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## Passing shrimp instead of reform

Steve Ma finally came home last month. The Metuchen resident spent the last six months bringing attention to the need for campaign finance reform. The six-month trek culminated in a rally in Trenton on Oct. 20 followed by a town hall meeting on the topic.

Ma, whose walk took him through Union County sometime during the summer, said the rally may have been the end of his trek, but not the end of the effort. "It's just the beginning of a much larger citizens' movement." He plans to meet with every state legislator to discuss a Fair and Clean Elections Act based on similar measures passed in Arizona and Maine.

## County Seat

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

"There's definitely legislative support, but it won't pass without a massive push from the people; we're trying to provide that push."

Ma, said about 300 motivated and spirited people attended the rally, including many who housed and fed him during his travels through the Garden State, and representatives from Common Cause, New Jersey Public Interest Research Group and the League of Women Voters. He was pleased with the turnout for his rally, considering a day earlier talk began of anthrax cases in nearby Hamilton. Also in attendance was Bill Schuler, a former Republican legislator who mounted an independent campaign for governor this year.

Locally, plenty of money has been raised and spent in this important election year. Union County candidates for Assembly and Senate had raised an average of approximately \$110,000, according to the latest finance reports.

In the 22nd District, which was one of the state's most competitive races, the numbers prove it. Republicans are obviously eager to retain Donald DiFrancesco's Senate seat as the state GOP committee had poured almost \$240,000 into Milt Campbell's campaign for Senate against Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, who had raised more than \$350,000 of his own.

It seems campaign finance reform doesn't motivate people. Two things make me say that. As of this writing, Schuler wasn't exactly expected to do much in Tuesday's gubernatorial election, much less win it, and he didn't even get an invite to any of the debates because he failed to raise the required \$5.6 million in campaign funds. By contrast, the day of Ma's rally, Oct. 20, more than 40,000 people attended The Par Hills Race Meeting. Now if 40,000 people attended a campaign finance reform rally...

## Democrats wallop Republicans again

### Party gains in Summit, Westfield

By Mark Hrywna  
and Michael N. Moretti  
As Democrats easily retained all three seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the seventh consecutive year, the party made historic inroads in local races in Summit and Westfield where Republicans generally enjoy victories locally.

Freeholders Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth, Mary Ruotolo of Westfield and Lewis Mingo Jr. of Plainfield tallied nearly 70 percent of the vote overall in defeating Roselle Park Councilman Ricky Badillo, Jeffrey Schundler of Westfield and former Plainwood Councilman Andrew MacDonald.

With all but nine of Union County's 437 voting districts reporting late Tuesday night, Ruotolo was the leading vote-getter in the freeholder race with 69,913 votes, 21 percent, followed by Sullivan, 67,662, 20 percent; Mingo, 65,523, 19 percent; Badillo, 45,149, 13 percent; Schundler, 44,705, 13 percent; and MacDonald, 44,253, 13 percent.

Democratic Sheriff Ralph Froehlich easily won his ninth and possibly final three-year term, defeating fellow Union resident Nicholas Berkey, with 76,220 votes, 66 percent, to 38,426, 34 percent.

Incumbents, celebrating at L'Affaire in Mountainside Tuesday

night, thanked supporters and campaign workers, especially County Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo.

"The support we get on a day in and day out basis is marvelous," Sullivan, who gained his third three-year term, said.

"We have the most organized, most dedicated county party in the state," Ruotolo said.

DeFilippo thanked the labor unions within the county for the Democratic victories. "The unions came out strong. We're partners and we're always been partners."

Voter turnout in Union County was approximately 49 percent this year, with 129,855 of 262,655 registered voters casting ballots. Democrats held a better than 2-to-1 advantage versus Republicans in the number of registered voters, 89,520, 34 percent, to 42,394, 16 percent. Unaffiliated voters, however, amount to nearly both party's totals combined with 130,135, or 50 percent of the county's registered voter population.

Union County Republican Chairman Ronald Frigerio described the current all-Democratic freeholder board as a "classic case of arrogance because no one is watching them."

If Republicans were to win a seat on the county's governing body, "it should happen this year," with issues

| Town             | Mary <sup>1</sup><br>Ruotolo | Daniel <sup>1</sup><br>Sullivan | Lewis <sup>1</sup><br>Mingo Jr. | Ricky <sup>1</sup><br>Badillo | Jeffrey <sup>1</sup><br>Schundler | Andrew <sup>1</sup><br>MacDonald | Ralph <sup>1</sup><br>Froehlich | Nick <sup>1</sup><br>Berkey |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Berkeley Heights | 1,823                        | 1,874                           | 1,475                           | 2,534                         | 2,546                             | 2,543                            | 1,741                           | 2,399                       |
| Clark            | 2,581                        | 2,448                           | 2,288                           | 2,395                         | 2,437                             | 2,378                            | 2,518                           | 1,110                       |
| Cranford         | 3,998                        | 3,787                           | 3,521                           | 3,777                         | 3,774                             | 3,755                            | 4,620                           | 3,077                       |
| Elizabeth        | 8,891                        | 8,963                           | 8,830                           | 2,912                         | 2,912                             | 2,809                            | 9,738                           | 2,259                       |
| Fanwood          | 1,225                        | 1,199                           | 1,128                           | 1,279                         | 1,207                             | 1,371                            | 1,413                           | 1,097                       |
| Garwood          | 644                          | 635                             | 601                             | 546                           | 564                               | 544                              | 752                             | 447                         |
| Hillside         | 3,482                        | 3,429                           | 3,385                           | 867                           | 887                               | 845                              | 3,555                           | 789                         |
| Kenilworth       | 1,141                        | 1,082                           | 997                             | 898                           | 864                               | 841                              | 1,386                           | 857                         |
| Linden           | 6,182                        | 6,056                           | 5,984                           | 1,570                         | 2,294                             | 2,332                            | 6,071                           | 1,894                       |
| Mountainside     | 849                          | 886                             | 835                             | 1,570                         | 1,547                             | 1,536                            | 1,073                           | 1,393                       |
| New Providence   | 1,394                        | 1,352                           | 1,287                           | 2,204                         | 2,170                             | 2,251                            | 1,588                           | 2,028                       |
| Plainfield       | 5,422                        | 6,379                           | 5,399                           | 1,271                         | 1,227                             | 1,142                            | 5,442                           | 1,202                       |
| Rahway           | 4,077                        | 4,814                           | 3,947                           | 1,988                         | 1,921                             | 1,877                            | 4,404                           | 1,848                       |
| Roselle          | 3,316                        | 3,333                           | 3,249                           | 726                           | 739                               | 727                              | 3,802                           | 577                         |
| Roselle Park     | 1,813                        | 1,438                           | 1,404                           | 1,855                         | 1,561                             | 1,498                            | 1,870                           | 1,210                       |
| Scotch Plains    | 3,597                        | 3,432                           | 3,365                           | 3,387                         | 3,335                             | 3,451                            | 3,899                           | 2,983                       |
| Springfield      | 2,745                        | 2,628                           | 2,548                           | 1,373                         | 1,528                             | 1,518                            | 2,353                           | 1,484                       |
| Summit           | 2,650                        | 2,540                           | 2,481                           | 3,415                         | 3,382                             | 3,353                            | 2,732                           | 3,226                       |
| Union            | 7,759                        | 7,455                           | 7,107                           | 4,319                         | 4,282                             | 4,199                            | 8,733                           | 3,413                       |
| Westfield        | 5,507                        | 5,030                           | 4,737                           | 4,775                         | 4,928                             | 4,722                            | 5,520                           | 4,381                       |
| Winfield         | 335                          | 327                             | 310                             | 133                           | 138                               | 130                              | 387                             | 108                         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>69,913</b>                | <b>67,662</b>                   | <b>65,523</b>                   | <b>45,149</b>                 | <b>44,705</b>                     | <b>44,253</b>                    | <b>76,220</b>                   | <b>38,426</b>               |

\*Incumbent  
Results are unofficial

like the state's investigation of the transfer station in Linden and a tax increase. "There couldn't be any more reasons."

Frigerio last week said the only way the GOP can win seats on the freeholder board is if Union County is divided into districts. Creating freeholder districts would require state legislation, which was introduced last year but has gone nowhere.

Badillo, and other Republicans who were gathered at The Westwood in Garwood Tuesday night, were surprised at election returns from Linden. The GOP campaign targeted a proposed transfer station in Linden that would process New York City's trash, which the current freeholder board

approved within the county's solid waste management plan. Badillo said the Republican ticket campaigned hard in Linden on the trash issue.

"Sometimes in losing we learn something," Badillo said. "In this election there was a communication breakdown. Our message didn't get out. It's the right message, but for some reason, the people didn't respond. We really have to get out there earlier next time to get our message out."

"The people have spoken and want a Democratic board and we will have to respect that."

Republicans were able to carry only five of 21 municipalities outright, all towns on the western side of

the county: Berkeley Heights, Fanwood, Mountainside, New Providence and Summit.

In municipal races, the Summit Common Council will have its first Democrat in nearly 80 years. Two of three Democratic candidates gained seats on the seven-member council. In Westfield, Democrats ousted two incumbents to gain a majority on the seven-member council. Democrats in Kenilworth gained a seat to even the Borough Council at 3-3.

Republicans managed to regain the majority on the five-member Cranford Township Committee by defeating one of two incumbents. Democrats had won the only seat up last year to become the majority.

## Local Dems deliver big for McGreevey

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

For the first time in more than a decade, Union County went decidedly in favor of one candidate in the race for governor.

Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey earned more than 60 percent of the Union County vote Tuesday with 77,447 votes to Republican Bret Schundler's 49,002 votes, 38 percent. Statewide, the Democrat was victorious by about the same margin. Schundler delivered a lengthy concession speech by 10:15 p.m. Tuesday.

In 1997, McGreevey won Union County by about a thousand votes, or less than 0.5 percent. He received about 69,673 votes, 48.4 percent, to the incumbent's 68,721, 48.1 percent. The Woodbridge mayor all but continued campaigning since losing narrowly to Gov. Christine Whitman that year.

During the 1993 gubernatorial race, when Democratic incumbent James Florio lost to Whitman, it was an even slimmer margin still in favor of the Democrat in Union County. Florio captured 76,552 votes, 50.1 percent, in Union County to Whitman's 76,359, 49.9 percent.

The last time it was not a close gubernatorial election, both statewide and in Union County, was in 1989, when Florio conceded Republican Jim Cooper. Florio garnered 89,419 votes, 62 percent, in Union County, while Cooper only managed 53,636, 38 percent.

Freeholder Linda Stender of Fanwood, who won election to the Assembly with incumbent Gerald Green Tuesday night, credited McGreevey's campaign with carrying the party. "The difference we saw was at the top of the ticket. There was such a difference between" McGreevey's message and Schundler's that "I'm not surprised."

Schundler made several campaign stops in Union County within a week of the election. The former Jersey City mayor was in Summit Saturday for a rally with Bob Franks, the man he defeated in the June primary. He visited his alma mater, Westfield High School, on Nov. 1 after campaigning that morning with former Gov. Thomas Kean downtown.

One local Democrat said last week that his party understood it had to "generate huge numbers in Union County."

Freeholder Nicholas Soutari, celebrating at Nuno's Pavilion in Linden, said the party was aware of the 1997 results and was looking to improve. He was not at all surprised by the results of the governor's race. "It turned out exactly as predicted."

McGreevey "has worked hard for it, he's much more in tune" with the electorate, Soutari said, adding that he would have been more concerned had there been someone else running, like Franks, a former congressman and state GOP chairman.

| Town             | James<br>McGreevey | Bret<br>Schundler |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Berkeley Heights | 1,975              | 2,532             |
| Clark            | 2,842              | 2,584             |
| Cranford         | 4,222              | 4,000             |
| Elizabeth        | 9,019              | 3,834             |
| Fanwood          | 1,320              | 1,332             |
| Garwood          | 578                | 617               |
| Hillside         | 4,016              | 1,025             |
| Kenilworth       | 1,248              | 1,137             |
| Linden           | 6,859              | 2,846             |
| Mountainside     | 926                | 1,595             |
| New Providence   | 1,731              | 2,216             |
| Plainfield       | 6,718              | 1,313             |
| Rahway           | 4,400              | 2,122             |
| Roselle          | 3,782              | 961               |
| Roselle Park     | 1,884              | 1,590             |
| Scotch Plains    | 4,054              | 3,340             |
| Springfield      | 3,067              | 1,701             |
| Summit           | 3,122              | 3,229             |
| Union            | 8,334              | 5,289             |
| Westfield        | 5,395              | 5,175             |
| Winfield         | n/a                | n/a               |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>77,447</b>      | <b>49,002</b>     |

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Union County can be considered a solid Democratic county, party members said. The party has won every countywide election since 1995. "It really comes from the local and builds up," said Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, who is Roselle Park's Democratic chairman. "We're building from within," he said, adding that under the leadership of County Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo, the party is undefeated.

"We're seeing it in the numbers," Stender, who is Fanwood's municipal chairman, "it reflects the changing demographics which are increasingly Democratic" in Union County.

Although political power once could be considered cyclical in Union County, Stender said if the pendulum was to swing, it would have occurred last year when President George Bush led the ticket. "It's a Democratic stronghold now," she said of the county.

"As a party, we have a message that connects with people and candidates who put forth positive programs and policies for the community," Stender said. Matthew McDermott, who was compiling election returns for Republicans as they gathered at The Westwood in Garwood Tuesday night, pointed to the trend shift in Republican voting. He said the margin of difference in Republican to Democratic votes in the traditionally Republican towns is extremely slim in comparison to those in traditionally Democratic towns.

Staff Writer Michael N. Moretti contributed to this report.

## Democrats pick up seat

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Political power shifted in the Legislature with Tuesday's election results, and Union County proved to be one of the pivotal battlegrounds that Democrats won. County-wide, Democrats won Countywide Assembly Districts controlled by Democrats after 10 years of Republican rule in two of three districts. A fourth district includes Hillside, along with parts of Newark, which is a safe, and rarely contested, Democratic district.

Statewide Democrats gained the majority in the 80-seat Assembly for the first time in 10 years while winning five seats in the state Senate to even the upper house at 20 seats a piece among life two major parties. The governor's office also changed hands as Democrat James McGreevey easily defeated Republican Bret Schundler.

The 22nd District provided Democrats with two new Assembly seats and a new state Senate seat. Democratic Assemblyman Joseph Suliga of Linden retained the Senate seat over former Olympic champion Milt Campbell of Plainfield. In the Assembly, incumbent Gerald Green of Plainfield and Freeholder Linda Stender of Fanwood, both Democrats, defeated the Republican team of Green Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh and former Scotch Plains Mayor Gabe Spera.

Arriving at his victory party at Nuno's Pavilion in Linden by 9:50

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## Resume workshops planned

Despite the spirit of uncertainty that pervades the economy and the country's security overall, you can still rise above layoffs and other negative employment trends by developing an effective resume and honing your job interview skills. This semester, Union County College will offer three, single-session workshops during November in these areas. These include a newly-introduced seminar specifically geared toward people with technical backgrounds in computers, the sciences, medicine and other areas of high technology.

The workshops are designed for persons who recently experienced a layoff, those who believe they may face a job loss, as well as those who wish to upgrade the status in a chosen field or change direction and start an entirely new career path. New graduates are also assisted through the workshops. The seminars are practically oriented and provide participants with significant opportunity to address their own personal concerns. Considerable dialogue is encouraged to enable participants to learn from their peers as well as from the instructor.

New this semester is "Resume Writing for Techies," a seminar designed to help people with technical backgrounds to convey their skills and accomplishments in "plain English," while conveying a positive message of their technical expertise. Participants will learn to balance industry jargon with concrete language designed for a reading audience much broader than might be anticipated at first glance. The college will offer the workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 19 at its Cranford campus.

Other related workshops that have been offered by the college in the past and will be presented again:

- "Make Your Resume Work for You" will enable participants to discover the rationale behind an effective resume and cover letter that are clear, concise, and highlight one's individuality. Participants will learn to balance marketability with accuracy, and become familiar with the dos and don'ts of good editing practices, layout and professional printing strategies. The college will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 12 at its Cranford campus.

- "Developing Confidence for the Job Interview" will enable participants to develop strategic selling skills for the employment marketplace. They will learn techniques to prepare effectively for the job interview. This effort can thus help to ease the stress of the experience and equip participants with the ability to refine their presentation for optimal impact. Participants will learn to conduct preliminary research, the importance of networking, types of questions the interviewee needs to ask, negotiating for the salary, and how to close the interview to one's advantage. Role playing will be included as time permits. The college will conduct the seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 26 at its Cranford campus.

## Democrats gain pivotal seats

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p.m. Tuesday Siliaga said his commitment to stay positive with his message during the campaign as his opponent continued to cast negative allegations was a factor in his victory.

In Union County, the Democratic ticket garnered approximately 65 percent of the vote in the 22nd District, which also includes parts of Somerset and Middlesex counties. Siliaga won 10 of the 11 municipalities in the 22nd District, including Campbell's hometown of Plainfield, 3,865 votes, 54 percent, to 3,341, 46 percent. The only town Campbell won was Green Brook, with 924 votes, 58 percent, to 661, 42 percent.

Easily winning re-election in the 20th District — which is comprised of Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Roselle and Union — were state Sen. Raymond

Lesniak of Elizabeth and Assemblyman Neil Cohen of Roselle, along with Joseph Cryan of Union, who took the second Assembly seat. The ticket garnered about 80 percent of the Union County vote against an Independent slate from Elizabeth. Cohen likely will seek to become the Majority Leader in the Assembly.

In the 21st District, which covers central and northern parts of the county, remained in Republican hands with Assemblyman Richard Bagger of Westfield earning the Senate seat over Ellen Steinberg of Chatham Township and Thomas Kean Jr. of Westfield and Eric Munoz of Summit defeating former Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim and J. Brooke Hern of New Providence for the Assembly seats. Republicans grabbed about 60 percent of the votes in Union County,

## Senior outreach services

Union County's Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program for the month of November.

Union County representatives will be available to offer information and provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for a multitude of programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, home energy assistance, Supplementary Security Income, counseling on health insurance for Medicare enrollees, and the SHARE Food Program. A bilingual staff person will be present.

The dates, times and locations for applications are:

- Friday, Elizabeth, PROCEED Office, 1126 Dickinson St., 10 a.m. to noon.

- Nov. 15: Roselle, Roselle Senior Housing, 250 W. 2nd Ave., 10 a.m. to noon.

- Nov. 27: Plainfield, Cedarbrook Park Apartments, 1272 Park Ave., starting at 11 a.m.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number at 888-280-8226.

## Boy Scout food drive

Boy Scouts, Webelos and Cub Scouts from communities throughout Somerset and Union counties will be collecting food for the benefit of local food banks in Scouting's annual Good Turn called Scouting For Food. After several years, this event has become an important part of the food-supply picture in many of the local food banks.

