$15,000; Linden, \$70,000; Rancocas, \$82,500; and Union, \$15,000.

Police HQ to undergo renovations

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

The county has taken another step toward reducing the crowding at the Union County Police station and the Forensic Lab in Westfield.

The county Board of Chosen Freeholders voted Oct. 8 to hire a construction manager for the project, Jurgoli Construction.

Jurgoli will oversee the expansion of the Westfield building that both facilities are housed in. The project is expected to cost about \$3.5 million and will take 14 months to complete.

According to Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan, no contractor has been hired yet for Jurgoli Construction to manage.

The freeholders will soon have construction bids for the project and will soon award a contract, he said. "We're glad that it's getting under way," said County Police Chief Richard Mannix. "We've been recommending it since 1992."

"Right now, the lab and police station are crammed into 4,000 square feet of office space each. The station serves about 73 county police officers, while the lab has fewer than 10 employees."

Both offices are in a two-story Westfield building that also houses a county motor vehicle garage and a warehouse for electronic machines.

Besides the crowding, the lack of space prevents the lab from expanding. The station, on the other hand, violates guidelines set down by the state Department of Corrections for holding prisoners.

"Right now, they're in a very small facility and it's not good for the amount of work that they do," said Sullivan.

The police station would completely take over the first floor under the expansion with the lab getting the second floor.

To make room, new and smaller vending machines will be bought, all of which can fit in the county's Scotch Plains warehouse.

The garage, along with most of the county's other garages, will be consolidated at a used car lot in Elizabeth, which the county is leasing.

Another historic house



The Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave. in Springfield, will be among the houses in the historical Four Centuries in a Weekend tour. This heritage festival is scheduled to take place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (973) 558-3555.

Drug Court is eyed to break addictions

By Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

Frustrated at seeing substance abusers clog the criminal justice system without being reformed, officials at the county Superior Court have adopted what they believe is an innovative approach at breaking the cycle of repeat offenders and getting people off their addictions.

This year, the Superior Court of Union County joined 300 other jurisdictions nationwide in creating a drug court. Started almost a decade ago in Miami, the drug court is a merger of the law and drug treatment communities, said Carol A. Venditto, the Drug Court Program director.

Finding "additional methods of handling substance abusers no longer effective," the Superior Court has already established a program, and already one defendant is participating. Edward W. Beglin Jr., the assignment judge of Union County, believes the program can produce "tangible results."

The thrust of this Drug Court will be to identify those offenders likely to respond to rehabilitation and willing to undergo long-term treatment and supervision," Beglin said. "We are hopeful this will significantly reduce the recidivism which otherwise would continue to prevail."

Available only to non-violent offenders, the court program is divided into two parts. Part one, The New Jersey Drug Court Initiative, only accepts participants charged with possessing controlled dangerous substances within 1,000 feet of a school and either intending to distribute or distributing them. Or possessing CDS with the intent to distribute or distributing them.

The other, federally funded, half does not require defendants to be facing a state prison sentence to participate, Venditto said. It will not begin, she continued, until next January.

Nationally, the program seems to work. "We're finally getting information on national studies that show this has not a very cautious optimism," she said.

Neighbors of the reservation have complained about the noise from the hunters' guns.

Critics have called the hunt unnecessary and have questioned the deer counts given by the county. Some hunters, on the other hand, have complained that participation is unfairly restricted to county employees.

Critics have also said that non-lethal methods of population control — including contraceptive vaccines

Report on fourth deer hunt expected to be released

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

The public will soon have details about this year's deer hunt in the Watchung Reservation.

Dan Bernier, chief of Park Operations for the county, said a report on the controversial hunt will be released Oct. 20. This is when the county government's Watchung Reservation Deer Hunt Subcommittee meets.

The county Board of Chosen Freeholders will receive a copy of the report at its regular meeting two days later. According to Bernier, the freeholders will probably not take any action at this meeting but will only receive the report.

However, Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan said the deer hunt subcommittee will vote at its Oct. 20 meeting on whether to continue or cut back on the hunt. This recommendation will be based on the contents of the report.

Sullivan is also chairman of the subcommittee.

No details on the report were available last week. Bernier said he was working on the report late last week.

"When I asked if the report painted it in a positive light, Bernier said, "Of

course I'm going to say yes."

The report will include results from the deer hunt that ended on March 10: the third in a controversial five-year program to control deer herds in the reservation.

The hunt killed 146 deer this year, of which 104 were female. They were shot by county employees and private citizens hidden at baiting stations.

The hunt had a minimum goal of 120 deer killed and a maximum goal of 189. The total kill this year, Bernier has said, would mean that the hunt would last "less than five years."

The deer hunt started in 1996 to control the deer population. According to the report on last year's hunt, this program has proved to be the most cost-effective of several population control methods, including open hunts.

"When the hunt started, there were about 300 deer spreading the winter in the reservation, or about 200 per square mile. The goal is to reduce this number to 60 total deer or 20 per square mile."

Deer eat plants, including plants used in landscaping. They have been blamed in overgrazing native plants

and destroying the landscaping of residents.

The increase in deer has also reportedly led to increased traffic accidents, according to the county. The deer often dart out into roads, which wind through the forested reservation and can be literally paralyzed by the headlights of oncoming cars.

Opposition to the hunt has been highly visible in previous years. The year, though, the hunt's critics have been relatively quiet.

Women's health is topic of seminar

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sponsor a half-day seminar on women's health on Oct. 24 at Union County College's Cranford campus on behalf of the county's Commission on the Status of Women.

The seminar will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is free.

"This is a great opportunity for women of all ages to learn more about their bodies, and about the changes in our bodies and our lives as we grow older," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruggiolo, the board's liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women. "This will be informative for women of all ages, and we encourage mothers to bring their daughters to this seminar."

Titled "The Times of Her Life," the seminar will focus on the many medical and physical issues and changes women confront at various stages of their lives. Among the

topics, experts will address are adolescence, menopause, childbirth and aging.

Physicians, a gynecologist, nutritionist, mental health providers, a nurse/midwife, plastic surgeon and radiologist will speak and field questions on many issues, including the changes that occur throughout the lives of women.

Part of the cost of the event will be underwritten by Schering-Plough Corp. of Kenilworth. Sponsorship by the company said the Board of Chosen Freeholders means that this seminar can be provided to women at no charge.

"By providing this seminar at no charge, we hope that women — and teens from across the county will be able to attend this event," said Carolyn Volero, chairwoman of the commission.

A free breakfast also will be provided to all participants.

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Towns await word on alternative to UCUA's suspension of service

**By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer**

Local recycling services may stop picking up household batteries with the other materials. The Union County Utilities Authority announced it has suspended recycling of household batteries last month, leaving some towns and residents in a quandary.

The Rahway-based UCUA, citing changes in staffing and a toxic cleanup, announced it was stopping the program after Sept. 15. It had been picking up household batteries for 13 towns of the county since 1987.

"We actually had two batteries recycling programs," said UCUA Recycling Coordinator Maria Szymanski. "One was the collection of batteries and the other was the distribution of collection drums for the municipalities."

The programs were funded by a grant, said UCUA Commissioner William Rucello. "When the grant money ran out, they were discontinued."

The UCUA, said Szymanski, is undergoing change, resulting in more than 25-year-old operating lease with Dadeville Martin Inc. Odebrecht Martin will operate the utility's Rahway incinerator in exchange for helping to pay for the utility's bond debt. This lease arrangement should come to UCUA's attention, and other services were transferred to Union County and state.

Many towns need to have household call batteries picked up by a recycling contractor. Some, like Clark, Mountaintop, Roselle and Springfield, use Advanced Recycling Technology Systems of Linden. Rahway has been picking up their own recycling since April and Elizabeth uses on-site Waste Management.

