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Appeal filed v. Pinnacle

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield has filed a notice of appeal, claiming that the Planning Board had sufficient factual basis to deny the Pinnacle Communities application to build housing on Wilson Road, and that Superior Court Judge John Pisansky overstepped his authority in overturning the decision.

Pinnacle's original proposal was to build 96 luxury condominiums in four buildings throughout the site, where the former Baltusrol Swim Club lies vacant. The Planning Board rejected the site plan, by a 7-2 vote, in 2000. Pinnacle then filed the lawsuit to overturn the board's decision, claiming the township's steep slope ordinance is unconstitutional.

Richard Schkolnick, Pinnacle's attorney, said the ordinance states that when property is developed on slopes there's a certain grade to those slopes, which must be stayed off of to the "extent practical."

"We argued that that ordinance was unconstitutional because it was too vague," Schkolnick said. "There was no standard at all."

Pisansky ruled in Pinnacle's favor. The only way Springfield can stop Pinnacle from building is by winning the appeal.

Springfield has to explain to the Appellate Division, a panel of three judges, what the errors were that Pisansky made, when ruling in Pinnacle's favor.

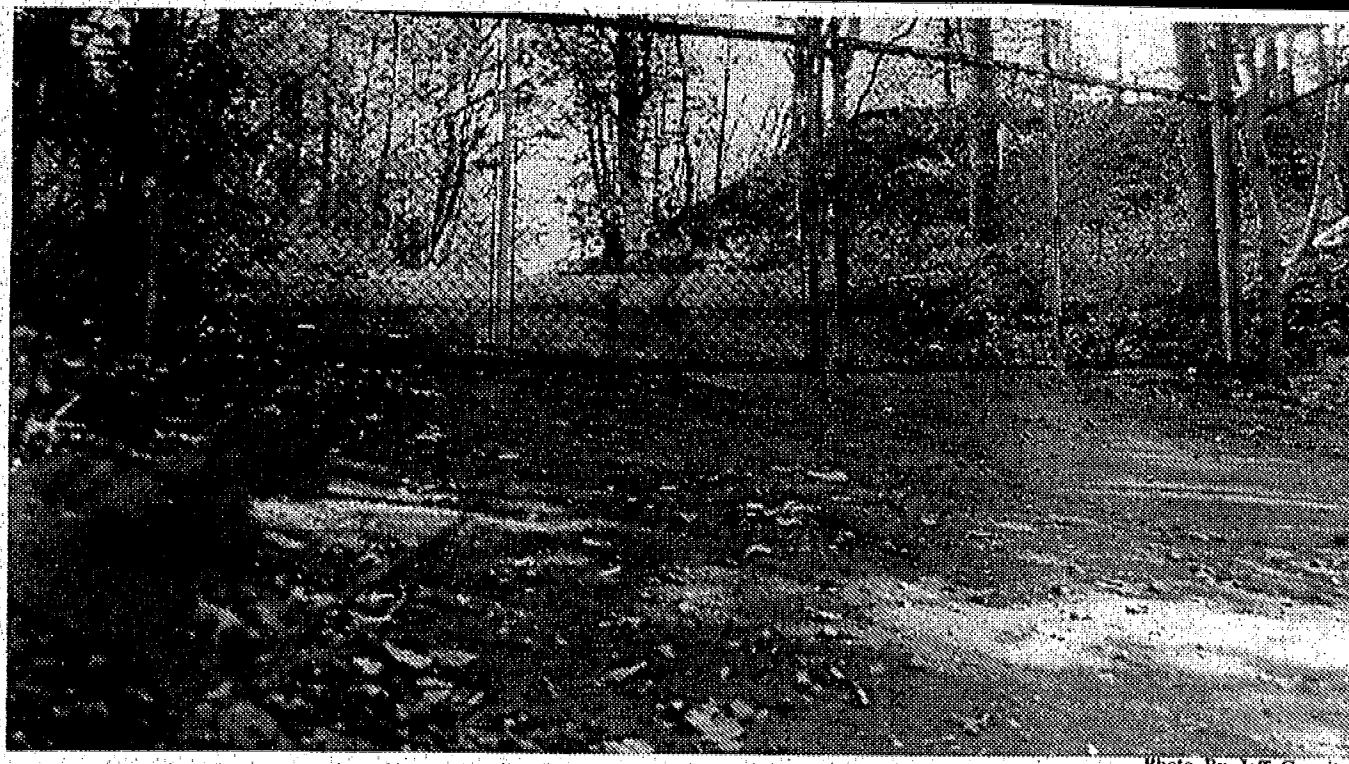


Photo By Jeff Grant

Through this gate on Wilson Road is the old Baltusrol Swim Club, a site where Pinnacle Communities plans to build luxury condominiums. Springfield has recently filed an appeal against the company, putting the proposal in jeopardy.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said that over the course of the next six weeks, one of two things will happen. The township could get a notice for a settlement conference, where all the attorneys involved in the case meet with a retired Appellate Division judge, who will help the two sides work out a settlement.

"If that happens that will delay the filing of brief by whatever timeframe that is," said Bergen. "I would say that's likely. I haven't had a case in the Appellate Division in years that hasn't been sent for a conference."

If the settlement conference doesn't happen, then Bergen's brief will be due in approximately six weeks and the response brief would be due

approximately six weeks after that.

"Then we wait for the Appellate Division to tell us what they're going to do," said Bergen.

Cases similar to this usually take anywhere from two to 14 months for a resolution to be reached.

"Either we'll have the settlement conference in the near future, in the next four to eight weeks, or we'll file briefs," said Bergen. "Either way nothing is going to be determined or decided in the short run."

The Planning Board had denied Pinnacle's site plan application, as well as the company's request for variance relief in regard to the height, 38.5 feet; the number of stories, going from 2½ stories to three stories; and

the steep slope ordinance.

