

## Artist unveils exhibit

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Former Mountainside resident Karen Freudenberger may not have made a career out of her favorite school subject, but upon entrance into the Berkeley Heights Public Library, one would never know she's not a professional.

Currently, Freudenberger has 16 pieces of artwork encased in glass and hanging on the walls of the library. For the entire month of September, Freudenberger's oil paintings will add to the already serene atmosphere that accompanies any library.

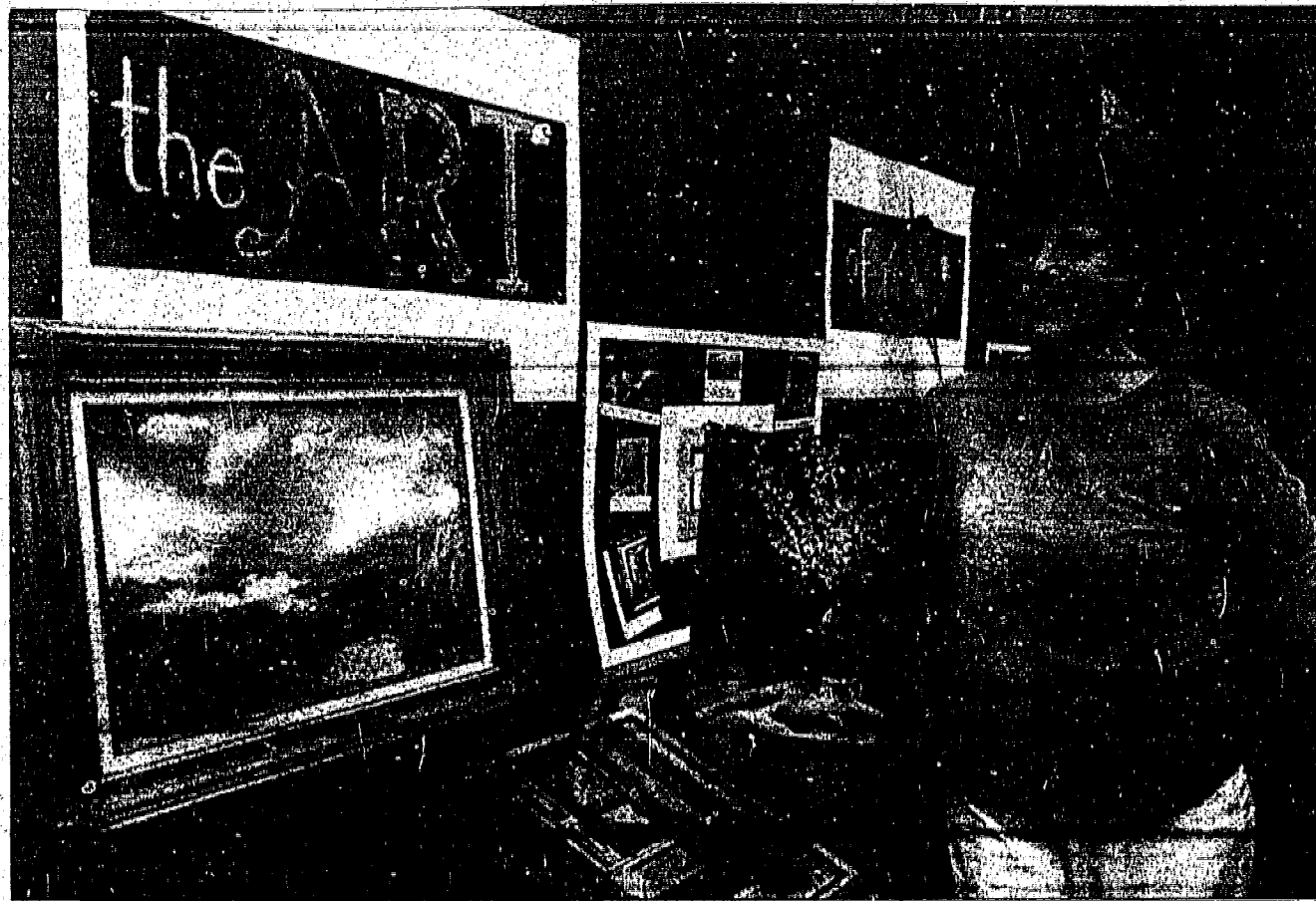
"I always loved art as a child," Freudenberger said, "but I never had any formal training."

The New Providence nursery school music teacher had never kept a portfolio of past work, as she considered it only a hobby, so when she attempted to enter Kean College as an art major, they told her to pick again.

Since then, Freudenberger has been attending the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, exploring her talents on as many Monday nights as she can fit into her schedule. Focusing only on oil paintings, Freudenberger takes photographs of anything that catches her attention in the environment and replicates them at the arts center.

"I really love the color and richness of the (oil) paintings, and the way you can put them down and paint over them," she said. "It's a nice medium."

Using her favorite season of autumn for much of her inspiration,



The oil paintings and artwork of former Mountainside resident and Governor Livingston High School alumni Karen Freudenberger is now on display at the Berkeley Heights Public Library.

Photo By Joseph A. Sorrentino

the pieces hanging in the library range from basic New Jersey environments to more specific scenes, such as a pumpkin patch.

Head of Circulation Magdalen Wu said that library-goers have definitely taken notice of this month's art displays.

"The general public has been extremely positive and impressed," she said.

"I've never tried plain air," said Freudenberger, explaining that the French term for painting "out in the air" describes a process that she simply doesn't have time for, as it would require setting up for painting on the scene.

For the limited amount of time

that she has to enjoy her hobby, which is usually Monday nights only, oil paintings that duplicate photographs are much more convenient.

"As with all our displays, she's done something that the community can look at and enjoy," said Rachel Vetsch, a reference librarian who helped coordinate the art displays.

"It adds character to our library and gets us into the lives of the public and our patrons. It allows us to see what they do," she said.

Freudenberger, who still takes lessons on the Monday nights when she paints, will also have her paintings on display at the Oct. 3 Millburn Art Show, as well as at Westfield's Art Association Oct. 9.

Freudenberger said that along with painting, scoping out simple and tranquil places has also become something that she constantly catches herself doing.

Still, the mindset that she becomes consumed in while painting her pieces is what makes everything worthwhile, as Freudenberger explained that she can feel the atmosphere of her photographs as she paints them.

"You really go into your own world," the former Mountainside student and Governor Livingston High School graduate said of her experiences creating the oil paintings.

"You just get so absorbed by what you're doing."

## Firehouse de yield settlement...

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

At the most recent Township Committee meeting Aug. 24, the committee authorized the mayor to execute the certificate of substantial completion concerning the new firehouse construction project, thus leading to a monetary settlement between Silcon Inc. and the Township of Springfield.

"Are there still a few punch list items to work through?" asked Mayor Clara Harelik. "Yes."

Harelik also answered yes to other questions she posed herself, confirming that delays in construction led to the township seeking a settlement, and, eventually, agreement on a settlement.

"We've reached an amicable settlement as to the delays/damages for the town," said Harelik, noting that there was, in fact, a stipulation in the original contract with Silcon Inc. that provided them with timeframes.

Harelik said it is hard to specify individual delays, because some were given due to weather or other "understandable reasons."

Both Harelik and Township Administrator Richard Sheola said the settlement has not been released yet, as final paperwork and details are still being resolved. Sheola said that with the newly signed agreement, he'd like to believe that the Sept. 24 timeframe will be adhered to by Silcon.

According to Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt, the punch list that has existed since the February opening of the firehouse will be completed, in full, by Sept. 24. Silcon, Inc. is responsible for what is left to be done inside the building.

The current generator pad, which was installed during the course of construction, is faulty, according to Schw-

erdt. The pad, which is deteriorating, supports the generator outside of the building, which supplies power to the entire headquarters.

"We're concerned the generator pad is getting worse," said Schwerdt, "but there's nothing that's preventing us from operating safely."

"They're certainly functioning with much greater efficiency in the new building than the old one," said Harelik. "The punch list remains, but they're still functioning at full capacity."

It seems like more of an inconvenience than preventing the ability to work.

New locks are also needed throughout the building, as the current locks are wearing down.

"It's a security issue with the locks," said Schwerdt. "I've seen other projects, private and municipal, and it's usually the little things that tie you up," said Schwerdt, regarding the months it has taken to complete the firehouse's detailed list of unfinished specifics.

The building is also in need of minor electrical work, along with a traffic light outside the driveway that will be installed by Union County. Schwerdt said he has no idea when this will be done, as it seems as though it's been in the works for quite a while. The Sept. 24 deadline for completing the punch list items does not include the county's installation of the traffic light, as the agreement was only made with Silcon, Inc.

The light will account for Mountain Avenue traffic in both directions, along with Clinton and Tooker Avenues, as well.

The \$3.5-million firehouse project was originally contracted for construction in January 2002.

## Mountainside teachers start school year without new contract

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Mountainside teachers will begin their school year without new contracts, and after an Aug. 31 meeting between the two negotiating committees, there is no set plan for when negotiations may commence.

After the traditional three-year contracts expired on June 30, Jeannette Maraffi, president of the Mountainside Education Association — the district's teachers' union — said that what is being offered by the Mountainside Board of Education attorney, secretary and three of 's members is insulting.

"It's not even a matter of compromise," said Maraffi. "They won't compromise, not us. Teachers have always been willing to compromise," she said.

Previously, Maraffi had said that three

years ago, teachers in the Mountainside district were offered and accepted a contract with 5-percent salary increases in each year.

The three-year average annual salary increase in Union County was approximately 4.21 percent as of last fall.

Only Plainfield received increases as high as 5 percent in recent years. Summit's teachers have a contract for 2002-03 through 2004-05 that includes increases of 4.97, 4.77 and 4.64 percent, respectively.

The last time Mountainside teachers went into the school year without new contracts was three years ago, as the current contracts were being negotiated.

It took until December of that school year for everything to be resolved, Maraffi said, although the issues surrounding negotiations are somewhat different this time. According

to Maraffi, the main points concern salary and health benefits.

"We continue to be open to discussion," said School Board President Peter Goggi, adding that it comes down to general monies and compensation, as usual.

Goggi is part of a negotiating team that consists of fellow board members Patricia Knodel and Ray Haggart, along with Board Secretary Paul Vizzuso and Board Attorney David Rubin. On the other side of negotiations is a New Jersey Education Association representative, four teachers and one secretary from the school district.

They represent not only the teachers, but the secretaries, assistants and custodians, as well. Many districts, such as Westfield, do not have as many different factions of staff covered under the same association.

Nonetheless, the contracts of those parties have not been renewed in Mountainside.

"It's almost a slap in the face," said Maraffi, calling the offers she's seen "unreasonable."

Goggi emphasized that although he would like to see contracts renewed as soon as possible, the public should understand that there are contracts in place that include the basics of all contracts.

"I enjoy the small district and students," Maraffi said, "and I'm friends with parents and colleagues. It's a wonderful community and I think it's sad we have to go through this every time we negotiate," Maraffi added.

Maraffi also said that in going into the school year, it would be comforting to have renewed health benefits simply for peace of mind, if not anything else, knowing that if

you get sick, as often happens in schools with young children, the staff will be covered.

"You can't keep good teachers if you don't show respect," said Maraffi, who is in her 19th year of teaching. Maraffi said she has never seen negotiations this bad.

Still, Goggi and Maraffi both see the education of the children to be the focus of finishing the contract renewals.

"It won't affect teacher performance," said Goggi. "We have an extremely professional staff who can separate negotiations from the love they have of working with the children."

Currently, there is no meeting scheduled for further negotiation plans.

"I don't know why this is a problem in Mountainside," said Maraffi.

"For the good of the students, I hope we come to an agreement in a timely fashion."

## BOE seeks Deerfield principal as students begin school year

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

The process for finding a new principal for Mountainside's Deerfield School is still under way, as Walter Rusak will enter his first full year as not only head of the school where he began as an interim principal, but also interim chief school administrator and principal of Beechwood School, as well.

When Rusak began as Deerfield School's principal last year, he said he was willing to stay in the district for as long as it would take to replace him. Complimenting the parents, staff and students in Mountainside, Rusak had no way of knowing that beginning the 2004-2005 school year, he'd head the entire district without another principal in place.

After interviewing a narrowed field of six candidates for the Deerfield position, Rusak said they have been cut to three finalists. Rusak said these finalists will be discussed in closed session at the Tuesday Board of Education meeting, and then the board will go from there.

According to Rusak, the six finalists were interviewed by parents, teachers, and himself a few weeks ago.

Rusak also had each candidate write an essay and answer questions regarding a series of scenarios that explored administrative techniques. Rusak said that these sorts of things were necessary to help determine the best fit for the position.

"The person has to be experienced," Rusak said, noting that with a

transition to Mountainside, he or she will need to be counted on without training.

No matter who is chosen, Rusak said that he or she will have to give a standard 60-day notice of resignation to the current school system that the candidate is involved with.

Rusak said that all three of the finalists are employed in other districts that would need notification of job transition.

As for settling the contract with the new Deerfield Principal, Rusak is hopeful that can also be completed by the next Mountainside Board of Education meeting less than a week from now.

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"We're very close," said Board of Education President Peter Goggi. "It's narrowed down and there should be a recommendation to the board on the 14th. Hopefully, we'll hire someone that night."

Goggi said that it would be nice to have a qualified principal in place

soon so that the board can focus on hiring a permanent chief school administrator.

"This is just one more thing to do," said Goggi of the selecting and hiring of a new Deerfield School principal.

The search for a new CSA has not started up again just yet, Goggi said, but those involved in the selection process will meet on Sept. 28 with the New Jersey School Boards Association to determine exactly how the district should go about doing it.

"We'll hopefully incorporate lessons learned from last time," Goggi said, critical of the last search process that left the board dissatisfied with their pool of prospects. "We'll create a better list of candidates and we'll also have the opportunity for Walter Rusak to identify candidates using his experience."

Up to this point, Rusak has maintained that he is outside the loop as far as searching for his-replacement is concerned, but Goggi sees his advice coming into play, eventually.

In the meantime, Rusak will await help at the administrative level of Mountainside's district, as he attempts to hold down two principal positions in addition to his temporary CSA job.

"It's extremely important to keep continuity and give kids the best education we can," said Rusak of the importance of filling the Deerfield School position. "The principal is the central figure at any school."

Former Deerfield Principal Priscilla Church left the district earlier this year.

## Lending a hand



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Erick Dodd, 9, of North Plainfield joins UNIREC volunteer Amy Milano, left, and Kohls department store volunteer Stephanie Limone, right, for a group dance during a recent carnival at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

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Today

The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m.

The Frothing Club luncheon will be at noon in the Andrew Deacon and Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside. News members and guests are always welcome. The speaker that day will be Feather Schwartz Foster. The topic, "First Presidents Wives," will include chapters from Martha Washington to Mamie Eisenhower.

For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

In honor of the Sept. 11 anniversary, Angus Kress Gillespie, professor of American Studies at Rutgers University, will give a commemorative lecture at Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, at 7:30 p.m. Gillespie is the author of the bestseller, "Twin Towers: The Life of New York City's World Trade Center," and several other books.

For information, call 908-233-0015.

Saturday

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 27th annual "People With Disabilities Fishing Derby" at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The event headquarters will be at the gazebo near the dam at the lower lake. The rain date is Sunday.

All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by calling Ellen Chase of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096. Fishing will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 2 p.m.

The Harmony Dancers, a local square dance group that meets in Springfield, will conduct barn dances at the YMCA on South Springfield Avenue at 8 p.m. For information, call 973-379-3901.

Planners of the Church Hall street fair in Springfield have invited a diversity of community agencies to honor those who died in the World Trade Center attacks of 2001 from 3 to 7 p.m. A time to remember Sept. 11, 2001, through music, prayer and an intergenerational color guard, will take place at 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-1695.

Sunday

Brighton Gardens of Mountainside will celebrate assisted living week with six days of events beginning today with a Grandparents Day social. For information, call Yolanda Andrews at 908-654-4460.

Monday

The Springfield Farmers' Market has moved to Ruby Field from noon to 6 p.m. every Monday. Stands will feature fresh produce, fresh cut flowers and baked goods, among other treats.

For information, call Town Hall at 973-912-2201.

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The Springfield Township Committee will conduct a work session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Travis Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will offer a Rosary and Novena at 7:30 p.m. followed by surprise bingo and fun prizes at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

For information, call 908-232-1162.

Tuesday

The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m.

The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center of Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., at 8 p.m.

The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Upcoming

Sept. 16

Pre-school Storytime will be conducted on Thursdays through Oct. 7 from 2 to 2:30 p.m. at Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza.

For information, call 908-233-0115.