The UCUA began collecting the alkaline dry cell batteries as an environmental safeguard. Materials in the batteries would pose a toxin hazard if burned or mixed into a landfill.

The county intends to collect batteries during its annual Household Special Waste Disposal Days with the UCUA. The collection is scheduled once a month, leading local recycling coordinators and residents in otherwise a quandary.

Since the UCUA has stopped their battery program, said UCUA Recycling Coordinator Joe Stralich, he has already received no to put batteries out with the recycling.

"We used to have ARTS and the

batteries up with our other recyclable materials," said Linden Recycling Coordinator Richard Sparks. "We're asking people to hold the batteries for the county hazardous material collection days."

"We're out of the program," said Mountaintop Director of Public Works Robert Wyszak. "People can bring on dry cells to us, but we have limited space. Picking up batteries is being made a condition in our new recycling vending contract."

Mountaintop and Springfield have advised their budgets on a two-year, three-year recycling collection contract. The current contract with ARTS expires on Dec. 31.

"I called the UCUA and they said our contract is fine," said Roselle Recycling Coordinator George Glick. "We're still picking up batteries."

"We have stopped outside collection of batteries," said Springfield Recycling Coordinator Kathleen DeHay. "The advertising for new contracts is part of a normal process."

ARTS was beset by labor problems over the last year. Members of Transport Local 578 struck the Linden plant over health care issues on Nov. 17. The company resumed collection with full replacement workers a week later.

Thomas Local Treasurer Albert Lofsky said the union voted to use similar labor practices (Hamden ARTS) last summer. The remaining strikers then left the union and returned to work.

"We caught the tail end of their labor trouble," said Rahway Recycling Coordinator Richard Smalling.

"There were problems and complaints about pickups the first couple of weeks. We started picking up our own recycling since April 1 and deliver the materials to ARTS."


Smalling said Rahway's trucks are equipped with five-gallon battery

buckets which are emptied at ARTS. The trucks will continue picking up fitted battery drums found around the city.

Other towns in the discontinued UCUA program included Hillside and Roselle Park.

The county has scheduled the next Hazardous Special Waste Collecting Days for the New Providence Public Works Garage on Oct. 25 and for the Rahway City Hall parking lot on Nov. 14. County residents are to pre-register at 732-382-0400. Ext. 48.

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Union eyes Drug Court

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she said. "Cautious, because it's not a proven thing, but optimism, because it's shown pretty good results in other jurisdictions."

Union County is one of four counties in New Jersey to have a drug court. Camden, Essex and Passaic being the others. Offenders will be screened before they are allowed to participate in the drug court, and officials must determine that the offenders do not pose a threat to the community and are substance abuse addicted.

Participants will be closely monitored as a team of supervisors keeps watch on their progress. Those who choose to participate must work at getting off their backs, said the judge-responsible for monitoring the drug court.

"We will require them to get clean, which will also become a condition for any state prison," Superior Court Judge Scott J. Monahan said. "Much more is going to be expected of these defendants than the average probationer. Such intensive supervision has worked at other states."

And Venditto added: "This team of people will be closely involved with the defendants along the route of the drug program."

The supervision Monahan described includes a six-month, 24-hour a day stay in a residential treatment facility, close supervision by Monahan and the other supervisors, mandatory drug testing, and participants must find and hold a job.

Officials said they want as much as every body to stop the "revolving door syndrome."

"I think it's a general system frustration because we see a lot of people come in and out, the public sees them, we see them," Venditto said. "They come in and out of the system, we see their names again and we're tired of it."

"I'm not sure because some offenders are in the criminal justice system predominantly due to their substance abuse."