"This project has been zoned for apartments for 25 years," said Schkolnick. "All we needed was a few extra feet on the height."

Pinnacle has maintained that the condos would be a great addition for Springfield. Schkolnick said each of the 96 condos will produce at least \$6,000 in annual taxes, a total of nearly \$600,000.

"There's hardly going to be any new school kids because we're going to be marketing towards empty nesters," said Schkolnick.

Pisansky will receive notice of the appeal but he has no input or involvement in the appeal process.

Borough police nab thief

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

She told Mountainside police officers that she really didn't know why she was doing it.

Candice Singer, a 42-year-old Westfield resident, was arrested on Sept. 23 at Mountainside Police Headquarters, after she admitted to committing a series of break-ins into public storage lockers on Route 22 in Mountainside and Green Brook. She also admitted to burglaries of houses, garages and businesses in Mountainside and Westfield.

"We had developed information through the course of investigative techniques that she was involved with these thefts," said Mountainside Police Lt. Todd Turner. "She voluntarily came back to headquarters and during the course of an interview we were able to obtain information that she was responsible for these thefts."

Turner said the borough had received information from the Green Brook Police Department, and through a joint investigation with the Green Brook and Westfield police departments, led police officers to Singer.

"When she came in she brought us some property that we were able to identify as previously stolen," said Turner.

For approximately 10 months, Singer stole items ranging from household items and stuffed animals to high-end computer and electronic equipment.



Candice Singer

"You name it," said Turner. "I'm talking about what we have recovered — probably a couple of thousand items."

Singer stored the items, totaling more than \$35,000, in her Westfield residence as well as in several storage facilities along Route 22.

"There was a house that was purchased by these newlyweds and they stored all of their gifts up on the second floor in the bedroom," said Mountainside Chief of Police and Borough Administrator James Debbie. "This woman broke into the house, went up, looked through some of the gifts, took some of the gifts. Then she actually felt bad about taking some of them, came back with some of them, but kept three of them and left a note."

Debbie explained that some of the items Singer stole were so insignificant that some of the victims didn't even notice the items were missing and never bothered to report anything to the Police Department.

She was released on \$215,000 bail.

Plaque honors those who died

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Under the ribbon-leaf Japanese maple tree on the front lawn of Springfield Town Hall, lies a granite plaque.

The plaque is square with sharp corners. It reads: "In memory of the Emergency Responders who perished on 9/11/01. Presented by Springfield Emergency Services, 9/11/02."