Sept. 17

Brighton Gardens of Mountainside will conclude Assisted Living Week with an opera concert at 4 p.m. at Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 west, Mountainside.

For information, call Yolanda Andrews, director of community relations, at 908-654-4460.

Sept. 21

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will conclude its Lunchtime Video Series, "New York: Heroes of 9/11," at noon. This second part of a documentary chronicles the rise and fall of the World Trade Center.

Police arrest driver for DWI

Mountainside  
On Saturday at 11:20 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle on Route 22 West near Summit Road. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated and 41 individual baggies of rock cocaine were found in his pants pocket, police said.

POLICE BLOTTER

Identified as Kareem Royals, 25, of Plainfield, the driver was charged and bail is set at \$7,500.

The passenger, identified as Farced Reese, 24, also of Plainfield, was released with a summons complaint after providing false information to law enforcement.

Yaleem Prothro, 25, Newark, was arrested Sept. 2 at 1:10 p.m. for an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside for \$464.

Angel Falconi, 31, was arrested on an active warrant out of Union at 1:50 a.m. Friday.

At 2:22 p.m. Friday, Rodney Tyus, 40, was stopped and arrested on Queens Lane for having a fraudulent license plate, and it was later revealed.

Union officers joined the pursuit of the suspect which began along the block of Mountain Avenue in Springfield and continued into Union.

The suspect allegedly grabbed a woman in Springfield and fled in an unidentified vehicle into the surrounding towns until he was eventually taken into custody.

Nearly \$700 in computer supplies, including a keyboard, mouse and computer tower, were reported stolen from a Route 22 west office at 11:57 a.m. Aug. 30.

Ana Cruz, 43, was arrested at 10:17 a.m. Aug. 31 for tampering with public records and using counterfeit identity documents.

An illegal alien from Portugal living in Kearny and was arrested at the Springfield Department of Motor Vehicles, police said.

On Sept. 1 at 4:20 p.m., it was reported that the check book of a Rolling Rock Road resident was stolen from her residence, along with two gift certificates totalling \$300.

Springfield  
Union police assisted Springfield officers in the arrest of an unidentified person snatching supplies along Route 78 at 10:59 a.m. Sunday.

Firefighters rush to accident

Springfield  
At 11:40 a.m. Friday, Springfield firefighters responded to Route 78 east for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Aug. 29 at 7:40 a.m., firefighters responded to a Sherwood Road residence for an alarm sounding.

At 11:37 p.m. Aug. 29, firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

On Aug. 30 at 11:56 a.m., firefighters responded to Morris Avenue for a car fire.

On Aug. 31 at 7:33 p.m., firefighters responded to a Lakeland Avenue residence for smoke in the house.

On Sept. 1 at 10:56 a.m., firefighters responded to a Park Lane residence for a medical service call.

At 12:45 p.m. Sept. 2, firefighters responded to an Independence Way residence for a medical service call.

At 8:46 a.m. Friday, firefighters responded to Route 78 east for a motor vehicle accident.

At 12:36 p.m. Friday, firefighters responded to Mountain Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

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ers responded to an activated fire alarm at a restaurant located on Route 22 west. A local power surge caused the alarm to be activated.

Selton Hall Prep honors  
Several Mountainside and Springfield residents were among the students at Selton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange named to the third trimester honor roll.

Mountainside  
Second honors: Anthony DeRose, grade 12.

Commendation: James Hughes, grade 12.

Springfield  
First honors: Anthony Moricello, grade 12, and Steven Fischer, grade 10.

Second honors: Mark Czamy and Joseph Mitarotonda, grade 12.

Commendation: Louis Puopolo, grade 12.

Facility marks Assisted Living Week  
Brighton Gardens of Mountainside will celebrate Assisted Living Week with six days of events, from Sunday to Sept. 17. Key events include Grandparents Day social on Sunday, a wine and cheese reception on Wednesday, and an opera concert featuring Luis Cabrera of the Little Opera Co. of Westfield on Friday.

The events are daily from Sunday to Sept. 17, and the opera concert is Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. at Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 west, Mountainside.

For information, call Yolanda Andrews, director of community relations, at 908-654-4460.

Wednesday marks start of Holy Week

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer  
Preparations have already begun in most Jewish homes for the High Holy Days; Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown, Wednesday.

There will be special dishes to symbolize the "sweetness" of the New Year, and there will also be fasting and repentance on Yom Kippur, with 10 days of family observances.

The Shofar — the ram's horn — will be sounded in temples and synagogues on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 16, ushering in this beautiful family celebration of the New Year, the year 5765. It will be sounded again at the close of the holidays, on Yom Kippur evening.

It is a solemn time as well one of redemption, atonement, and faith in the future. The Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, will be Sept. 25, and will conclude the observance of the holy days this year. Here is a small sampling of some services houses of worship in Springfield are offering.

Temple Beth Ahm, at 60 Temple Drive, is a Conservative synagogue with Rabbi Mark Mallach heading the congregation. His topic for Rosh Hashanah will be on Sept. 16, Day One, "Don't Worry — Have Faith."

"Is Faith Enough? Will God Provide? What is Faith?" These are the questions Rabbi Mallach will discuss on Sept. 16, as the High Holy Days begin with the sounding of the Shofar that morning in the synagogue.

"I will be the first to admit that faith alone is not enough," said Mallach. "It will not bring peace to the Middle East. It will not cure cancer."

He goes on, however, to say, "Don't worry; faith must motivate us because without a sense of faith in a better future, why bother? Having a sense of faith, having a hope for a better future, has been part and parcel of the very fiber of our history and of our lives."

For Erev service, Sept. 15, there will be an 8 p.m. special Erev Rosh Hashanah reception, officiated by Rabbi Mark and Genya Mallach.

Temple Beth Ahm will open its doors to the community on the afternoon of Yom Kippur, Sept. 25, at the 4:20 p.m. Yizkor memorial service. Tickets will be provided to anyone in the greater Springfield area who wishes to worship with them on Yom Kippur afternoon.

To ensure the safety and security of everyone in the synagogue, members of the community who do wish to attend must secure a ticket prior to the start of the High Holidays," said Mallach. Please make an application in a photo identification will be required.

Congregation Israel, an Orthodox synagogue at South Springfield Avenue and Mountain Avenue, will begin Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Sept. 15, at 6:15 and 7 a.m., with candlelighting at 6:45 p.m. and a service at 8:55 p.m.

Rabbi Chaim Marcus officiates: On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 16, there will be a 7:45 a.m. service, a Tashlich service at 5:30 p.m., and a 5:50 p.m. service. Candlelighting will be not before 7:54 p.m.

Services will be at 7:45 a.m. and 6:50 p.m., with candlelighting at 6:44 p.m. On Sept. 18, a special Shabbat Shuva will be held at 7:30 and 9 a.m., and 8:30 p.m.

During the Holy Week, all week there will be Selichot services every morning at 6:45 a.m., and again services at 6:40 p.m. all week.

Let's do the limbo



The Springfield YMCA hosted fun activities and tattooed youngsters at Family Fun Day at the Springfield Community Pool on Aug. 8. Leading the limbo line is Brendan McNary, 7, of Springfield.

Initiative aims to boost church membership

When Mountainside Chapel in Mountainside launches its "40 Days of Purpose Campaign" from Sept. 26 to Nov. 7, it will join a worldwide network of thousands of churches.

Inspired by remarkable stories of spiritual renewal and growth, an estimated 13,000 churches from 60 denominations have experienced the purpose-driven phenomena inspired by a California pastor's best-selling book.

"We are anticipating an unprecedented time of spiritual growth for our church family," said Rev. Gregory Hagg, senior minister of Mountainside Chapel.

"Never before has such a program come along that is targeted at helping people discover their own personal purpose for life — 'Why on earth are we here?' — and we believe that the Bible has great answers to such questions."

"We are expecting 30 host families from the chapel to open their homes to friends and neighbors during the 40 Days of Purpose. Many folks from the community will be calling the church office, at 908-232-3456 to participate in this spiritual adventure."

At the center of the campaign is the fastest-selling hard cover nonfiction book in history.

"The Purpose Driven Life" was sold more than 16 million copies since the book's release in 2002.

The book's author, Rick Warren, is senior pastor of one of America's largest churches, Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif. Following its 40 Days of Purpose Campaign two years ago, Saddleback Church baptized 671 new believers, added nearly 1,200 new members and increased average attendance by 2,000.

"One of the greatest lessons of life is 'It's not about you,' and during the 40 Days of purpose Campaign, we will learn how to see beyond ourselves. People in all walks of life long for meaning — a higher purpose than personal peace and happiness."

"Jesus said, 'If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for me, you will find it,' and I cannot think of a better way to encourage our church family and friends in the community to get involved in this program."

"It will help us all move forward toward a higher calling," said Hagg.

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## EDITORIALS

### A changed world

The day started like many others: a clear, sunny morning with the warmth of the fleeting summer still around. But by the end of that Tuesday, a nation huddled around televisions and radios wondering what might come next.

Many say that Sept. 11, 2001 was this generation's Pearl Harbor, the date seared into our memories like Dec. 7, 1941. The meaning of the date, for sure, has changed forever, and even the month of September itself no longer carries just the connotation of school starting again but a nation coming together to mourn.

The change in our lives since the terrorist attacks has become more evident: increased police presence, color-coded security alerts, and even the term homeland security. The overriding issue in this year's presidential election is security.

Now, three years after the greatest loss of human life from a single attack on American soil, let's take time to remember those innocent citizens who were killed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

### Victory for motorists

The elimination of southbound tolls at the Garden State Parkway's Union toll plaza is a small victory for motorists of our area. By the Fourth of July weekend of next summer, hopefully, motorists will be able to scoot through the southbound toll plaza without having to pay a toll anymore. Eventually, that toll plaza will go the way of the Dodo. Even before that occurs, the Turnpike Authority, which also runs the Parkway, will do the same at the Raritan and Asbury Park toll plazas. Instead, northbound motorists will pay 70 cents, instead of the current 35 cents, to make up the difference.

The state's movement toward tolls in one direction will help ease traffic congestion. Thank goodness. After all, what sense does it make to stop cars every 10 miles on a highway meant to keep traffic moving at high speeds? But the next step for the state is to take a serious look at eliminating more tolls, and, eventually eliminating tolls on the Garden State Parkway altogether.

### Bad legislation

Legislators have important items at hand when they reconvene next week following their summer recess, first and foremost reforming the acting governor situation in New Jersey. And if Trenton ever gets back to work in the wake of Gov. James McGreevey's resignation, there's still proper tax reform and serious pay-to-play legislation rather than the pay-to-play "lite" that was passed earlier this year.

Though it should not even be on the radar screen of legislators, A-2988 and its Senate companion, which would allow government entities to publish public notice advertisements on the Internet instead of in newspapers, is still subject to a potential vote of the Legislature. The Assembly already passed the bill, by a vote of 52-21-3, in June and it's been in the State Government Committee since before the summer recess. Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-Union, sponsored the legislation, which claims that it would promote more public participation and more accessibility in government.

Internet publishing of legal notices likely would mean fewer notices published in newspapers, which in turn would mean fewer revenues for newspapers from legal ads. But legal ad rates have not been increased since the early part of the Reagan administration — 1983, to be exact. What that means is that it almost costs newspapers money just to print legal notices.

Even dismissing the revenue argument, there are too many other reasons why this is unnecessary legislation. For one, public notices already can be found on the Web, thanks to the efforts of the New Jersey Press Association, at www.njpa.org and www.publicnotices.com. And that's without municipalities, school boards, agencies and authorities having to deal with the cost of maintaining Web links for these notices.

Who would be responsible for verifying that public entities do in fact publish legal notices? The entities themselves? Not much oversight there. Publishing legal notices online instead of newspapers just doesn't make sense and this legislation would not improve the public's access or right to know whatsoever. Senators should reject the bill or simply let it die in committee.

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— Madeleine L'Engle  
Writer  
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IT TAKES THREE — The Party Dolls draw a large crowd when they perform their oldies tunes at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside during the Union County Free Summer Arts Festival Concert Series.

### Newspaper guidelines for election coverage

In fairness to all candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of the Nov. 2 General Election.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories.

We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research

and initiative stories. If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.

News releases and campaign-position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the

candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the Nov. 2 Township Committee election:

**Letters to the editor:** Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of Oct. 21 for candidates. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

**Endorsement letters:** Containing more than 250 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candi-

dates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

**Candidate's Corner:** Candidates running for the Township Committee will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear Oct. 21.

**Our endorsements:** Endorsement editorials will appear Oct. 28.

**Staff-written round-up stories:** A final look of the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear Oct. 28.

**Election results:** Complete election result coverage will be in the Nov. 4 edition.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Heroes came to homeowners' rescue

Firemen, with their shiny red trucks, are known to everyone as heroes when they arrive at the scene of a fire or accident. However, we have come to appreciate the fire department's job in a different capacity. When a local sub-contractor and an alleged "kitchen expert" turned our home improvement endeavor into an ongoing nightmare, it was David Maas, fire official, who came to our rescue. Maas, along with his associates, Firefighter Jo Popolo and our local building inspector, John Rizzo, advocated on our behalf.

Maas cooperated, investigated, prepared, and submitted official reports in addition to testifying regarding the need to adhere to the fire code/appliance specifications that were ignored by the contractors, causing our home improvement fiasco.

As consumers, we have been abused and violated in trusting and depending on contractors whose "expertise" and integrity — even with their impeccable references — eluded us. We want to warn other naive homeowners of the havoc that can be caused in their lives when a construction job needs to be de-constructed. But, as taxpayers residents of Springfield, we want to acknowledge and express our most sincere appreciation to David Maas, for his professional help and his personal kindness in ensuring that our kitchen would no longer be a fire hazard.

Thanks to the unrelenting efforts and professionalism of Maas — along with the arbitrators' ruling — we will be able to recover some of our losses and find the courage to attempt this same home improvement project again — sooner than later.

Randy and Neil Weiss  
Springfield

#### U.S. draft is a non-issue for election

To the Editor:

The possibility of a future draft or conscription issue is one topic that will not be discussed by most candidates and current elected officials until after the Nov. 2 presidential election.

Over the years, the United States has deployed about 700,000 persons on land, air, and sea in military forces all over the world including those currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, South Korea, etc., and there is now a shortage of adequate personnel, particularly in the United States Army to maintain order and peace around the world.

Recently, President George W. Bush announced that 70,000 of those stationed in various places such as Germany and South Korea would be returned to bases in the United States.

It is a fact that, currently, about 40 percent of the Americans fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan are from the National Guard and Reserve units. Some of those now serving there are more than 50 years of age. Many of the men have wives and children and are home owners or are responsible for paying rent for an apartment.

They have left their jobs and must have only their military paychecks. Some have found that their former employers have gone out of business or that their jobs have been eliminated. Sometimes, divorces and remarriages have occurred due to the long separations, and to a lack of cash to sustain a family's standard of living. There is also the constant fear of death notices being sent home as snipers and bombs are killing not only coalition members, but also innocent civilians.

The news media including newspapers, magazines, radio and television carry graphic photographs and battle and political commentary of this war. In addition, more troops are needed to guard landmarks and events in America as evidenced by the monumental security efforts to protect New York City at the time of the Republican National Convention. Henceforth, many more civilian and military personnel will be needed to protect other cities also. There will be an enormous cost for all of this protection.

Therefore, the possibility of a national draft is apparent. In years gone by, it only applied to younger aged men, but this one will probably include women,

#### BOE attempts to fool taxpayers

To the Editor:

Kudos to Mara Friedman and her letter on the unfinished renovations at the local schools which appeared in your Aug. 26 edition.

This was a welcome factual observation, in contrast to earlier reports by the school business administrator. Keep up the good observations, Mara.

My husband and I have lived in Springfield for almost 30 years and for many of those years I have amazed how the Board of Education attempts to "pull the wool over the eyes" of the Springfield taxpayers who have been led to believe that there is a need for additional space in the local school buildings.

The high school building is serving less than half of the number of students it was designed to build and the Walton building houses a taxpayer-supported preschool program that is not mandated by law. Only Abbott districts are required to provide preschool.

Residents might remember this when considering their ever-rising property taxes.

Jeanne "Cococa" Catala  
Springfield

#### Bush pushing us into unending war

To the Editor:

With Republicans out trying to pretend they know something about foreign policy beyond the ability of Halliburton to cash in on war, they conveniently forget that it was Bill Clinton who quietly issued a Kill Order against Osama bin Laden.

Or, that the Republican theft of the last presidential election kept Bill Clinton from pursuing military action against world terrorism, because Clinton could not risk handing over an open conflict to the incoming Republicans.

