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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.

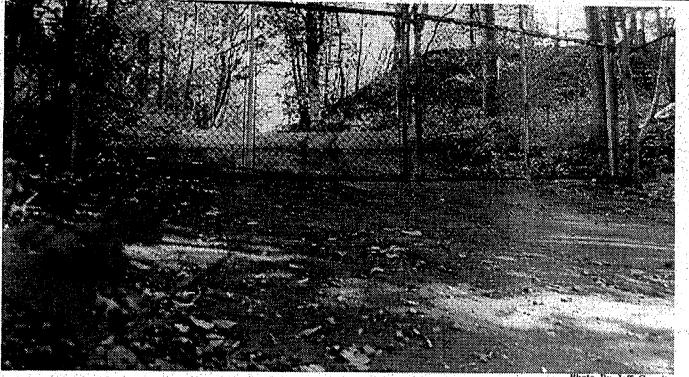
Pinnacle's original proposal was to build 96 luxury condominiums in four buildings throughout the site, where the former Baltusrol Swim Club lies vacant. The Planning Board rejected the site plan, by a 7-2 vote, in 2000. Pinnacle then filed the lawsuit to overturn the board's decision, claiming the township's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



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 21/2 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 ratable 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

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

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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.

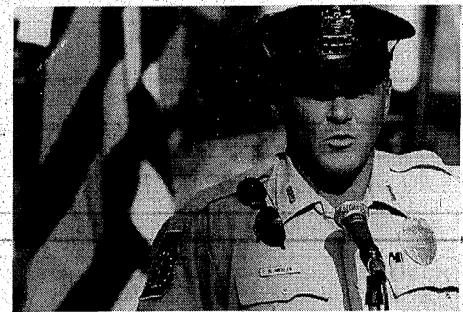
The plaque is square with sharp corners. It reads: "In memory of the Emergency Responders who perished on 9/11/01, Presented by Springfield Emergency Services, 9/11/02."

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

generations will look upon these attacks more than one year ago. tokens of the ultimate sacrifice the

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

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.'



Rick Mickles, Springfield's State Delegate for the Policeman's Benevolent Assocation, speaks at the ceremony.

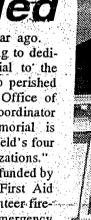
"We're here this morning to dediate a permanent memorial to the emergency responders who perished on Sept. 11, 2001," said Office of **Emergency Management Coordinator** John Cottage. "This memorial is being presented by Springfield's four emergency services organizations."

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 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 Spingfield Deputy Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt.

year, 343 firefighters, 23 New York City police officers and 34 Port Authority police officers lost their

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 breath, or they're injured, they run in. All of our fallen comrades who have done so much for this country,



who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, it will During the terrorist attacks of last

"If you're a firefighter, you always

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

The Springfield Department of Public Works took time to delicately

see and remember."

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 Borough Hall is equipped with a senior fitness room, a computer room, as

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Forget about retiring to Florida, for 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

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 The wolf proups have taken trips to the U.N., the state aquarium in Trenton. 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 fom "Audience Pleasers," will perform. "He does all kinds of stories and he plays the accordian 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 Toglia, Community Nurse Educator for Senior Health at St. Barnabas Medical Center, will discuss techniques for improving your memory.

One of the goals of the senior groups is to keep them young and active and to provide interaction and socialization.'

- 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.

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Woman to to Woman'

Woman," a local newsletter for mothers in its third year of publication, invites all area moms to a "Coffee and Conservation" event, Oct. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Mountainside home of one of the founders. Christ-

The event will be an informal dialogue addressing the issues mothers face about whether to stay at home with their children, or return to work, and if so, what form that work should take. Come and share stories and concerns and learn how other mothers are handling their situation. Refreshments will be served.

ine Spear.

The mission of Woman to Woman" is to provide women, especially mothers, with information, resources, tips and ideas on maintaining their individuality and increasing their self-esteem as they juggle their busy lives. To learn more, visit their

For information, reservations and directions call 908-301-0190, 908-654-0394 or 973-696-4985, or email infor@silkpurseformothers.com. There is a \$10 registration fee.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of

Applications are accepted

the Springfield Free Public Library is currently accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit their work in 2003-04. Applicants are asked to submit a current resume, 10 slides representative of their work and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. All slides and representative material will be returned. The Museum Committee will review applications in the fall. The 36-by-50-foot Palmer Museum

was opened at its current site in 1975. The Palmer Collection was started in 1939 when the Library Board of Trustees appropriated \$25 to Springfield resident Donald Palmer to purchase pictures of Springfield. The collection grew to include historical mementos. antique guns, toys, tools, glass and china. Portions of the permanent Palmer Collection are on display

Since 1992, the museum has provided space for the exhibit of art and historical works and for the presentation of cultural programs.

Applications should be mailed to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081. no later than Oct 21

Constitution Plaza, will be presenting

storytime programs during the fall for

through 5 years old. Storytime Thea-

ter will be conducted for kindergart-

ners Tuesdays through Oct. 29, from

The program, incorporating

storytelling, acting, singing and dance

ing, is approximately 45 minutes in

time with the entire family.

3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

• The Foothill Club meets at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Dress and decorum in Victorian America will

For information and reservations, call 908-232-3626. Saturday

• From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Interested parties can meet at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Bring lunch and digging supplies, for ages 14 years and

Participants must call 908-789-3670 to pre-register.

• The Springfield Environmental Commission is sponsoring a walk in the Houdaille Quarry in Springfield from 1 to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Guests can enter the quarry on Mountview Road, off of Shunpike Road, and park inside the gate. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 973-376-3436.

• The Springfield Democratic Party host its annual Fall Champagne Brunch to benefit the Committee to re-elect Sy Mullman, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Springfield's newest restaurant, Buona Gente Ristorante, 272

The cost is \$35 per person. For information and reservations, call

• The Hester Street Troupe performs a variety of Klezmer and Jewish music on the lawn of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Call 973-376-4930 for information

• The Springfield Board of Education meet in the Media Center in Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m. . ' • The Springfield Township Committee convenes for a workshop ses-

sion at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building at 20 N. Trivett Ave. • The Mountainside Borough Council convenes for a workshop session in the meeting room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. • The Mountainside Board of Education convenes at 8 p.m. in the

Deerfield School cafeteria at 302 Central Ave • The Springfield Township Committee meets for a regular session at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain

• The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. meets at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Mrs. Ted Bliss" Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, Ext. 228 to reserve a

Oct. 10 • The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m.

• The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is accepting donations for its book sale from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Donald B, Palmer Museum at the library.

Oct. 12 • The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is accepting donations for its book sale from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the library.

• The third annual Cop Trot sponsored by the Mountainside PAL is set for 9:30 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. The 5K, three-mile race/walk is open to all residents. Registration forms are available at Bor-

or For information, call 908-232-1596, Ext. 531. According to the control of the

Storytime programs start at Mountainside Library

length. Preschool Storytime is sche-

duled for 3- and 4-year-olds Thurs-

days through Oct. 10, beginning at 2

stories and simple crafts, and is

approximately 30 minutes in length.

Oct. 13 • The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is accepting donations for its book sale from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the library.

• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave. • A three-session Microsoft Word class will be offered by the Mountainside Recreation Department from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Community Room Learning Center at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. The class continues Oct. 22 and 29.

Participants can learn about basic business correspondence, creating envelopes and labels, newsletter design and basic formatting. Registra-

tion is \$65 per person. For information, call 908-232-0015.

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a regular session in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. • Back Into Nature will present "Party Animals," a lively hour with

live insects, arachnids, amphibians, reptiles and mammals for ages 4 and older at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, at 2 p.m. For information, call 908-233-0015.

• The James Caldwell School PTA will host the annual Fall Festival at 36 Caldwell Place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Highlights include a carnival filled with rides, food, music, games and more. All ages are welcome. The early bird special is \$8 for unlimited rides. For information, call

• Professor Stephen Berk will be the Scholar-In-Residence at a Sunday brunch, 10:15 a.m. at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave. The topic is "The Road to Sept. 11 and After."

Admission is \$10 per person. Reservations are required by Monday. Call 973-379-5387 for information.

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Media Center in Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m. • The Mountainside Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the library on Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 22 • The Mountainside Board of Education will convene at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria at 302 Central Ave.

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., will present "In the Beginning ... Raising a Jewish Baby," a class for new Jewish parents and grandparents welcoming a new baby into their homes. Class runs for three consecutive Tuesday evenings begin at 7:30 p.m. The program is open to non-temple members as well as members. The

fee is \$36 per family. To register, call 973-379-5387. Oct. 23 • Marriott Senior Living Services and Merck & Co. are partnering wi host free ultrasound bone mineral density tests, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Brighton Gardens by Marriot, 1350 Route 22 West, Mountainside.

RSVP by calling 908-654-4460. • B'Nai B'rith of Springfield sponsors a bus trip to the REsorts casino at Atlantic City. A bonus package includes brunch at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave. starting at 11:30 a.m.

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall at 1 p.m. Guests will receive • On Sept. 21 at 8:08 a.m., they \$13 in coins and tickets to see Regis Philbin and Susan Lucci at 7 p.m. investigated an activated carbon The fee is \$30 per person. monoxide detector at a Forest Drive apartment complex. At 1:34 p.m., i

For reservations and information, call 908-687-9120, RSVP by Oct.

• Kids between the ages of 2 and 8 can come to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. for a Halloween Party from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Kids can come in costume and hear scary stories. Register at the Youth Services Desk by calling 973-376-4930, Ext.

age is required for the Preschool and Toddler Storytime. Visit the library to sign up or call

908-233-0115.

mately 30 minutes. Registration is

Toddler Time will be conducted Fridays through Oct. 11, beginning at Stories and nursery rhymes are shared with 2-year-olds for approxi-STUYVESANT HAIRCUTTING

Caldwell PTA fall festival will be Oct. 19 The James Caldwell School PTA, 36 Caldwell Place, Springfield, will sponsor its annual fall festival Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is Oct. 20. This year's "jungle" theme promises a fun-filled carnival complete with inflatable rides, games, music, food, prizes, and more — a great way to spend quality

children ranging in ages from 2 p.m. The preschool program includes

The festival offers an early bird special where guests can pay \$8 for unlimited rides between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. All ages are welcome. For more information, call Rob Rinderman at 973-564-7689 or John and Cin-

dy O'Reilly at 973-376-9142. St. James Church plans December trip to Germany St. James Church in Springfield presents Classic Christmas Markets of Ger-

many Dec. 4-10. For brochures and information, call Tony Graziano at 973-376-5612.

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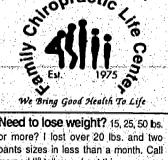
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Sunday's walk will show beauty of site

Lace up your hiking boots because the Springfield Environmental Commission is sponsoring its annual Houdaille Quarry Walk on Sunday, from 1 to 3

"We like to show the community how the quarry has rehabilitated itself," said Helen Heumann, chairwoman of the Environmental Commission. "Beautiful vegetation has grown. There's beautiful scenes to see there. It's a very beautiful place to walk in."