"Although still saddened by the events of that day, I hope our future

generations will look upon these tokens of the ultimate sacrifice the emergency service workers made that day and take comfort in their memory as well as the deeds performed," said Springfield's PBA State Delegate Rick Mickles. "All gave some that day. Some gave all."

Springfield Emergency Services dedicated the memorial on Monday, to honor the emergency service personnel who heroically gave their lives to save others during the terrorist

attacks more than one year ago.

"We're here this morning to dedicate a permanent memorial to the emergency responders who perished on Sept. 11, 2001," said Office of Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage. "This memorial is being presented by Springfield's four emergency services organizations."

The plaque and tree were funded by the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, the FMBA, the volunteer firefighters and the Office of Emergency Management.

"While we place this permanent marker, remembering our brothers who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, it will be a permanent reminder for myself and I hope that everytime one of us walks past here we take a moment and pause, remembering what occurred on that date," said Springfield Deputy Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt.

During the terrorist attacks of last year, 343 firefighters, 23 New York City police officers and 34 Port Authority police officers lost their lives.

"If you're a firefighter, you always run towards the fire," said Elizabeth Fritzen, First Aid Squad captain. "Police officers, no matter what's going on, guns involved, they're there to help. First aiders hear that someone can't breathe, or they're injured, they run in. All of our fallen comrades who have done so much for this country,



Photos By Jeff Grant

Springfield First Aid Squad Capt. Elizabeth Fritzen speaks at the 9/11 dedication ceremony in front of the Municipal Building Monday. A granite plaque was dedicated in memory of the first responders who perished in the Sept. 11 attacks.

we honor them today with this bit of recognition that children in Springfield, and us as adults, will stand and see and remember."

The Springfield Department of Public Works took time to delicately

plant the tree and set down the plaque.

"I would really like to commend your efforts for putting this plaque and this tree on the lawn," said Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

"I believe what it shows is the strong bond that you have with your fellow colleagues that unfortunately perished at the Sept. 11 tragedy, and because of what you've done here today we will never forget."

Mountainside's seniors can stay active with upcoming events

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Forget about retiring to Florida. Mountainside senior citizens there's plenty of activities right in the borough.

"There is so much that is provided to seniors that many are unaware of," said Lisa Cassidy, Mountainside senior citizen coordinator.

The borough has two senior groups. The Mountainside Active Retirees meet at Borough Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, and the Senior Citizen Club meets at Community Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

"One of the goals of the senior groups is to keep them young and active and to provide interaction and socialization," said Cassidy.

Topics from each group range from entertainers such as comedians and magicians to more serious and informative issues such as Medicare seminars.

Some of the members are a part of both groups.

"What I like about it is that we do human interest type things," said Doris Riccardi, program chairwoman for MAR.

If a senior is a member of one group and wishes to attend a seminar that the other group is hosting, they can go to the event.

"You're welcome as a one-time courtesy visit," said Cassidy. "Unless, of course, you want to join."

Membership fees for either group are \$10.

"We provide each senior group with three buses," said Cassidy. "We pay for the bus. Three buses per calendar year for them. But it's up to the seniors to plan their trips."

The two groups have taken trips to the U.N., the state aquarium in Trenton, and Philadelphia.

Borough Hall is equipped with a senior fitness room, a computer room, as well as a community room, which can be scheduled for senior use.

"You would go to the Recreation Department and ask if there's any time available to use the room," said Cassidy. "As long as you're a resident you can go and use the room."

The borough also offers computer classes to its senior citizens.

Level I, the basic class, provides a step-by-step demonstration on how to start the computer, use a mouse, and an overview of the hardware, software, and keyboard.

Level II classes are available in two areas of interest: e-mail or the Internet. The borough also provides its senior citizens with a free van, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., that will pick people up at their houses and drive them to their doctors' appointments, grocery shopping or to go to senior meetings.

"You just call to Borough Hall and say that 'Tuesday I have a 10 o'clock appointment, and we'll check to make sure that someone else isn't scheduled at the same exact time but we haven't had a conflict yet,'" said Cassidy.

All Mountainside seniors ages 60 and older are eligible to use the van service. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

On Tuesday, the variety show "Laughing Really Matters" will take place at Borough Hall at 10 a.m. Ron Owens, a professional entertainer from "Audience Pleasers," will perform.