Or, that Clinton's diplomatic abilities lost fewer people to terrorism than those lost by Ronald Reagan or G. W. Bush.

Or, that the familial lineage of G.W. Bush may have prodded the completion of plans to attack the World Trade Center in retaliation for G.H.W. Bush's first Iraq War.

Or, that the diplomacy needed to deal with a political ideology like Communism is vastly different from that needed to deal with religious ideology of Middle Eastern sects rooted in feuds that pass from generation to generation.

Ultimately, whatever the immediate outcome in Iraq, the continued presence of G.W. Bush in the White House may assure that we are embroiled in a Thousand Years War of religious ideology that will make Vietnam look like a cake walk.

William T. Fidurski  
Clark

#### Our policy on letters and columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of the both Springfield and Mountainside and County of Union.

The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The Echo Leader accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

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### Street fair set for Saturday

Tony and Mikey Fiorillo of Kenilworth recently stopped by the Springfield Firehouse on Mountain Avenue to practice being junior firefighters before the Church Mall Street Fair begins this Saturday, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras and take pictures of their children sitting in the big red truck or enjoying old-fashioned carnival games and free crafts during the event. The fair, located near the intersection of Mountain and Morris Avenues, will feature food, an eclectic mix of live music, more than 25 vendors and 18 community agencies dedicated to improving the lives of people, animals, and the environment.

The purpose of the fair is to bring people together in an informal environment to learn how they can help make their communities more caring and united for peace as a way of honoring the victims and survivors of Sept. 11, 2001.

At 3:30 p.m., a color guard led by



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scouts, veterans and clergy will move to the outdoor stage for a brief "9/11 Time of Remembrance."

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, Reverends Elaine Wing and Charles Baier and a representative of a nearby Islamic Mosque will participate along with a member of the Spring-

field Township Committee.

All mums, direct from the New Jersey grower, will be sold to defray fair expenses.

A donation of \$2 per adult and teen is encouraged at the fair entrance at Church Mall. Parking is available in nearby

town lots near the library, and behind local businesses on Morris Avenue at Caldwell Street.

This first fair, sponsored by Springfield Emanuel United Methodist and First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, will move indoors in case of rain.

### EVENTS

#### Fishing Derby casts off

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will conduct its 27th annual "People With Disabilities Fishing Derby" on Saturday at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The event headquarters will be at the gazebo near the dam at the lower lake. The rain date is Sept. 12.

All handicapped individuals, regardless of age, can participate. They must pre-register by Sunday, by calling Ellen Chase of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4096. Fishing will begin at 10 a.m. and run through 2 p.m.

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will provide fishing tackle and bait to all registered participants. There is no charge for any of the activities.

A lunch will be served and a clown/magic show will be presented. All participants will receive prizes and special awards will be given to those who catch the largest fish and the most fish.

As many volunteers as possible would be appreciated to help the participants fish and enjoy the day. Set aside a few hours and lend a hand.

Cosponsors of the event are the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

For information, call Rich Macdonald, president, at 973-667-7642 or Art Dolgan, publicity chairman, at 201-242-0238.

**Foothill Club meets**  
The Foothill Club luncheon will be conducted today at noon at the Andrew Deacon Hatfield House, Constitution Plaza in Mountainside.

For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626. The speaker that day will be Feather Schwartz Foster. The

topic, "First Presidents Wives," will include chapters from Martha Washington to Mamie Eisenhower, including some of the moderns who chime in.

New members and guests are always welcome.

**B'nai B'rith plans Mohegan Sun trip**  
B'nai B'rith of Springfield plans trip to Mohegan Sun, Conn., on Oct. 10. The cost of the trip is \$32 per person and the package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave. in Springfield, next to the post office from 7:45 to 9:30 a.m. plus two \$5 free bet coupons, a \$10 meal voucher or full buffet — free seasons or sunburst buffet.

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall at 10 a.m. between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 in Springfield.

For information, call 973-912-2201.

**Farmers' Market**  
Farmer's Market will continue every Monday from noon to 6 p.m. The market has moved to Ruby Field, through Oct. 25.

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Frances Corcione and Gary Russikoff, Republican candidates for the Springfield Township Committee, will host a fund-raising event on Sept. 27 at the Springfield Knights of Columbus from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sen. Tom Kean Jr. and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick will join the candidates at this event.

Areas of concern that the candidates will be focusing on include safe streets and community safety, improving relations with local, county and state officials and downtown development.

For information, contact Friends of Corcione and Russikoff c/o Fiorenza, Russikoff and Company, L.L.C. 372 Morris Ave., Springfield 07081 or by e-mail to [mrsc417@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsc417@hotmail.com).

The contribution to the event is \$100. Contributions to the campaign are being accepted.

### Mountain Avenue closes for festival

On Sept. 18, from approximately 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the portion of Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place will be closed to all vehicular traffic for the fifth annual Springfield Chamber of Commerce Street Festival and Craft Fair.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the closed section of Mountain Avenue.

Residents who live along the closed section of Mountain Avenue may park their vehicles in Township

Lot 1 on Hanna Street during the street fair without the need to use parking meters for that day.

"No parking" signs will be posted along Mountain Avenue the night before the event and they will remain in effect until the event is over and the street is reopened.

The festival will take place, rain or shine. All are invited to attend the event.

For information, call Town Hall at 973-912-2200.

Reserve early. RSVP by Wednesday. Call Jerry Kamen at 908-687-9120 during the day or 908-277-1953 evenings. Mail checks to 2824 Morris Ave., Union 07083.

Limited to bus capacity — first come basis.

Also call Joe Tenenbaum at 973-379-9306 for reservations.

**Square dancers meet**  
The Harmony Dancers, a local square dance group that meets in Springfield, will conduct barn dances at the YMCA on S. Springfield Avenue at 8 p.m. Saturday.

For information, call 973-379-3901.

**Las Vegas trip planned**  
The Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Columbiettes of Springfield are sponsoring a trip to Las Vegas, Nov. 8 to the 11.

The cost is \$559 per person, double occupancy. The price includes round trip air via Continental Air Lines from Newark and four full days at the Monte Carlo Casino Hotel. Transfers and baggage handling will be in Las Vegas. Space is limited. Reserve by Sept. 12.

For reservations and brochure, call Frances Corcione at 973-376-6386 or Tony at 973-376-5612.

**Editorial deadlines**  
Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social — Friday, noon.

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Letter to the Editor — Monday, 9 a.m.

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# Arboretum offers fall activities

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., offers a variety of upcoming fall programs and educational opportunities. For information on any of the following, call 908-273-8787 or visit [www.reeves-reedarboretum.org](http://www.reeves-reedarboretum.org).

On Wednesday mornings, a series of watercolor classes will take place in September.

Adult Education Director Nancy Wright predicted demand would be high for three September programs: a weekend illustration class focusing on butterflies; a bus trip to estates garden in Southampton, N.Y.; and a garden outing to Duke Farms in Hillsborough. She advised those interested to register early. Those who enjoy the Water Garden class may also register for a Fall Interest container gardening class, taught by Michael Reagen, retired senior horticultural curator of the New York Botanical Garden, on Sept. 18.

Three- to 7-year-olds will learn about food hands-on at Reeves-Reed Arboretum this fall in after-school Family Fun workshops.

In September at the Family Fun workshops, they will learn about what goes into their soup. They will hear a nursery tale about soup-making and visit the arboretum's greenhouse to plant some soup ingredients to take home. Pre-kindergarten workshops are Monday and Sept. 16, a post-kindergarten workshop is Friday.

In November, participants will follow the trail from seed to table, learning about some of the plants people depend on for food.

They'll turn flour and herbs into a savory dough to take home and bake. Pre-kindergarten workshops are Nov. 8 and 12; a post-kindergarten workshop is Nov. 5.

The arboretum has also scheduled other Family Fun workshops. In October, children will learn about autumn leaves. In December, they will learn about wild cactuses.

All Family Fun workshops are from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Pre-kindergarten children should be accompanied by an adult. The fee for each workshop is \$20/child. There is a discount on Family Fun programs for arboretum members.

# Learning is a piece of cake



Eoghan Greely, Liam Stuart and Carter Massengill of Summit enjoy cake and ice cream after planting a terrarium at a recent birthday party at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. Parties at the arboretum offer children the opportunity to learn about wildlife in small groups.

# Harvest Festival set

Children at the upcoming Harvest Festival at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit have many choices. They can visit the petting zoo, take a pony ride, print a T-shirt, or tempt themselves with fresh baked goods. They can listen to live bluegrass music or play in the hay bales. In addition, they can learn about how the Lenape Indians native to New Jersey used products that grow in this state, such as corn and turtle shells, to make articles they used for daily living.

"Using a quern helps the children understand how their corn on the cob becomes cornmeal," said Summit resident Ellen Hochberger, co-chairwoman of the Harvest Festival. "And starting a fire using a bow is always popular with the older children. The demonstration gives a new educational dimension to the Harvest Festival." This year's Harvest Festival is set for Oct. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children younger than age 2 are admitted free. For information, call 908-273-8787.

# WRC offers upcoming programs

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The Writers' Club offers girls the chance to become part of an ongoing writing community in a fun supportive environment.

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Poetry, prose, journaling and experimental forms will be explored and girls will have the opportunity to hone their creative skills in the forms they most enjoy. "The program will culminate in an optional open-mike reading in which girls can choose to share their talents with family and friends.

No experience is necessary for this workshop led by Jennifer Johnson, LCSW... just a strong desire to write.

The Girl Project, a program of the Women's Resource Center, is sponsoring a five-week program for girls age 9-12 who enjoy writing.

The program, titled The Writers' Club, will begin Oct. 1 from 4:30 to 6:15 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center, now located at 561 Springfield Ave. in Christ Church in Summit.

Participants will need copies of two books by Faber and Mazlish both available at the Women's Resource Center: "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen," and "Liberated Parents/Liberated Children."

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Summit challenged once again in North 2, Group 2, while Cranford came within five minutes of reaching the title game in that section.

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Club members are asking Mountside residents to come and support the team at the season-opener Saturday at home against Newark Central. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. in Berkeley Heights.

## Soccer Club of Springfield extends registration until tomorrow

The Soccer Club of Springfield has extended registration until tomorrow for its 6-and-under and 7-and-under recreational leagues. That is for youngsters born between the dates of 8-1-97 and 12-31-99.

Forms are available on the website: [www.soccerclubsofspringfield.org](http://www.soccerclubsofspringfield.org). Games are played Saturday mornings, beginning Sept. 13.

More information may be obtained by calling Brian Sheehy at this number: 973-376-1518.

The Soccer Club of Springfield Board of Directors meets on the third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Chisholm School in Springfield. The public is invited to attend.

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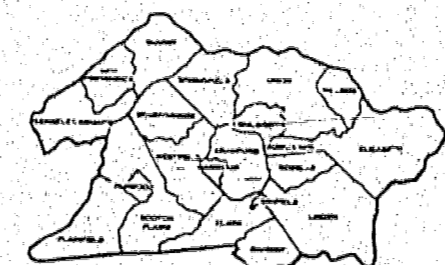
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## RELIGION Fountain Baptist aids global mission

**Religious school accepts registration**  
The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., is welcoming new students to join in the enthusiasm and excitement of a Jewish experience. For fall registration materials and information, contact Stacey David at rds@summitjcc.org or call 908-273-8130.

**Rosary Society meets**  
The Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourde Church, 300 Central Ave. in Mountaintop, will offer a Rosary and Novena at 7:30 p.m. Monday, followed by surprise bingo and fun prizes at 8 p.m. All are welcome.  
For information, call 908-232-1162.

**Selichot services offered at JCC**  
On Saturday at 9 p.m., the Summit Jewish Community Center presents an interactive evening complete with a musical component. They will host three Rishonim, young Israelis from Rishon Litzion, who will be residing in the Metrowest area for the year. They will be working with Metrowest in their schools, in community with synagogues, JEA/Israel Program Center and the JCC throughout the year. These young adults, who are post-high school and pre-Army, will address the following:  
"How the conflicts they see every day affects them as teenagers." "How they see what may be the outcome." "How they view the current matzav and the current situation in Israel."  
JCC will welcome their Israel guests for refreshments and join in an in-depth discussion about Israel which will be followed by the traditional Selichot service.

**Open Mic' series seeks performers**  
"Second Saturdays 'Open Mic' Coffee House" will take place on Saturday, in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church at 4 Waldron Ave. at the corner of Springfield Avenue in Summit.  
Performer sign-ups are at 7:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4.  
Musicians, poets, comedians, magicians, and performance artists of all kinds are invited to display their talents.  
Performers are asked to arrive at 7:30 to sign up for a time slot. Slots are given away on a first-come-first-served basis.  
For directions, or information, call Jen at 908-928-0127 or e-mail info@secondaturdays.org.

**Worship Calendar**  
Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for preteens. Our Sisterhood Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at 973-467-0660.

**JEWISH - REFORM**  
TEMPLE SHAR'ATZKY SHALOM, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, (973) 379-5382. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi, Amy Daniels, Cantor. Education Director, Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director, Mindy Schreffel, Family Life Educator, Edward Frank, Cantor, Cantor, Cantor. Co-Presidents: Temple Sh'aray Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union, for Reform Judaism Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM following by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-5, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2-12 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Hethrothod, Renaissance Group and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387.

**JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE**  
TEMPLE BETH AHIM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-379-0539. Mark Malachuk, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor; Marilyn Garlin, President. Beth Ahim is an egalitarian, conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon-Fri, 7:00 AM Sun-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly at our Religious School (through seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League. Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education Program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

**JEWISH-ORTHODOX**  
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## OBITUARIES

**Tina Hemmeter**  
Tina Hemmeter, 89, of Springfield died Aug. 30 at home.  
Born in East Orange, Mrs. Hemmeter lived in West Orange before moving to Springfield in 1975. She was a bookkeeper with Residence Construction, Millburn, for 20 years before retiring in 1976. Mrs. Hemmeter was a member of the Springfield Republican Club and Senior Citizens Group 6.  
Surviving are her husband of 31 years, Gilbert, and a daughter, Fran Whitcover.

**Jeanne Kelly**  
Jeanne E. Kelly, 73, of Clifton Springs, N.Y., formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 28 in the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.  
Born in Passaic, Mrs. Kelly lived in Springfield and Seneca Falls before moving to Clifton Springs. She was a guidance counselor at Spring Township High School, Hazlet, before retiring many years ago. Mrs. Kelly received a bachelor's degree in education and history from Our Lady of the Elms College in Massachusetts and a master's degree in education from Seton Hall University, South Orange. She was a life member of the National Education Association and a past president of the Hazlet Teachers Association.

**Sister Eleanor McElroy**  
Sister Eleanor McElroy, 85, of the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, educator and administrator in Cranford, Springfield and Elizabeth, died Aug. 29 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.  
Born in Elizabeth, Sister Eleanor entered the Benedictine Sisters on Feb. 2, 1938 and completed her first monastic profession on Aug. 30, 1939. She was an educator for 49 years. Sister Eleanor began her career at St. Joseph's, Maplewood, in 1939. She later taught at St. Anthony's, Washington, D.C.; St. Henry's, Bayonne; St. Michael's, Cranford; St. Joseph's, East Rutherford; St. James, Springfield, and Blessed Sacrament, Elizabeth.  
Her final assignment was at St. Genevieve's, Elizabeth, where she served as assistant principal and then principal from 1966 to 1988, when she retired. Sister Eleanor received a bachelor's degree in education in 1953

**James Pantini Sr.**  
James V. Pantini Sr., 63, of Roselle Park, formerly of Summit, a retired Summit police officer, died Aug. 29 at home.  
Born in Roselle Park, Mr. Pantini lived in Summit for 24 years before moving to Roselle Park 20 years ago. He was a police officer and a member of the Summit Police Department for 30 years before retiring eight years ago. Mr. Pantini was a member of the Police Benevolent Association Local 55 in Summit and the Linden Hunting and Fishing Club.  
Surviving are his wife, Margaret; two sons, James Jr. and Scott; three daughters, Dawn Melkowitz, Jennifer Cieslinski and Pamela; a brother, Anthony, and eight grandchildren.

**Mrs. Kelly also was a member of the Catholic Women's Union of Westfield, the Rosary Society of St. James Church, Springfield, and the National Council of Catholic Women. She also was a Girl Scout leader and a Braille typist for the New Jersey Institute for the Blind. Mrs. Kelly was a member of the Guild and Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls. She was a member of the Seneca Falls-Waterloo Kiwanis Club and also belonged to the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Kelly served on the board of directors of the Seneca County Birthright.**  
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## In memoriam

The following is a list of people from Union County, formerly of Union County, or with families from Union County, who were killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.  
This list was compiled from various different sources.