The 165-acre Houdaille Quarry is the largest piece of open land in Springfield. The property originally contained large quantities of basalt. It was mined from the early 1900s to the 1970s.

In 1982 the quarry was purchased by the New Jersey Department of Transportation It was used for fill and storage during the construction of Route 78. After the highway was completed, part of the property was given to Union County. The quarry was leased to the county for 99 years. The quarry was bare and has now regenerated into a stunning natural

"There are many animals and birds and there are beautiful views," said Heumann. "We thought people would like to see it."

Patrons can enter the quarry on Mount View Road, off of Shunpike Road, and park inside the gate.

The Union County Model Airpiane Club will provide demonstrations: "We had them last year when we did the tour and everybody was fascinated

by these lovely little airplanes flying around," said Heumann. One of the reasons the Environmental Commission sponsored the event was to, hopefully, make the public aware of the facility and to get them more environmentally conscious. Heumann said that as a result of the walk, perhaps more people will be putting pressure on the county to get them to open the quarry up to the general public

"We've really been trying to get the county to create recreational areas in the quarry such as walking paths and picnic areas," said Heumann.

However, township officials have other plans for the quarry. For over a year, Committeeman Sy Mullman has been pushing for 30 giant windmills to be installed at the quarry, with the hope that enough energy would be supplied for Springfield and four neighboring townships.

"There's the move to try to get them to put up the windmills but I think there's room for both," said Heumann. "There's enough room for people to enjoy the facility and for the windmills."

The Springfield Environmental Commission was established in 1974. It sponsors several events throughout the year including a township clean-up day, meetings informing the public about energy conservation, and speakers informing the public how to keep their waterways clean.

"We're trying to conserve and improve the environment," said Heumann. For information on the walk or on how to join the Springfield Environmental Commission, call Helen Heumann at 973-564-5683.

Schneier named president of division

builder Beazer Homes Corp. mortgages, and ethics at Fairleigh

announces the appointment of Paul R. Dickinson University for five years.

Schneier of Springfield as president Prior to work in real estate, he pre-

FIRE BLOTTER

78 West, mile post 46. At 1:59 p.m.,

they responded to a water condition at

a South Springfield Avenue apart-

• On Sept. 22 at 8:38 p.m., they

investigated an activated fire alarm at

Schneier taught real estate law,

pared and litigated cases as an associ-

ate attorney for a New Jersey law

He graduated from the State Uni-

versity of New York at Buffalo,

earned a master's degree from City

College of the City University of New-

York and a juris doctor degree from

Schneier is a member of the New

Jersey and Federal bars and is a

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Schneier brings 15 years of opera-

tional and managerial experience in

real estate to his new position at Beaz-

er. He is the former head of operations

for Pinnacle Communities in Mill-

burn, and has served as a vice presi-

dent of operations, legal counsel and

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fire on Route 78 West.



CLEANIN' UP THE TOWN- Clean Communities Day in Mountainside got off to a great start with these young, dedicated helpers who got up early on a Saturday to clean up the town. Nora Kinney, 13 leads the way, followed by Nancy Kinney, troop lead er; Cassie Kinney, 18; Brit tany Catalano, 13; and Mackie Hill, 13. They helped pick up litter along the jughandle off Route 22 to New Providence Road At left, Catalano picks up a shirt on the curb side of

On Friday at 12:41 a.m., they

investigated an activated fire alarm at

Walton School. At 1:24 p.m., they

answered a medical service call at a

Mountain Avenue residence, At 5:13

p.m., they removed keys stuck in a

vending machine on Mountain

Avenue: At 6:09 p.m., they responded

worship for an activated fire alarm. At

to an Evergreen Avenue house of

Business reports \$150 theft

A Mountain Avenue business reported that on Sept. 25 at 8:15 a.m.. someone entered the premises and removed \$150 from the cash drawer. which is located in the front desk area. A single dollar bill was left behind in the drawer.

POLICE BLOTTER

There were no signs of forced entry and nothing else was believed to be missing at the time.

• On Sept. 24 at 10:44 a.m.; a Wyoming Drive resident reported a theft of a check. He said he sold 50 shares of Prudential stock through Edison-based Equiserve Financial. The victim realized he never received his check for \$1,949.20.

• A Sunny Slope Drive resident reported that a purple Schwinn bicycle with straight handle bars was stolen from the Mountainside Library, on Watching Avenue, on Sept. 24 at 11

 On Sept. 25 at 11:34 a.m., Reinardo Flores, 28, of Newark, and Yaneycha Cruz. 26. of Newark. were arrested on Route 22 East for eluding

police officers. • On Sept. 26 at 7:20 p.m., a New Providence resident reported a theft from a motor vehicle while parked at Loews Theatre, Route 22 East.

> West, reported water damage to items on Sunday at 3:08 p.m. Springfield • On Aug. 25 at 3 pay a Route 22 West business reported wat \$6,000 worth of furniture was taken after a

• Safeguard Self Storage, Route 22

counterfeit check was passed; • A Morris Avenue business reported that a light pole, stop sign and handicapped parking sign were damaged by an unknown vehicle between Sept. 20 and Sept. 23.

• On Saturday at 10:10 p.m., a Route 22 West business reported that a fruit drink. New Jersey map, book. Union County map, Bergen County, map, "Lord of the Rings" DVD, and a "Changing Lanes" DVD, with a total estimated value of \$73, were stolen.

• On Sunday at 11:46 p.m., a Springfield resident reported that his portable CD player was stolen from Scotty's parking lot on Morris

Springfield On-line

residence. At 7:07 p.m., they

Dayton Court residence.

responded to an illegal burning at a

• On Sept. 25 at 9:02 a.m., they

attended to a medical service call at a

Lelak Avenue residence. At 3:42

p.m., they responded to a motor vehi-

cle accident on Morris and Prospect.

• At 7:25 a.m. on Sept. 26, they

extinguished a car fire on Route 78

Springfield firefighters put out car fire on Route 78

• At 11:37 a.m. on Sept. 23, they

assisted the police at a South Spring-

field Avenue residence. At 2:02 p.m.,

they answered a medical service call

• On Sept. 24 at 12:12 p.m., all

units responded to a Church Mall

house of worship for an activated fire

alarm. At 3:55-p.m., they answered a

medical service call at an Eton Place

Paul R. Schneier

at a Hillside Apartment complex.

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East, mile post 49. At 4:53 p.m., they 10:47 p.m., they investigated an acti-

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Fund-raiser supports new site

The \$7-million "New Horizons Campaign...Ensuring Choices for Independent Living," was officially launched Sept. 22 by SAGE, one of the oldest, most comprehensive eldercare agencies in New Jersey. The announcement, which took place at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit. celebrated the fund-raising campaign to support a new facility for SAGE. The campaign is the most ambitious undertaking in the history of the organization.

Among those in attendance were the campaign's honorary chairpersons, Joanne Corzine, Judy and Walter Shipley, and Carol and Patrick Welsh. Mayor Walter Long took part in the brief program saluting extraordinary gifts and donors, and detailing the project that will result in a new

Citing examples within her own family, Corzine noted that not all areas are fortunate enough to have an organization such as SAGE to help older people and their caregivers handle problems of aging.

"This is a momentous day in the history of our organization," said Milo Moore, president of SAGE's Board of Trustees: "We are delighted and grateful for the extraordinary generosity of so many who have participated in the fund-raising campaign. We have made it our mission to sec are this facility and prepare it so that we may best serve the elderly in our communities. We have an opportunity to made a profound impact on lives."

"We have already raised \$4.7 million toward our \$7 million goal which speaks volumes for our growth and the type of participation we enjoy from our friends and family," said Jacqueline Vogelmann, executive director of SAGE. "We were a small elder care agency almost 50 years ago, but today we touch the lives of so many in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties. For example, we serve over 40,000 Meals-on-Wheels a year, and that

represents only one of many programs. This campaign is a very important step for our organization and for those we

A new 16,000-square-foot facility will replace the current antiquated building. The new building will allow for the better delivery of traditional and vital SAGE services such as Home Care, Companion Service, Meals-on-Wheels, InfoCare, PREP, Spend-A-Day, Adult Day Health Services, and the SAGE Workshop.

SAGE recently signed a contract to purchase a former car dealership on Broad Street, covering 27,500 square feet, with 16,500 square feet of office space. Most of SAGE's existing services will be relocated to that site. with the building redesigned by architects.

Also, because program revenues alone will not provide enough financial stability in today's competitive and volatile health care environment, the New Hortzons Campaign will help SAGE increase its modest endowment fund. The increased endowment will also help the organization create new programs such as a Chore Service and a Bill Paying ore, and two grandchildren. service. In this way, SAGE hopes to attract and maintain the best staff and, most importantly, be able to provide care to all who need it.

"The board here at SAGE, friends and family, administration and staff all have demonstrated enormous commitment to this effort, and we thank them," said Dr. Thomas Inglesby, who, along with his wife Kay, serve as chairpersons for The New Horizons Campaign:

"We feel strongly that, in some meaningful way, we can help set an example for the community's responsibility toward our elderly. Ultimately, we make this effort for the people SAGE serves on a daily basis. Their appreciation of the services they receive, and the look of gratification repeated so many times over, is enough motivation to make this project a successful one."



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James C. Ford

James C. Ford, 69, of Newark, formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 18 in East Orange General Hospital, East

Born in Summit, Mr. Ford lived in Cranford and Springfield before moving to Newark 15 years ago. He was a professional caddy for Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield. He formerly was. employed by Block Drug Co., Kenilworth, as a forklift operator, and by Bell Laboratories, Berkeley Heights, as a security guard. Mr. Ford served in the Marine Corps during the Korean

War as a proof technician/small amps-Surviving are a son, James H. Ford; a stepdaughter, Angie Braxton; two sisters, Ruth Seymour and Ella Hon-

Lisa M. larossi

Lisa M. Iarossi, 42, of Springfield died Sept. 26 at home. Born in Newark, Mrs. Iarossi lived in Union before moving to Springfield two years ago. She was a hairdresser at Hair Core, Union, for five. years and retired last year.

Surviving are her husband, Nicholas S.; two daughters, Alyssa M. and Natalie M.; her mother, Loretta Messina, and a sister, Lori Ruggiero.

Robert W. Cull

Robert W. Cull, 76, of Springfield died Sept. 25 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Cull moved to Springfield 70 years ago. He was a carpenter with Union Local 620 in Madison for many years and retired eight years ago. Mr. Cull also was a representative with the union local. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jane; a daughter, Kathleen C. Crawford. and two grandchildren.

Marie T.I. Orieux

Marie Theresa Irene Orieux, 93, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 21 in Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Born in Mauritius, Mrs. Orieux lived in Summit before moving to Berkeley. Heights eight years ago. She was a member of the Golden Age and

the 60 Plus Club, both in Summit.