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Taurus

April 21-May 21

Study your resources and be prepared for a presentation that comes your way. You'll be a bit hot, but you could put strain on a personal relationship. If you have to break a date because of your workload, make it up with an extra special outing.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

Your ideas and plans for the week place need careful updating. Take a class to bring you up to speed on the new workplace and its equipment. It may be hard to get away from your duties, but the time spent in class will really pay off for you and your coworkers.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Don't let your ego get the best of you this week. It's a good time to gain respect or to get a promotion, but it won't work out if you rely too much on your own ideas. Focus more on gaining money and consider making a long-term investment.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 23

Extra help is on the way. It will be the best opportunity in the form this takes. You're now getting a work and projects done quickly and efficiently, and it will pay off later. And you feel like someone's watching. If a perfect time to finish a project is in your hand at home.

Virgo

Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You may experience a huge gain in your workload this week. Don't let it intimidate you. Use it to your advantage and charge up with innovative ways to deal with the increase. Creating good situations will make your work good in management's eyes.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Nothing will seem typical this week. Be careful who you hang out and always remember that if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. Even if you don't feel like going, make an effort to attend family functions. It will make things more peaceful at home.

think about it for a few days. When you do, the decision that week "Don't" might be your best friend. It will help you to be more peaceful at home.

Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Personal life seems a little brighter this week. Maybe it's time to take a look at your personal relationships and figure out which ones are going right and which ones are going very wrong. While you're evaluating these relationships, keep your thoughts to yourself.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Keep things on a positive track, and don't let your workload or personal relationships get you down. You may have to try deep for the energy to keep on top of things. In the company of people you really know, don't let friends take you down to a conversation.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Delay making any important decisions this week because your impulses may not be the best guide to decision making. Get an expert opinion.

Aquarius

Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Don't let anyone interfere with your dreams or convince you that you are unimportant. Keep your personal style, continue to be the creative person you are and let your personality shine. Discipline yourself when it comes to money this week.

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Some situations that arise this week may require an in-depth approach. Don't get so far in the weeds that you lose sight of the big picture. Enter one well spent in your creativity. Get in touch with a close friend who understands the way you think.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, lifestyle, and social. Thursday noon. Entertainment Weekly: Monday noon. Letters to the Editor: Monday 9 a.m. General: Monday 5 p.m.

Singer offers her own kind of music

By Ted Smith Staff-Writer

The wonderful Roberta Flack, a musical artist for more than two decades, brought forth her musical talents on the evening of Oct. 14 at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Although she has not won the same level of success as her fellow soul singer, Flack has a unique sound that has earned her a loyal following. Flack is a pianist, a singer, a guitarist, a drummer, and a producer. She has recorded a variety of music, from soul to pop to jazz. Her music is a blend of soul, jazz, and pop.

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"I Got Sweet Love" and "Somebody's Telling Me It Must Be You."

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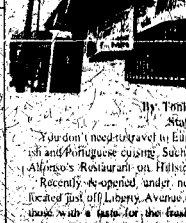
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Shipping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

ANTIQUE SHOWS

SUMMIT ANTIQUE SHOW sponsored by the Boynton School will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Summit Middle School.

ART SHOWS

RENEE FOSBERG Art Gallery at 700 1/2 Franklin Ave. in Newark will feature a collection of her art through Oct. 23.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Art Gallery will display "Who Killed the Queen? Part Four of the Parallel World" by Chna Marks through Oct. 29.

PLACES NEAR

at Swan Galleries in Plainfield. Gallery hours are weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WOODLAND WHISPERS

by Robert W. Stawkey will debut display at Kent Place School in Summit through Oct. 31.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

in Mountaineer will display works by its staff and members of the Art Center Watercolor Alliance through October.

NI CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS

will present "Paradise in Palm, Wood and Clay" in the Palmer Gallery. The exhibition will run through Nov. 10.

SKULSKART GALLERY

of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present an exhibition of paintings by Russian artist Vladimir Paramonov through Nov. 5.

POINTS OF VIEW

a collection of photographs by Shirley R. Gray and Judy Bradley will be on display through Nov. 18 at Les Malinart Art Gallery in Union.

AUDITIONS

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB has announced final open casting for the award winning "Snow White Goes West" musical on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at 78 W. Vinnans Ave.