- Berkeley Heights**  
Scott Hazelcom  
Patrick Murphy  
Clark  
James Nelson  
Cranford  
Dean Eberling  
Christopher Grady  
Robert Lynch Jr.  
Greg Milonowycz  
Thomas Regan  
Leonard Snyder Jr.

- Elizabeth**  
Arcelia Castillo  
Carlos Da Costa  
Colleen Fraser  
Margaret Lewis  
Frankie Serrano  
Anthony Tempesta  
Kenilworth  
Robert Kaufers  
John Tobin  
Linden  
Wanda Green  
Mountainside  
Anthony Infante Jr.  
New Providence  
Gerard Coppola  
Richard Dunstan  
Michael Gungorimella  
Robert Hobson III  
Susan Murray  
William Tselopis Jr.

- Rahway**  
Manette Beckles  
Mark Carney  
Tyronne May  
Roselle Park  
John Uelzhoefler  
Scotch Plains  
Matthew Horning  
Mark Rothenberg  
James Walsh  
Springfield  
Lee Adler  
JoAnn Helibrinde  
Summit  
David Brady  
Mark Bruce  
Kevin Croty  
Thomas Clark  
James Connor  
Susan Getzendanner  
Thomas Glasser  
Robert Lawrence  
A. Todd Rancke  
Clive Ian Thompson  
Union  
Bella Bhukhan  
Edward Calderon  
Wing Wei Chung  
Neil Dollard  
Thomas Fisher  
Brian Goldberg  
Robert Heppburn  
Charles Karczewski  
Wayne Russo  
Khalid Shahid

- Westfield**  
Andrew Alamenno  
Michael Davidson  
Stephen Fogel  
Leo Keene III  
Richard Madden  
John Salemo Jr.  
Seewong Shum  
Anthony Starita

## Freeholder steps down from board early

**By Mark Hrywna**  
Regional Editor  
Freeholder Mary Ruotolo will resign her seat effective tomorrow and likely will be replaced on the board by Bette Jane Kowalski, a Democratic candidate for freeholder.

Citing family and professional reasons in March for not seeking re-election, Ruotolo said she is leaving the freeholder board early "because of increased responsibilities in my new position coupled with a recent injury requiring weeks of physical therapy."  
The Westfield resident was employed since July 2003 as manager of constituent services for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, where longtime friend and former County Manager Michael Lapolla is executive director. This past July, she was moved to director of development for the Garden State Arts Foundation, a not-for-profit arm of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority that provides free

arts programming for residents of all ages at the PNC Bank Arts Center and other venues in the state.  
Ruotolo said she fractured her right shoulder and tore her rotator cuff in a boating accident about three weeks ago. She expects to begin physical therapy this week and could be facing surgery.  
Following the injury, Ruotolo said, she chose the Sept. 10 resignation simply because it was approximately two weeks' notice. Her term is set to expire at the end of this year.

There has been speculation within Union County during Ruotolo's tenure that party leadership wanted to replace her on the freeholder board. Ruotolo denied there was any pressure from the party to step down early.  
While some have said the resignation is a move to allow Democrats to put a new face on the freeholder board before the fall election, others speculated that if the party had wanted to do

that, it would have been done earlier in the year to gain more exposure for the candidate.  
The Union County Democratic Committee is expected to meet on Sept. 20 to vote on a replacement to fill Ruotolo's vacancy on the board. Union County Democratic Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo was away this week and could not be reached for comment.  
Union County Republican Chairman Philip Morin expects the Committee will appoint Kowalski to the remaining three months of Ruotolo's term. He wondered how quickly any new freeholder will be included in the

party's publications. Republicans are making an issue of the county's brochures, claiming the county purposely includes freeholders who are up for re-election in taxpayer-funded literature.  
Ruotolo, a single parent of three whose youngest is in high school, was appointed to the board in February 1998 to replace Carol Cohen and was the highest vote-getter on the freeholder ticket in 1998 and 2001.  
At least a third of the nine-member freeholder board will have turned over in the past year, regardless of who wins election in November.  
Ruotolo's one-time running mate, Lewis Mingo of Plainfield, also did not seek re-election this year and John Wohlrab was appointed to the board in March after state Sen. Nicholas Scutari resigned his seat. Plainfield City Council President Adrian Mapp is running in Mingo's place on the Democratic ticket, with incumbent Daniel

Sullivan of Elizabeth and Kowalski, a Cranford resident.  
Republicans have countered with candidates Patricia Quatrochi of Garwood, Joseph Renna of Cranford and Frank Arena of Westfield. Bruce Paterson of Garwood is challenging Wohlrab for the remaining year of Scutari's term. Whoever wins that seat will be up for re-election to a new three-year term in 2005, along with the seats currently held by Freeholders Rick Proctor and Angel Estrada.  
Also on the ballot this fall will be Union County Surrogate James LaCorte, challenged by Michael Panagos of Westfield, and County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich of Union, who is being challenged by Peter Lijoi of Summit.  
Freeholders, considered part-time positions, earn approximately \$28,000 annually. Democrats have held all nine seats on the county's governing panel since 1995.

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All of speakers who preceded the president indicated the "big-ten" party mentality, Hatfield said. "You may not agree with the issues but

there's room for everyone," he said, also describing Bush's speech as "positive" and "forward looking."  
For Hatfield, Bush demonstrated that he's a decisive leader. "I think we need that skill in these perilous times. He's capable of making decisions. He's prepared to make things safe."  
Union County Republican Chairman Philip Morin said Bush laid out a pretty strong case for his re-election.  
As for whether Republicans focused too much on Sept. 11, Hatfield said "everything changed on Sept. 11."  
"We never should stop talking about it, and its impact," he said, adding that Bush's response to Sept. 11 was one reason why New York City's police and fire unions have endorsed him.  
Both Republicans noted the "human side" of the president, as in his closing remarks Bush spoke of the strength of families who had relatives killed on Sept. 11.  
"To bring people's memories back to that time, it's not political theatrics but essential to voters when they walk into voting booth," Morin said of the GOP's focus on Sept. 11. "If something happened, who would be the leader people want to stand there? It's not been discussed too frequently, not enough over last six to eight months."

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## New voter registration forms for November

**By Anna Kreymann**  
Staff Writer  
In an effort to minimize confusion and maximize order, the state created a voter registration form that is comprised of more questions and stricter guidelines for indigible voters.  
The black and white paper with a big stop sign telling prospective voters not to register if they are younger than 18 years of age and non-citizens, is said to be following the Help America Vote Act.  
HAVA, enacted by the state in 2002, is trying to ensure that eligible voters are not removed in error from the official voting list and that all others are.  
"The state wants to eliminate the Florida fiasco from this year's election," Deputy Administrator of Union County's Board of Elections Dennis Kobitz said, referring to the presidential recount in the 2000 General Election.  
With question number nine on the

form, applicants are asked to state their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number on the form. According to Kobitz, it is a way for the state to confirm that the individual "really is a citizen and not just a Green Card holder."  
"The extra information asked of applicants also goes back to terrorism and recent terror attacks," Union County Board of Elections Member Mary Ellen Harris said.  
If an applicant does not have a driver's license or a Social Security number, the state will assign the individual a number, which will serve as an identifier.  
"The state has a list that assigns unique numbers to people without a valid document to answer question nine," Attorney General's Office spokeswoman Karen Ballard said.  
Eligible voters have yet to complain about the new forms, Harris said, which no longer have pre-paid postage in addition to the other changes.  
"The ones that we are getting are coming from the Internet," she added. "We were told by the state that we will

receive the new forms shortly."  
Harris indicated that after the county sends them out to residents, "We probably will get callers at the very least confused about the new process."  
Kobitz indicated that county voters should carefully fill out—the new form and double check their answers for accuracy.  
"Please take your time," he said. "Do not rush because false information may be filed up to \$1,000, imprisonment of up to five years or both. The whole point of this new application is to maintain correctness and organization."

## Volunteer grows along with Trailside Center

Many children living in Union County grew up visiting Trailside Nature and Science Center. Set within the 2,060-acre Watchung Reservation in Mountainside, Trailside provides the perfect classroom to have fun while learning about the out-of-doors.  
The staff members at Trailside have taught many students who progressed from pre-K to the sixth grade. Cathleen "Cat" Bolton of Union is one such individual who grew up participating in the center's many nature and science programs.  
Bolton began her nature explorations by attending Trailside's summer day camps for 4- and 5-year-olds. These programs sparked her interest in nature and she attended summer camp up to the sixth grade.  
When asked what she enjoyed most about camp, Bolton replied, "I loved the hands-on experiences. I learned about frogs and salamanders, where to find them and how to properly catch, identify and release them. I was able to get a close-up look at how these animals live and it was awesome."  
As Bolton grew older, she maintained a strong connection to Trailside by participating in a number of programs designed to assist Boy and Girl Scouts in completing badge requirements.  
Bolton's passion for learning about the natural world intensified as her knowledge of trees, plants and wildlife grew. By attending the scout programs, Bolton and her troop earned interest project patches which enabled them to conduct their silver award project.  
Bolton's devotion and eagerness to work with children and the environment prompted her to inquire about Trailside's volunteer program. She began working at the annual events, including the Harvest Festival, Wildlife Sunday and Pet Fair. She assisted the staff with children's crafts, games and face painting. She demonstrated a natural rapport with children and quickly became a regular volunteer at Trailside.

In 2001, Bolton volunteered for the summer camps she enjoyed as a child. Donating two weeks in the summer, she helped park naturalists prepare lessons and assisted with nature hikes, crafts and games. Bolton's friendly, outgoing personality and desire to learn made her an instant hit with campers and staff alike.  
"While working with preschoolers on the last day of camp, all the kids gave me a hug and thanked me," Bolton said. "Volunteering at Trailside has given me the opportunity to work closely with children and I realize I would like to pursue a career in teaching."  
Beginning in the summer of 2003, Bolton was hired for the naturalist assistant position, a job she also held in 2004. Her excellent communication skills, previous experience with children and love and enthusiasm for nature made her a perfect candidate for the position. This new job required Bolton to be more involved in camp preparation and teaching. She adapted well to

this new set of responsibilities and contributed in many ways to the program.  
Bolton is currently 17 years old and attends Union High School. In addition to being involved with Trailside, she participates in her high school Show Choir and two clubs. She is co-founder of the Diversity Club, students working together to promote diversity awareness throughout the school. As fundraising chairwoman of the Diva Club, Bolton is part of a group of girls working to raise awareness of women's issues.  
"I look forward to returning to Trailside next summer and gaining more experience in teaching," Bolton said.  
Trailside Nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.  
For information on autumn programs and upcoming events at Trailside, call 908-789-3670.

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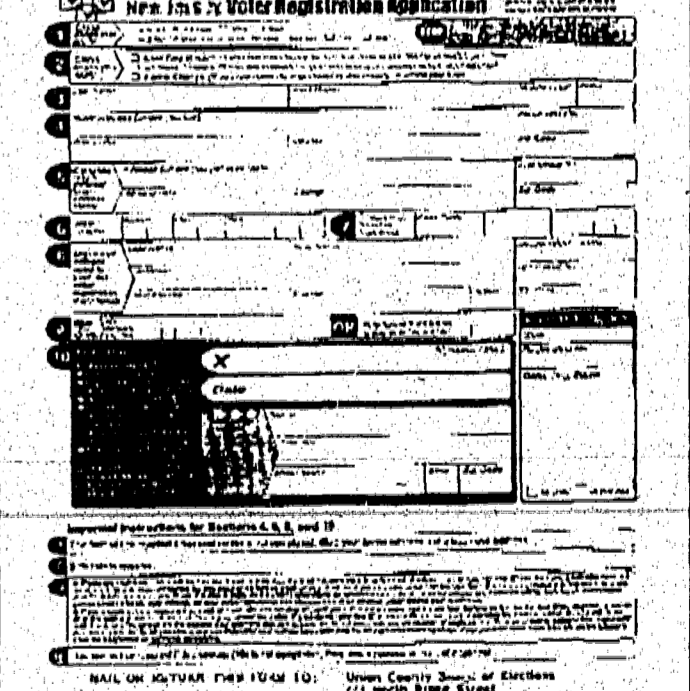
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COUNTY NEWS

Fall fishing derby planned Saturday

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Flycasters Club will sponsor the annual fall fishing derby for people with disabilities on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, Mountainside.

Women's issues to be discussed at roundtable

At its Sept. 15 meeting, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host a roundtable discussion about the important issues facing women today, including reentering the workforce, childcare, and health questions.

Free firearm safety kits are available

The Union County Sheriff's Office will provide free firearm safety kits to county residents through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, a nationwide firearm safety education program.

The safety kits, which include a gunlock, will be available to county residents from Sept. 1 through Nov. 1. "Just as we alert motorists to drive safely because our children are back in school, it is also important to remind people about protecting our children from preventable firearm accidents," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

Adult survival skills workshop at Trailside

A new series of programs sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is being offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 432 New Providence Road, Mountainside. The new series invites adults ages 18 and older to learn about survival skills with instructors from the highly acclaimed Tom Brown Tracker School on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rape Crisis Center seeks volunteers

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is looking for caring, supportive and committed individuals who can assist survivors of sexual assault during daytime, evening and weekend shifts. Bilingual and multilingual individuals are especially needed. Training will prepare Rape Crisis Center volunteers to provide emotional support, advocacy and information on the 24-hour hotline, while accompanying survivors at the hospital, police department, prosecutor's office and/or court.

4-H Clubs accepting membership this fall

Boys and girls in first grade through high school who like pets, gardening, or scrapbooking should consider joining a 4-H Club this fall. Club activities depend on what club you join. If you join a pet club you'll learn about proper pet care and make crafts. If you join the horticulture club you'll make corsages or grow flower seedlings. No matter what club you join, the activities are a lot of fun.

Mothers & More

Mothers & More is a national, non-profit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years. The program isn't just for full-time, stay-at-home moms, but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: JUAN CARDONA, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his or their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mortgage was assigned on 05/07/2003 to the Plaintiff, Washington Mutual Bank, P.A. By Assignment of Mortgage recorded on 05/07/2003 in the County of Essex, New Jersey.

PUBLIC NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO ANSWER TO ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQs., plaintiff, attorneys, whose telephone number is 908-233-8500. An Answer to the Complaint and a Demand for Judgment must be filed in a civil action, in which Washington Mutual Bank, P.A., Plaintiff, and MADELINE CARDONA, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Superior Court and hearing Docket #1407-04 within thirty-five (35) days after the date of this notice.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Newark singer hungers for the big time

4th Jeff Cummins Associate Editor To this day, Ebonee is basking on something her grandmother told her many years ago. "My grandmother used to tell me 'When you look up at the sky and see a star, make a wish, and you'll be a star,'" she said.

"I try to keep up with trends, and I put a rhythm and blues edge to everything that I work on, whether it's Latin, reggae, or dance. That way you'll have the perfect song for the event."

Ebonee was born in Weldon, N.C., but moved to Newark early in her childhood. It didn't take her very long after that to find an interest in music. "All my life, since I was little, I've been singing," she said. "I realized I had musically-inclined people in my family." Ebonee said she is related to the Clark sisters, a group of Gospel singers.

On the difficult to put her into a specific category — and she doesn't shy away from that in the least. "My music is very diverse," said Ebonee. "I try to keep up with trends, and I put a rhythm and blues edge to everything that I work on, whether it's Latin, reggae, or dance. That way you'll have the perfect song for the event."



Newark resident Ebonee, a rhythm and blues singer, performs at the audience at Nuno's in Linden.

Maplewood performers' cafe seeks to capitalize on local talents

Maplewood and the surrounding area have long had a well-deserved reputation for being a haven for the arts, and for entertainment in general. Yet even this town, with all of its entertainment influences, could still use one destination where people could find a variety of entertainment.

Oh, yes, the stage. It's not just a stage. Musicians who don't want to lug their heavy equipment to and from the facility don't need to worry. The stage is already outfitted with a keyboard, drums, a guitar, a state of the art system, and almost everything a musician would need.

Naturally, a staple of the cafe will be its entertainment, and the cafe certainly provides a diverse, interesting selection. In addition to providing comedy, karaoke and jazz, on Tuesday nights the cafe will have televised township committee meetings, and will also have a walkie-talkie system that will allow patrons to ask questions of committee officials from the comfort of the cafe.