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Surviving are two daughters, Jac-

OBITUARIES queline Gaynor and Monique Casse; a sister, Jeanne Wright; six grandchil-

dren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Donald A. Stahl

Donald A. Stahl, 81, of Independence Township, formerly of Summit, died Sept. 16 at home. Born in North Plainfield, Mr. Stahl lived in Summit before moving to Independence Township in 1970. He was head of maintenance with the Summit Medical Group and retired in

Surviving are a son, Gregory; two daughters Barbara Martin and Susan-Hammel; two brothers, Robert and Norman; seven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Angela M. Menza Angela M. Menza, 60, of Spring-

field died Sept. 28 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livington. Born in Newark, Miss Menza moved to Springfield 35 years ago. She was a secretary with the Internal Revenue Service. Mountainside. for the past 18 years and a waitress at Lorenzo's Restaurant, Garwood, for the past three years. Earlier, Miss Menza had been a nurse's assistant at

the Children's Specialized Hospital.

G. Menza, and two grandchildren.

Mountainside, for 12 years. Surviving are two sons, John A. Frank J. Brescher, 85, of Mountainand Gregory J. Wioland; a daughter, Roseann Findeisen; a brother, Joseph

Betty Anson

Betty Anson, 83, of Mountainside died Sept. 26\at home. Born in Johnstown, Pa., Mrs. Anson lived in Garwood for 40 years before moving to Mountainside 20 years ago. She was a volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital. Mountainside, for more than 25 years. Mrs. Anson was a member of the

ing member of the Mountainside Music Association. Surviving are a daughter, Judith Anson-Bieksha; a sister, Dorothy Bowers, and four grandchildren

Julie M. Kelley

Julie M. Kelley, 86, of Easton, Pa formerly of Springfield, died Sept. 24 in the Manor Care, Easton. Born in New Jersey, Mrs. Kelley lived in Springfield before moving to Easton. Surviving are a son, Richard; a brother, George Morris, and a

Derothy A. Juhase

Dorothy A. Juhase, 77, of Spring-

field died Sept. 28 in the Short Hills home of her son. Kim. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mrs. Juhase lived in Richmond, Va., and the Bronx before moving to Spring-/ field two years ago. She was a secretary in the corporate counsel office for the city of New York for 15 years and retired in 1982. Mrs. Juhase also was a secretary for the television personal.

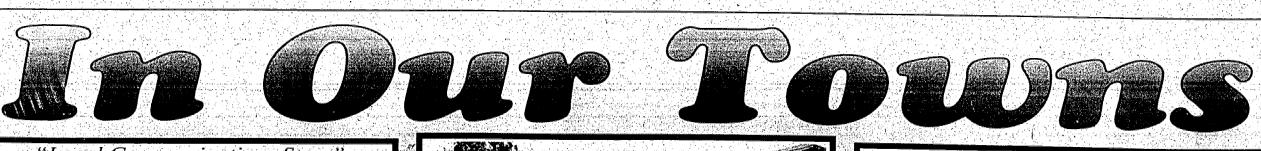
Also surviving are another son. Jamie J.; two sisters, Laura Maksie and Betty Engbarth; a brother, Thomas Pytell, and five grandchildren.

Frank J. Brescher

side died Sept. 30 at home. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Brescher lived in Cranford for 30 years Pert Ritchie, Fla., for 15 years and the list five years in Mountainside. He was a tool and die maker for Thomas and Betts Inc., Elizabeth, for many years and retired in 1981. Mr. Brescher was a long-time communicant of St. John's Church, Clark.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Boyle; a son, Frank Brescher Jr.; a brother, Leonard Brescher, a sister, Catherine Phillips, and two Nomahegan Swim Club and a found- grandchildren.





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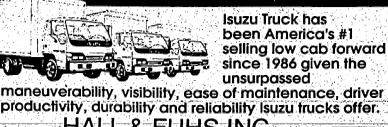
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Joseph, who just recently passed away, enjoyed many years of seeling trucks to hundreds of businesses in the metro New Jersey area. Joe's son, Tom, along with Kerry Webb are the current owners of Hall & Fuhs. Tom's two sons, Brian and Riley and Kerry's son, Tim, are also involved with the business with

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SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER WRC offers life-enhancing skills with upcoming fall programs

national nonprofit organization.

coaching and sports.

The Women's Resource Center, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit, has many upcoming fall events aimed at helping people achieve mental, physical and emotional well-being. Unless otherwise listed, all programs will be conducted at the center. For more information on all of these programs, call 908-273-7253 or go to www.womensource.org.

The Women's Resource Center also offers fall Rainbows programs for children in kindergarten through grade 12 and adult women.

The aim of "Kids Grieving the Loss of a Parent on 9/11" is to relieve the pain of children whose parent or parents died as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks. Telling their story and sharing with other children in a similar situation helps the mourning process for children, allowing them to express their feelings and hot keep them bottled up inside. This facilitator-led peer support group for children is co-sponsored with the Madison YMCA and Rainbows NJ, an inter-

"Grieving Our Losses — Recreating Our Lives" is a group for women whose spouses were killed Sept. 11.

DiParisi Soldiers Memorial Field during a ceremony Sept.

13. in honor of the late Louis DiParisi, who influenced

Bryne, Louis's son-in-law

All these grief support groups will meet for eight consecutive Thursdays beginning tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Victorian Garden, 353 Main St., Chatham. The programs are free. • "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk."

Field gets renamed for sports hero

Sitting on the bench following the dedication ceremony for Louis DiParisi are, from left

Louis's son, Ryan, and daughter, Megan Bryme, who is holding her son, Aidan; and

Louis's wife, Katherine; and standing, Louis's brother, Peter; Summit Mayor Walter

Long, Superintendent of Schools Michael Knowlton; Recreation Director Romayne

Eaker-Kelly, Jane Mahoney, president of the Board of Recreation, and Christopher

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elementary schools and Summit Middle School during a

Summit's Soldiers Memorial Field was renamed Louis career that spanned 33 years. He also coached soccer, thousands of Summit children through his involvement in received many coaching awards. A bench with a plaque DiParisi taught physical education in Summit's five the field now bearing his name.

basketball and baseball at Summit High School and inscribed to the memory of DiParisi was also installed on

school through the fifth-grade.

"Liberated Parents/Liberated Children."

YMCA has father and child programs

Participants will need copies of two books by Faber and Mazlish both avail-

This program will be on six successive Tuesdays beginning Tuesday from 10

to 11:30 a.m. Space is limited so register as soon as possible. The fee for the

program is \$70 for Center members and \$85 for non-members. For information

about similar programs go to www.womensource.org and click on Parenting

• "Child Free by Choice." Life can become stressful when the decision not to

have any children has been made, everyone around is blissfully having babies

seemingly like rabbits and parents want a grandchild more than anything else in

able at the Women's Resource Center: "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen," and

is offering a family program for fathers and their children in preschool through third grade The Y-Guide, Princess and

form a special father-child bond.

Orientation nights for dads only will be conducted at the Summit YMCA on Wednesday, for Y-Guides, boys K-3; Oct. 10 for Y-Princess, ing and more. Many of these activities girls K-3; and Oct. 16 for Y-Papoose, include the entire family. The YMCA coed preschool. Trailblazers, a prog-also offers Trailblazers for fathers and ram for fathers and their children their children grades four through

Raising healthy children requires good parenting skills; love is not enough. This six-session workshop begins on Tuesday for parents of children in nursery In a society where feminity is identified with motherhood, women who have made this life choice face a kid centric environment that makes them feel like freaks. Maureen Kritzer-Large, who has a private practice in Maplewood, will Leigh Rosoff will facilitate the program using discussion, videos and rolelead a light-hearted, upbeat group of women who have made this same life play to give parents the opportunity to learn the necessary skills to communicate

more effectively with their offspring. The topics that will be addressed include helping children deal with feelings, getting cooperation, alternatives to punish-"Child Free By Choice" will be conducted on six consecutive Saturdays beginning Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The fee will be \$85 for members and ment, encouraging autonomy, using praise and helping them develop a realistic

\$105 for non-members. Call the center to register. The Women's Resource Center announces that native New Yorker, Marie Ponsot, will read from her vast collection of poetry on Monday at 7 p.m. Her most recent collection, "The Bird Catcher," won the National Book Cri-

tics Circle Award and was a finalist for the 1999 Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize Her books of poetry include "The Green Dark," "Admit Impediment" and "True Minds."

Ponsot, who also translates books from French, has taught in graduate programs at Queens College, Beijing United University, the Poetry Center of the YMHA and New York University. She most recently received the Shelley Award from the Poetry Society of America.

RECREATION

Tribes are comprised of five to nine

monthly at a member's home. These

meetings consist of activities chosen

by the tribe, such as games, songs,

estories and crafts. Tribes may organ-

ize seasonal outings, which are

planned by the YMCA, bring several

Events include induction ceremo-

nies, overnight campouts, roller skat-

grow together."

tribes together.

The Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St.,

Papoose programs have been a YMCA tradition for more than 175 years. This program offers dads a unique opportunity to spend time oneon-one with their children while meeting a making new friends. The purpose is to share in the nurturing and raising of their children and to

grades four through seven, will run seven. This is a program for families from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. that have outgrown Y-Guides and "In today's hectic world, a child Princesses. and father rarely have enough time

The structure is a little different ir together," Amy Ketchum, Summit Trailblazers. While dads and their YMCA family and emap director, children still spend time together in a said. "This parent-child program fun environment, there are no tribes, only a single nation holding events. gives families the opportunities to

For information, come to a dad's orientation meeting, or call Ketcham pairs of fathers and children, meeting at 908-273-3330. Ext. 133...

Chess Club organized The Summit Board of Recreation is

starting its first ever Chess Club Players will meet on Tuesdays through June 17 from 7 to 10 pm. at the Memorial Field House. Games are limited to the first 50 people. A non-refundable fee is

required as follows, for residents, \$10. and for non-residents, \$20. For information or to receive a registration form, call 908-277-2932.

SJCC hosts Israeli merchandise exhibit and sale

The Summit Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with its Israel Action Committee, will host an exhibition and sale of merchandise made in Israel and sold directly by Israeli artists, craftsman, and other vendors. The event is scheduled for Oct. 13 from 1 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 67 Kent Place Blvd. It is one of a many similar sales sponsored by congregations across the United States to help bolster Israeli's economy during this diffi-

The decline in tourism to Israel has affected not only hotels and restaurants, but also shops in areas popular with visitors. Many of their suppliers are independent artists who do not usually export or distribute their work through

wholesalers or catalogs. Because of this, the event will offer an extensive selection of merchandise that may be difficult to find outside Israel, including:

 Gold and silver jewelry from various artists, including fashion items; Israel-style Chai and Chamsa charms; stars of David; and Yemenite-style bracelets and anklets as well as items that include Roman glass and Jerusalem stone. • Judaica for every occasion — menzuzot, beautifullydesigned items for Shabbat, Passover and other holidays. • Beautiful tallitot in cotton, silk, and wool, plus fash-

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the state playoffs last year and

Brearley two years ago. Elizabeth is

seeking to recapture North 2, Group

further in Group 2 and Brearley i

seeking its first playoff victory

since last winning Group 1 in 1991

Elizabeth was decisive in its 30-3

win at home against Union last

Saturday night in a battle of 2-0

Watchung Conference-American

over Roselle 7-0 and Roselle Park

40-0. The Crusaders won at Roselle

last Saturday for the first time since

Brearley is 3-0 for the first time

since 1988 and has outscored three

new head coaches are off to good

starts. Jeff Wiener is 3-0 at Eli-

zabeth, Scott Miller 3-0 at Brearley

Senior running backs Malcoln

Jackson of Elizabeth and Dan Zika

of Brearley continued standout sea-

sons so far. Jackson scored three

touchdowns against Union and has

rushed for slightly over 300 yards

total against Hillsborough, Kearny

and Union. Zika scored three touch-

downs against Manville to give him

nine of his team's 14. He leads the

Roselle Park and Cranford reach-

ed the victory column after each

started with two tough defeats.