"He does all kinds of stories and he plays the accordion and he does a couple of tricks," said Riccardi. "He gets everybody going. There's a lot of audience participation."

On Oct. 22, a seminar entitled, "No More Senior Moments," will take place at Borough Hall at 10 a.m. Rosanne Togli, Community Nurse Educator for Senior Health at St. Barnabas Medical Center, will discuss techniques for improving your memory.

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— Lisa Cassidy

The borough also provides its seniors with a Handyman Program, which is designed to provide assistance to senior citizens to keep their homes in good condition through minor repairs and improvements, as well as preventive maintenance.

The minor repairs that may be completed include fuses, fixtures and switches; repairing of window panes and screens; light carpentry, railing repairs, stairs, and shelf installation; repair or replace locks and door handles; adjustment of doors that do not open or close easily; assistance in moving heavy objects like window air-conditioners; and minor plumbing, such as the replacement of washers, opening slow drains and repairing leaky faucets.

Senior citizens only pay for the cost of the materials. There is no charge for the labor involved.

Free blood pressure clinics will take place tomorrow, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6, at Borough Hall from 10 a.m. until noon.

For information on senior services call Borough Hall at 908-232-2400. "We need something to lift our spirits, to not dwell on the things we have to deal with," said Riccardi.

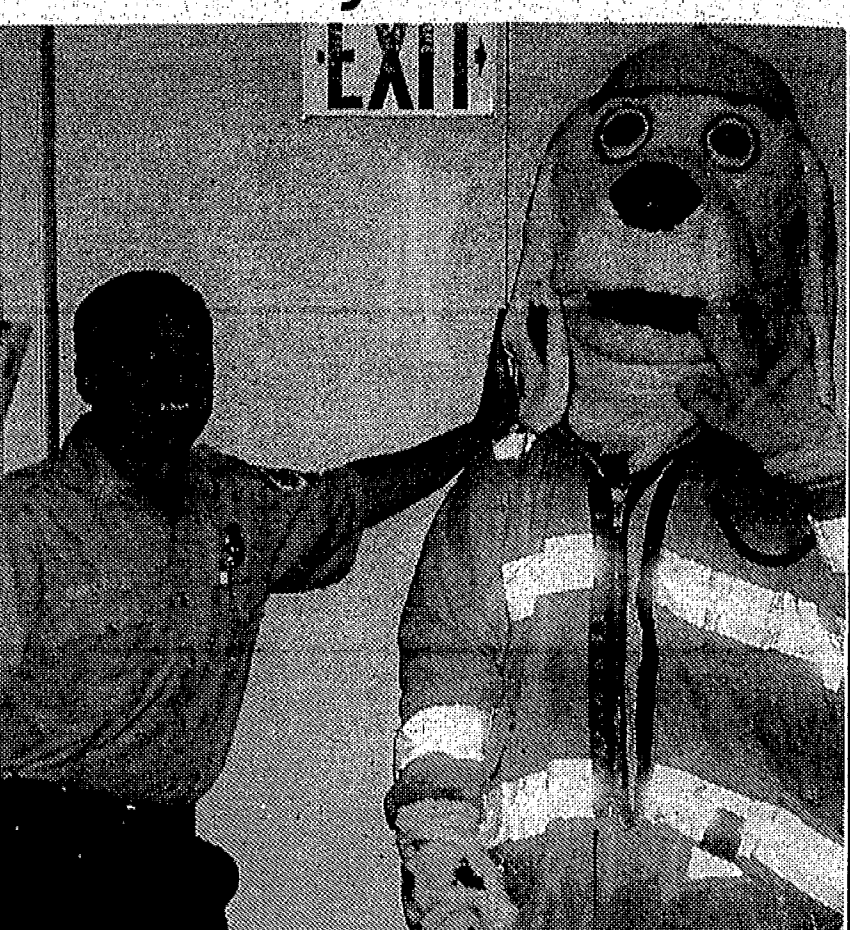
EVENTS

Program shows how to cope with midlife. There are nine age group categories. Prizes will be awarded to first, second- and third-place finishers in each age group categories.