Determined to build a real sense of atmosphere, the cafe owners left no stone unturned. They added a complete disc jockey's booth, and on the ceiling there is a mirror ball from the Roaring '20s, which could easily be mistaken as a disco ball by those who spent the better part of their formative years during the '70s. Need a little more atmosphere? The cafe has disco and laser lights, in an effort to tailor the mood to the individual event.

host to wedding and baby showers, family reunions, you name it. And for people who like a more modern twist, the cafe has Internet access for people who have a wireless network card. "The knowledge of the cafe has been building mostly by word of mouth, so far," said Gartenlaub. "We think this concept is replicable in many communities. Westfield, Summit, Millburn, virtually anywhere on the Midtown Direct train line could profit from this idea. With the types of things we've got, we think it could be a modern day version of Arnold's, the kids' hangout in the television series, 'Happy Days,'" said Gartenlaub.

On Friday nights, the cafe will have a band either from the open-mic night or from somewhere else. On Saturday, Gartenlaub will perform with his wife, Willing, billing themselves as The Amazing Art and Wonderful Will. Sunday is jam night. Gartenlaub gets up and plays by himself, and anyone in the cafe is welcome to join him on the stage.

As if that wasn't enough, there's more. As you walk into the cafe, you see an interesting painting by Curt Wayne immediately on your left, featuring a two-headed dragon being fought by a knight on horseback. In fact, the painting depicts the partners in the cafe. The top head of the two-headed dragon is Art Christensen, known as "the evil Art," — a point

threatening Springfield Township, the creation of the Church Hall and how the "historic area was preserved." There also are historic texts on Route 22. The titles of the chapters speak for themselves. They include "The Spring Fields of Elizabethtown," "The Bull of the Revolution," "The Springfields Become a Township," "From Farms to Flowers," "Transportation Changes," "The 1920s to the 1960s" and "Springfield as Suburbia."

Historians team up to write town history book on town of Springfield

Historians Jean-Rae Turner of Newark and Richard T. Koles of Belleville continue to make history by writing texts and providing and taking photographs, respectively, with their latest endeavor, "Springfield." This is their seventh book, recently published by the Arcadia Publishers in its "Images of America" series.

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Howard Wiseman, founder of the Springfield Historical Society, who died in December 2003 while the book was being prepared.

Both Turner and Koles, who worked together in the now defunct Elizabeth Daily Journal, joined forces to write volumes on such cities and towns as Elizabeth, Newark and Hillside. Turner, who also is an author, lecturer, librarian and columnist, and Koles, author, researcher and photographer, have graphically and authentically set their sights on the last major battle in the north in the Revolutionary

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The authors have acknowledged numerous people and sources in their preparation of this book, with an introduction, actually a tribute, by Margaret Bandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society. "Springfield" has been dedicated to

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Advertisement for Door Gallery featuring "End-of-Summer Buys" and "Order Your New Energy Efficient Entry Doors & Replacement Windows NOW and Keep Fuel Costs Down This Winter". Includes images of various door styles and contact information for the gallery.

Advertisement for Lloyd Exchange Travel featuring "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" and "SADDLE UP Super Deal!". Includes a "Welcome" sign, a "1990 Morris Ave." sign, and contact information: 908-686-4600.

Advertisement for "On the Shelf" by Bea Smith, featuring a review of the book "Springfield" by Jean-Rae Turner and Richard T. Koles. The ad discusses the book's content, the authors' backgrounds, and the historical significance of Springfield, New Jersey.

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- 1 Applies makeup lightly
- 5 Gripping device
- 10 Happy post-accident statement
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- 15 Personnel director, often
- 16 Muraiati Joan
- 17 Sixth Jewish month
- 18 "He was not of ... but for all time!"
- 19 Some industrial pollutants: abbr
- 20 Strange fundraiser?
- 23 Suburban trailer
- 24 Helene's
- 25 Disappeared
- 28 Leg up for skiers
- 29 Slim case
- 31 1966 movie or song hit
- 34 Lawyers' org.
- 35 Not her
- 36 Extra ecclesiastical vestment?
- 41 Here, to Rene
- 42 Training unit
- 43 A, as in Athens
- 44 Suburb of Los Angeles
- 47 Unit of data transmission
- 49 Novelist Zora Hurston
- 50 Undersea prowler
- 51 One-time link
- 54 Minor deception?
- 58 Shocked response
- 60 Home on high
- 61 Word after duty and scot
- 62 A.C.T. addict
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- 64 Goat's milk product
- 65 Kojak's first name
- 66 Quick-thinking
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- 2 Through check
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- 5 Magna
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- 7 Graceful steeds
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- 11 Silicon Valley device
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- 13 Tyson's specialties
- 21 Nonconformist
- 22 Direction for Drake
- 26 Every ... Way But Loose
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- 30 Defile
- 31 From Korea
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- 38 Overwhelming
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- 52 Eighth in a series
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- 55 Disparities
- 56 Ship's tiller
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# What's Going On?

### FLA MARKET

**SUNDAY September 12th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW  
**PLACE:** Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (Off. Jaramela Street)  
**TIME:** 9AM-5PM Outdoors (indoors if inclement) and a garage/flat section!  
**DETAILS:** New merchandise, crafts, collectible and a garage/flat section!  
**FOR INFORMATION:** 201-997-9635  
**ORGANIZATION:** Sponsor by BHS Football

### CRAFT

**SUNDAY September 12th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** 31st Annual Festival of the Park  
**PLACE:** Memorial Park, between Chestnut Street and Woodland Avenue, Nutley  
**TIME:** 10am to 5pm  
**PRICE:** Admission free - more than 100 crafts and collectibles vendors!  
**ORGANIZATION:** Kingsland Trust & Nutley Historical Society.

### OTHER

**SATURDAY September 11th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** Original Muncher Oktoberfest  
**PLACE:** Memorial Park, between Chestnut Street and Woodland Avenue, Nutley  
**TIME:** 10am to 5pm  
**PRICE:** \$5.00 Admission, Children under 12 free.  
**FOR INFORMATION:** call Raju Mohne at 908-276-7745 or Rick Ernst at 908-851-9465  
**ORGANIZATION:** Bayern Verein Newark, Inc.

### RUMMAGE SALE

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**September 9th, 10th, 11th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** 3 Events-in-1 Gala 26th Annual Rummage Sale!  
**PLACE:** Prospect Presbyterian Church, corner of Prospect Street and Tuscan Road, Maplewood  
**TIME:** Thursday, Friday 6:45-9:00pm; Saturday, 9:30am-2:30pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission  
 Come get the great deals on clothing, toys, furniture, boutique items, antiques, collectibles, small appliances, sports and exercise equipment...\$5.00 Bag Sale on Saturday!  
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**ORGANIZATION:** Prospect Presbyterian Women's Association

**FRIDAY SATURDAY September 10th, 11th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** Giant Rummage Sale  
**PLACE:** Calvary Church- 31 Woodland Avenue, Summit  
**TIME:** 9am-3pm  
**PRICE:** Free Admission  
 1/2 price sale from noon on Saturday  
**ORGANIZATION:** Women of Calvary, Calvary Episcopal Church Summit, NJ

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### Garwood seeks vendors for Family Fair and Car Show

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This should be the largest show ever, with many games, prizes and blow ups for kids, lots of food, a strolling band, a medicine man with a flea circus, food, crafters and vendors. The Fire Department will have a bucket brigade, the rescue and bomb squad will be there along with the Garwood Police Department, and much more. Contact Rich Lefebvre at 908-789-1600 for information or fax 908-789-1150.

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### Local photographer shows work

"Images of Steel," an exhibit of photography by Howard Stein, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Sept. 7 through Oct. 8. An artist's reception will be held on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

As a photographer, Stein likes to capture faces. But this particular exhibit combines his love of sculpture, welding and photography to create a breathtaking and unique work of all kinds of found objects, such as spark plugs, screwdrivers, wrenches and truck axles.

A Maplewood resident, Stein received his undergraduate degree in art education from Kean University in 1974, and his master's degree in media design and technology from the New School in 1976. After serving as an audio-visual coordinator in the Nutley Public Schools, he worked for the Union Public Schools as a grant facilitator, where he was instrumental in developing a nationally-recognized program in communication arts and science training. He then worked for a large cable company as an operations coordinator for five studios in northern New Jersey. In New York, he managed a production and post-production operation, and then he became vice president of sales and operations for a large audio-visual sales group. He is currently president of Broadcast Media services in New Jersey.

Stein has been involved with photography since his days in the United States Navy; he is self-taught, having no formal training. His journey into sculpture began in 2001.

Art is in his genes. His mother, Judith Stein, who has also exhibited at the Palmer Museum, is an accomplished painter and art teacher. His late father, Ralph Stein, was a musician who left behind a legacy of 90 wooden sculptures.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 973-376-4930.

### Beatlemania strikes Union County

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"Get Back!" features cast members from the original Broadway and London production of "Beatlemania" who will take the stage. Their likeness to The Beatles in appearance, musical performance, wit and charm has thrilled audience throughout the world, from Europe to Japan and Hong Kong, from South America to Canada and across the U.S.A.

The "Get Back!" cast uses authentic costumes, vintage instruments, astonishingly realistic characterizations and state-of-the-art digital orchestration to produce a powerful two-hour musical and visual experience highlighting the three major acts of Beatles music: "The Ed Sullivan Show," Sgt. Pepper and Let It Be/Abbey Road. Performing more than 35 Beatles hits, including "She Loves You," "Strawberry Fields" and "Hey Jude," the show is a real treat for Beatles fans of all ages. Buy a ticket to the show and get a free movie ticket for "A Hard Day's Night" shown on Sept. 18 at 8 p.m.

Tickets prices are: \$32, \$28, \$22 and may be purchased online at www.UCAC.org, by calling the box office at 732-499-8226, or in person at the box office located at 1601 Irving Street in Rahway. Group discounts are available. Handicapped accessible seating is available. The Union County Arts Center is at the hub of a richly diverse arts district. The theater is located just two blocks from the New Jersey Transit train station and is a jewel in the midst of the city. Local restaurants are within walking distance of the theater and represent the various cultures that are part of the district.

The Union County Arts Center is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performance and education. Major support for the Art Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, RSI and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

### Theater group names director

Bonnie J. Monte, artistic director of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, and Martin Prentice, chairman of the board of trustees, have announced the appointment of Stephen Klein as the organization's new managing director. A highly accomplished arts administrator with more than 20 years of experience as a not-for-profit C.E.O., Klein relocated to New Jersey from Pittsburgh, Pa., and assumed his duties as managing director full time in late July.

Said Prentice, "The Shakespeare Theatre is delighted to welcome Stephen Klein. We believe that his outstanding arts background and his highly respected managerial and administrative skills are ideal for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead of us. We look forward to the path that he and Bonnie J. Monte, our artistic director, will forge together as we move ahead in fulfilling our dual mission of artistry and education and the achievement of important long-range goals."

Klein is joined by new general manager Georgia Buchanan, a veteran theater administrator and producer, who most recently served as managing director of the Arizona Theatre Company following a three-year tenure at The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey.

Said Monte, "I am thrilled to welcome such distinguished and accomplished colleagues to The Shakespeare Theatre. Stephen Klein's decision to join the team and partner with me as we move into a new era for the theater makes me a very happy artistic director." She said, "With Georgia Buchanan now in place, as well, and the rest of my superb senior staff, I know the company's future is filled with much promise and many more great achievements."

Prior to joining The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Klein spent nine seasons as managing director of Pittsburgh Public Theater, in executive partnership with artistic director Ted Pappas. He created the company's first endowment/capital campaign, resulting in more than \$15.6 million, and oversaw construction of and directed the move to the new O'Reilly Theater, designed by renowned architect Michael Graves.

While in Pittsburgh, Klein produced more than 60 plays, including the world premieres of August Wilson's "Jitney and King Hedley II," Michael Cristofer's "Amazing Grace," which in 1996 was named "Best New Play of the Year" by the American Theater Critics Association, and the production of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Alan Ayckbourn's "By Jeeves" that went on to Broadway.

Of his recent move to The Shakespeare Theatre, Klein said, "I am pleased and delighted to be joining this outstanding institution. I strongly believe the company is poised to jump to the next level in accomplishments, and I relish the opportunity to work in executive partnership with Bonnie and in close collaboration with the dedicated board of trustees and management staff to bring that about."

Klein is the past chairman of the Pittsburgh Arts Leadership Group, and a founding board member of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Alliance, a coalition comprised of major Pitts-

burgh arts organizations committed to addressing key issues facing the city's arts community. From 1985 to 1994, he served with music director Mstislav Rostropovich as executive director of the internationally acclaimed National Symphony Orchestra in permanent residence at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. During his tenure, Klein oversaw numerous programs and events, including orchestra tours across the United States, Europe and Asia, and he developed minority outreach programs including concerts at inner-city parks and churches. In addition, Klein led two notable tours of Russia, the second of which culminated in the N.S.O.'s internationally televised performance in Red Square.

He also managed recordings with CBS, Sony, Teldec and Erato, as well as 14 P.B.S. television shows, including "A Capitol 4th" from the steps of the U.S. Capitol, the highest rated musical show in P.B.S. history.

Previously, he was executive director of the Denver Symphony Orchestra and, prior to that, served with the Cleveland Orchestra as orchestra manager. He received his B.F.A. in theater from Boston University, and is a professional singer and actor in New York City. Most notably, he appeared on Broadway in "Jesus Christ Superstar" and in the Otis Award-winning play "Approaching Simone."

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Klein and his wife, Mary, will reside in the Convent Station section of Morris Township.

Serving 100,000 adults and children annually, it is the state's only professional theater company dedicated to Shakespeare's canon and other world classics.

### Canadian comics will perform

The Arrogant Worms are Canada's premier musical parodists. Since forming in 1990 to perform on college radio, they have released 10 albums of gently satiric music that is often compared to the comedy of Monty Python, but with a Canadian slant. That slant - irreverent but still proud - is established right from the start of their two-act show, with a mock Canadian anthem - "please don't stand up!" and lyrics like "Canada is the second-largest country in the world - first of the Russian empire continues to crack and as long as we keep Quebec."

Most of their songs, however, are universal: "Carrot Juice is Murder," includes the lyrics, "Safads are only for murderers, cole slaw's a fascist regime. Don't think they don't have feelings, just 'cause a radish can't scream," or "Celine Dion, I think I got a crush on Celine Dion. The way she beats her chest when she sings a love song. She'll sing a song in English, then she'll sing in french. Both the songs will stink, but I love her anyway."

Also on the bill is England's mad-cap poet, Les Barker, who says of himself, "Les Barker writes strange poems and comes from Manchester. He was an accountant before he became a professional idiot. He's written 72 books, which sell in large numbers at his gigs because people don't quite believe what they've just heard. His poems have spawned a number of folk heroes: Jason and the Arguments, Cosmo the Fairly Accurate Knife.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased online at [www.sanctuaryconcerts.org](http://www.sanctuaryconcerts.org). The admission price includes desserts and coffee at intermission. Sanctuary Concerts is located at Union Valley Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights, 973-376-4946.

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### Theater group offers discounted tickets

New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional theaters, has launched a discount ticketing Web site dedicated solely to New Jersey's performing arts. With the nation's first Web site of its kind, bargain-hunting arts patrons can now go online for an overview of performances across the state and to purchase "hot tickets," deeply discounted tickets for same-day performances. Hot tickets are available 24 hours in advance of a performance and can only be purchased at [www.njarts.org](http://www.njarts.org).

Once a purchase is made, the customer will receive a confirmation by e-mail. This confirmation can then be printed out and the purchaser can take it to the theater box office to pick up their tickets. A 10 percent service charge will be added to the cost of the discounted ticket to help support the site.

"New Jersey is one of the richest performing arts states in the country, offering world-class theater, dance, music and legendary performers. The launch of njarts.org is a win-win partnership between arts patrons and arts organizations. It provides a one-stop shopping address for discounted tickets on a great vehicle for theaters to attract new audiences while selling any remaining seats on performance days," says Barbara Andrews, director of marketing at Princeton's McCarter Theater. "This is an important new initiative that will help the arts to continue to flourish in our great state."

Thanks to leadership grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Verizon, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and many other funders, NJTA was able to develop the site which promises to break down economic barriers to the performing arts. After interviewing several candidates, NJFA hired Plumb

### Band brings act to Garden State and plans night at Dancing Goat

By Jeff Cummins  
Associate Editor

Rocky Bryant knows the musician's life on the road. He has experienced gigs across the nation, around the globe, has visited Europe, and he's enjoyed it all a lot. But there's just something about playing in South Orange, at the Dancing Goat.

"Obviously, it's great to play in your hometown," said Bryant, who plays the drums in The Dean Brown Band, which will perform two shows at The Goat on Friday, at 8:15 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. "It's always a great feeling to know that you're playing for your family, and there's a special feeling to being at home in front of good friends who don't get to see you when you play away."