Adriel Vargas rushed for 162 yards

and two touchdowns to lead the

Panthers past Bound Brook 33-12.

Chris Drechsel ran and threw for a

score to lift the Cougars past Morris

WEEK THREE GAMES

Kearny at Union, 7 p.m.

Elizabeth at East Side, 7

estfield at Shabazz, 7

Roselle at North Plainfield,

Gov. Livingston at Ridge, 7

Roselle Park at Manville, 7

Cranford at Linden, 1 p.m.

Newark Central vs. Brearley

New Providence at Butler.

Parsippany at Summit, 1:30 p.m.

Roselle Park 33, Bound Brook 1

Irvington at Plainfield, 1

Saturday, Oct. 5 (6)

Rahway at Hillside, 1

Scotch Plains is off.

Friday, Sept. 27 (1)

WEEK TWO SCORES

Saturday, Sept. 28 (11)

Elizabeth 30, Union 3

Ridge 40, Rahway 18

Brearley 45, Manville 0

Shabazz 39, Linden 26

Johnson 7, Roselle 0

Kearny 23, Plainfield 19

Cranford 27, Morris Knolls

Scotch Plains 13, Westfield 10

Immaculata 28, Gov. Liv. 6

Summit 27, Mendham 7

New Providence was off.

Elizabeth over East Side

Shabazz over Westfield

North Plainfield over Roselle

Ridge over Gov. Livingston

Roselle Park over Manville

Immaculata over Johnson

Linden over Cranford

Hillside over Rahway

Last week: 6-6

UNION COUNTY

1. Elizabeth (3-0)

3. Westfield (2-1)

4. Union (2-1)

5. Plainfield (1-2)

6. Johnson (2-0)

7. Brearley (3-0)

8. Summit (2-1)

9. Linden (1-1)

Hillside (1-1)

"Cranford (1-2)

Roselle (0-2)

Rahway (0-2)

Roselle Park (1-2)

10. Gov. Livingston (1-1)

New Providence (1-1)

Plainfield over Irvington

Brearley over Newark Central

New Providence over Butler

Summit over Parsippany

This year: 24-10 (.710)

2. Scotch Plains (2-1)

Week Three picks

Union over Kearny

North Plainfield 14, Hillside 12

at Scotch Plains, 1

Johnson at Immaculata, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 4 (7)

county in scoring.

Knolls 27-7.

and George DiGrande 2-1

foes by an impressive 99-7 marg

hat includes two shutouts. Three of Union County's four

Johnson is 2-0, with shutout wins

Division squads.

Johnson has designs of going

After three weekends of play

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EVENTS

Program shows how to cope with midlife

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and Temple Beth Ahm will present "Midlife and Single: It Doesn't have to be a Crisis" on Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Beth Ahm. 60 Temple Drive in Springfield.

Part of a workshop series "The Power of Being Positive, Practical Approaches to Life's Challenges.' speaker Sherry Woocher, LCSW will show participants how to focus on restructuring a support system, creating a social life and navigating the couples' culture:

For information and to register in advance, call Sylvia Heller, JFS program associate, at 973-765-9050, Ext.

Mountainside PAL sponsors Cop Trot

The third annual Cop Trot sponso ed by the Mountainside PAL is set fo. 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 nonresidents from serious racers to seniors and everyone in between. Proceeds will benefit the various programs of the PAL, which focus primar-

There are nine age group categories. Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place finishers in each age group categories. The registration fees prior to Monday are: 5K adult, \$15; 5K child, \$10, and family \$50. After that date, a \$5 late fee will be added. The registration fee

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 Pal Cop Trot Forms

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On Oct. 19, the Evening Group of Springfield will sponsor an indoor vard sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Oct. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in **Professor speaks** the lower level of the Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. Church Mall is opposite the Foodtown shopping center on Morris

B'Nai B'rith will host

trip to Atlantic City Atlantic City Oct. 27, with a destination to Resorts Casino hotel. Bonus Union College, Shenectady, N.Y., is a includes breakfast/brunch at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Spring- anti-Semitism, and American policy field, next to the post office, starting in the Middle East. He is the author of includes a T-shirt and computerized scoring results. Information packets and race numbers will be distributed

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall at 1 p.m. between Mountain 1881-1882." and is currently writing, Avenue and Route, 22 Springfield. Motor down to Resorts and receive \$13 in coins and a ticket to see Regis Philbin and Susan Lucci and Co. at 7

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bus capacity; first-come basis. Other people to call for reservations are Joe Tenenbaum at 973-379-9306 and Rose Mikolon at the First Presbyterian Church in 973-635-2180, days, and 908-964-5864, evenings, from Friday

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 Sha'arey Shalom at 973-379-5387.

Fire safety fun Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 Spring-



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.

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. Published posthumously in 1995. "Mrs. Ted Bliss" tells the story of an dom," "The Franchiser," and "The 82-year-old widow starting life anew Dick Gibson Show," after the death of her husband. As Dorothy Bliss learns to cope with the mundane rituals of life in a Florida retirement community, she inadvertently becomes involved with a drug Wilentz and Dec 3, with "Nickel and kinpin trying to use her as a front for Dimed" by Barbara Ehrenreich. his operations. Combining a comic plot with a deep concern for character,

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mer beat 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.

During his lifetime, he wrote over a The Hester Street Troupe has been tions, including "The Magic Kingelectrifying audiences for the past 17 years. Their extraordinary repertoire consists of Klezmer, a style where the The discussion group meets the first Tuesday of the month during the Yiddish Vaudeville and Second rest of the fall, continuing on Nov. 5 with "Martry's Crossing" by Amy Avenue Theatres, as well as classic older and more contemporary Jewish Call the reference department at

The troupe has performed exten-973-376-4930, Ext. 228, to reserve a sively in the New York metropolitan and the Lower East Side. area and has recently completed a tour

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Generation," connects the listener with the traditions of the Jewish clarinet initiates human emotions like the old Jewish community called the laughing and crying, songs from the Shietl. Horse hooves clomp on cobfrolic in the street. The third, "On Second Avenue," is a celebration of

of Florida, playing to standing-room- vided by the A. Leigh Balber Memor-The group currently has three

field Ave., Springfield. The topic for

the brunch is: "The Road to Sept. 11

Berk, a professor of history at

noted authority on Russian history,

'Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Rus-

sian's Jewry and the Pogroms of

"Our People Are Your People:

American Jewry and the Stuggle for

Berk is the author of many articles

and is often consulted by newspaper,

radio and television reporters. He is

Holocaust Memorial Award, given

also the recipient of the distinguished

for his dedication and understanding

as a speaker to educate the public on

the lessons of the Holocaust and its

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Scholar-

in-Residence Committee in conjunc-

tion with Sisterhood, Brotherhood

and the Renaissance Group. Cost for

tions are required by Monday.

the brunch is \$10 per person. Reserva-

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mation about the Scholar-in-

Residence brunch Oct. 20 with Pro-

fessor Stephen Berk, call Temple

This program is sponsored by the

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experience and asks the question "who will be the Zayde's of our children?" The second, "Sounds of the Shtetl," is a peek at a slice of life in blestone as street vendors hawk their wares and the Klezmer musicians

songs from the Yiddish Vaudeville Funding for this program is pro-

only audiences. The trio combine ial Fund. Balber, a long-time resident. their special brand of schtick with was active in all library issues. popular Jewish songs for an explosive Because of his actions on behalf of the county library system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New recordings. The first, "Generation to Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service

> Admission for this concert is free For information, call 973-376-4930.

Award in 1988.

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

age 2 through 8. Kids are invited to come in costume and hear some scary and not-so-scary stories. Register at the Youth Services

desk, by calling 973-376-4930 Ext 232, or by e-mailing helenkay@springfieldpubliclibrarv.c

The library continues October children's programming for toddlers and young children, as follows:

• The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 11/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be today and Oct. 24 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

No advance registration. • P-J Storytime, which invites kids to come in their pajamas, is scheduled for Oct. 17 from 7:30 to 8 p.m. For information, stop by the Child-

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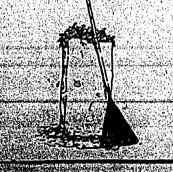
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SPORTS

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

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Team unity That's what Dayton High School girls' volleyball coach Anthony Scarpelli feels his team has over others he's coached in the past

"I have a group that sticks together," Scarpelli said. "The girls have chemistry and enjoy playing with one

Even though his team has come into every contest with a cohesive game plan, that has not necessarily meant wins for the Bulldogs.

Dayton sported a record of 2-5 as of last Thursday's 15-10, 15-3 loss to visiting Rahway. "We've been playing well against the tougher teams like

Rahway and Union Catholic," Scarpelli said. "We have a nice first game and then lose that spark in the second." A prime example of that was in the Rahway match. The Bulldogs jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on the strength of two service points by junior Michelle

Trailing 6-5, Tomasino added another three service points to bring it to 8-6 in favor of the Bulldogs. After junior Lisa Listowski broke an 8-8 tie with two service points to give Dayton a 10-8 advantage, the wheels tell off as Rahway scored the last seven points to take the

In the second game, Rahway jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and coasted to a 15-3 victory. Tomasino had one service point, while junior Nicole Lay had the other two. "The team forgets what we did in the first game and takes its foot off the gas pedal," Scarpelli said. "That has been the main problem for us the last couple of years." What Scarpelli likes about his squad is its willingness to play and practice hard.

"Practice ends at 5:30, but a lot of the girls want to stay until 6 p.m. to work on their mechanics," Scarpelli said. "That's important to me because I have a team that works" hard and is together. That's something to work with."

The Brearley High School football team is sparked by

the play of senior running back-linebacker Joe Kahoo-

nei (No. 30). The Bears are 3-0 for the first time since

1988 and have outscored their first three foes by an

impressive 99-7 margin that includes two consecutive

shutouts. Brearley is scheduled to play at Manville

tomorrow night at 7.

the sport was moved to the fall season. "My team is weak in the serve receive area," Scarpelli

Scarpelli again points to the Rahway contest as proof. "We had a weakness in our rotation and shanked a lot of

What Scarpelli is looking forward to are the upcoming

"I've done a lot of recruiting with the 8th-graders. Scarpelli said. "I have 24 players in the program, so I have a lot of new players and beginners. Hopefully, they'll be

The remainder of the Dayton varsity roster includes senior Elissa Walters and juniors Andrea Handeli, Danielle Schwartz, Tina Cheung, Kena Mena, Shira Weinstein and Aarika Kakouris.