B'Nai B'rith will host trip to Atlantic City. B'Nai B'rith hosts a bus trip to Atlantic City Oct. 27, with a destination to Resorts Casino hotel.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 Springfield Ave., Springfield. The topic for the brunch is: "The Road to Sept. 11 and After."

Fire safety fun



Springfield Fire Official Ken Rau and Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog show kids how fire safety education can be fun with Kids Day, America on Sept. 21.

Part of a workshop series "The Power of Being Positive: Practical Approaches to Life's Challenges," speaker Sherry Wooster, LCSW, will show participants how to focus on restructuring a support system...

Registration forms are available at Borough Hall at the Police and Recreation Department as well as various other locations about town. Look for the signs that say Pat Cop Troop Forms Here.

Berk is the author of many articles and is often consulted by newspaper, radio and television reporters. He is also the recipient of the distinguished Holocaust Memorial Award...

Mountainside PAL sponsors Cop Troop

The third annual Cop Troop sponsored by the Mountainside PAL is set for Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East in Mountainside. This unique 5K, 3-mile race walk is open to all residents and non-residents from serious racers to seniors and everyone in between.

First Presbyterian offers indoor yard sale

On Oct. 19, the Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will sponsor an indoor yard sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the lower level of the Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

This program is sponsored by the Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Scholar-in-Residence Committee in conjunction with Sisterhood, Brotherhood and the Renaissance Group. Cost for the brunch is \$10 per person.

Professor speaks about post-Sept. 11

Professor Stephen Berk will be the Scholar-in-Residence at a Sunday brunch Oct. 20 at 10:15 a.m. at Temple Sha'arey Shalom at 973-379-5387.

AT THE LIBRARY

Good Books group continues Tuesday

The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., announces its fall selections. The first fall discussion group, focusing on "Mrs. Ted Bliss" by Stanley Elkin, will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Klezmer on Sunday

Guests can tap their toes to a Klezmer band Sunday at 2 p.m. when the Hester Street Troupe performs a variety of Klezmer and Jewish music on the lawn of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Halloween party Oct. 31

Come to a Halloween party at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Oct. 31 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is intended for children ages 2 through 8. Kids are invited to come in costume and hear some scary and not-so-scary stories.

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SPORTS

Summit's Haire elected president of US Lacrosse

The US Lacrosse Foundation Board of Directors has elected Brett Haire of Summit president. Haire succeeds Frank Riggs of Owings Mills, Md., who will remain on the US Lacrosse Foundation Board as past president.

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini Sports Editor. After three weekends of play, only Elizabeth, Johnson and Brearley remain undefeated in Union County.



Dayton girls' volleyball coach Anthony Scarpelli instructs his team during a break in play. "The girls have chemistry and enjoy playing with one another," Scarpelli said.

Dayton girls' volleyball is team that sticks together

Bulldogs working hard at improving. In his fifth season, Scarpelli was brought aboard after the sport was moved to the fall season. "My team is weak in the serve receive area," Scarpelli said. "We basically have to move faster and take a quicker first step."

"Lacrosse has been very generous to my family. My three sons have enjoyed the dividends and the people I've met through lacrosse are very nice. It's my turn to give back to the sport that's given so much to my family." — US Lacrosse Foundation president Brett Haire

Turturiello wins first singles; Kent Place claims UCT crown

Governor Livingston High School senior Kristin Turturiello captured the first singles title at Monday's Union County Tournament girls' tennis championships held at the Donald Van Blyke courts in Plainfield. The UCT began Saturday after being held on Friday.