For Bryant, and band leader Dean Brown, much of their professional lives have been spent performing with artists of considerable renown in the jazz arena. Both men acknowledged they've been influenced by certain musicians, yet they both acknowledged their music certainly couldn't be categorized as "smooth jazz."

"I guess I'd call it electric jazz," Brown reluctantly conceded. "A lot of people want to call it fusion, but I don't really think that's applicable, because you don't need to use ear plugs for it, which you occasionally do for fusion."

Of course, the fact that their music didn't come off as smooth jazz meant that their reception from record companies was, well, somewhat less than smooth.

"My first record, 'Here,' took a

### Theater group receives grant

Keen University's Theater Management and Programming Office has been honored with three performing arts grants totaling \$15,390. The awards will support the university in its mission to become the cultural hub of the area, as it brings internationally acclaimed performers to Wilkins Theatre for the upcoming 2004-05 concert season. Keen is located in the township of Union.

Two grants, one an ArtsCONNECT grant from the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation in the amount of \$6,800, and the other from the New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project for \$4,250, will fund the university's presentation of Shawn McConnell and her orchestra's "Stand On Your Man" on Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Combining contemporary dance, words, music, film and video to create evocative works to enlighten and entertain, the company celebrates country and western music while challenging the way Americans look at relationships and gender expectations. "Picture the

### Blues on tap at Watchung Center

The fast-rising folk and country-blues duo of Devon Sproule and Paul Cureri bring their songwriting and performing excellence to the Watchung Arts Center Oct. 2, 8 p.m., for a night of stand-out music.

Sproule has also toured and shared stages with the likes of Dan Bern, Erin McKeown, Guster, Dave Matthews Band, Eddie From Ohio, Nerissa and Katrina Nielsen, David Gray, Patty Larkin, Steve Forbert, and the wonderful up-and-comers, We're About Nine.

Rolling Stone's "Critics Top Albums of 2003" called "Upstate Songs," "Perhaps the sweetest and most honest folk pop album recorded this year." Critic Julie Gerstein recalls being "blown away by Devon's live performance," she says. "She brings something special to the genre... a sense of sweetness, innocence and clarity."

Sproule will share the evening with her long-time touring partner Paul Cureri, who recently released his second CD, "Songs for Devon Sproule." Exciting and individual, Cureri's

### Summit artist's work displayed

The Union County Board of Children Freeholders will present an exhibit of photographs by Summit resident Sue Zwick in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabethtown.

"The new exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery features the work of award-winning photographer Sue Zwick, who grew up in Elizabethtown," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "We are honored to display her inspiring artwork."

Zwick is a graduate of Wheelock College in Boston. She studied photography at Drew University and privately with master photographer Nancy Ori. Zwick has exhibited extensively throughout New Jersey and has won numerous awards in juried exhibits. Her work is held in many private collections.

"Architecture is everywhere. Everyone has a perspective. My lens directs the viewer toward the visual aspects of architecture and away from the functional ones," Zwick said of her work. "I do not seek to capture a building in its entirety. I see my compositions in terms of forms that are abstract both sculpturally and geometrically, as well as with respect to light, shadow, texture and patterns."

"I grew up in Elizabethtown and look often for an excuse to visit my old neighborhood and the downtown. Many of the buildings, like the art deco Hersh Tower that I remember from my childhood, played a vital role in shaping the way I look at architecture with my camera today."

Zwick's photographs are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through Sept. 17. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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### REUNIONS

- The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:
- Rahway High School, all classes, Oct. 1 to 3, Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, 515 Route 1 South, Iselin.
  - Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.
  - Plainfield High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Oct. 9.
  - Westfield High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Oct. 23.
  - Union High School, Class of 1964, 30-year reunion, Oct. 30.
  - Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Clark, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Nov. 20.
  - Hillside High School Class of 1954, 50-year reunion, Nov. 20.
  - Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Nov. 26.
  - Union High School Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Nov. 26.
  - Union High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 26.
  - Union High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
  - Westfield High School Class of 1984, 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.
  - Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27.
  - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.
  - Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
  - Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21, 2005.
  - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11, 2005.
  - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
  - Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
  - Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
  - Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
  - Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.
- For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Elizabethtown 07726 or call 732-617-1000.
- Rahway High School, Class of 1939 will conduct its 65-year reunion on Sept. 26 at the Crowne Plaza in Clark from 1 to 5 p.m. The reunion committee needs your help in locating six classmates. Contact Anne Shupper for more information at 732-388-0066.
  - Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, Class of 1954, will have its 50th reunion on Oct. 16 to 17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clark. To join the festivities, classmates should contact Janice Peterson Freeman at 908-561-8565 or via e-mail at [j.freeman@worldnet.att.net](mailto:j.freeman@worldnet.att.net). Or they can contact Marie Mastorakis at 908-272-6243. They can contact her via e-mail at [M.Mastorakis@worldnet.att.net](mailto:M.Mastorakis@worldnet.att.net).

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WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantano Road, Clark, for information, call 973-376-1818.

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JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jam Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantano Road, Clark, for information, call 973-376-1818.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will meet every other Monday at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, for information, call 973-376-8544.

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts, Reaching Thousands — Grant program.

THE GARWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE seeks crafters and vendors for its eighth annual Family Fair and Car Show, scheduled for Sunday, rain date is Sept. 19, from noon to 5 p.m. on Center Street in Garwood.

THE WATCHING ARTS CENTER presents Comedy Night on the third Saturday of each month. The Comedy Night series at the Watching Arts Center has managed to build a following in its suburban location by drawing from a mix of New York City city club stand-ups.

Host Phil Hochman will present master of ceremonies John McMinna, a headliner and a featured performer. Ticket price includes light refreshments after the show.

The seating at the Watching Arts Center is an intimate art gallery, with limited capacity. Reservations may be made by e-mail at www.watchingarts.org or by phone, calling 908-753-0190 and leaving a message if necessary.

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THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallory, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County parkland designed, built and maintained entirely by the members.

The club building is located off Route 22 east, behind The Home Depot in Union. Free parking is available on site and the building is wheelchair-accessible.

For more information, call 908-964-9724 Saturdays from noon until 4 p.m., or 908-964-8608 for a recorded message, or visit the club's Web site at www.tmrc.com.

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SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsatdarts.org.

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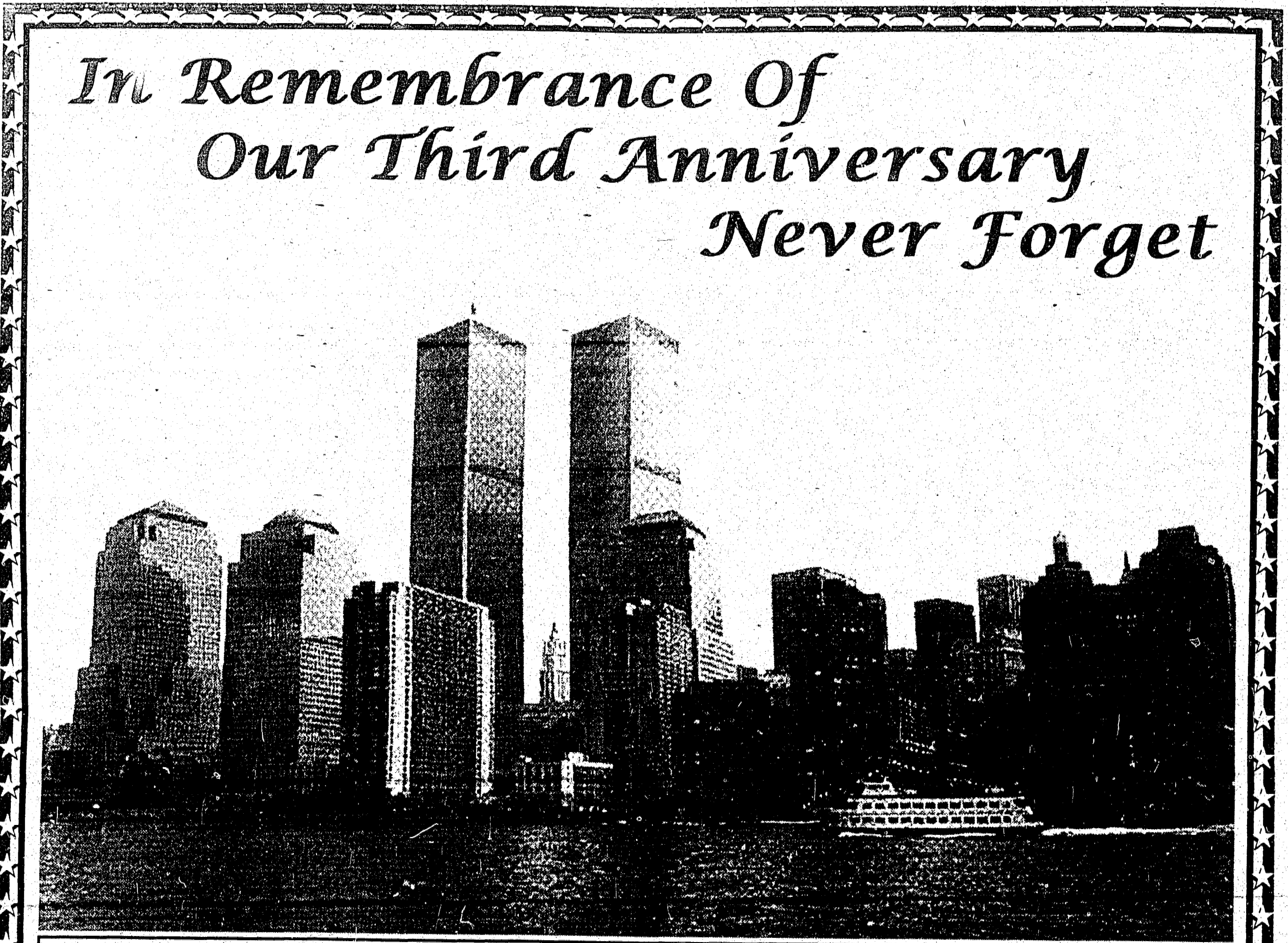
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The Morristown CraftMarket and Fancy Food Fest is sponsored by the nonprofit Kiwanis Club of Randolph, with all proceeds going to worthy arts and crafts-oriented projects and community service organizations. Several special events will also highlight the show, including: Free hands-on craftmaking projects for children, Oct. 23 and 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; A special booth by Borders Books and Music, offering books on arts and contemporary crafts, plus gourmet cooking, for children and adults.

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# Newark Museum teams up with Rutgers to present Latino films

The Newark Museum, which administers the longest running black film festival in the United States, has announced plans to present its first Latino film series, investigating the same highly successful presentation format of films and guest speakers.

The new project, Cinema Latino at the Newark Museum, presented in collaboration with the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience, consists of five film screenings and guest lectures at the Museum's Hilby Johnson Auditorium on Oct. 1, 2 and 3, and a special screening for high school students on the morning of Oct. 1.

Cinema Latino, said E. Carmen Ramos, assistant curator for Cultural Engagement, "seeks not to define Latino filmmaking as much as it strives to introduce our audience to the broad range of talent in front of and behind the camera." Five of the six show-cased films are in English. While some of the films focus on Latino characters and subjects, others are only subtly ethnic, Ramos said.

The goal of Cinema Latino is to engage a diverse Latino audience, including educators, artists and young people, and the community-at-large, in a creative dialogue that will support and inspire the work of actors, writers, directors and producers. Ramos explained. The new series has received generous funding through a four-year grant from the Wallace Foundation's Leadership and Excellence in Arts Participation. LEAP initiative, which supports greater participation in the arts.

Calixto Chinchilla, executive director and founder of the New York International Latino Film Festival, served as creative consultant to the inaugural project, working with members of the Newark Museum Cinema Latino Film Committee, project director Linda Gates Nettleton, Ramos and other members of the museum staff. Members of the series organizing committee include Gilbert Boney of Bloomfield, Asela Laguna of Metuchen, Crystal Lopez of Newark, Gloria Montalegre of Linden, Lizette Motel of Union City, Marite Rosette of Summit and Museum Trustee Grisel Ubarry of South Orange.

"The films selected by the committee include the genres of documentary, feature and short historical drama representing some of the best recently-produced independent Latino films," Nettleton said.

"We are proud to team with The Newark Museum in the development of the Cinema Latino series," Chinchilla said. "Through our association, we hope to bring to New Jersey audiences the same joy of Cinema Latino as we have enjoyed. Our culture and our movies that New York audiences have come to enjoy each year."

Some of the selections, like the energetic documentary "Santo Domingo Blues," directly explore Latino culture. Others, like the feature films, "Bought & Sold" and "Marito," tackle universal themes — such as coming of age and family tragedy — through the prism of the Latino urban experience in the United States.

A special screening on the morning of Oct. 1 presented in collaboration with the Newark public schools will

kick off the series. Coordinated by William May, director of the office of Visual and Performing Arts, students in filmmaking programs at East Side High School, Arts High School, Malcolm X, Shabazz High School, Malcom X, Shabazz Elementary School, Rafael Hernandez Elementary School will see the multiple award-winning documentary, "OT: Our Town."

Opening night of Cinema Latino at the Newark Museum will feature the film, "Bought & Sold," written and directed by Michael Tolajian. The film, set in Jersey City, and filmed in Bayonne, explores the relationship between a young Puerto Rican man and an immigrant pawnbroker. Following the screening, Tolajian will address the audience. Museum trustee Grisel Ubarry will lead the discussion. The film begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by an opening reception.

Two screenings are scheduled for Oct. 2. The feature, "Ballad of a Soldier," will be shown at 5 p.m., followed by a short film, "White Like the Moon." At 7 p.m., the richly-detailed feature film, "Marito," will be screened, followed by a discussion hosted by curator E. Carmen Ramos and featuring co-producer Casper Martinez and actor Leo Minaya.

The series concludes at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 with the documentary film "Santo Domingo Blues: Los Tigueres de la Bachata," by writer/director Alex Wolfe, who will also be the guest speaker. Cinema Latino Film Committee members, Gloria Montalegre and Gilbert Boney will host the discussion.

A closing reception will follow. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling The Newark Museum at 973-596-6550. Tickets also can be purchased at the door for individual performances: adults, \$7; museum members, seniors and students, \$5. Series tickets are available for \$20, museum members, seniors and students, \$15. Group discount rates also are available. For information about the special screening for high school students, call 973-596-6553.

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# 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Union will try to continue success attained last year

**By JR Parachini Sports Editor**  
UNION — The Farmers came back last year.

The question now is whether or not the Farmers can keep it going? "We would like to," head coach Marc Crisafi said.

Crisafi, a 1983 UHS alum, is in his fourth season at the helm after serving as an assistant at Hillside and Union. After rare back-to-back sub-500 seasons, Union not only captured the Watchung Conference-American Division title for the first time in a while, but won two playoff games to reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship for the first time since 1996.

Union, which finished 10-2, was denied a record 11th title in the section after falling to Piscataway 29-7 in a game played at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford.

"I had a feeling last year that we would be a good unit," Crisafi said. "It was a fun year."

Union avenged its only regular-season setback by defeating Bridge-water-Raritan in the sectional semifinals. Union won 14-12 after trailing 12-0.

Before that, the Farmers outmuscled Plainfield for the second time last year, winning 20-6 in the section quarterfinals.

The Farmers were led on offense by the likes of seniors Ryan Holmes, Joe Cannon and Migel Foster in the backfield, receivers Sam Cherilus and Justin Darko and linemen Anthony Disbro, Lamar Hayward, Lucfred Pettin and Lamar Tigg.

Those players, who also excelled on defense, will hard to replace. Union's only two starters that return at the same positions they played last year are Peter Tverdoev at tight end and linebacker and two-way lineman Ken Lang.

Thomas Smith, a senior, started at linebacker last year, but is now at strong safety. He is also one of Union's Wing-T offense features: QB Matt Melody, senior, (6-3, 205) FB Will Curry, senior, (5-8, 175) FB Thomas Smith, senior, (6-0, 190) TB Paul Harper, junior, (5-10, 180) TB Luis Coral, junior, (5-8, 170) E Eric Kieliszek, senior, (5-9, 170) TE Peter Tverdoev, senior, (6-4, 220) C Josh Sims, senior, (6-0, 215) RG Kenny Lang, senior, (6-2, 240) RT Michael Purefoy, junior, (6-4, 260) LG Boris Baucicau, junior, (6-0, 210) LG Corey Williams, junior, (5-9, 195) LT Desmond Stapleton, so., (6-5, 275) PK P Joe Minnici, senior, (5-11, 185).