Dayton also has its eyes on improving in the upcoming Jnion County Tournament. The UCT will commence at Jnion Oct. 19 and conclude at Roselle Catholic Nov. 2 "We always seem to come around later in the season."

Scarpelli said. "We want to make some people remember who we are.' Dayton also hopes to qualify for the North Jersey, Sec-

"We haven't qualified since I've been here, so I'm hoping that this is the year," Scarpelli said. "We definitely have our work cut out for us."

In his fifth season, Scarpelli was brought aboard after

said. "We basically have to move faster and take a quicker

balls," Scarpelli said. "Once we started losing one, two and then three points, it snowballed. I called timeout to bring it back, but it was too late."

with me the next four years."

"It has taken me four years to build a solid foundation," Scarpelli said. "I'm excited because, next year, I'll beturning a solid varsity squad of all seniors The Bulldogs have many goals set for themselves this

"We want to be more aggressive and want the more," Scarpelli said."

tion 2, Group 1 playoffs.

Brearley, Summit win; **GL** falls

Brearley and Summit had impressve-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. Summit is now 2-1 after winning at Mendham 27-7. GL (1-1) was upended at home by Immaculata 28-6.

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. Sophomore quarterback Rob

Schroeder completed-10-of-12-passesfor 143 yards and one touchdown to lead Summit past Mendham. Dwight Reid caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Schroeder and borther Dwayne hauled in a 33-yard scoring strike from Tony Johnson. Jeff Della Piazza socred on a one-

yard run in the second quarter. Schroeder scored Summit's first touchdown on a three-yard run in the first quarter. Governor Livingston senior run-

ning back Pete Klebaur caught a fouryard touchdown pass thrown by Scott Sheppard for the only Highlander points against Immaculata (2-0). Brearley is at Manville and GL-at-Ridge tomorrow at 7, while Summit hosts Parsippany Saturday at 1:30

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.

Haire, a longtime youth sports activist, served as treasurer of the US Lacrosse Foundation from 2000-2002. His team as president will expire July 31, 2004 "We're very lucky and grateful to have Brett Haire as the new president of the US Lacrosse Foundation," said Sally Ratcliffe, US Lacrosse director of player development. "Frank Riggs was instrumental in helping to develop lacrosse throughout the nation during his tenure and we thank him for his leadership. Brett has ambitious goals for raising funds to fuel the growth of the game and we're eager to support him as his term gets underway.

Haire is the president of Brave Asset Management, a Summit-based investment advisory firm that serves the investment needs of local families. He is also the vice-chairman of the Planning Board, director of the Summit Lacrosse Club. former president of the Summit Schools Boosters Association and former trustee of the Summit Area YMCA. He also created the Other Fellow First Founda tion, a collaboration of local businesses that donates to needy families. "Lacrosse has been very generous to my family." Haire said. "My three sons

have enjoyed the dividends and the people I've met through lacrosse are very

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

"It's my turn to give back to the sport that's given so much to my family. Haire's primary focus will be to raise funds necessary to enable US Lacrosse. the sport's national governing body, to support and serve the sport. "Growth is a good thing, but growth can be a slippery slope and turn into a

capital to sustain it. "We must recognize that US Lacrosse is going to move only as fast as the US Lacrosse Foundation can fund.

liability," Haire said. "Lacrosse is growing, but it's going to require working

Last year, Haire helped organize the single largest lacrosse fundraise ever. the first US Lacrosse Foundation fall putting tournament that raised better than \$85,000. He will focus on five areas of priority during his loads, rship: corporate partnering, special projects, the US Lacrosse Fund, piona I giving and

. Haire hopes to help the US Lacrosse Foundation raise \$10 million to support

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 championins held at the Donald Van Blake cours in Plainfield. The UCT began Saturday after being rained out Friday Turturiello, the top seed, defeated Kent Phase freshman and second seed

Amanda Barletta 7-6 (6-3), 6-4 in the final. Tuituriello lost to Summit's Erim-Kent Place won the team title with 80 points. Westfield was second with 76

Governor Livingston third with 64 and Summit fourth with 37. Oak Knoll was Lydia Bull of Kent Place won second singles and Tracy Chang and Jacque-

line Altieri of Kent Place won first doubles.

Springfield Minutemen B Team blanks Cranford 7-0

The Springfield Minutemen B Team blanked Cranford 7-0 in Suburban League youth football play last Sunday. The win evened Springfield's record at 1-1.

Springfield is scheduled to host Chatham Sunday at noon at Green Acres. Springfield quarterback Jason Cappa completed a 16-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Guarino in the third quarter for the game's only touchdown. Playing well on defense were Robert Yannazzone. Chris Farinhas and Bryan Samson. Yannazzone had an interception and blocked a pass.

Justin Lam and Alex Silverman ran the ball well in the fourth quarter, enabling the clock to run out:

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 managed over 300 yards of offense against Cranford, Avery

Gunn scored two touchdowns, D.J. DiProfio had a 50-yard touchdown run and John Cimo had a power run for 60 yards up the middle. The offensive line did a good job of blocking, led by the play of Kareem Jackson, David Wightman, Nick Conte, Tanner Endaz and Chris Maslow. Skylar Apicella did a nice job with some detailed blocking outside to open several long runs.

The Minutemen defense did a good job of stopping two drives, with fumble ecoveries by Glenn Wallace and DiProfio.

Springfield Tornado booters capture third consecutive win The Soccer Club of Springfield 9-and-under Tornadoes posted their third

consecutive victory, downing Long Valley 4-3. Johnny Balboni netted two goals and Zach Haliczer and Eytan Boelin one. The Tornadoes also defeated Denville 5-0 at home. Haliczer scored the first two-goals, with Andrew-Homlish, Balboni and Brandon Moss netting the

Mike Disko had an outstanding game as he assisted on four of the goals. Moss had an assist off a strong kick.

Max Kotler and Evan Krupp also played strong on offense, along with Matthew Lyna, Brendan O'Reilly and Amar Patel.

Playing well on defense were goalkeepers Boclin and Peter Yablonsky and fullbacks Nicholas Pearl and Christian Schmidt. The Tornadoes are scheduled to host an opponent Sunday at 4 p.m. at Gaudineer School.

Springfield Stingers stop Caldwell by 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 DiFiore, Nico-Izzi, Ryan Cutino, Sergio Annunziata, Jack Finnegan, Aaron Sauerhoff, Jesse Dicocco, Tyler Schafer and Ryan Rinderman.

The Stingers are scheduled to play Sunday at 2:45 p.m.

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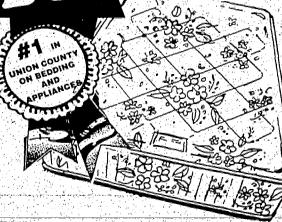
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The hot spots ranged from anger with a local newspaper allegedly taking pictures of the mayor's moron. But the evening battle had ts crescendo with the debate of over whether the previous or current municipal auditors were th most competent. Not usually your most passionate discussion, but this night, it got rough.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Local Republicans are please with their appointment last year of the firm of Ernst and Young. Eviwhich annually makes recommen finances was in earlier. The number of recommendations and whose administration was at fault dialogue. At one point, Township Administrator John Laezza strolled up to the microphone to voice his dissatisfaction with the former firm of Suplee Clooney previously appointed by the Democrats. Heck he also said he pointed out to then the problems he hadn't noticed.

One omission in Laczza's prais of the good work being done l Laezza, As the charges swun back and forth, he failed to poin out that he was a former principal at Ernst and Young. Don't get me wrong, positive recommendation of your former partners can carry good deal of weight. Maybe they

Enter Cour James Ulrich. Obviously, he is still ngry over aspects of the controversial removal of underground tanks some six years ago. But that's where Ulrich committed the leserve, in golf parlance, a mulligan. Ulrich asserts that a "federal investigation" is still under way on the site. His logic followed the course that since no clean bill of health has been issued by law enforcement on the project, that means the investigation is still under way. Ulrich even gratuitousy included that because of the ser ious work of Sept. 11, this investi gation had to be delayed.

No discussions or public state ments were put forth as proof by Illrich But based on his concluions,' he felt justified to make his illegations. Most will tell you that federal and state investigators rarev announce an investigation and almost never give a clean bill or even announce the investigation is over. But Ulrich wasn't letting those facts get in the way of charges on an evening when charges were hooking all over the

Up Walnut Avenue, it was reported that some Democrats is Cranford are threatening to go to the prosecutor regarding the serious cost overruns on the community center project over the past six With so many public construc

tion projects, the plan to fail pro-cess is predictable. The public bid laws are complicated and often contradictory. I like to tell clients that the clash between the so-called lowest responsible bidder requirement and the old adage, "You get what you pay for," is the problem An investigation would undoubtedly require the cooperation of number of officials no longer in office including the former administrator, Laezza, who was direct involved in the project.

If an investigation into the community center doesn't happen o never reaches a conclusion, officials could always consider an audit. Maybe Suplee Clooney Ernst and Young are available.

A resident of Cranford, Fr Capece is an attorney.

Local ballots printed as parties await court decision for a second term in the U.S. Senate County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said. against Republican Douglas Forres- Absentee ballots must be sent in order because he was losing," trailing Republican Douglas Forrester by 13 points ter. But the Sept. 16 deadline to to be received by voters at least seven

Nov. 5 General Election, Union Republicans contending that it is too County's ballots already have been The state Supreme Court was to the week as to who would be chosen hear Democrats' arguments yester- to run in place of the incumbent, rangday, after this newspaper went to ing from former U.S. Sen. Frank press, for removing Torricelli's name Lautenberg to a number of New

on the ballot and replacing him with Jersey congressmen.

Carden promises common sense

As the state's major political par-

ties did battle this week over U.S. Sen.

Editor's note: This is the first in series about candidates in the 7th Congressional District.

A cup of coffee is the answer to most of what ails Congress. At least that's what Tim Carden believes can lead to better solutions from elected

Washington have a lot of votes," the 53-year-old said. "I don't see that ending" with the Congress currently in Washington, D.C. Social Security, prescription drug

coverage and the environment are issues which affect the daily lives of Carden believes will carry him to victory over incumbent freshman Mike Ferguson, R-Warren. "It's hard for the public's interest

lobbyists working in Washington." Most problems can be solved with common-sense solutions discussed over a cup of coffee, Carden said. Republican as typical of someone

tant to ensure that the citizen's voice pharmaceutical company." s heard, and their interests stay the Of the first \$5,000 spent on pre-

as the road's pavement rating:

finance reform and to continue campaign reform that was started last year. "We wouldn't have campaign finance reform if not for citizen-based reform," Carden, a Democrat, said.