This weekend, parent-supervised Scouts will distribute specially-marked bags or descriptive requests to homes in their assigned neighborhoods. Homeowners are asked to fill a bag with nourishing, nonperishable, not-in-glass food products that can be stocked at a food pantry, and to put the bags out for pickup early on the following Saturday, Nov. 17 — unless a different time is called for in a note with the bag.

The Scouts will return to the same homes they visited previously to take the bags to a local food pantry, such as a church or a community facility. The food will be used to prepare Thank-

giving baskets and to serve needy families throughout the winter.

The Scout units participating in this food drive are part of the Mountainside-based Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## HOSA officers elected

The Union County Chapter of Health Occupations Students of America recently held an election to determine this year's officers for their chapter of the HOSA organization.

The students, all of whom are part of the Allied Health services program at Union County Vocational-Technical High School, elected four officers for the annual term. The officers are: President Chanel Bonjorno of Cranford, Vice President Renee Schwartz of Roselle, Secretary Heather Mills of Panwood, and Treasurer Ingrid Hagood of Plainfield.

This year the HOSA organization intends to hold a school blood drive in December and to participate in the regional and state HOSA competitions.

Donna Powers, the high school's Allied Health instructor, serves as club advisor.

## Women of Excellence nominations sought

Applicants are being sought for the 10th annual Women of Excellence awards program sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women. The commission is looking for outstanding women nominees of Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Business/Entrepreneur; Community Service; Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care, and/or Women's Advocacy. The women selected from the nominees will be honored at The Westwood in Garwood on March 22.

A resume or biography with a cover letter highlighting the accomplishments and outstanding achievements of the nominee should be submitted to Joan Abitante, 322 Dietz St., Roselle, 07203.

Nomination submissions must be postmarked by Dec. 1. For more information, call Abitante at 908-241-4889.

## Entertainment books on sale as fund-raiser

The 2002 Entertainment Books, with hundreds of discount coupons for restaurants, travel and sports events in the Union County area, are being sold by Union County Vocational-Technical School students to raise funds for their annual awards night.

The discount coupon books are available for all areas of New Jersey and can be ordered for all areas of the county. Each book provides discounts of as much as 50 percent on fine and casual dining, movie admissions, concerts, sports events, family activities, airfares, hotels, rental cars, merchandise and local services.

Heinz Ricken, coordinator of student activities, said the money raised through the sale of the books will be used to help fund the awards given to graduating seniors at the annual awards night in June.

The North Jersey edition of the book costs \$20 and includes businesses and events in Union, Essex and Hudson counties. The Central Jersey edition, which includes Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and southern Union counties, costs \$30. Other editions available for purchase in the Bergen/Passaic/Northwest Jersey edition, the Monmouth, Ocean and Mercer counties; South Jersey, and New York City.

To purchase a book or to obtain more information on the 2002 Entertainment Book, call Ricken, the awards dinner chairman, at 908-889-8288, Ext. 311, or purchase one at the main office of Union County Vocational-Technical High School, West Hall, 1776 Ranjan Road.

## DARE/Devils night

The Union County DARE Officers Association will be hosting its annual DARE/Devils Hockey Night Dec. 14 at the Continental Airlines Arena.

Tickets are specially priced for this evening at \$30 — box office price is \$52 — and are second level at the arena. Game time is 7:35 p.m. for the game against the Florida Panthers, and all fans receive a Devils souvenir.

Anyone interested can call Detective Keith Dunn of the Clark Police Department at 732-388-3434, Ext. 259.

## Toy sale set today

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will sponsor a toy sale today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

Toys for sale include cartoon clocks, die cast cars, battery operating toys, and educational toys.

The public is invited to attend the sales free thanks to the efforts of the Volunteer Guild. A part of every sale goes back to the Volunteer Guild to provide prizes for bingo games and fund performances by a variety of musicians, singers and artists at the hospital.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact, as well as performing other tasks. For information, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

To schedule a tour of the facility or to file an application, call the hospital's Admissions Office at 908-771-5901. There are no residency requirements for admission. Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

## Information conference

The Union County Division on Aging will present its annual Information and Assistance Conference today from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Kean University Center, Room 228, on the campus at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. Parking is available throughout the college parking lots.

Keynote speaker Martha Chavis of the Camden Area Health Education Center will address the conference in the morning program. Her key points will be how to reduce barriers and increase services to elders. The cultural issues of beliefs, values, and family will be reviewed from the ethnogerontology perspective of socioeconomic and life expectancy for minority elder populations.

Chavis is a nationally known expert and commentator on cultural diversity issues. During the afternoon, Chavis will be moderating a panel of community leaders discussing how to address cultural diversity.

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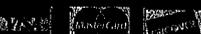
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Good spin is given to 'Odd Couple'

Can two divorcees share an apartment without driving each other crazy? Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau tried answering this question back in the 1960s in the film version Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," a classic comedy based on a classic play.

### On the Boards

By Robert Cockley  
Staff Writer

Mystic Vision Players of Linden presented a different take on the question with their production of the female version of Simon's "The Odd Couple," wherein Felix and Oscar become Florence and Olive. Again, it appears divorcees cannot share an apartment without driving each other crazy.

Olive, played by Eileen Hladky, is the producer of a news show instead of a sports writer. She is seen wearing sports caps and jerseys in the play, though. While the idea of a female slob seems unusual, Hladky's Olive is a character who just doesn't mind leaving clothes on the floor or not using coasters. She even mentions that she had Coca-Cola stains on her wedding dress.

While Felix is usually seen as a fopish fustabudger, Florence, played by Susan G. Mantz, is more the high-strung schoolmarm type. Florence's neatsness may stem from childhood, but it was obviously reinforced by

the questions and doing so in a way to keep Florence occupied. Olive's friends are all a hoot to watch.

Stephanie Petersen and Jennie Wyckoff stand out, respectively, as the Benzodrine-hyper Mickey and the Thorazine-mellow Vera. Beth E. Hoppes is Renee and Alicia Picoe is Sylvie. They are also very funny, but more memorable for their roles in the plot than their characterizations.

Daniel MacLynn and Allan Gershenson were the Costanza brothers, Mansel and Jesus, who are part of the dating pool Olive is trying to push Florence back into. They are played as an amusing Spanish variant on the Wild and Crazy Czech Brothers from "Saturday Night Live," replacing the British Pidgeon sisters in the original "Odd Couple."

With a fast pace, good directing and wonderful acting, Mystic Vision Players are able to give a spin on "The Odd Couple" that deserves to be performed — and seen — more often.

Mystic Vision Players' production of the female version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" runs through Saturday at the Linden Presbyterian Church. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B10.



Members of the corps de ballet of the New Jersey Ballet Company 'take flight' during a performance.

## Company makes 'classics' come alive

No wonder there is so much excellence in the performances and productions of the New Jersey Ballet Company. It is, after all, celebrating its 43rd year as a professional company, and it has been designated by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts as a major arts institution in recognition of "artistic excellence, substantial programming and broad public service."

And, with many thanks to Carolyn Clark, artistic director, there is no wonder that Kean University and the New Jersey Ballet presented an excellent production of "An Evening of Classical Favorites" Saturday evening at the Wilkins Theater on the Union campus.

Right from the beginning, the ballet aficionados, who filled the little theater, gloried in "Valse Fantasies," choreographed by George Balanchine, with elegant music by Michael Glouka and costumes by Vasia Benuis. Three couples danced lightly and beautifully, and of the six people, three were newcomers to the New Jersey Ballet. They were Kotae Kojima, Michelle Lanette Lookadoo and Jillian Mitchell. They fit in well with the more experienced dancers, Christina Thyrong, Andrea Neira and Marrie Shapiro.

"Diane and Acteon," a pas de deux, was an exciting piece with Julia Vorobyeva as the huntress and Tavushin Bold as the warrior, choreographed by Agrippina Vaganova, staged by Leonid Kozlov, with music by Cesare Pugni and costumes by Paul H. McKee. Vorobyeva is a very skilled dancer with fine extension, and she was partnered by an equally strong dancer, muscular and handsome.

Another pas de deux, "Tchaikovsky," choreographed by Balanchine, with music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky and costumes by Vasia Benuis, had an intimate quality and an electrifying togetherness as Andrei Jouravlev and his wife, Era Korotava-Jouravleva, essentially portrayed love. They interacted beautifully in a production in which the music, originally intended for the Act II "Black Swan" pas de deux, but was not published with the

### Dance Notes

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

rest of the score, remained unknown to Petipa and Ivanov, original choreographers of the piece. It has since been performed as an entity and has become a special favorite with performers and audiences alike. The audience on Saturday night respectively called out "Bravo! Bravo!"

"La Bayadere, The Kingdom of the Shades," featured in the program, was completely different from all other ballets offered by this company. The choreography was traditional with music by Ludwig Minkus and costumes by Paul H. McKee. Here, we have an Indian bayadere, a temple dancer, whose warrior lover abandons her to marry another. Dancing to the story and the tragic end, with an introduction of some newcomers at the beginning, were the leads, Sante Rachmedova, Jouravlev, Michelle de Fremery, Gabriella Noa, Shapiro and Thyrong; and the others, Kojima, Lookadoo, Mitchell, with Sonya Berenfeld, Christina Brozyna, Ekaterina de Bevoise, Michelle Kenda and Lucy Van Ciet.

It was a full ballet, with Jouravlev, a strong dancer with a nearly perfect muscular body, partnering Rachmedova, a petite dancer, who looks fragile, but is, nevertheless, a strong dancer, and both demonstrated their skills and did powerful leaps and bounds. The dancers did different patterns on the stage. They were absolutely marvelous.