MPC THEATER PROJECT

will host an open workshop to Monday at 8 p.m. at the Cranford campus. UCC is located in Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS

have scheduled auditions for "Furber in a Kist" on Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield.

Stepping Out

CAFES

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE presents an intimate atmosphere. Jazz entertainment is presented on Sundays at 8 p.m. on Oct. 18.

CLASSES

WESTFIELD ADULT SCHOOL will begin its new year of classes on Monday, Oct. 19. For information call (908) 756-7501 or (908) 898-8584.

COMEDY

RAT COOPER and Julius LaRosa will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. at Union County Arts Center. LUCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. Parkway. For information call (732) 499-8226.

CONCERTS

TONY MELLENDE will perform today at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth. Tickets are \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. The church is located at 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth. For information call (908) 272-4444.

DISCUSSION

BARNES AND NOBLE book store in Springfield will host Nina Anderson, author of "The Backseat Flyer" today at 7:30 p.m. The book store is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information call (973) 376-8544.

TOOLS OF THE PAST

will take place today at 8 p.m. at the Providence Municipal Building. Admission is free. The building is located at 350 Elkwood Ave. in New Providence. For information call 462-0163.

AMERICA'S MUSICAL THEATRE

lecture series will continue Sunday at 2 p.m. at Springfield Library. The topic is "The Last 50 Years: From Oklahoma to the Local Stage." The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information call (973) 376-4930.

KIDS

ZANY CRAFT TIME for kids will take place today at 7 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) 427-8444.

NEW BOOK FRIDAY

will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield. For ages 4 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East, Springfield. For information call (973) 467-4444.

COOSH WEEKEND

will take place Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Zany Brany in Springfield. For ages 4 and up. The store is located at 295 Route 22 East, Springfield. For information call (973) 467-4444.

AUTUMN WONDERS

will be presented Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trade Science and Science Center Planetarium in Mountaineer. For ages 8 and up. Admission is \$3. 2250 North Township in Mountaineer. For information call (908) 789-3670.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY

Elmore Branch will feature films for kids on Fridays at 3:45 p.m. on Oct. 16, 23 and 30.

MAGIC CARPET

Story Time at Elizabeth Library Elmore Branch will be held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. throughout October. At the Elmore Branch, the program will be held on some Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

will take place Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. throughout October at Elizabeth Library Elmore Branch. The program also will take place on these days at 4 p.m. at Elizabeth Library Main Branch. For ages 4-7. LaCorte Branch is located at 740 W. Grand St., Elizabeth. For information call 353-4620. LaCorte Branch is located at 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth. For information call 920-0203 ext. 4.

MEETINGS

CLARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Clark Municipal Building.

MUSEUMS

DEACON ANDREW HOFFELD House in Mountaineer will be open Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. MILLER-CORY HOUSE Museum in Westfield will host a Fall Festival on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Built in 1740, the museum stands on the top of the mountain in Westfield. The Miller-Cory House was named in honor of its two pro-revolutionary owners, both descended from the earliest settlers in this area. Today, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum. It has been called an historic site and has been featured on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Visitors are introduced to a variety of colonial skills as well as antiques and costumes. Costumes recreate the everyday life of the early settlers of the 18th and 19th century farm family in Westfield. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. For information about the museum and its special programs, call the museum office at (908) 292-1174.

TRIPS

SUMMIT AREA Community School will sponsor a trip to historic Princeton and the Garden on Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$67. Bus leaves from Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Boulevard in Summit. For information call (908) 273-1141.

VARIETY

CHAFT SHOW will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains. Admission is \$5. The high school is located at 600 Marine Ave., Scotch Plains. For information call (908) 273-1141.

FALL FESTIVAL

will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jefferson School in Summit. Rain or shine. Admission is free. The school is located at 110 Ashford Ave., Summit. For information call (908) 582-9337.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD will take place Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble book store in Springfield. The book store is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information call (973) 376-8544.