Ferguson not signing a petition to bring campaign finance reform to a vote in Congress, Carden said, was "a reflection of Washington logic, not

Congress also would have acted sooner on corporate reform if not for all the money that companies poured into party coffers. Two months before passing reforms, Congress failed to adopt similar measures, he said. "It's a good first step, but others

"It demands too much time, attento be heard when you have full-time tion and discussion for great people to

need to be taken. As long as money is

Another example of Carden's "common sense solutions," is extending Medicare to cover prescription

elected to Congress, voting in favor of prohibited the government from legislation to benefit the special inter-negotiating prices, Carden said, in effect putting drug companies in "In all the maelstrom" of financing charge of setting prices. "The lancampaigns, Carden said it is imporguage makes no sense unless you're a

scription drugs, only the first \$1,250

Road work under way

Almost 12 miles slated for repaving

Regional Editor

The resurfacing of 11.6 miles of county roads got under way last week, with a 4.1-mile stretch of Springfield Avenue between Berkeley Heights and New Providence. The road work will continue this fall through several municipalities, part of a five-year improvement plan that started in 1999 for the county's 170

In most cases, resurfacing and work on sidewalks, curbs and drainage takes two to four days and requires streets to be closed while work is in progress. Notices of road closures will be sent to local newspapers and posted on the Internet at www.ucnj.org. When roads are repaved, the top layer is removed and the road surface is shaped and resurfaced. Drainage problems are remedied and curb cuts and ramps are installed at intersections. The following is a list of road repairs and the scheduled days of work, as well

• Berkeley Heights and New Providence, Springfield Avenue from the Morris County line to Constantine Place, 77, curbing and sidewalk, Sept. 23-24; milling and paving, Sept. 25-30. • Clark, Westfield Avenue from Madison Hill Road to Brant Avenue, 71, curbing and sidewalk repairs, Oct. 8-9; milling and paving, Oct. 30 and Nov. 1.

• Linden, Roselle Street from Route 27 to Elizabeth Avenue, 69, curbing and sidewalk, Oct. 11-17; milling and paving, Nov. 7-8. • Rahway, Main Street from Hazelwood to Milton avenues, n/a, curbing and

sidewalk, Oct. 10; milling and paving, Nov. 7-8. • Springfield, Mountain Avenue from Route 22 to Shunpike Road, 71, curb and sidewalk replacement, Sept. 26; paving, Oct. 21. Hillside Avenue from Route 22 to Mountain Avenue, 71, curb and sidewalk replacement, Sept. 27 and 30; milling and paving, Oct. 22-23. Shunpike Road from Mountain Avenue to Rahway Valley Railroad line, 72, curb and sidewalk, Sept. 25; milling and paving, Oct. 25.

• Summit, Constantine Place, 77, milling and paving, Oct. 8. Chatham Road, milling and paving, Oct. 9-10. • South Avenue, between Westfield Avenue in Westfield and West Street in

Garwood, 66, curb and sidewalk work, Oct-7; milling and paving, Oct-28-30. Tarheel Enterprises of Morgan received the \$2-million contract for the 12 resurfacing projects. Weather, equipment breakdown and the availability of asphalt generally are

the primary reasons for any delays, but Director of Operational Services Frank Dann said the projects are still on schedule. The county's Division of Public Works performs a pavement management

survey every two years, identifying characteristics of each road and assigning rating values, according to state guidelines. Each year, the county selects roads for paving based on the pavement rating — 1 being the worst, 100 being the best — and takes into account the schedule of other events on the road, such as utility work, as well as complaints from residents. "No question we're doing the ones that are worst," Dann said.

The ratings take into account 10 criteria: cracks, wearing surface, ridability, amount of utility openings, rutting, corrogation, raveling, excessive potholes deficient drainage and polished aggregate. Payement ratings can range from 51 to 100, with those rated lowest usually at

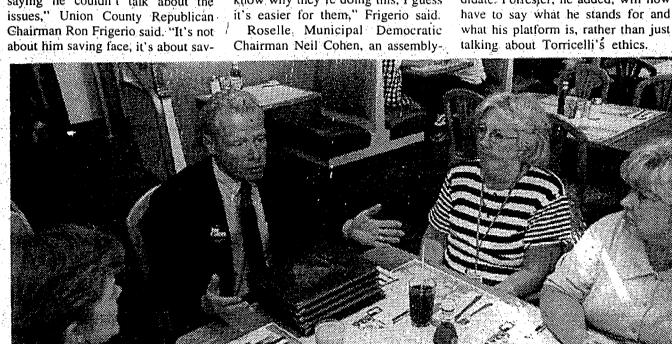
the end of their 15-year cycle. Dann said the county hopes to get 15 years out of a road after it is repayed. "Sometimes we do, sometimes we don't."

Democrats could keep Torricelli's ballots and nearly 1,000 machine ballots for Union County, Rajoppi said, adding that no ballots have been sent.

name on the ballot, and if he should saying he couldn't talk about the

gubernatorial primary at the last

minute, even delaying the primary New Jersey's representation in the know why they're doing this, I guess didate. Forrester, he added, will now



Tim Carden, the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 7th District, has a meet-andgreet in Cranford with teachers Trish Starkey, left, and Carolyn Chelland and Ruth King

ment for this country. "Gambling that key to a strong economy, Carden, a you can increase funding for Social public finance specialist, said. Security doesn't make sense." At the Carden served as human services

trillion-dollar loan from the Social Byrne. A graduate of Harvard Security Trust Fund to make up for University, he ran unsuccessfully for New Providence, Roselle Park. tax cuts and other budget needs, is the Legislature in 1977. Carden is Scotch Plains. Springfield, Summit,

they're driven by special interests." He and his wife started a consulting Sound fiscal management is the firm which "seeks to introduce good

"borrowing from the future to pay for running from his family home in Westfield, Winfield and parts of Lin-Somerset County's Peapack- den and Union



Cousins, from left, Aaron Villella, 3, Shannon Farrell, 4, and Ryan Kluse, 4, take a ride on a whale during Kids Kingdom last month at Nomahegan Park in Cranford prior to the county's Jersey Jazz by the Lake concert."





Justine Elbert, 3, of Westfield, left, gets to work with other youngsters on the drawing board. Rolston Winston, right, and son, Ryan, 6, a first-grader at Roosevelt School in Rahway, take their best shot at miniature golf

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ORGANIZATION: Roselle Park Commu-

nity United Methodist Church

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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. An unbiased opinion helps both of you to

see the light TAURUS (April 20-May 2θ): Even the best-laid plans can sometimes go astray. Ask for and follow specific instructions for getting a task done correctly and on time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A romantic date or social affair gets off on the wrong foot. Stop worrying about the things that are out of your control, and just be yourself. CANCER (June 22-July 22): The prize goes to the person who is able to master diplomacy and self-control. Keep your emotions in check, and walk away from a skirmish. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Absentminded may best describe the cycle you are going through. Write down all of the important information that you can't afford to forget

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22); A

budgetary crisis threatens your lifestyle. Discuss your financial concerns with family members, but don't

expect immediate help. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): With so many avenues or opportunities open to you, there's a chance you may become overwhelmed. Don't hesitate to call in the troops.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): The subjects of religion, politics, philosophy or beliefs come up during an intense discussion. Set the record' straight on where you stand. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It

company of friends or associates. You cannot believe everything you will CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attract the attention of a boss or superior by appearing calm and selfassured at a time of crisis. A monu-

pays to be mentally alert while in the

mental problem does have a logical AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cur-

tail unnecessary travel until after mid.

/ week, when the planet Mercury goes direct. If you must go, be prepared for delays and frustration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A partner's financial problems are dropped in your lap. Offer viable solutions, bu don't make the mistake of throwing good money after bad. If your birthday is this week, look for opportunities in communications

or local community affairs during the coming year. Your best luck unfolds while you are working close to home. Relationships are subject to undue financial pressures. Watch your budget, and steer clear of get-richquick schemes. Your subconscious is very active, as well. Take time to note

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'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 Kraches and D-L Alvarez, emerging artists from the Derek Eller Gallery; John Kalymnios, 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 Fasnacht whose images are drawn from scientific sources such as maps and

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 awardwinning faculty. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space/sculpture garden. Programs include Artists With Disabilities, docent tours, lectures, demonstrations, art trips, workshops, a summer art camp and

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.

He explained that "between record

ing 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

Lifelong journey has stayed on musical path

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. It also features a string quartet as well as a jazz quartet. "Danny hired me to write the musi-

cal arrangements and to direct the band. I've been working with him for five or six years. The first job I ever did for him was at Carnegie Hall. Actually, I'm a freelance jazz piano player," he said. He has traveled through Europe, Africa, South America and the Far East. Brancato recorded albums of such great jazz artists as Houston Person, Roger Kellaway, Ron Carter and Christian McBride and performed with vibraphonist Milt Jackson, jazz drummer Max Roach and the Latin-American saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera. He mentioned that for the past 12 years, he served as musical-directorarranger for jazz singer Jeanie Bryson and has recorded three albums with her. The most recent recording was "Deja Blue," released last summer, and she, in turn, has recorded three of his songs, and featured his song, "You Know," in a performance at Carnegie Hall that was broadcast on the A&E.

cable channel. "It never occurred to me that I would do anything else with my life." he admitted. "With all the different things that I do, I do musical directing eight months out of the year. And I do

Brancato explained that "I'm from Seattle, Washington. I started taking piano lessons when I was 8 years old. It was just all I knew how to do. I went to the University of Washington and dabbled in geology and urban planning, but music was always what I excelled in. I do have a passion for it. I've been interested in music for the past 30 years. "I moved out here when I was 24

years old. I had been a professional musician out there, but the lure of New York City pulled me here. And," he chuckled, "I ended up by marrying a Jersey girl, Faith. We've been married for seven years now.

"I started with Eugene McDaniel. He had number one pop tunes in the early 1960s, and he also was a musician. I wrote with him for a while, then I got my songs recorded by Nancy Wilson. She performed my songs at Carnegie Hall in the early 1990s. It wasn't long after that I met Jeanie Bryson, who is Dizzy Gillespie's

toward your Wedding Dreams

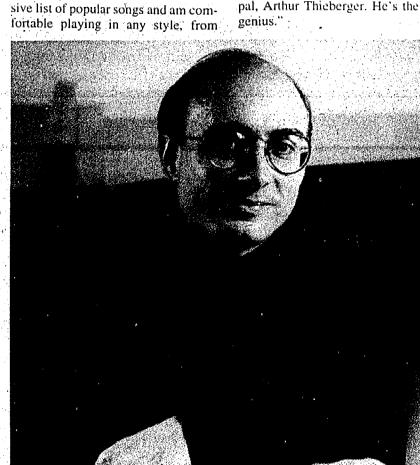
"I have my hands in a lot of diffewith her, and I'm still her musical rent pies," he said. "My solo reperdirector and musical director for Dantoire includes hundreds of jazz standards from the 1930s and '40s, Broadny Tarantino. I'll be going to Ashville, N.C., and will be performing with way show tunes drawn from shows of the past 40 years, including current 'hit' tunes from shows like 'Phantom

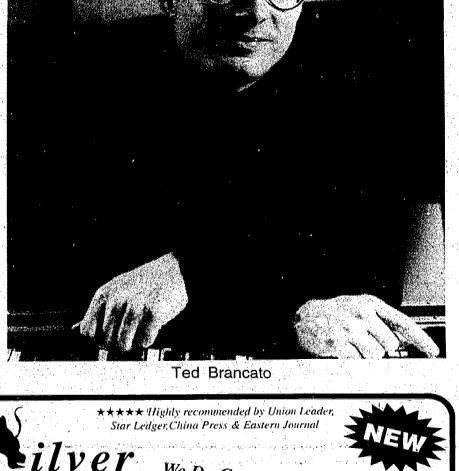
of the Opera:' I also know an exten-

He said that "I like to perform jazz because it's creative. It's the most rewarding. I just finished a country music album, and wait until you hear about this," he said excitedly. "I wrote all the songs with an 86-year-old lyricist, Arthur Thieberger, who lives in Springfield. We did two albums; the first was all different music; the second, all country music. We did 14 or 15 songs. And we're planning on doing a jazz album soon. You know, I've had a very rewarding relationship with this guy.