And if all of these performances were a marvel to witness, the real treat came at the very end — with the superb prima ballerina, Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, gracing the stage with her magical performance as Raymonda in "Pas de Dix." The production is from the third-act (festival scene of the full-length ballet, "Raymonda,"

The principals were outstanding, but the real star, shining so brightly on that stage, was Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich.

with a Hungarian flavor, concerning the marriage of Raymonda and Count Di Brienne, capably danced by Doriane. Choreography is by Balanchine after Marius Petipa, and it was staged by McKee, with music by Alexander Glazunov and costumes by Vasia Benuis. Four couples do some gypsy-style dancing, elegantly exciting and beautifully inviting. In addition to Sabovick-Bleich and Doume, the couples were de Fremery, Korotava-Jouravleva, Noa, Vorobyeva, and Stan Arnshtad, Bold, Neira and David Tamak.

The principals were outstanding, but the real star, shining so brightly on that stage, was Sabovick-Bleich, an exceptional ballet performer, who can do the most delicate, or the most powerful dancing, always adding something extra, something unexpected to her work. It is a privilege to experience her presence and at the climax of the evening, the audience certainly let her know about it by clapping and whistling and shouting "Bravo! Bravo, Rosemary!"

It really was a magical night of ballet. Imagine, having all of this — just around the corner — right in Union.

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## Singer's jazzy style is infectious

When Marlene VerPlanck steps into the spotlight Friday night at the Arts Guild of Rahway, she'll be sure to jazz up a chilly autumn evening.

VerPlanck, appearing as part of the Guild's Jazz Ecce series, will bring to the fore her smooth, easy vocal stylings, which local TV fans know from the "Mmm, mmm go!" Campbell Soup jingle and the original "I Love New York" commercial. However, one need not reach back into the annals of television to appreciate VerPlanck's sound, which can be heard not only at the Arts Guild, but also on her recent album, "My Impetuous Heart."

The 18 tracks on "My Impetuous Heart" beautifully showcase VerPlanck's talent, her impressive command of her instrument and her natural affinity to the style of light jazz.

Her easy sound is the centerpiece of "Fools Fall in Love" by Irving Berlin, which features an evocatively lazy tempo, calling to mind images of an after-dinner road house not unlike Judy Garland in "A Star is Born." Hank Jones' piano work on this track is on a par with VerPlanck's vocals.

The chanteuse brings a funky, bluesy sound to "Travelin' Light" by Johnny Mercer, Truman Young and Jimmy Mundy, which highlights an infectious bass line by Gary Mazaroppi. Again, a deliberately lagging tempo in the first verse is quite effective, and gives VerPlanck the opportunity to really let loose when the song takes off in the middle, before returning to initial tempo by the end.

### Music Notes

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

Kelly and Mal Waldron, made famous by Billie Holiday, is brought to effortless life by VerPlanck's restrained approach on this track.

Like some of the other tracks, Al Dubin and Harry Warren's "You're Getting to Be a Habit With Me" is lazy and rich. VerPlanck's lyrical interpretation, evident on all the songs, is beautifully showcased on this track, as are her vocalese jazz stylings.

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# Shakespeare Festival's 'Crucible' is what classic theater is all about

A wondrous dramatic moment occurred last week at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater when "The Crucible" is being performed by the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival.

## On the Boards

By Ruth Ross  
Theater Correspondent

As Elizabeth Proctor is questioned about her dismissal of her servant, Abigail Williams — husband John has just confessed to being intimate with the girl — the audience held its collective breath. Would Elizabeth corroborate John's story that Abigail's accusations of witchcraft against her are motivated by spite and jealousy? Or will she try to protect her husband and keep their dirty laundry private, thus condemning herself to hang?

Fortunately, it is one of several fine moments in this highly charged, tightly wound production directed by Bonnie Miller. Written in the '50s by Arthur Miller, "The Crucible" works on several levels as a retelling of the 1692 Salem witch trials; as a metaphor for the 1952 hunt for Communists conducted by Sen. Joseph McCarthy, which ruined the lives of many people prominent in the arts and government; and as a warning of what can happen in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, when every person with a Middle Eastern-looking face or name has become a *de facto* terrorist and risks attack by fellow Americans.

On a stage dated to reflect the disjuncture of 17th-century Salem — a litigious society even before the witch

trials — concern for high-spirited girls caught dancing in the forest elaters from rising hysteria to wholesale arrests of even exemplary citizens to the execution of 19 on the gallows, whose ropes are heard swinging so ominously between acts.

Paul Niebank and Dana Reeve are superb as John and Elizabeth Proctor. Ashamed of his behavior with Abigail, he is earnest in his desire to reconcile with his wife, and our hearts ache when she seems to reject his apology and his attempts to win her back. In the play's final scene, where he faces a "choiceless choice," Niebank brings tears to one's eyes as he confesses to witchcraft to save his life and then recants, not wishing to sully his good name by permitting his confession and signature to be made public when that admission is a patent lie. Not as good looking as the film's Daniel Day-Lewis, Niebank is nevertheless a believable and natural actor who early on wins the audience's sympathy.

Reeve's job as the less sympathetic Elizabeth's more difficult. In her ini-

tial scenes with her husband, he says, "It's winter in here yet," and the chill in the air is palpable. Ignorant of what John's told the court, her demeanor during the interrogation is superbly evocative of a woman also facing a "choiceless choice" whether to tell the truth or protect her privacy. Her confession to feeling plain and unlovable to explain why she has not given herself wholeheartedly to her husband throughout her marriage, thus driving him into the arms of Abigail, is heart-breaking.

As Elizabeth's foil, Erin Lynlee Partin is a ruminative Abigail, prim and proper in the company of elders but wanton and seductive with John Proctor. Just the act of taking off her hat and letting her hair flow, along with a shake of her head and a flash of her eyes, lets us know the attraction she has for him. Laura Standley is also terrific as Mary Warren, the girl who first accuses others then recants and then falls under Abby's spell again.

Brian Dowd is a pompous Reverend Parris; Richard Waddingham a weasly, envious Putnam; Tom Brennan an arrogant Judge Hawthorne; and William Metzko a marvelous Deputy Governor Danforth who refuses to pardon anyone because he doesn't wish to appear weak!

Jim Mohr is affecting as the garrulous old man, Giles Corey, whose loose lips condemn his wife to the gallows and who is eventually pressed to death by heavy stones. And Greg

Jackson is wonderful as Reverend John Hale, called in to help resolve the situation, he initially joins the chorus of believers but becomes increasingly incredulous as time passes, until he's a broken man at the end. Kate Schlessinger's Ann Putnam is appropriately whiny for a woman always looking to see what others have that she has not, and Carole Cason's Rebecca Nurse projects a serenity and confidence appropriate to a truly charitable woman no one would suspect of witchcraft.

With enough conflict for several plays, characters we care about and a theme that resonates so well to be considered universal, "The Crucible" reminds us what classic theater is all about. An edge-of-your-seat cautionary tale of the dangers of puritanical codes of morality and judgment, it is a timeless drama that reveals universal truths about the human spirit and its capacity for good and evil. And if you know any teenagers, bring them along. They've probably studied the play in school or are interested in witches — Halloween was only last week — and this production would be a terrific introduction to the theater!

"The Crucible" runs through Nov. 18 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater, on the campus of Drew University in Madison. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B10.



As Reverend John Hale, Greg Jackson, center, watches helplessly as Laura Standley's Mary Warren is glipped with hysteria. William Metzko, as Deputy Governor Danforth, seeks to soothe the girl. Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" is currently on stage at the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Madison.

# NJPAC partners with Wolf Trap to bring artist residencies to schools

The world of the arts is being brought to preschool children and its audience continues to grow through a unique program provided by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Arts Education Department.

In collaboration with New Jersey's public and private schools, HeadStart programs and community preschool centers, the New Jersey Wolf Trap program provides preschool and kindergarten children, ages 3 to 5, with basic academic and life skills through the performing arts. Since this program began in 1997, it has spanned northeastern New Jersey more than tripling its size. This school year, more than 2,000 children at 34 sites in seven municipalities will participate.

Early Learning Through the Arts is a joint effort of NJPAC's Arts Education Department and a program developed by the Virginia-based Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts under the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Art. The artist-in-residence program arranges for professional artists specializing in creative dramatics, puppetry, music, storytelling or dance to engage students, as well as teachers, in the learning process. Based on curriculum that teachers are introducing, the artists work with the children in the classroom twice a week for seven weeks.

Participating sites for the current school year are:

- East Orange — Althea Gibson Academy, Dionne Warwick Institute, Dr. John Howard School, George Washington Carver, Johnnie L. Cochran Academy, Gordon Parks Academy, Langston Hughes Academy, Toussaint Louverture Academy, Wallstrom Early Childhood Center, Washington Academy, Whitney Houston Academy, Minard Barry Gary School, and Queen Avenue School.
  - Elizabeth — Theodore Roosevelt School.
  - Englewood — D.A. Quarles Early Childhood Center.
  - Newark — Boylan Early Childhood Center, Brick Towers I and II, Broadway Mini Mall and II, Friendly, Fule Neighborhood Center, La Casa de Don Pedro, Lafayette Street School, Newark Day Center, South Street School, St. Stephens I and II, and Tabernacle I and II.
  - Orange — Lincoln Avenue School, Cleveland Street School and Oakwood Avenue School.
  - Paterson — Concerned Parents for Head Start.
  - Jersey City — PS #6, #9, #31, #33, and #37.
- Both the Jersey City and East Orange school districts, which are Abbott districts, provide 30 to 35 residencies in each district, making this program formed by the partnership between NJPAC's Arts Education Department and the Wolf Trap

Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts a major initiative.