Union's 4-3 defense features: E Kandon Burton, senior, (6-3, 190) E Josh Sims, senior, (6-0, 215) E Boris Baucicau, junior, (6-0, 210) NT Kenny Lang, senior, (5-9, 195) LB Isa Abdul Qudus, so., (6-0, 170) MLB Peter Tverdoev, senior, (6-4, 220) LB Armond Lucas, junior, (6-3, 170) SS Thomas Smith, senior, (6-0, 190) CB Will Curry, senior, (5-8, 175) CB Paul Harper, junior, (5-10, 180) CB Luis Coral, junior, (5-8, 170) FS Raphael Lee, junior, (5-9, 170).

For more than 60 years as one of the country's leading regional theaters, Paper Mill Playhouse, a not-for-profit arts organization, is supported in part by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, in addition to contributions from many corporations, foundations, businesses and individuals. Paper Mill is a member of the Theater Communications Group, the National Alliance for Music Theatre, the Council School Theaters, and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

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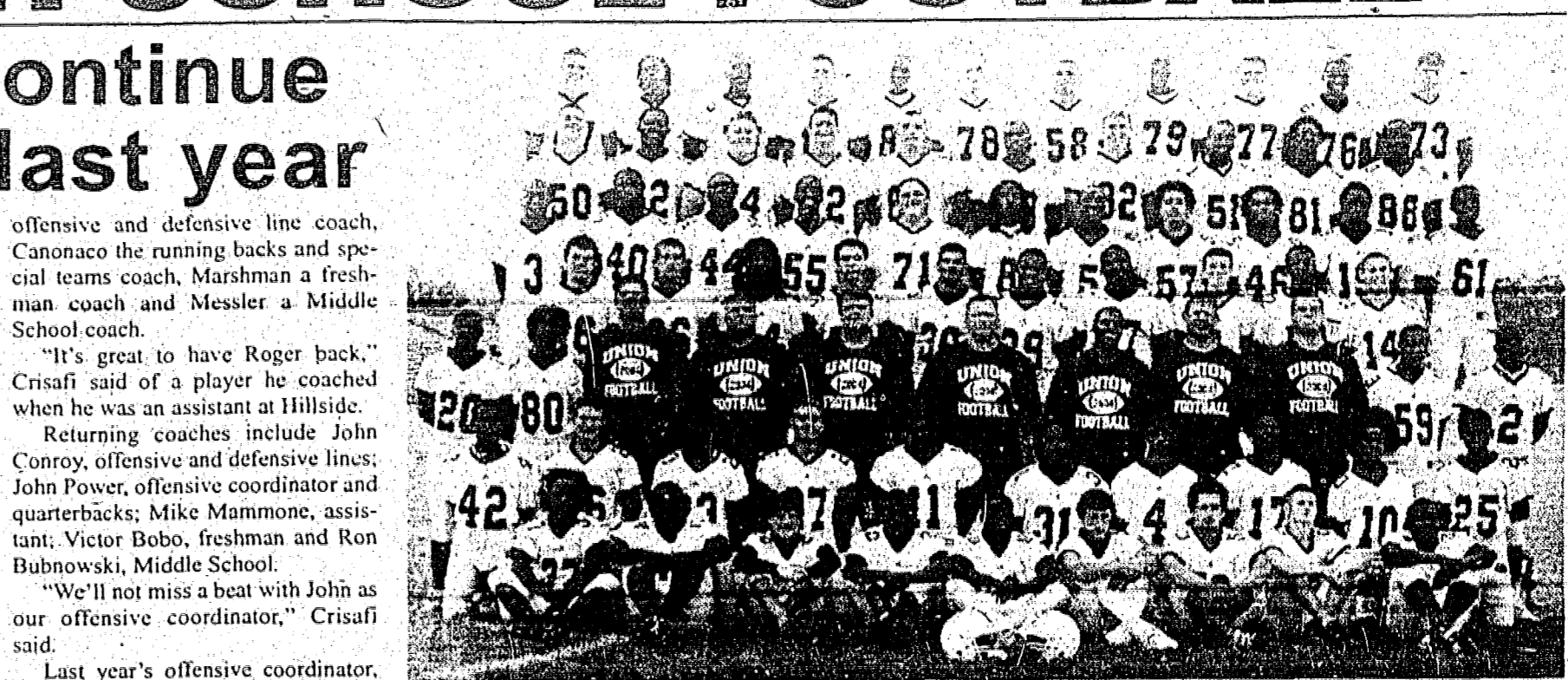
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The Union High School football team had a bounce back year last season, finishing with a record of 10-2 that included the Watchung Conference-American Division title. Union opens Saturday at Irvington, kickoff at Matthews Field set for 1 p.m.

## Here's what's going on in Union County

**By JR Parachini Sports Editor**  
The season is finally here. So, will a Union County team be good enough to win a sectional championship? That question and many others will begin to be answered tomorrow night.

Here's a look at a Union County week-by-week schedule for 2004:

**WEEK ZERO**  
Friday, Sept. 10 (3 games)  
Shabazz at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.  
Hillside at Cranford, 7 p.m.  
Scotch Plains at Newark East Side, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 11 (8)  
Union at Irvington, 1 p.m.  
Plainfield at Linden, 1 p.m.  
Old Bridge at Westfield, 1 p.m.  
Johnson at Spotswood, 1 p.m.  
Newark Central at Gov. Liv., 1 p.m.  
Roselle Park at Metuchen, 1 p.m.  
Brearley at Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m.  
Morris Hills at Summit, 1:30 p.m.  
Off: Rahway, Roselle, New Prov.

**WEEK ONE**  
Friday, Sept. 17 (4)  
Union at Shabazz, 7 p.m.  
Johnson at Brearley, 7 p.m.  
Summit at Weequahic, 7 p.m.  
Bound Brook at R. Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 18 (7)  
Irvington at Elizabeth, 1 p.m.  
Newark East Side at Plainfield, 1 p.m.  
Cranford at Linden, 1 p.m.  
Scotch Plains at Westfield, 1 p.m.  
Gov. Livingston at Caldwell, 1 p.m.  
Rahway at New Providence, 1 p.m.  
North Plainfield at Roselle, 1 p.m.  
Off: Hillside.

**WEEK TWO**  
Thursday, Sept. 23 (1)  
Gov. Liv. at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 24 (6)  
Summit at West Essex, 1:30 p.m.  
Newark East Side at Union, 3 p.m.  
Shabazz at Cranford, 3 p.m.  
Scotch Plains at Irvington, 3 p.m.  
Plainfield at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.  
Roselle Park at Manville, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Sept. 25 (2)  
Rahway at Hillside, 1 p.m.  
Roselle at Newark Central, 1 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 26 (2)  
North Plainfield at Johnson, 1 p.m.  
Brearley at New Providence, 2 p.m.  
Off: Linden, Westfield.

**WEEK THREE**  
Friday, Oct. 1 (3)  
Walkhill Valley at Brearley, 7 p.m.  
Westfield at Shabazz, 7 p.m.  
New Providence at R. Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 2 (7)  
Elizabeth at Linden, 1 p.m.  
Irvington at Plainfield, 1 p.m.  
Cranford at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.  
Hillside at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.  
Millburn at Rahway, 1 p.m.  
Johnson at Roselle, 1 p.m.  
Dover at Summit, 1:30 p.m.  
Off: Union.

**WEEK FOUR**  
Friday, Oct. 8 (7)  
Union at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.  
Westfield at Cranford, 7 p.m.  
Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 7 p.m.  
Summit at Parsippany Hills, 7 p.m.  
Bound Brook at Brearley, 7 p.m.  
New Providence at Newark Central, 7 p.m.  
Highland Park at R. Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 9 (5)  
Dover at Johnson, 1 p.m.  
Westfield at Linden, 2 p.m.  
Roselle at Hillside, 2 p.m.  
Gov. Liv. at North Plainfield, 2 p.m.  
Dwight-Englewood at Rahway, 2:30 p.m.  
Off: Cranford, Plainfield.

**WEEK FIVE**  
Friday, Oct. 15 (3)  
Elizabeth at Newark East Side, 7 p.m.  
Cranford at Westfield, 7 p.m.  
Saturday at Manville, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 16 (9)  
Union at Plainfield, 1 p.m.  
Linden at Shabazz, 1 p.m.  
Gov. Livingston at Rahway, 1 p.m.  
Hillside at Johnson, 1 p.m.  
Kearny at Roselle, 1 p.m.  
Bound Brook at New Providence, 1 p.m.  
Chatham at Summit, 1:30 p.m.  
Passaic Valley at Scotch Plains, 2 p.m.  
Newark Central at R. Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Off: None.

**WEEK SIX**  
Friday, Oct. 22 (2)  
Cranford at Newark East Side, 7 p.m.  
Hillside at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 23 (7)  
Union at Westfield, 1 p.m.  
Irvington at Linden, 1 p.m.  
Shabazz at Plainfield, 1 p.m.  
Brearley at New Providence, 2 p.m.  
Off: Summit.

**WEEK SEVEN**  
Friday, Oct. 29 (3)  
Summit at Mendham, 1:30 p.m.  
Off: Roselle Park, Brearley, Elizabeth, Scotch Plains.

**WEEK EIGHT**  
Friday, Nov. 5 (6)  
Scotch Plains at Union, 7 p.m.  
Plainfield at Bridgewater-Raritan, 7 p.m.  
Summit at Parsippany, 7 p.m.  
Rahway at Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.  
North Plainfield at Hillside, 1 p.m.  
Newark Central at Rahway, 1 p.m.  
Roselle at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.  
New Providence at Butler, 1 p.m.  
Hanover Park at Summit, 1:30 p.m.  
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**WEEK NINE**  
Nov. 12-14  
NJSSIAA Quarterfinals, consolation.

**WEEK TEN**  
Nov. 19-21  
NJSSIAA Semifinals.

**WEEK ELEVEN**  
Thursday, Nov. 25  
Linden at Union, 10:30 a.m.  
Elizabeth at Scotch Plains, 10:30 a.m.  
Kearny at Cranford, 10:30 a.m.  
Rahway at Johnson, 10:30 a.m.  
Brearley at Hillside, 10:30 a.m.  
Roselle at Roselle Park, 10:30 a.m.  
Westfield at Plainfield, 11 a.m.  
Gov. Liv. at New Providence, 11 a.m.  
Off: Summit.

**WEEK TWELVE**  
Dec. 3-5: NJSSIAA Finals.

## Newark Museum announces schedule for the month of September

The Newark Museum's Dreyfus Planetarium has announced its schedule of activities for September. Museum officials remind the public that the planetarium will be closed for maintenance from through Friday. When the planetarium re-opens Saturday, the planetarium schedule will be:

• Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 1:30 p.m.: "Saturn: Ring World." For adults and children ages 10 and up. Program length 40 minutes.

• Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m.: "SkyQuest," for children ages 6 to 10, program is 35 minutes in length. Saturday to Nov. 21: Saturdays and Sundays at 1 & 3 p.m.

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This planetarium program features the ringed planet and highlights the mission of the Cassini spacecraft. Come along on a NASA space spectacular — a 2.12 billion mile odyssey to Saturn, fascinating satellites, stunning rings, and Titan, a moon that may hold secrets to the rise of life on Earth. Narrated by Star Trek's John Billingsley.

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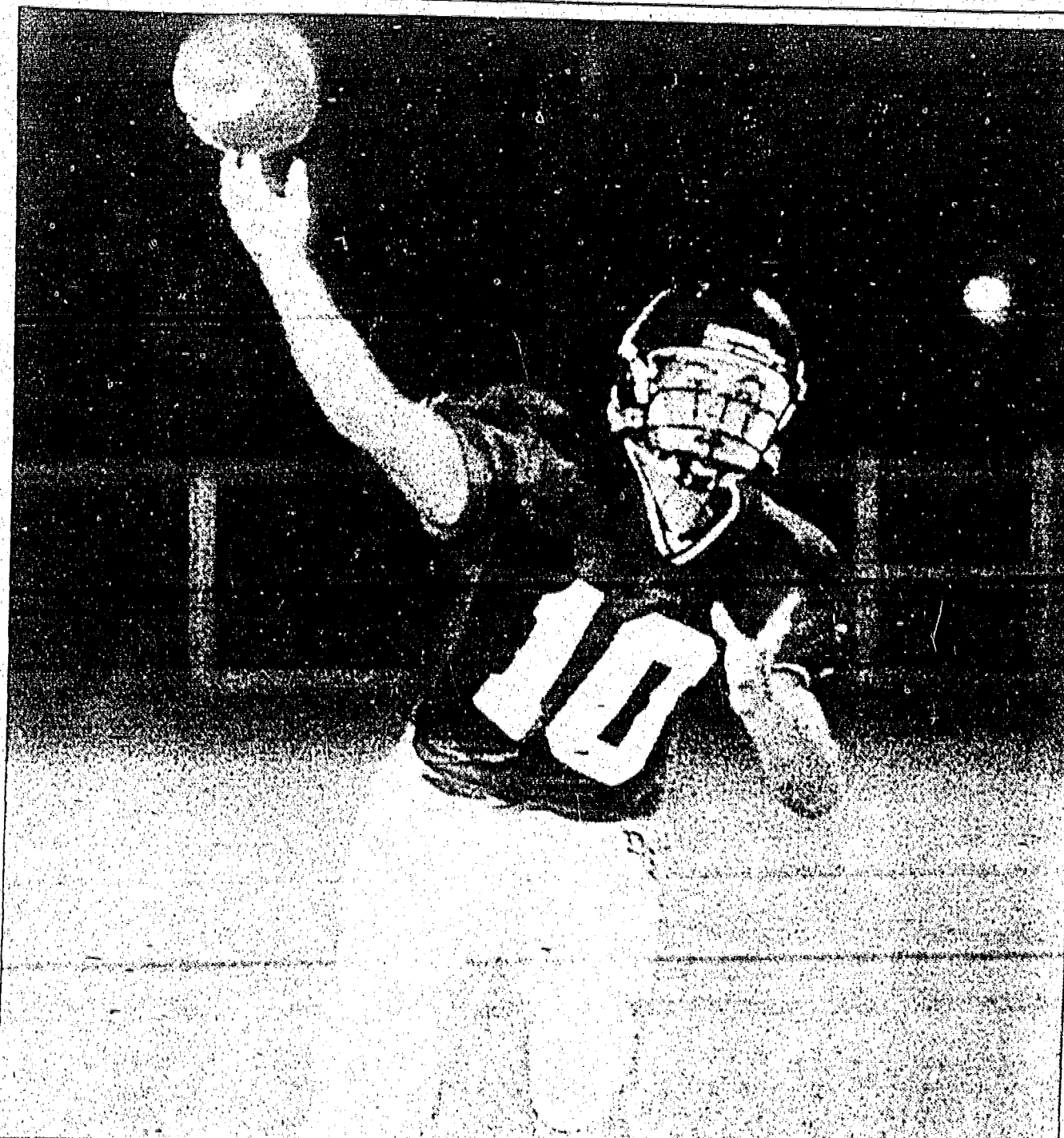
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Brearley is guided by the talents of senior quarterback Vinny Russo, who seeks to get the Bears back to the Central Jersey, Group 1 playoffs.

## Roselle Park has a renewed enthusiasm for what's ahead

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

ROSSELLE PARK - There is a renewed enthusiasm surrounding the Panthers this year.

Part of it has to do with six returning starters on both sides of the ball, bringing experience at key positions.

Another side is the difference in schedule, with bigger schools Governor Livingston, Johnson and Montville replaced by fellow Group 1 schools Metuchen, Highland Park and Middlesex.

"The mentality of football is to get a game you can play against an even opponent, if you have to travel, so what," head coach John Wagner said. "We're not trying to pick up anyone bad. You want the game to be competitive."

Roselle Park plays only one Group 2 school among its first eight games that count toward the state playoffs. That will be a home game against Newark Central on Oct. 16 at Herm Shaw Field, a rare scheduled Saturday night affair in Roselle Park.

The Panthers open at Metuchen Saturday, host Highland Park Oct. 8 and then play at former Mountain Valley Conference foe Middlesex on Nov. 5, which is the playoff cutoff date weekend.

Middlesex County schools Metuchen, Highland Park and Middlesex are 19 of the football playing schools that reside, along with Roselle Park, in Central Jersey, Group 1. Roselle Park moved into the section last year.

Coming off a 4-6 record and with a more reasonable schedule, the Panthers have much higher expectations for 2004.

Returning starters on offense include senior center Zak Hemenway, senior tackle Joe Stodolak, junior tackle Ken Marciano, senior split end Troy MacDemarm, senior fullback Elliott Fidali and junior quarterback Kyle Dugan.

Stodolak (6-4, 260) and Marciano (6-3, 250) will make it tough for opposing defensive linemen to get to the quarterback.

"Not bad size for two tackles," Wagner said.