"Let me tell you how I met him," he aughed. "One of my interests is in gardening, and I'm in the Springfield Garden Club. He was poet laureate of the group. Every evening, he would write a poem, which his wife, Janet, would read to the members. Well, he found out that I play piano, and he approached me with about 200 lyrics that he'd written. 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 win the lottery with that one. He's eally 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







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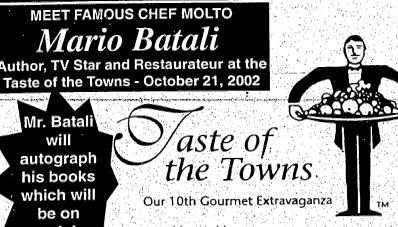
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Each of the five ballrooms on the upper floor of the Pantagis Renaissance Restauran will feature food/beverage vendors and entertainment. The following have graciously donated entertainment services for the event: New Image Entertainment, Elizabeth/West Orange; Charles Liss, jazz guitar, Springfield; Frank A. McGlynn, keyboard artist. Elizabeth; Suave' romantic Hispanic guitars, Cranford; and Joshua Webb Jazz Quartet.

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ART

LOUISIANA JAMBALAYA - portraits, landscapes, found objects and written word by Bloomfield College Artist-in-Residence Ella Veres — will be on exhibit through Friday in the Niche and Stair Space Galleries on the lower level of the college's library. Bloomfield College Library is located at the intersection of Liberty Street and Oakland Avenue, Bloomfield. For information, including gallery hours, call 973-748-9000, Ext 370: BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY and Information Center will exhibit photography by Fred Stettner throughout the

month of September. Library hours, beginning Saturday, are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a m. to 9 p.m., and Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Belleville Public Library is, located at 221 Washington Ave., Belleville. For information, call 973-450-3434

VINTAGE NEW YORK, works of art celebrating New York's history in the 19th and 20th centuries, will be on exhibit at Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center throughout the month of

Exhibit hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center is located at 240 Belleville Ave., Bloomfield. For information, call 973-429-0960

NATURE/SPIRIT SPIRIT/NATURE, acrylic and watercolor paintings by Susan Leshnoff, will be on exhibit in the Marantz Art Gallery at the JCC of Metropolitan New Jersey in West Orange through Oct 13 A reception

Thursdays, 9 a m to 10 p.m., and Findays and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The JCC is located at 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange For information, call 973-736-3200, Ext. 377, or send email to cmurray@jccmetrowest.org. HOMER'S ODYSSEY, the multi-media epic poem, will be on exhibit in the 732-516-0838 or visit the web site at Community Gallery at the Newark www.possiblesideeffects.com. Museum through Oct. 27.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from at 8 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday at 8:30 noon to 8:30 p.m. The Newark p.m., Friday at 8:30 and 11 p.m. and 800-MUSEUM-7.

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Karen McCready will be on exhibit at the Newark Museum through Dec. 29. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from noon to 8:30 p.m. The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington St., Newark, For information, call

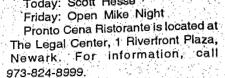
Photographs of Afro-Brazilian Religion by Phyllis Galembo will be on exhibit at the Newark Museum through Dec. 29. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fri-40 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair. For days, Saturdays and Sundays from information, call 973-744-6560 or visit noon to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from www.outpostintheburbs.org noon to 8:30 p.m. The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington St., Newark, For information, call

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through Jan. 5. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. MAM is

mation, call 973-325-4109. ROAMIN' ROME, photography by Ron Brown of South Orange, will be on **FILM**

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY will present several films in the Trustees Room in the coming weeks as part of various series. The Opera Film Class



THE RENAISSANCE CAFE in Newark will present jazz performances Fridays at 7 p.m., with a \$15 minimum. Dancing to a Latin salsa band begins at 10 p.m. Thursday Jam Sessions, hosted by Carrie Jackson and featuring her All-Star Trio, are from 8 p.m. to midnight. Friday: Ike Brown & The Jazz

Prophets The Renaissance Cafe is located at 195 Mulberry St. on the comer of Lafayette Street, in Newark. For infor-



Stepping Out

ENTERTAINER TOM WOPAT will appear Oct. 12 in the 'Cabaret at the Chase' series at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. For information, see the 'Varielisting on this page.

series is Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.: "Movies You May Have Missed" is Fri-

davs at 1 p.m. Belleville Public Library is located at 221 Washington Ave. Belleville For information, call 973-450-3434

FOLK DANCE GROUP continues its season of Monday meetings from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Columbia High' School, Parker and Valley streets, Manlewood An uncoming sessions are planned for Monday. Partners are Street Gourmet is located at 258 Pas- not needed. Admission is S4 per persaic St. in Nutley. For information, call son. For information, call

973-376-7568 COUNTRY-WESTERN DANCING is offered at Roseland 2000, 7 High St. in Nutley, every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes lessons, refreshments and open dancing until 11 p.m. For information, call

SWING-N-NEWARK, a new swing dance club in Newark, is open every Friday night from 6 pm; to midnight at Hamilton's Pub, 27 Central Ave. Admission is \$10, dress is fashionably casual - no jeans, shorts or sneakers. For information, call 201-459-0265 or visit www.HobokenSwingScene.com. SWINGING WITH SIMONE, swing dance lessons, take place at The Commonwealth Club, 26 Northview

AZZ

Ave., Upper Montclair, every Tuesday.

artists in the coming weeks, Fridays from 8 p.m. to midnight. There is no cover charge

The Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House is located at 409 Franklin St., Bloomfield. For information, call 973-680-4500

Mallet's Place is located at 10 Park Place, Newark. For information. all 201-886-0162 or send e-mail to bobmoore@surfree.com. THE PRIORY JAZZ SERIES in New-

ark continues its Friday Night Jazz Series, Fridays from 7 to 11 p.m., in the coming weeks. Friday: Orin Evans

Cover is \$10, \$5 for Priory Patrons. Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in The Dining [coom, jazz is accompanied by brunch; appearing will be Alex Steln Sunday and Sept. 22 and 29. The Priory Jazz Aficionados Listening Club meets Wednesdays. The Priory is located in St. Joseph Plaza at 233 W. Market St./ Newark For information call 973-639-7848. PRONTO CENA RISTORANTE WIII' present various "Jazz @ 5" Thursdays ... attractions geared to children in the

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Today: Kevin Jones and 10th World, 8 p.m. to midnight, \$5 Friday: Eric Gould, 8:30 and 10:30

Saturday: Shirley Neill, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. and midnight, \$10 Sunday: The Richie Cole Alto Madness Orchestra, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., \$8 Trumpets is located at 6 Depot Square, Montclair. Trumpets will be closed Sunday through Sept. 3. For information, call 973-744-2600 or visit

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ton St., Newark; 973-242-9898. The China Gourmet Restaurant and Lounge, 468 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange; "Jazz & Roots," Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; 973-509-8899

Diva Lounge, 369 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair; 973-509-3000. • Dynasty Supper Club, 21 N. Harrison St., East Orange; Jazz Jam Session with the Radam Schwartz Trio, Thursdays from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. • The Essex House, 525 Northfield

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POETRY

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY and Information Center will sponsor a poetry class, "Animal Poetry," Monday at 1 p.m. in the Trustees Room. Belleville Public Library is located at 221 Washington Ave., Belleville. For information, call 973-450-3434.

SOUTH ORANGE LIBRARY will sponsor an open stage reading at the library, 65 Scotland Road, for teens in seventh grade and above. Teens may read their own poems or the work of others or just relax in a coffeehouse atmosphere. This monthly series, which usually meets on the third Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will be held in the meeting room. To register, call 973-762-0230.

SINGLES:

JCC METROWEST will sponsor Sukkot Under the Stars, and evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and iazz, for singles in their 20s and 30s today from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sukkah at Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael, 177 Speedwell Ave., Morristown. Cost is \$30 for JCC members, \$35 for nonmembers, RSVP deadline is Sept 23. For information, call 973-736-3200, Ext. 255 or send e-mail to in the classical competition. rleitner@jccmetrowest.org.

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I HEATER PAPER MILL: The State Theater of

New Jersey will present the New Jersey premiere of "Miss Saigon" by Claude-Michel Schonberg, Alain Boublil and Richard Maltby Jr. through Oct. 20. Shows are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. and Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$67. Stuare available for groups of 20 or more; all exchange between professional and call 973-379-3636, Ext. 2438,

Special events and performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine through Oct. 3; audio-described performances Oct. 3 at 2 p.m., Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m. and Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., each with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to ourtain, and sign-interpreted/open his Yardarm Trio, an ensemble of captioned performances Oct. 6 at 7:30 piano. violin and double bass.

p.m. and Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive, Millburn, For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

NEW JERSEY SHAKESPEARE FES- the New Jersey Symphony. A Ful-TIVAL will present "Enrico IV" by Luigi Pirandello through Sunday at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University in Madison. Shows are Tuesdays through Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 to \$41. Drew Universi ty is located at 36 Madison Ave., Madison: For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit

www.nishakespeare.org NUTLEY LITTLE THEATER will present "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" by Michael Brady through Saturday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The NLT Barn Theater is located at 47 Erie Place, Nutley. For information, including ticket prices, call 973-667-0374.

12 MILES WEST THEATER COM-PANY of Montclair will present "The Brothers Karamazov," adapted from Dostoevsky by Anthony Clarvoe, through Oct. 12. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$17 for students and senior citizens. 12 Miles West is located at 488 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, on the lower level of the Clairidge Cinema building. For information, call-973-746-7181 or visit

VARIETY

THE MANOR in West Orange presents its 2002 Cabaret Soiree series through November. Package price is \$69, plus drinks, tax and gratuity. Dinner seatings are at 6, 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. in the Terrace Lounge; cabaret shows in Le Dome are at 9 p.m. Waitlist show-only seats are available for

Today: Jeff Harnar Oct. 3: Marlene VerPlanck Oct. 28: Debble Gravitte Nov. 7: Mark Nadler

7:30 p.m. in the Cabaret at the Chase series at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org. THE MANOR in West Orange will present dancing in Le Dome to the music of Donny and Ginny Frio and their hand Fridays and Saturdays beginning

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pect Ave., West Orange. For information, call 973-731-2360 or visit www.themanorrestaurant.com. BALADI RESTAURANT in Montclair will present its first "Baladi Belly Dancing Showcase" Thursday evenings at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Baladi is located at 515 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair. For information, call 973-509-6544.