Residency artist, listed by discipline, are:

- Dance — Shamida Coney of Plainfield, M'hewee Ebovar of Mine Hill, Joanne Koob Brown of Teaneck and Joanna Pang Adams of Portman Park.
- Drama — Donna Holmes and Rubey Gilbert, both of Newark, Marcus Bern of Jersey City, Arthur Walden of Roselle and Judy Wiener of Marlclair.
- Music — David Kimelis of West Orange.
- Voice — Winicy Terry of Vauxhall and Sue Ribaud of New York City.
- Percussion — Lara Gonzalez of Chatham and Ahmondylia Best of Maplewood.

Residencies begin with professional development sessions for educators and artists, with the latter receiving one week of training with a Wolf Trap Master artist. There have been a total of 342 residencies/classrooms served in the past five years. This year there will be a total of 104 residencies/classrooms participating. The Early Learning Through to the Arts-The New Jersey Wolf Trap Program also includes student attendance at an NJPAC performance, as well as training for parents, teachers and school administrators in the practical application of arts-related techniques. The ultimate goal of this program, according to Phillip S. Thomas, NJPAC vice president for arts educa-

tion, is to inspire the children, and to encourage their teachers and parents to continue to use and expand on the performing arts techniques taught by the professional artists.

"The arts should be an integral and ongoing component of the education of young children," Thomas said. "NJPAC is especially proud to be the only New Jersey participant in offering this important program, and we look forward to this continuing arts adventure with New Jersey's children. Learning through the arts has been proven to help young children improve their self-confidence and socialization skills, their ability to concentrate and remember, their gross and fine motor control and their conceptual and verbal skills."

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# Photo contest is announced

The International Library of Photography has announced that more than \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Union County area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Dec. 31. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

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# Classmates are being sought for Union Catholic reunions

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, Class of 1989, will hold its 10-Year-Plus Reunion Nov. 23 at The Westwood in Garwood.

All classmates interested in more information and attending this reunion should contact Bob Wischusen at [bob.wischusen@thegarwood.com](mailto:bob.wischusen@thegarwood.com) or Sue Higgins at [psarcher@gis.net](mailto:psarcher@gis.net). Graduates can also contact the Union Catholic High School Alumni Office at (908) 889-1600 ext. 302 or send e-mail to [bliebrieh@unioncatholic.org](mailto:bliebrieh@unioncatholic.org).

A search has begun for graduates of the Class of 1982 from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains to help form a committee to plan for the 20th reunion to take place in the fall of 2002. Send e-mail information to [ucclasof82@yahoo.com](mailto:ucclasof82@yahoo.com) or the Union Catholic High School Alumni Office, [bliebrieh@unioncatholic.org](mailto:bliebrieh@unioncatholic.org), or call (908) 889-1600, ext. 302.

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# Art imitates life in Tomasulo Gallery exhibit

From Friday through Dec. 13, "Imitation of Life" will be on display at the Tomasulo Gallery, located in the Mackay Library of Union County College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave.

Of herself transform her own body into a doll and make us question notions of perfection and simulation. Manipulating scale and perspective, she challenges the obvious voyeuristic response and forces a more distanced view.

Lynch paints on gold-leafed panels, depicting plastic dolls, which are tiny replicas of ourselves with wild animals. She is emphasizing the poignant irony of culture's strong nostalgia for animal wildness even as we contribute to its disappearance.

Page's bittersweet "tar babies" of tarred-over found and flattened stuffed toy bunny rabbits, remind us how powerful children's stories influence our cultural thinking and how tender we feel toward a bruised or battered child's toy.

Zirin's ink prints are romanticized and nostalgic visions of a doll made monumental. By focusing our attention on the minute details, we find

ourselves projecting our own emotions and desires on her simulated icon.

The Tomasulo Gallery exhibit will debut Friday with an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Mackay Library on the campus of Union

County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call the Tomasulo Gallery at 908-709-7155.



A detail of 'Soul Mates,' an oil-on-gold-leafed-panel by Rene Lynch, is among the works of four artists being exhibited in 'Imitation of Life,' opening Friday at the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College's Cranford campus.

"Imitation of Life" explores the murky waters of simulacra, our need to project our alter egos on inanimate objects, and questions where the soul resides. This exhibition represents four artists working in a wide range of media, depicting dolls, toy animals, and hyper-real but oddly scaled human figures. These replicas of ourselves have psychological ramifications that are uncomfortably familiar and create a surreal meditation on the nature of reality and consciousness.

The four artists participating in the show are Nina Levy, Rene Lynch, Judith Page, and Nola Zirin.

Levy's photographs and sculptures

## Exhibit opens Sunday

Beginning Sunday and continuing through Jan. 6, the New Jersey Center of Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, will exhibit "Making a Mark," featuring work by five New Jersey artists. The opening reception, Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Photographer Gary Bricchie, sculptor Caroline Burton, glass maker Eric McLendon, painter Gloria Rodriguez and political sculptor Barbara Stork exhibit an unusual mixture of the politicized in this display of innovative new work.

The artists will participate in a panel discussion about their work, followed by a question-and-answer period Jan. 6 at 3 p.m. Sign-language interpreting is available with two week's prior notice. This event is free and open to the public.

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# Community Dining Guide

## Diner food, restaurant standards

By Bill VanSant  
Associate Editor

Closing in on its first anniversary, Clark's Parkway Diner is a blast from the past — and a tasty, relaxed one, at that!

Located on Westfield Avenue, facing the end of Brent Avenue, the small building houses a quaint, comfortable atmosphere reminiscent of the diners of the '50s. The surroundings are casual, clean and friendly, and the food is great.

The affordable menu is not as large as one might expect to find at a diner, but there's a method to the management's "madness" — keep the menu somewhat limited so that everything can be prepared fresh.

Featured are the usual selections: eggs, pancakes, bagels, soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, and grilled chicken, of which there are five different varieties. In addition, the Parkway Diner has a "daily special" menu available.

For my lunch earlier this week, I opted for the grilled chicken Caesar salad, one of the day's specials. Being a fan of this particular dish, I felt it would make a good acid test.

My meal began with a side order of cole slaw, which was made from scratch on the premises, a fact that was evident from the fresh taste, the "bite" of cabbage and the lightness of the dressing.

The Caesar salad arrived in a generous serving, immediately telling me I'd be enjoying it for dinner as well. While the Caesar dressing isn't made from scratch — raw eggs can be risky — the bottled dressing has been doctored by the chef, creating a lightness and a tang usually never found in a bottle. Sprinkled with Parmesan cheese and crispy croutons, the dish featured some of the most deliciously grilled chicken I've ever encountered in this recipe.

Succulent and flavorful, the grilled taste was as enticing as the chicken was juicy.

The freshness I enjoyed is one of the trademarks of the Parkway Diner — the ground meat for hamburgers is delivered daily; chicken fingers are julienne-sliced, breaded and cooked to order; and the various breads are ordered from three different bakeries, each with its own forte, be it bagels, rolls or loaves of bread.

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## Grand Summit Hotel welcomes new staff of chefs

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Together with the hotel's executive chef, Charles Burke, they hope to elevate the culinary flair of the restaurant to the next level to continue to satisfy its existing clientele and offer newcomers an alternative to the New York restaurant scene.

Chef Burke, who has been with the hotel for three years, was a chef at the AAA Five Diamond Short Hills Hilton and opened The Ocean Place Hilton, in Long Branch, N.J., as the

executive sous chef of banquets. He has also served as the executive sous chef in the 1600-member Des Moines Club and Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. He holds a degree from The New York Restaurant School.

Trimper, a graduate of Johnson and Wales University, has earned several ACF and NICA medals in food and ice sculpture competitions. Prior to joining the team this past summer, he was the chef at the Smoke Rise Club in Kinnelon, N.J. He was also the sous chef at The Keystone Resort restaurant, a AAA Four Diamond property in Keystone, Colo., and a sous chef of Chez Henri in Warren, Vt.

Spagnola, a graduate of the Culinary

institute of America, worked for the Hilton Corporation for five years and held four positions at the Short Hills Hilton before moving on to the East Brunswick Hilton as the restaurant chef. He worked at the Grove Isle Club and Resort in Coconut Grove, Fla., and was instrumental in the property's opening of their restaurant, Balcen. He was also the executive chef at the AAA Four Diamond award-winning dining room at Osprey Point at Kiawah Island Resort. Spagnola also joined the Grand Summit team this past summer.

The Hunt Club Grill provides its patrons with intimacy, tradition and fine cuisine — not to mention soft piano music Friday and Saturday evenings and during Sunday brunch. Diners can expect fine liquors, an expanded wine list featuring specialty selections monthly, aficionado-selected cigars, and a classic but decidedly modern menu, which changes seasonally. The restaurant also plays host to several wine vineyards during the year to bring specialty

wine dinners — such as Aninori, Beaulieu, Chalone, Chappellat, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Kunde, and Mondavi — which consist of a unique menu prepared to enhance the characteristics and personality of each vintage selection.

The Grand Summit Hotel is located at 570 Springfield Ave. in Summit. Since 1868, the hotel has been providing gracious hospitality to the community. A lot has changed in all those years, but the feeling of elegance and charm is one that is still familiar from the time you enter the lobby, which is reminiscent of an old English country inn. The new culinary team hopes to excite the palate with new flavors and aromas, while maintaining what has been the foundation of a symbol of New Jersey's history for so long.