WEEK THREE GAMES

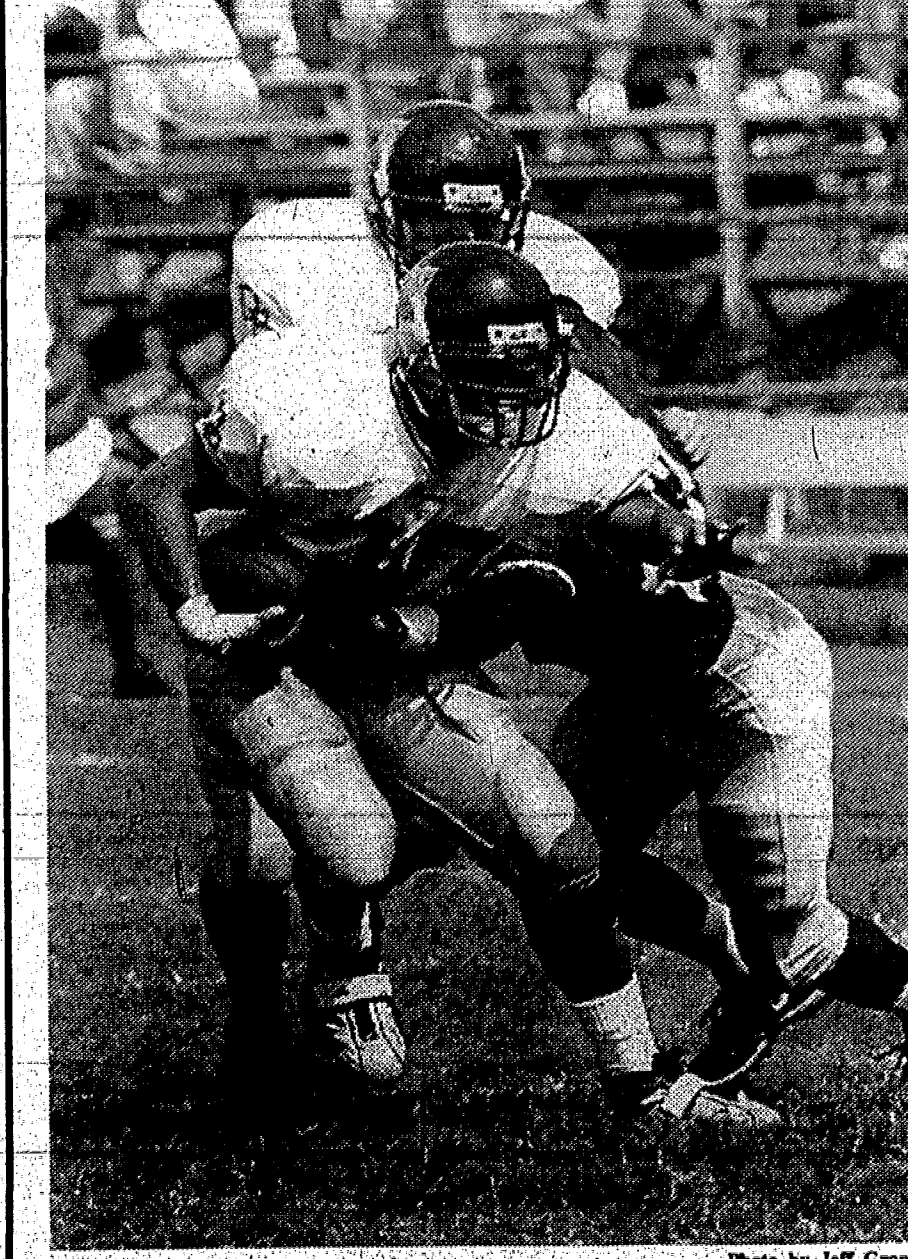
Friday, Oct. 4 (7) Kean at Union 7 p.m. Elizabeth at East Side, 7 Westfield at Shabazz, 7 Roselle at North Plainfield, 7 Gov. Livingston at Ridge, 7 Roselle Park at Manville, 7 Johnson at Immaculata, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 (6) Cranford at Linden, 1 p.m. Irvington at Plainfield, 1 Rahway at Hillside, 1 Newark Central vs. Brearley at Scotch Plains, 1 New Providence at Butler, 1 Parsippany at Summit, 1:30 p.m. Scotch Plains is off.

WEEK TWO SCORES

Friday, Sept. 27 (1) Roselle Park 33, Bound Brook 12 Saturday, Sept. 28 (11) Elizabeth 30, Union 3 Kean 23, Plainfield 19 Cranford 27, Morris Knolls 7 Ridge 40, Rahway 18 Brearley 45, Manville 0 Shabazz 39, Linden 26 Scotch Plains 13, Westfield 10 North Plainfield 14, Hillside 12 Johnson 7, Roselle 0 Immaculata 28, Gov. Liv. 6 Summit 27, Mendham 7 New Providence was off.