Scelba to gather with bassists

It will have to be a very big room. A double bass, the largest stringed instrument found in an orchestra, is a massive object. When double bassists from around the world gather in Pirenopolis, Brazil, from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, Kean University's Anthony Scelba. a West Paterson resident, will be in

The event, the sixth International Double Bass Encounter, is sponsored by the Associacao Brasileira de Contrabaixistas and will feature Brazil's first National Double Bass Competition. Scelba is scheduled to perform a chamber recital and serve as a judge

"I am very excited about returning IMMACULATE CONCEPTION to Brazil. The music-making there is on a very high level, and organizations like the ABC are making a significant contribution to musical culture," said Scelba.

The ABC, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Pirenopolis, was organized by prominent Brazilian double bassists and university professors in 1990. Since then, it has promoted five Double Bass Encounters. gatherings where internationally recognized musicians perform, speak about their work and inspire

The organization has already sponsored three music composition competitions and various short events, including master classes, lectures, dent Rush tickets are \$15 day of per- individual recitals and round tables. It formance with current ID. Group rates has facilitated the musical and culturstudent double bassists and has stimulated research in musical performance

> Scelba will perform rare examples of double bass chamber music. He is a champion of this literature and has created a large body of it himself for

A graduate of the Juilliard School with the first doctorate ever awarded there to a double bassist, Scelba joined the faculty at Kean in 1996. He is a former principal double bassist of bright Scholar, he has performed and given master classes internationally He has published several scholarly articles in Brazil but has never before performed there.

Following the Double Bass Encounter, Scelba will perform and speak at a second gathering at the nearby National University of Goias in Goiania. The meeting will be the Second National Performance and Research Seminar held in Brazil. This event is one in which singers and musicians on all instruments exchange information about the nexus of music performance and scholarly research. It will take place in Goiania from Nov. 6 to 9.

In addition to Scelba, 12 prominent musicians from the United States and Europe have been invited to attend as artist-presenters. They include one other connected with New Jersey, the bassist Rufus Reid, former head of the jazz program at William Paterson

wa, Canada, for a conference with representatives from all the major symphony, opera and ballet orchestras in the United States and Canada. Sent by the American Federation of Musicians, as part of a five-person delegation from New York, Scelba represented the Long Island Philharmonic, of which he is a member.

He performs with symphony orchestras in New York and New Jersey and has scheduled chamber music concerts with his Yardarm Trio and other ensembles. He also directs the Affiliate: Artist: Program at Kean, which has its own concert series. For more information, call the Kean University Department of Mus-

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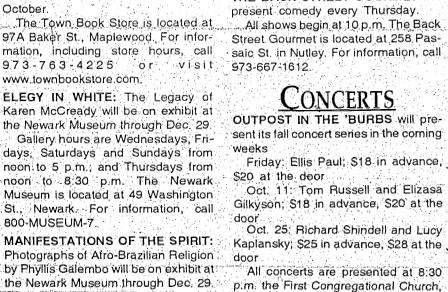
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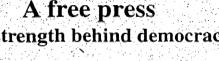
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By Mark Maynard Copley News Service At the recent New York auto show. DaimlerChrysler had more good news minivan.

The Chrysler Pacifica sports tourer 215 horsepower Chrysler PT Turbo

Chrysler chief Dieter Zetsche says the Pacifica is unique because of its. low step-in height, first-class seating. three frows of seats and car-like

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Chrysler and Dodge minivans, but the new wagon will not be built from a

form, Pacifica will use some available will go on sale in spring 2003, and the parts and pieces, including its 3.5-liter V-6 engine and four-speed AutoStick automatic transmission.

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Celica GT-S a hot ticket with young

By Mark Maynard Copley News Service "How much?" asked the two young men at the car wash who were finishing one of the best wash jobs I've had

on a test car. "It's \$27,000," I replied and we all stood back to take in the "absolutely red" Toyota Celica GT-S with its big wing, fat exhaust and aero trim kit. It was a gleaming object of desire for these 20-something males.

"Is it for racing?" asked one of the Not really, I said, but it's fun to race

The Celica GT-S is a hot ticket in the street car group of younger buyers, though I don't understand how they can afford it. The test car was a taste from the

candy store of TRD, or Toyota Racing The base Celica GT-S starts at \$22,000 and it got interesting with the "Action Package" — \$1,590 — of aerodynamic front and rear bumpers,

side rocker panels and a big, adjust-

able wing. For 60 bucks more, there

was a tire upgrade to 16-inch TRD is an awe-inspiring abbreviation among import performance makes up for it.

enthusiasts and the upgrades included stiffer shock absorbers and springs, \$731.73, and modified exhaust with extended tip — the size of a howitzer and almost as welcome around the

neighborhood — for \$669.11. The shock absorbers improve cornering and road feel. Using multistage, velocity-sensitive valving, the TRD shocks adjust to varying road conditions and driving styles. The shocks are designed to work with the TRD lowering springs, which drop the ride height about an inch.

Toyota claims a 14-horsepower boost using the stainless steel sport muffler. Add leather-faced front seats, side air bags, antilock braking system, power moon roof and floor mats and the suggested price builds to \$27.286.84. All of it factorywarranteed and Toyota-tested. The oversized wing, blaring

exhaust - blaring in a good-sounding way - eight-speaker stereo and lowdown stance work like pheromones to The aggressive styling package almost over-promises the 180 hp.

1.8-liter four-cylinder engine, but its

sinewy 2.500-pound curb weight

It's a little less forgiving inside, which appears to be built to a strict budget. The car rides low to the ground and it helps if you are slim, agile and young when climbing in and out. And the stiffer TRD suspension makes for a choppier freeway ride.

But when you're not in the mood to be on the edge, that's when the V-6-powered Hyundai Tiburon GT ooks pretty good. You can be relaxed and still have fun — and the \$8,000 difference in price buys a lot of

2002 Toyota Celica GT-S

Body style: Subcompact, four-passenger, three-door hatchback

Drive system: Front engine, front drive Engine size and type: Aluminum 1.8 liter, DOHC 16-valve four-cylinder with variable valve timing and

Horsepower: 180 at 7,600 rpm Torque: 130 foot-pounds at 6,800 rpm Transmission: six-speed manual Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, 7.3 seconds — from

EPA fuel economy estimates: 23 mpg city, 32 Fuel capacity: 14.5 gallons; premium unleaded

Dimensions

Hatch space: 16.9 cubic feet Front head/leg/shoulder room: 38.4/43.6/52.6 inches Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 35/27/50.6 inches Length: 170.5 inches Wheelbase: 102.4 inches Curb weight: 2,500 pounds

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And guess what? Mrs. Smith just

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doesn't call back until the end of the

day, then no one gets their car fixed

and the mechanic doesn't make any

Copley News Service predicament as the dentist.

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of teeth to all the other sets he is servicing that day. A couple hours later he has examined your teeth and determined that you have a bad cavity and there is a list of options. Your dentist can drill and fill the cavity with amalgam for about \$200 or he can put a gold crown on the tooth for about \$700, which is better than the other but, of course, it costs much more. Then again you may decide to tell your dentist to do nothing and take your teeth to another dentist for a second opinion. You have to decide

Your dentist has one big problem though. He can't get ahold of you. He's tried your home phone and your work phone and you are nowhere to be found. This is really putting him in a pickle.

because it's your mouth and your

He knows what he would do if it were his teeth. He would do the gold crown. But he's not about to do \$700 worth of work on your mouth only to have you refuse to pay because you didn't authorize it.

On the other hand, he knows that you are going on a trip first thing the next morning and you need your teeth. And it gets worse. Mrs. Smith just called and wants him to squeeze her in for a tooth problem. If he tells her to come in, and then you finally call and authorize the work on your teeth, then he will have more work then he can get done that day. On the other hand, if he doesn't take her in and you never call he will not have enough work that day.

And guess what? He needs work. He needs to work on someone's teeth because that is how he makes a living. Of course, the above scenario would never take place because we all

know that doctors and dentists long ago made a rule. When any patient brings any part of their bodies in for service, the patient must stick around until the job is completely finished. They made this rule precisely to avoid the above situation. As an auto mechanic, I sure wish l

could make the same rule, but I can't. People insist on dropping their cars his hands all day waiting for Bob's

Folks, you must make yourself available for decision making. Otherwise, the problem for which you left. your car may not get fixed. In some instances, your car can end up in worse shape than when you brought it problem. Mr. Bob takes his car in to find out what's causing a faint noise. The car is running fine, but Bob is concerned. When he drops off the car, his mechanic decides that he's going

final cost will be. Including the cost of reassembly in the original estimate is After the mechanic gets the belts and timing cover off, he finds that Bob's water pump is the culprit. Bob needs a new water pump. Now that he's ready to fix it, he can't get ahold of Bob for a decision. And there's more. While taking things apart, he viability of his business.

discovered that some oil seals are So make sure your mechanic can beginning to leak, and the timing belt get ahold of you while he has your is badly in need of replacement. The car. If you are not going to be near one time to fix all of these things is now, of your regular numbers, confirm a while everything is apart, because the time with your mechanic for you to customer will save a lot of duplication call in. If your mechanic is on a test labor. The cost to fix everything is drive when you call - 10 minutes later than you promised - remember, It gets worse. If he's going to be yours is not the only car he is working able to get all this stuff done by the end of the day, he has to send a driver

If you're going to be on the bottom of the ocean or on a desert island, preauthorize in writing for your mechan-

Jon Woods is a certified master mechanic who hosts an auto talk show on station KSDO in San Diego and can be reached through his web www.signonsandiego.com/marketp

On the other hand, if he says yes to Mrs. Smith and then Bob finally calls and wants him to do any or all the stuff to his car, the mechanic doesn't have enough time to do Bob's car and Mrs. Smith's too. On top of that, if he takes on Mrs. Smith's car while waiting for Bob to call back, he won't even have time to put Bob's car back together and Bob won't have his car for the weekend. In fact, he won't get it back until next Wednesday, because the shop's schedule is full Monday

and Tuesday. If the mechanic chooses to just put Bob's car back together, without replacing the water pump that Bob has not authorized yet, and reschedule Bob for all the work once he finally calls back, Mrs. Smith will have to go elsewhere and Bob will be out the \$250 original estimate for diagnosis and reassembly - money that could have gone toward the cost of replacing the water pump and other parts.

What a dilemma! I believe it is just plain inconsiderate to put your mechanic is such a predicament. People who do this must think that theirs the only car the shop is servicing that day. It's very stressful because it's forcing your mechanic to choose which of the players is to be disappointed and upset and it affects the

c to make the decisions for you up to a certain limit. You really have to trust \$350 if done after everything is put your mechanic for this. But still be back together — it will have been a prepared for the unexpected — even in the case of a simple oil change. Now, it's been an hour since he left messages and Bob hasn't called back.

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