RADIO

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at Elizabeth Library LaCorte Branch will take place on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. throughout October. The branch is located at 408 Palmer St., Elizabeth. For information call 920-0203 ext. 4.



Julius LaRosa will perform, double-billed with comedian Pat Cooper, Saturday at Union County Arts Center.

BETTY WOODMAN

will speak at NJ Center for Visual Arts in Summit Sunday at 3 p.m. in conjunction with her new exhibit. The center is located at 86 Elm St. in Summit. For information call (908) 273-9121.

NI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

will present "Six Nights, Legend U.S. Representative John Lewis on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. Admission is free. NUPAC is located at One Center St., Newark. For information call (908) 273-9121.

OPERA AND CARNIVAL

will be the topic of discussion Monday at 8 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit. Admission is \$10. The church is located at 567 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information call (201) 311-4141.

FILMS

LUNCHTIME THEATER at Springfield Library will screen "Frank Capra's American Dream" on Tuesday at noon. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information call (973) 376-4930.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY

Elmore Branch will present Monday Matinee on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. The branch is located at 740 W. Grand St., Elizabeth. For information call (908) 353-4620.

GOLF

WINTER HOURS at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Golfing Hill Golf Course is closed through April. Ash Brook is located on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. Oak Ridge is located on Oak Ridge Road in Clark. For information call (908) 789-3670.

HALLOWEEN

BARNES AND NOBLE book store in Springfield will host "Trick or Treat" and "Goblins Gobble" for kids on Saturday at 2 p.m. The book store is located at 240 Route 22 West in Springfield. For information call (973) 376-8544.

GOOD LOOKERS

will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trade Science and Science Center in Mountaineer. Admission is \$1. Trade is located at 425 North Providence Road in Mountaineer. For information call (908) 789-3670.

GULLAH GULLAH ISLAND

will be presented Sunday at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Union County Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$15. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. Parkway. For information call (732) 499-8226.

NI BALLET CONCERTS

for Young Adults will be presented Sunday at 2 p.m. at Keap University. Keap is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information call (908) 527-3731.

ROCK AND ROLL ROCKET

will present Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Allstate Nature and Science Center Planetarium in Mountaineer. For ages 4.5 with an adult. Admission is \$3. 2250 North Township in Mountaineer. For information call (908) 789-3670.

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THIRTEENWNET will air Sessions at West 54th, Sundays at 11 p.m. John J. Haney and Imani Coppola Tomorrow, City Arts, 10 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. "Musing Meigs" IMPROVISE, a new series of shows featuring improvisation. Sunday, 10 p.m. Summit, will air Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. throughout October on TV-36.

KEAN UNIVERSITY in Union will host the Reduced Shakespeare Company performance of "The Complete History of America, Adapted Today by Bob Kean" is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information call (908) 527-2337.

BLTHE SPIRIT will be presented Saturday through Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. at Westfield Community Players. Tickets are \$12. West in Westfield at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. For information call (908) 353-9568.

DRAGULA will run through Oct. 24 at Cranford Dramatic Club. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$16, \$14 for seniors, \$8 for students. CDC is located at 78 Vinnans Ave., Cranford. For information call (908) 276-7611.

THE HOLLOW will be presented by Stony Hill Players Oct. 24 at Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit. Tickets are \$12, \$6 for children age 12 and under. The center is located at Morris Avenue and Russell Place in Summit. For information call (908) 454-7716.

THE FANTASTICS will run through Oct. 24 at Keap University. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for students. Keap is located on Morris Avenue in Union. For information call (908) 527-2337.

GYPHY will be presented through Oct. 25 at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. The playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information call (908) 376-4343.

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Also new for 1998 is a standard radio-frequency remote central locking system that operates a standard anti-theft alarm system, panic button and hatch release.

Like its high performance sibling, the GTI-VR6, the 1998 Golf GL is built for drivers. Its fuel-injected 2.0 liter, 115-horsepower engine with a cross-flow cylinder head develops 123 ft-lbs. of torque at just 3,200 revolutions per minute, giving the Golf strong mid-range performance.