Private parties for as many as 25 people can be arranged in the Wine Cellar. Larger groups can be accommodated in the main dining room. For reservations and further information, call 908-273-7656 or visit the hotel's Web site at [www.grandsummit.com](http://www.grandsummit.com).



The culinary staff of the The Hunt Club Grill in the Grand Summit Hotel gathers in front of the facility.

### Bill Van Sant, Editor

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# Scoliosis can be treated non-surgically

By Dr. Michael Boremboym  
Health Correspondent

What is scoliosis?  
Scoliosis is generally viewed as a lateral curvature of the spine with an axial twist that causes a distortion of the ribs. Eighty percent of scoliosis is idiopathic, or unknown in origin.

Scoliosis, by its very nature, is an insidious disease process that typically progresses very slowly, ultimately impacting nearly every aspect of a patient's health. The "true" nature of idiopathic scoliosis begins at the cellular level and continues through virtually every bodily system.

Current research shows that idiopathic scoliosis is a multifactorial disease; no single causative factor has been found. It affects the patient's entire skeletal structure including the spine, ribs and pelvis. It impacts the neurological, hormonal and digestive systems. It damages the body's major organs, including the heart and lungs. The body's nutritional sources are depleted as well.

Left untreated, the effects of scoliosis compound geometrically with each passing year. That process comprises five of the body's systems: osseous, or bones; muscular, digestive, hormonal and neurological.

According to the International Scoliosis Society, 60 to 80 percent of cases occur in girls. One in nine females, and a smaller percentage of males, have some sign of scoliosis. Approximately 4 percent of the general population is affected.

Scoliosis may first be suspected when one of the teenager's shoulders is noticed to be higher than the other or when clothes do not hang straight. An initial complaint may be tiredness in the lumbar region after sitting or standing for a long period. This may be followed by muscular backaches in areas of strain, such as the lumbosacral angle. Pain, a late manifestation, may become more persistent as irritation of the ligaments increases.

While the average patient is between 10 and 15 years of age, many adults suffer from this disease as well.

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Early detection is key to conquering the disease of scoliosis. Patients should eliminate the "wait and see" attitude. Millions of scoliosis sufferers are routinely misinformed about the nature of their curvature progression because it is not recognized that scoliosis progression does not end at "skeletal maturity." You can now be proactive in the treatment of scoliosis. The prognosis depends on the site and severity of the curve and the age of onset of symptoms.

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Eleanor Campbell graduated from Russell Sage Albany Medical College in 1977. She began to specialize while working with infants in a day care program. She presently provides school physical therapy as well as treatment in the office for infants and children. Eleanor is a member of the Pediatric Section of the American Physical Therapy Association, Pediatric Special Interest Group of NJ APTA and is a pediatric mentor for less experienced pediatric therapists. She is highly regarded by therapists and educators alike throughout the county.

**ADVANCED Physical Therapy Associates** is pleased to have Eleanor on our team of dedicated physical therapists and occupational therapists. Because of her love of life, she was appointed as chairperson of our "Happy Committee". Again she was the obvious choice to spread happiness and joy within our office. We all know why children smile and laugh in her presence and look forward to their time with "Ms. Eleanor".

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## Apples prove their versatility in variety of fall recipes

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According to Barbara Baron, registered dietician with American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. and mother of two, "Fat free and packed with fiber, one medium apple contains only about 80 calories. It's a great portable snack and also one of the most kid-friendly foods I know."

ADADC is pleased to share the following apple recipes.

### Buttery Apple Pound Cake

Yield: 1 cake (about 16 servings)

1/2 cup light brown sugar  
1/2 cup toasted pecans, chopped  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter, softened  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups regular or reduced-fat sour cream  
1 1/2 cups apples (peeled, thinly sliced)

Preheat oven to 340 degrees F. Combine brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon and nutmeg; set aside. Cream butter with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually beat in granulated sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Com. fine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Alternate adding sour cream and dry ingredients to batter mixture, beating well after each addition.

Spoon half of the batter into well-buttered and floured 12-cup bundt pan or 10-inch tube pan. Arrange apple slices on batter. Spoon half of the brown sugar mixture over apples and

press lightly into batter. Spoon remaining batter over apple mixture. Sprinkle top with remaining brown sugar mixture. Bake 60 to 70 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from oven. Cool on wire rack 15 minutes. Gently loosen cake from pan with sharp knife. Invert onto cooling rack. Serve slightly warm if desired.

### Toasted Butter Brown Sugar Glaze

2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
2 tablespoons milk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

In small saucepan, heat butter over medium heat until it starts to turn brown. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar, milk and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Drizzle on cake.

### Apple Walnut Breakfast Pizza

Yield: 8 servings

1 log frozen pizza dough, thawed (according to package instructions)  
6 ounces (1/2 package) cream cheese, softened  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
4 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

### Glaze (optional):

1 tablespoon butter  
1 tablespoon apple jelly

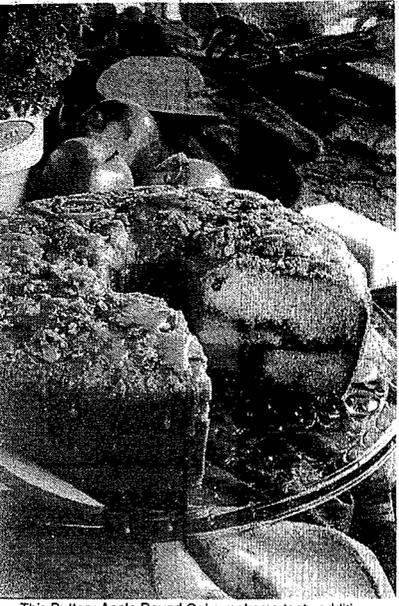
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. But-ter a 9- by 13-inch jellyroll pan or 14-inch pizza pan and press dough into pan, crimping slightly to form a raised edge. Do not let rise. Mix cream cheese with vanilla and spread on bread dough to within one inch of the edge. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add brown sugar and cinnamon and continue to heat until mixture caramelizes slightly, about four minutes. Add apples and walnuts and cook until apples are slightly softened, about six minutes.

Arrange apples and walnuts on pizza dough. Bake until bread dough is golden around the edges, about 25 to 30 minutes. If using glaze, melt butter and jelly in microwave or on stovetop and brush over entire pizza, including crust, after baking.

Note: For a more formal look, arrange sautéed apples in overlapping rows. For a more casual appearance, just pour apple mixture on the crust. The glaze lends a nice shine.

### Apple Kuchen

1/2 recipe Basic Sweet Dough (recipe below)



This Buttery Apple Pound Cake makes a tasty addition to a special autumn brunch or coffee break.

2 cooking apples, peeled and sliced  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Turn on oven to 350 degrees F. Turn out onto lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place in buttered bowl, turning to butter top. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch dough down.

### Apple Cinnamon French Toast

Yield: 8-12 servings

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
4 sliced, peeled apples  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 cup milk  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
1 cup (1 stick) butter  
1 loaf sliced cinnamon (or cinnamon) rolls

Melt butter into pour into a 9- x 13-inch glass baking pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar, apples and cinnamon. In a separate bowl, mix eggs,

2 cooking apples, peeled and sliced  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Turn on oven to 350 degrees F. Turn out onto lightly floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Place in buttered bowl, turning to butter top. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch dough down.

### Basic Sweet Dough

4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 packages active dry yeast  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
2 eggs

Thoroughly combine 2 cups flour, sugar, salt and undissolved yeast in large mixing bowl. Heat together milk and butter until very warm (120 to

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milk, sugar and vanilla together. Dip bread slices in egg mixture. Arrange, slightly overlapping, on top of apple mixture. Pour any remaining egg mixture on top. Cover. Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees F for 35 to 40 minutes or until top is golden brown. Loosen edges with a knife and invert pan onto a platter. Serve immediately, with maple syrup if desired.

### Dutch Apple Slices

1/4 cup butter  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup milk  
1 egg, beaten  
6 large tart apples, peeled and sliced

1/2 cup butter, melted  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Cut butter into combined flour, baking powder, and salt until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir combined milk and egg into flour mixture. (Dough will be stiff.) Roll dough on lightly floured surface into a 14- by 10-inch rectangle. Place dough in buttered 13- by 9-inch baking pan, forming 1/2-inch rim on sides of pan. Press apples into dough. Bake at 425 degrees F, 25 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F.

Combine butter, sugar and spices, sprinkle over apples. Bake at 350 degrees F, 20 minutes. Cool; cut into rectangles.

Risotto has become the hottest item on Italian menus, but this unique recipe is a dessert risotto, replacing the usual stock and wine with milk and fruit jelly. If you like rice pudding, you'll love this!

### Cranberry Apple Dessert Risotto

Yield: 4 servings

Drain cranberries and stir into risotto, along with vanilla extract. Let cool for at least 10 minutes before serving warm.

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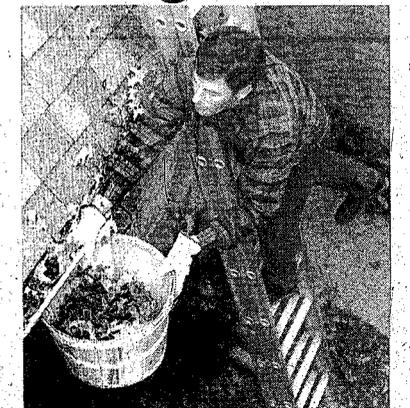
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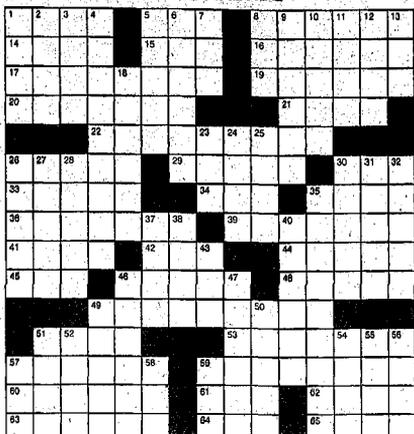
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# What's Going On?