Brearley, Summit win; GL falls

Brearley and Summit had impressive victories—while—Governor Livingston fell to an undefeated conference rival in high school football play from last Saturday. Brearley improved to 3-0 after defeating Manville 45-0 in Manville.



The Brearley High School football team is sparked by the play of senior running back-linebacker Joe Kahooni (No. 30). The Bears are 3-0 for the first time since 1988 and have outscored their first three foes by an impressive 93-7 margin that includes two consecutive shutouts. Brearley is scheduled to play at Manville tomorrow night at 7.

H.S. Football

Brearley senior running back Amir Bethea scored on an eight-yard run in the third quarter for the Bears' fifth of six touchdowns. Senior running back Dan Zika scored three touchdowns to give him a county-leading nine.

Springfield Minutemen D Team blanks Cranford 7-0

The Springfield Minutemen D Team blanked Cranford 7-0 in Suburban League youth football play last Sunday. The win equaled Springfield's record at 1-1. Springfield is scheduled to host Chatham Sunday at noon at Green Acres.

Springfield Minutemen D Team halts Cranford 25-14

The Springfield Minutemen D Team won its first game of the season when it "downed Cranford" 25-14 last Sunday. Springfield, which improved to 1-2, is scheduled to play Millburn Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. at Green Acres.

Springfield Tornados booters capture third consecutive win

The Soccer Club of Springfield 9-and-under Tornados posted their third consecutive victory, downing Long Valley 4-3. Johnny Balboni netted two goals and Zach Haliczar and Eytan Boclin one. The Tornados also defeated Denerville 5-0 at home. Haliczar scored the first two goals, with Andrew Homlish, Balboni and Brandon Moss netting the others.

Springfield Stingers stop Caldwell for a 4-1 score

The Springfield Stingers 9-and-under soccer team made several outstanding plays in defeating Caldwell 4-1. Ryan Schweikert scored twice and Zach Corey and Joey Policastro once. Also playing well for the Stingers were Ross Konesky, Brian DiFioro, Nico Izzi, Ryan Cutino, Sergio Annunziata, Jack Finnegan, Aaron Sauerhoff, Jesse DiCocco, Tyler Schaefer and Ryan Rinderman.

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What's Going On?

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SATURDAY October 12th, 2002
GARAGE/YARD SALES: FRIDAY & SATURDAY October 4th, 5th, 2002

HOROSCOPE

Oct. 7 to Oct. 13: ARIES (March 21-April 19): Call in a third party to settle a dispute between you and a partner or mate.
Oct. 14 to Oct. 20: TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Even the best-laid plans can sometimes go astray.
Oct. 21 to Oct. 27: GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A romantic date or social affair gets off on the wrong foot.

'Drawings 2002' opens at Center for Visual Arts

'Drawings 2002,' a 21st-century view seen through the eyes of 19 artists, is on exhibit through Nov. 3 in the Palmer Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit.
The artists selected for inclusion in this exhibition are from the United States, England and Germany. Their artwork represents a wide range of styles and media illuminating drawing now.

The exhibiting artists are Susan Hartnett, showing charcoal drawings of sea grasses; Nina Bovasso and Reed Anderson, with large colorful abstract drawings; Amy Cutler, who combines skill and an offbeat sense of humor; David Dupuis, Peter Krachas and Dal Alvarez, emerging artists from the Derek Ellner Gallery; John Kalyminios, creator of a drawing machine; Gerhard Mayer, using European precision lines; Heidi McFall and Ewan Gibbs whose work is almost photographic; Elizabeth Olbert, with Renaissance-like work; David Rathman, creator of cowboy pen-and-ink work; Kate Shepherd, an architectural minimalist; China Marks who draws on cloth; Patricia Brentano with more traditional

drawings; Lars Kremer, video artist; Andrew Grassie, a realist artist who deconstructs and reconstructs his images in heightened renderings; and Heidi Faschnach whose images are drawn from scientific sources such as maps and photographs.

For more information and visuals, call Bonnie Maranz at 908-273-9121. Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, NJCVA has evolved into a major regional art center. It has a full-scale art school taught by an award-winning faculty. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. Programs include Artists With Disabilities, decent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops, a summer art camp and ongoing activities.