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With its spirited performance, the Golf GL is equipped with the five-speed manual transmission, still manages to be economical, achieving EPA fuel mileage figures of 24 mpg in the city and 32 mpg on the highway.

On the inside, and smiling in the outside, the Golf's versatile interior is a function of its front-wheel drive hatchback design pioneered by Volkswagen. With a transverse engine and front-wheel drive, the Golf's drivetrain is up front in the shortest possible length, maximizing space available for passengers and their belongings.

This rigid hatchback body also contributes to rock-solid handling by providing a stable, rigid platform.

As you would expect in a German-engineered car, the Golf gets a four-wheel independent suspension system. The front suspension utilizes a strut design with coil-over arms, stabilizer bar and coil-spring struts. The rear suspension employs a "W" profile independent torsion beam with integral sway bar and trailing arms. The torsion beam rear axle is mounted to the vehicle with Volkswagen's unique track-correcting bushings — a feature designed to minimize unwanted steering effects.

The Golf GL is loaded with comfort and convenience equipment in an interior that is clean, uncluttered and logical. The driver's seat sits up high for better visibility and its height adjustable. As suits a driver's car, tachometer and speedometer are prominent, yet Volkswagen hasn't forgotten small touches like dual front vanity mirrors, work covers, center console, vibrant new body-colored, and abundant storage areas and pockets in front and back. The 1998 Golf includes standard cloth seating and a full-size, glove box.

The Golf also comes with a convenient central locking and unlocking switch on the dash, which allows the driver to open or lock all doors, the hatch and fuel filler door.

With its split-folding rear seatback down, the Golf provides 1 cubic feet of cargo space. Conversion from a four-seat automobile to a versatile cargo carrier is easy by releasing two seat-back latches. Cargo tie-downs are provided for added convenience.

Other standard features on the Golf GL include an electric rear window defogger with rear wiper and wash feature, two-speed front wipers with an intermittent feature, eight-speaker stereo prep, digital clock, power-tilt hatch release, rear concealed beverage holder, and service reminder display.

Environmentally, the Golf has long been built in a recycling friendly manner. Some different types of plastics cannot be mixed, Volkswagen makes all Golf's plastic parts weighing more than 100 grams to make certain these components more feasible for possible recycling. And recycled plastic is also used to build the current Golf.

including the safety fuel tank. Air conditioning is CFC-free and brake linings are asbestos-free. Even the temporary protective coating used on Golf models during shipping is solvent-free.

Active safety comes from precise handling, the security of front-wheel drive, and other accident-avoidance aids like daytime running lights. Passive safety includes a standard driver and front passenger airbag supplemental restraint system.

Both front-seat occupants can adjust the shoulder belt height of the three-point safety belts, which are also equipped with emergency tensioning retractors.

To help secure a child safety seat which should only be used in the rear seats, automatic locking retractors and emergency locking retractors are provided.

Other safety features include a stabilization side door beams, protective side door reinforcement and padding, and Volkswagen's safety cage construction that works in conjunction with crash-absorbing crumple zones to help protect the occupants during a collision.

Additional frontal impact protection comes from the steering system via a collapsible steering column and a steering wheel designed to absorb impact energy.

Further details of how the Golf GL's interior provides occupant protection are found in the absence of sharp interior edges, recessed handle and control switches, air-able sun visors and a foldable rear-view mirror.

The Golf also adds a high-mounted stop lamp in the rear window and open door warning reflectors for all doors.

Volkswagen's Protection Plus includes a two-year/24,000-mile new vehicle limited warranty, the industry's best limited powertrain warranty at 10-year/100,000 miles and a six-year/unlimited mileage corrosion protection limited warranty. In addition, to the extensive warranties, Volkswagen dealers will perform all scheduled maintenance at no charge for the first 100,000 miles, which also comes first. Two-year, 24-hour toll-free roadside assistance coverage is provided by the Professional Dispatch Group.

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