**FAIR**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
 November 9th & 10th, 2001  
**EVENT:** 2001 Holiday Fair  
**PLACE:** 301 Chestnut Street, Roselle  
**TIME:** Friday, 11am-9:30pm; Saturday, 9am-2pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. Parking lot available for \$15. Call 973-372-0084 or 973-763-3281.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Community United Methodist Church.

**CRAFT**  
**SATURDAY**  
 November 17th, 2001  
**EVENT:** SUGAR PLUM CRAFT FAIR  
**PLACE:** St. Cloud Presbyterian Church, Parish Hall Old Indian Road and Ridgeway Avenue, West Orange  
**TIME:** 10am-4pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. Handcrafts highlighted. Also available: lunch, baked goods and plants.  
**ORGANIZATION:** St. Cloud Presbyterian Church (Women's Association)

**FUN AUCTION**  
**FRIDAY**  
 November 16th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Tricky Trax/Fun Auction  
**PLACE:** Knights Of Columbus, 1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union  
**TIME:** Doors Open 6:30pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. New Gifts. Refreshments.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Newark Bank and Fly Casting Club

**FLEA MARKET**  
**SATURDAY**  
 November 17th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Flea Market  
**PLACE:** Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Avenue, Irvington  
**TIME:** 9am-1pm  
**PRICE:** New and used items. Tables available for \$15. Call 973-372-0084 or 973-763-3281.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Redeemer Lutheran Church

**FRIDAY BANQUET**  
**FRIDAY**  
 November 9th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Argyle Fish 'n' Chips Dinner  
**PLACE:** 174 South Valley Road (corner of Mosker Street, near bottom of Walker Road), West Orange  
**TIME:** 5pm-8:30pm  
**PRICE:** Adults, \$5; children \$4.50. Pick-up begins at 5pm until 6:30pm. Seating also available. Reservations requested.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Ridgeview Community Church.

**OTHER**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
 November 9th & 10th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Annual Paperback Book Sale  
**PLACE:** 25 Park Street, Montclair (across from YMCA)  
**TIME:** Friday, 10am-8pm; Saturday, 10am-5pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. Paperbacks \$0.50. For information call 973-783-7040  
**ORGANIZATION:** College Women's Club/AJW.

**SATURDAY**  
 November 10th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Big Indoor Flea Market  
**PLACE:** Rinnin Catholic High School  
**TIME:** 9am-4pm  
**PRICE:** Free  
**ORGANIZATION:** Roselle Catholic High School

**BAZAAR**  
**SATURDAY**  
 November 17th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Holiday Bazaar/Craft Sale  
**PLACE:** Maplewood Woman's Club, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood (between Ridgewood Road & Maplewood Avenue)  
**TIME:** 10:00am-3:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. 35 Quality dealers feature unique items for seasonal gift-giving including hand-crafted merchandise, one-of-a-kind collectibles and more! Browsers are welcome!  
**ORGANIZATION:** Maplewood Woman's Club (State project: The Valerie Fund benefits children with cancer and other blood-related disorders).

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
 November 16th & 17th, 2001  
**EVENT:** St. James The Apostle School in Springfield is hosting a Wine and Cheese Holiday Bazaar  
**PLACE:** 41 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield  
**TIME:** Friday 6-10pm; Saturday 3-10pm  
**PRICE:** Admission \$5/Adult, children 12 and under free. Santa's Secret Shoppe will be available for children to buy gifts for Friends and Family Members (complimentary gift-wrap on all purchases made at the Secret Shop for Children 12 and under). Please join us for an elegant evening of Shopping, Music and Community Spirit.  
**ORGANIZATION:** St. James The Apostle School in Springfield

**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
 November 9th & 10th, 2001  
**EVENT:** Rummage Sale  
**PLACE:** St. Paul's Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield  
**TIME:** Friday, 9:30am-3:00pm; Saturday, 9:30am-1:00pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. Children's items, jewelry, antiques, china, clothing, household items.  
**ORGANIZATION:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**SUNDAY**  
 December 2nd, 2001  
**EVENT:** Chanukah Holiday Shopping  
**PLACE:** YMHA, 501 Green Lane, Union  
**TIME:** 12:00pm-4pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission. Vendors wanted - Chanukah Holiday Shopping at The Y! Set up time 9am-12pm. \$18 per space and \$7 for additional table. For information call Janie 908-289-8112 for reservations and best set up location.  
**ORGANIZATION:** YMHA Union

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## REUNIONS

- Rahway High School Class of 1971 is searching for classmate in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 or Bob Brandler at 732-821-5774.
- Westfield High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Saturday. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Nov. 24 in The Sherwood Room at Forest Lodge in Warren. Classmates and addresses are needed. For information, call New England Reunions at 877-600-6694 or 860-693-8179.
- Roselle Park Class of 1976 will conduct its 25th reunion Nov. 25. For information, e-mail your name and address to Bob Milici at RP1stward@aol.com or Joanne (Kennedy) Smith at hrjgo@hotmail.com. For other information, call Milici days times at 908-241-5255.
- Saint Mary's High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1951 is in the process of forming plans for a 50th reunion in 2001. For information, call Jim Powells at 908-272-8049.
- St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1961, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-540-6500 or 732-946-7075.
- Summit High School Class of 1982 will conduct its 20th reunion in 2002. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
- Union High School Class of 1981 will conduct its 20th reunion Nov. 23. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.
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## HOROSCOPE

**Nov. 12 to 18**  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Investment concerns dominate your thoughts. There's power in numbers. Your problem is solved with the advice or resources of others.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** The most valuable lessons will come through a close personal relationship. Put your guard down and let someone teach your heart.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** The loose ends and work ahead with an exciting new project. Delegate duties among a variety of co-workers with different skills and abilities.  
**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** A romantic interest intensifies. Before going any further it would be wise to clarify your feelings and determine where you want the relationship to go.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't shy away from an opportunity to feel a family strife and walk away feeling happy and free. Reach down deep and find the resolve.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You deserve a mental break. Relax and follow through to the end your thoughts

of escape. Try reading fiction or going to the movies.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Take responsibility for your cash flow. Watch your budget and don't get carried away with social spending on entertainment or gambling.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):** Personal goals are initiated with lots of promise and hope for the future. Put a partner's fears to rest with a show of confidence and courage.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A sense of duty and caring for your fellow man calls you into action. Volunteer time or donate money to support a charitable cause.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** No man is an island. Find companionship and support in a new club or group. Track down an old friend who has been out of touch.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Business associates are willing to help you in effort and time given. Join forces and realize that, working together, you can move mountains.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your current reality has a hard time living up to yesterday's dreams. Be flexible in your expectations and beliefs and live in the moment.  
 If your birthday is this week, do your best to maintain some sense of order and dignity in your daily life during the coming year. It helps to have a clear view of where you want to go, enabling you to make the right choices that will take you in that direction. If you should fail to man the controls, the universe or fate steps in and takes over. You have a chance to make your mark. Take aim!  
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# Stepping Out

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m., through Nov. 29; audio-described performances Nov. 21 at 2 p.m., Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m., and Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; sign-interpreted performances Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 30 at 8 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain; Gay and Lesbian Night, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. with post-show reception; and Singles Night, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m. with post-show reception.

Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit the Web site at www.papermill.org.

**NEW JERSEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** will present "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller through Nov. 18 in the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, Shows are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays; there is no evening performance. For information, including ticket prices, call 973-608-5600 or visit www.njshakespeare.org.

**MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS** in Linden will present the famous version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" through Saturday at the Linden Presbyterian Church, 1506 Orchard Terrace, Linden, Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. For information, call 908-925-9068 or 908-925-8889.

**ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE** will present "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney Nov. 16 through Dec. 16, Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and students. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-0077.

**CROSSROADS**, 78 North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and folk-themed nights.

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Nov. 15: Libations and Chooch

Nov. 16: Billy Hector

Nov. 17: Bluegrass with Larry Keel

Nov. 21: Splooge

Nov. 22: Movie marathon on the 10-foot screen

Nov. 23: UU

Nov. 24: Skydog in an Alman Brothers tribute

Nov. 28: Mindface

Nov. 29: Railroad Lane

Nov. 30: Hudson River Rats

Dec. 1: Uncle Sammy

For information, call 908-232-5666.

**VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE**, 1017 Snyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: The Boogieizers

Tuesday: Shanna

Nov. 16: Electric Breakwater

Nov. 20: Paul Brubaker

Nov. 25: The Joe Taino Trio

Nov. 27: Korin

For information, call 908-810-1844.

## ART SHOWS

**SOMEbody TO CHEER FOR:** "Black Professional Baseball and African-American Community Life in New Jersey" will be on exhibit today, beginning at 6 p.m., as part of the Westfield Community Center's After-School Program. The exhibit will include a talk on the topic. The program is geared toward school-age children.

The Westfield Community Center is located at 558 W. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-232-4759.

**OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE** on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county.

For information, call 908-354-3040. Ext. 304.

**SUMMIT FRAME AND ART** will exhibit fine art photography by John and Frank Buehse through Dec. 30. A "Meet the Artists" reception will take place Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame and Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8665.