The nonprofit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is wheelchair-accessible and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment of the Arts.

Lifelong journey has stayed on musical path

By Bea Smith Staff Writer
There never was any doubt in Ted Brancato's mind that he would make a career and living out of musical directing, arranging, writing songs and playing the piano.

The Springfield resident, who has been a professional musician for the past 18 years and who has written music and recorded for, and performed with some of the greatest jazz and pop singers in the country, will be able to sit back Saturday at 8 p.m. and listen to his work, "Pop, Jazz & Sinatra Classics," sung by pop singer Danny Tarantino, and broadcasted on the Comcast Cable Network Channel 74. The show was taped June 1 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in the Victoria Theater.

"The show," said Brancato, during a recent visit to this office, "actually ran for one and a half hours, and they edited it down to a half-hour show. I'm hoping they edited it down to the best." The good-natured young man grinned. "I hope."
Brancato, who also serves as musical director at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, a dinner-theater in western New Jersey, explained that the program features "such well known songs as 'I've Got You Under My Skin,' 'Fly Me to the Moon,' 'It Was a Very Good Year,' which Erwin Drake had written for Sinatra. We also played many of his new songs that he wrote expressly for Danny. And the rest is history. We've written about 40 songs now. Our new album is called 'When I Win the Lottery.' And we hope to write the lottery with that one. He's really full of fun."

Brancato, who has written more than 100 songs and recorded many of them, said he plans to go to Seattle this Christmas "to see my family and to play with a great jazz singer, Nancy Ernestine Anderson. The week-long engagement will end on New Year's Eve.

"I have my hands in a lot of different pies," he said. "My solo repertoire includes hundreds of jazz standards from the 1930s and '40s. Broadway show tunes drawn from shows of the past 40 years, including current 'hit' tunes from shows like 'Phantom of the Opera.' I also know an extensive list of popular songs and am comfortable playing in any style, from rock to classical, country to jazz."

He explained that "between recording and serving as musical director for greats and at the playhouse, I expect I'll always be busy. But right now," Brancato mused, "I really would like my 'Lottery' album to do well. Not just for me, but for my very talented pal, Arthur Thieberger. He's the real genius."



Ted Brancato

Plays are sought from teens by Project

The Union County College Theater Project is launching a New Artists Showcase, a competition which invites high school-age playwrights to submit an original script for a play. To qualify, one must be a Union County resident in high school during the 2002-03 academic year. Only original works will be considered, no adaptations will qualify for the competition and the play must not have been previously produced or workshopped. All submissions must be at least 10 pages, but no more than 30 pages long, and excerpts from longer works will be considered. The scripts must be typed in play format.

There will be three awards given: the first-place winner receives a \$300 savings bond, second-place receives a \$200 bond, and third-place receives a \$100 bond. All three winning scripts will have the opportunity to have a script-in-hand performance in February 2003, when the prizes and certificates are awarded.

All entries must be postmarked by Dec. 1 and sent to The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016. All entries must include a self-addressed stamped envelope, a 50-word biography of the author including contact information, and the \$5 entry fee. Only one entry per author.

For information or questions, call 908-659-5189.

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MVP gets ready to rock on with new edition of 'Rapture'

Come enjoy those solid gold blasts from the past, those oldies but goodies, as Mystic Vision Players presents "American Rapture 2002," a '50s, '60s and '70s rock 'n' soul revue, with all new musical selections, Oct. 9, 10, 11 and 12 at the Linden High School auditorium, 121 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden.

Oct. 9 is a senior citizen benefit, and seniors only will be admitted free of charge. Donations are gratefully accepted experience the duo wop sounds of rhythm, blues, rock and soul. Tickets are reserved at \$15 and can be obtained by calling 908-925-8689 or 908-925-9068. Show time is at 8 p.m.

"American Rapture 2000" was awarded the Perry Award from Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater last year for Best Original Musical production. The 2001 production took home the same award at this year's ceremony Sunday, and was nominated for Best Musical Direction as well as nods for performers Jeannette Marrero and Patrick Staroga.

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Mario Batali advertisement for Taste of the Towns event, featuring a gourmet extravaganza and tickets for \$35 in advance.

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