**ARTIST RON HEDRICK** will have his work on exhibit at Evelyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

**A PAINTER'S LEGACY**, an exhibition dedicated to the memory of noted artist and teacher James Cahagan, will be



Soprano Tamara Tsoutsouris

## Lyrica presents program of 3 composers Sunday

On Sunday, Lyrica Chamber Music will present a program of varied works by Respighi, Dvorak, and Faure in Chatham and Mountain Lakes. Respighi's "Il Tramonto" ("The Sunset"), based on verses by Percy Bysshe Shelley will be sung by guest artist Tamara Tsoutsouris. Playing first violin in this romantic art song will be her husband, Lyrica ensembleist Wolfgang Tsoutsouris. Completing the quartet will be the chamber group's Laura Bossert on violin, Veronica Salas on viola and Alexis Gerlach on cello.

Faure's charming and uplifting Piano Quartet in C minor featuring pianist Mariel Bossert, and Dvorak's Bagatelles — often described as "musical bon bons" — will complete this delightful fall program.

Other concerts in the dual-venue series will feature guest artist David Jolley, hornist, in January, and a costumed musical dramatization, "Abigail Adams: Patriot and Partner," in April.

Chatham performances are at 3 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, and in Mountain Lakes at 7 p.m. in St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for senior citizens, and free to students on the day of the performances. For information, call 973-701-1734.

Funding was made possible by a grant from the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation/First Union National Bank Trustee, and the Arts Council of the Morris Area, and the Mountain Lakes Women's Club.

on display at the Kent Place Gallery through Friday.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NCVCA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 973-381-7511.

**CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE:** The Merck 2001 Juried Union County Art Exhibit will be on display at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Friday.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 973-381-7511.

**WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION** member Sheila Lengha will have her work on exhibit at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through Nov. 15.

**A STUDENT'S JOURNEY** works by Janet I. Whilman will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Nov. 29.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NCVCA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

**INTERPRETATIONS:** "Recent Arts Works Inspired by People, Places and Things in Union County by the New Art Group" will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway Nov. 18 through Dec. 14. A reception will take place Nov. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; and by appointment. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 973-381-7511.

**FAMILIAR PLACES**, recent paintings by Patricia Brenato, will be on exhibit at Swan Galleries in Plainfield through Nov. 28.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. Swan Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Jane H. Adams, Andrew Schmitt and Eleanor Morehouse during the month of November. CHS is located at 153 New Providence Rd., Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-2075.

**STILL LIVES:** "Black and White Photographs by Howard Nathanson" will be on exhibit in the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library Friday through Dec. 13. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Gallery hours are regular library hours. The Springfield Public Library is located at 68 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**THE TOWN BOOK STORE** in Westfield will exhibit the works of members of the Westfield Art Association through the end of December. The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

**MAKING A MARK** — the work of New Jersey artists Gary Brieche, Caroline Burfon, Eric McLendon, Gloria Rodighiero and Barbara Slork — will be on exhibit Sunday through Jan. 6, 2002 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. An opening reception will

take place Nov. 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NCVCA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 973-381-7511.

**FLOWER COMFORT**, the works of Martha Suhr Pollard; will be on exhibit in the Wisner House Gallery at the Reeves-Read Arboretum in Summit through Jan. 14. A reception will take place Nov. 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Read Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

## AUDITIONS

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## BAZAARS

**FALL BOUTIQUE AND RUMMAGE SALE** will be sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield Friday and Saturday. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, which is Bag Day. St. Paul's is located at 414 E. Broad St., Westfield.

## BOOKS

**SCOTCH PLAINS AUTHOR RICHARD KARLEN** will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Answer Man." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

**AUTHOR NAOMI RAND** will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of her book, "The One That Got Away." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535.

**AUTHOR JOSEPH J. PREIL**, professor of education at Kean University in Union, will appear at in Wilkins Theater at Kean Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Holocaust Testimonies: European Survivors and American Liberators in New Jersey." A lecture and workshop will follow the book-signing. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-3093.

**WOMEN means the first Wednesday** of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP** will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1160 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE**, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes and Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1160 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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**KENNY ROGERS** will appear in concert Nov. 18 at 8:30 and 9 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Tickets are \$45, \$65 and \$75. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.uccac.org.

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**BALLET GRAN FLORICORIO DE MEXICO** will appear in Wilkins Theater at Kean University in Union today at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$8 for students. Kean is located at 1000 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-3337.

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## DISCUSSION

**JOURNAL WRITING GROUP**, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1160 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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## Realtors see home sales rising after 'mourning'

With national home sales figures for the Northeast in September recently released by the National Association of Realtors, home builders and Realtors across the state are seeing a different picture than reported. While all agree home sales may have "stalled in mourning" after the Sept. 11 tragedy, experts see sales figures are now at the same level or higher than they were last month.

In a recent survey of its members conducted by the Community Builders Association of New Jersey, home sales have remained strong across northern and central New Jersey.

David Schonher, vice president of new homes for Coldwell Banker, one of the nation's largest real estate brokerage firms headquartered in Parsippany, reported, "Yes, we did see a dip in the market for the Sept. 11 tragedy. We are in the shadow of the World Trade Center, and everyone went into a holding pattern or what we term a mourning period. The week after the tragedy, we saw contracts on homes drop about 40 percent from where we were last year at that time. However, after two weeks, we saw figures jump up dramatically. During the first week in October, we saw contracts rise 44 percent and the second week it rose to 46 percent from last year. We are currently taking more listings this year than last year at this time. We have a stronger market than last year and great interest rates to help you make that market."

Gary J. Stefanoni, director of sales and marketing for Pulte Homes, builder of luxury new homes in Paramus, Holmdel and Warren, pointed out that his firm has seen record sales in the past few weeks. He stated, "After a slowdown in September, people are coming back into the home buying market in a big way. We are seeing sales that are as good if not better than before the tragedy. The driving force behind this market is confidence in investing in real estate. Buying a home is a big decision, not a frivolous one. The fact that interest rates are low is good. Although the tragedy will never be forgotten, people who were in the midst of selling, downsizing or adding to their families have continued with their lives."

John Paszaman, sales director for the developing Sunrise Communities of East Brunswick, could not agree more. The firm's newest community, The Peaks at Jefferson Village in Morris County, has sold more than 80 homes in only six months and 23 of those homes sold in the last month. Home prices are in the upper \$200,000s to low \$300,000s. Paszaman stated, "Home buyer confidence is high and thriving in our community. Many of our buyers are professional couples who are taking advantage of an unprecedented time to buy a new home. Interest rates are at their lowest level in decades and are not likely to increase over the next several months. Our buyers understand this is an opportune time, many buying their first home at The Peaks. Others are taking advantage of the current market conditions and are moving up into a new home."

For the K. Hovnanian Companies of Red Bank, one of the nation's largest builders and a prominent builder in New Jersey, the slight dip around Sept. 11 had no real effect on its home sales projections. According to Joseph Riggs, regional president of the firm, the company sold 23 homes the weekend after the tragedy. "These sales were predominantly in New Jersey with some in Pennsylvania and the New York area. We do see traffic is slightly less than the same time last year, but we have fewer communities in the state. What we are seeing are serious, qualified buyers who are ready to buy. That is why our sales level is where we expected it to be this year."

Mary Boorman, vice president of sales and marketing for Pinnacle Communities of Millburn, also sees buyers taking advantage of the opportunities in today's home buying market. "Throughout September, traffic was as strong or stronger than it had been all summer at our active adult community, Hawk Pointe in Warren County. We have been averaging two to three binders per week on homes priced in the \$300,000s to \$500,000s range. Our traffic is steady and qualified. We feel it is stimulated by low interest rates. In conversations with top real estate producers, sellers are anxious to sell and buyers want to take advantage of good timing."

Coldwell Banker New Homes recently hosted its annual "Meet the Builder Day" and more than 400 interested buyers visited its 60 represented new home communities across the state. "To date," Schonher pointed

out, "we have taken about 40 contracts."

Moreover, Riggs pointed out that during the recent opening of its newest community, Heritage Lakes at the Quarry in Sussex County, prospective home buyers camped out waiting to buy a new home. "We sold 19 homes on Oct. 13, the first day," he said. "We have a demand for new home product, and we are trying to meet that demand."

All experts agree, with low mortgage rates and an increase in demand, the opportunity to buy a new home in New Jersey has never been better. "However," noted Steven Caporaso, president of the Community Builders Association of New Jersey, "our biggest concern is the supply."

John Schlipf, president of Schlipf & Co., a real estate brokerage firm with headquarters in Chester, pointed out that in northern New Jersey "there is no supply." The firm just brokered two major commercial real estate deals for BJs Wholesale and Staples in Rivendale and sold out two luxury new home communities — Old Post Road in Wyckoff and Mettewee Farms in Upper Saddle River. He stated, "Homes in Bergen and northern counties sell as fast as they are listed. Moreover, prices are still being bid up due to the lack of supply."

Caporaso added, "With low interest rates, confidence in the market and an influx of businesses and new home seekers coming into the state, our already evident housing shortage is going to become more prevalent."

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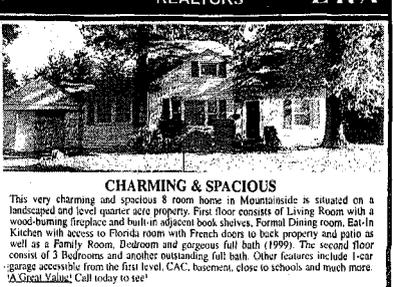
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