Returning on defense for the Panthers include senior nose guard Matt Carr, Stodolak at nose guard/tackle, junior end Kevin Nemick, junior end Anthony Sinatra, senior linebacker Mike Letnik, Fidali at linebacker, junior defensive back Ross Soares and MacDemarm at defensive back.

Roselle Park enters this weekend's opener at Metuchen with a two-game winning streak that started with a win against Metuchen.

In a sectional consolation game last November, Roselle Park defeated visiting Metuchen 20-12.

The Panthers followed up that victory with a 13-12 win over Roselle.

Roselle Park also defeated Bound Brook 20-7 and Manville 47-0.

The Panthers had only two games scheduled at home last season, although they played three including the game against Middlesex. This year, Roselle Park has six of its nine games scheduled at home.

The Panthers remain one of six teams in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference along with New Providence, Bound Brook, Manville, Brearley and Newark Central.

**ROSSELLE PARK PANTHERS**  
Sept. 11 at Metuchen, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 17 Bound Brook, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 24 at Manville, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 New Providence, 7:30 a.m.  
Oct. 8 Highland Park, 7:30 a.m.  
Oct. 16 Newark Central, 7:30 a.m.  
Oct. 29 Brearley, 7:30 a.m.  
Nov. 5 at Middlesex, 7:30 a.m.  
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## Brearley hopes to raise the bar with its play this season

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH - Raising the bar. That's what Brearley head coach Scott Miller is expecting to do entering his third season at the helm of his alma mater.

"I expect bigger things from my team this season," Miller said. "The majority of the guys on the team have been here with me for the past three seasons, so they know what to expect."

Last season, Brearley finished with a 6-4 record, while qualifying for the state playoffs for the second straight year.

In last season's Central Jersey, Group 1 quarterfinals, Brearley dropped a 42-20 decision to Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival New Providence.

"What we want to do is take the experience we gained the past two years and hope it pays dividends this season," Miller said. "We have a few kids back that saw a lot of playing time last season, so we're looking to improve on what we've done so far. I feel we're at the point now where we should be able to compete for a conference championship and state title."

With a talented group on offense, led by senior signal-caller Vinny Russo, the Bears should be able to put some points on the scoreboard this season.

Brearley scored a total of 227 points last year, while giving up only 157.

"We're seeking to be well-balanced on both sides of the ball," Miller said. "We want to play good defense and move the ball on offense and try and keep the defense off the field as much as possible."

Looked upon to move the ball on the ground in the Bears' Multiple-I spread offense is Russo, senior tailback Nick Rosales and junior fullback Jake Floyd.

Senior Dorton King, who was the starting tailback last year, decided to concentrate on basketball, so Rosales, who played at wide receiver last season, has moved back to the spot he played at during his sophomore year.

"Nick is making the transition back to tailback, so he's experienced at that position," Miller said.

"Vinny operates our offense great and Jake's a load at 5-10, 205 pounds, so we have some guys who can really run the ball."

When not running out of the pocket, Russo can pass to a very capable receiving trio of seniors Nick Mascaro, Ryan Hoag and Kevin Rodrigues.

"It's hard to say if our offense is our biggest strength because our defense has really looked good in our first two scrimmages," Miller said. "In our first scrimmage, our offense struggled a bit, but in our second scrimmage, it played really well."

Brearley had its first scrimmage against visiting Metuchen on Aug. 28 before hosting Montclair-Kimberly-Academy on Aug. 31. The Bears were to conclude their preseason with a game-scrimmage at South River last Saturday morning.

"In our first scrimmage, we just wanted to get our feet wet, so we ran only 30 plays," Miller said. "In our second scrimmage, we executed well, which was nice to see considering it was only our second week of full practice."

Brearley is scheduled to open its season Saturday at Iselin Kennedy before hosting Johnson under the lights on Sept. 17 in the "Washuta Bowl".

The Bears are then scheduled to play at New Providence on Sept. 20 before hosting Sussex County foe Walkkill Valley on Oct. 1.

"Our schedule is bigger this year, because we're playing more Group 2 schools, which includes the cross-over game with Johnson," Miller said.

"Three of our first four games are new teams to us, so if we're able to get out of the gates strong, it should help set up our season pretty well."

With an excitement buzzing around the school, Miller feels that the progress his team has made the past two years will only continue this season.

"We have established a consistent level of good play the past two seasons, so we must bring it to the next level," Miller said. "I feel we're at the point where we should always be in the hunt for a conference title and state championship."

**BREARLEY BEARS**  
Sept. 11 at Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 17 Johnson, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at New Providence, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 1 Walkkill Valley, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 Bound Brook, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 at Manville, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 29 at Roselle Park, 7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 5 Newark Central, 7:30 a.m.  
Nov. 25 at Hillside, 10:30 a.m.

**Brearley's Wing-T offense stars:**  
C Zak Hemenway, senior, (6-0, 220)  
C Rich Reinhart, soph., (5-10, 250)  
G Jimmy Sinatra, junior, (6-0, 220)  
G Anthony Westland, jr., (5-11, 220)  
G Jesse Milara, senior, (5-6, 200)  
G Mike Kurant, junior, (5-10, 205)  
T Joe Stodolak, senior, (6-4, 260)  
T Matt Carr, senior, (5-10, 220)  
TE Ken Marciano, junior, (6-3, 250)  
TE Anthony Sinatra, jr., (6-3, 225)  
TE Kevin Nemick, junior, (6-1, 210)  
TE Ken Marciano, junior, (6-3, 250)  
TE/LB Vin Wrege, senior, (5-7, 190)  
SE Troy MacDemarm, sr., (6-1, 160)  
SE Jack Han, sophomore, (5-10, 145)  
QB Kyle Dugan, junior, (5-11, 170)  
QB Mike Letnik, senior, (5-11, 190)  
FB/ELIOTT FIDALI, senior, (6-1, 190)  
FB/LB Rich Benner, soph., (6-0, 210)  
HB/LB Mike Carrato, senior, (5-10, 145)  
HB/LB Matt Moss, jr., (5-8, 160)  
HB/DB Ross Soares, junior, (5-6, 145)  
HB/DB Vin Tittel, junior, (5-8, 155)  
HB/LB Vishal Gandhi, sr., (5-7, 170)  
RB Dave Strahan, soph., (6-1, 175)  
PK-P Elliott Fidali and Jack Han

**Roselle Park's 50 defense features:**  
NG Matt Carr, senior, (5-10, 220)  
NG/T Joe Stodolak, senior, (6-4, 260)  
NG/T Zak Hemenway, sr., (6-0, 220)  
NG/T Mike Kurant, junior, (5-10, 205)  
NG/T Jimmy Sinatra, jr., (6-0, 220)  
E Kevin Nemick, junior, (6-1, 210)  
E Dave Strahan, soph., (6-1, 175)  
LB Mike Letnik, senior, (5-11, 190)  
LB Elliott Fidali, senior, (6-1, 190)  
DB Troy MacDemarm, sr., (6-1, 160)  
DB Dave Flores, senior, (5-9, 170)

**Brearley's Multiple-I offense stars:**  
QB Vinny Russo, senior, (5-10, 200)  
TB Nick Rosales, senior, (6-1, 185)  
FB Jake Floyd, junior, (5-10, 205)  
WR Nick Mascaro, senior, (6-1, 185)  
WR Ryan Hoag, senior, (5-10, 165)  
WR John Dalman, soph., (6-2, 210)  
WR Kevin Rodrigues, sr., (6-2, 210)  
TE Eric Schindler, soph., (6-2, 190)  
LT Drew Vanderveer, sr., (5-11, 215)  
LG Manny Sicilia, junior, (5-9, 230)  
C Anthony Lugera, senior, (5-10, 190)  
C Ryan Hoag, senior, (5-10, 210)  
RT Danny Lewis, senior, (5-11, 230)  
RG Matt Goldrick, sr., (6-2, 225)  
PK Jake Floyd, junior, (5-10, 205)

**Brearley's 4-3 defense features:**  
T Damien Goldrick, sr., (6-2, 225)  
T Manny Lewis, senior, (5-11, 230)  
E Kevin Rodrigues, sr., (6-2, 210)  
E Brian Kizelevich, jr., (5-10, 200)  
LB Jake Floyd, junior, (5-10, 205)  
LB Drew Vanderveer, sr., (5-11, 215)  
LB Anthony Green, sr., (5-10, 210)  
LB Ryan Hoag, senior, (5-10, 165)  
DB Nick Rosales, senior, (6-1, 185)  
DB Nick Mascaro, senior, (6-1, 185)  
DB Vinny Russo, senior, (5-10, 200)

The Bears are playing Johnson again this year and have picked up games against Middlesex County foe Iselin Kennedy and Sussex County foe Walkkill Valley. While Brearley has made the state playoffs the past two seasons and has a record of 15-5 during that span, the Bears are still seeking their first state playoff victory since last winning North 2, Group 1 back in 1991.

**Brearley's 15-5 during Miller's first two years, with two of the setbacks coming in the first round of sectional-at-playoff competition.**

Brearley's last playoff victory was when it won the 1991 North 2, Group 1 final at Mountain Lakes.

**ROSSELLE PARK**  
Head Coach: John Wagner  
24th season: 138-84-2 (.622)  
Mountain Valley Conference  
Valley Division  
Central Jersey, Group 1  
Last sectional title: 1993  
2003: (4-6)

John Wagner, a Roselle Park alum, has been at the helm since 1981 after serving as an assistant from 1976-1980.

Wagner has guided the Panthers to state championships in 1992 and 1993 - both teams 11-0 - and to undefeated regular seasons in 1992, 1993 and 1996.

**Best of Luck to the BREARLEY BEARS ON A WINNING SEASON IN 2004!**

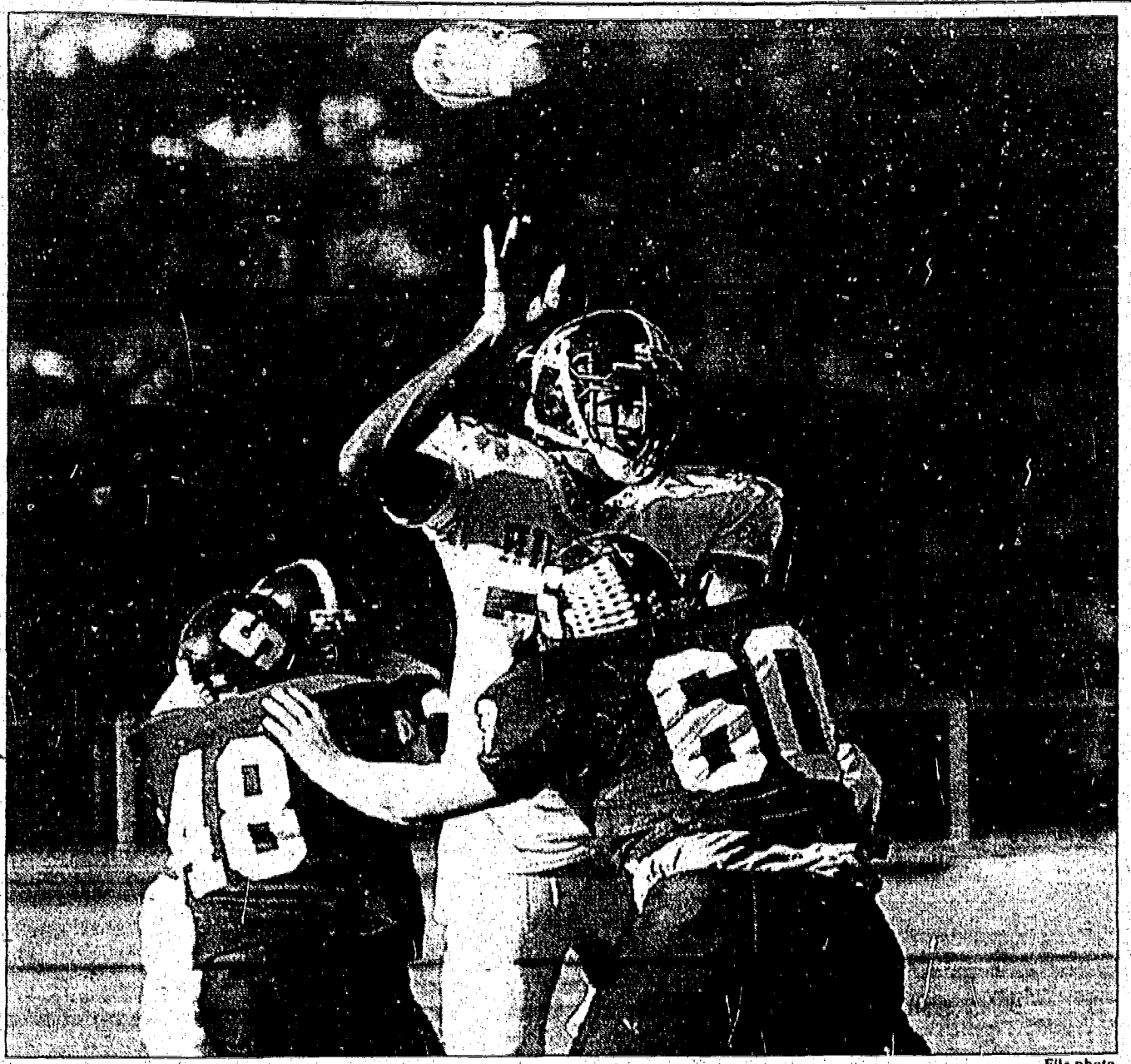
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Summit is sparked by the play of senior two-way lineman Dave Mell, No. 60 at right. The Hilltoppers, 18-3-1 the past two seasons, open home Saturday against Morris Hills.

## Summit coach is confident team will continue success

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT - Despite losing many standout players on both sides of the ball to graduation, third-year Summit head coach George DiGrande feels confident heading into the season.

The Hilltoppers, who finished with a record of 9-1-1, reached the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinal round for the second consecutive year.

In 2002, top-seeded Summit lost to eventual champion Johnson by a 22-7 score at Tatlock Field. Last year, the top-seeded Hilltoppers lost a heart-breaking, last-second 16-14 decision to visiting West Essex, who also went on to capture the sectional crown.

"Our goal every year is to have a winning record, compete for a conference title and qualify for the state playoffs," DiGrande said. "From there, we want to play for a state championship."

With its only loss coming to West Essex in the state playoffs, Summit also tied its Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division rival in a wild 42-42 triple overtime affair in the regular season. Both games were played in Summit.

"I have some kids coming back that played a lot last year," DiGrande said. "I have a roster full of really good athletes, so it's just a matter of the guys coming together."

Summit brings back experience in the backfield with the senior tandem of Pierce Talbot and Daryl Toney.

The 5-11, 210-pound Talbot is the fullback, while Toney is a 6-0, 215-pound tailback.

"They both played in every game last season, so they have experience," DiGrande said. "We're expecting them to carry the load, along with junior halfback Will Gruetzmacher, who also saw time there last year."

Handing off to them is senior Jake Huck, a transfer from St. Peter's Prep. Huck takes over the quarterback position from two-year starter Rob Schroeder, who now is now playing lacrosse at Duke.

"Jake was here as a freshman, but transferred out," DiGrande said. "He was here just before I got the job."

Looking to catch passes from Huck is senior wide receiver Todd Kaiser. The 5-11, 170-pound Kaiser scored some 20 receptions and earned five touchdowns a year ago.

"Todd really stepped up when we needed another receiver last year," DiGrande said. "He played opposite Dwayne Reid when Dwight Reid was injured."

On defense, Summit will look to Talbot and Toney, both ends, to anchor its 4-4 scheme.

"It's not easy replacing the likes of Schroeder and the Reid brothers, but it should help that we're running the same offense and defense," DiGrande said. "We might scale some things back in order to take advantage of the talent we have on the field."

Summit scrimmaged the likes of Northern Highlands and Freehold Boro before having its game-scrimmage vs. Johnson last Friday afternoon at Nolan Field in Clark.

"We've looked pretty good in our scrimmages, so I expect us to keep working hard and coming together as a team," DiGrande said. "I stress to all 11 guys on the field that we need them playing together in order to be successful."

Summit is scheduled to open its season Saturday at home against Morris Hills. The Hilltoppers then are scheduled to play at Weequahic on Sept. 17.

"Morris Hills has a new coach this season and just missed making the playoffs last year," DiGrande said. "Weequahic should be much improved because they have a lot of juniors and seniors."

Summit is then scheduled to play at West Essex on Sept. 24 before hosting Dover on Oct. 2.

"Our first third of our schedule is very tough," DiGrande said. "We play a state champion (West Essex), along with a state finalist (Dover), so we're going to need to come out strong out of the gates."

**SUMMIT HILLTOPPERS**  
Sept. 11 Morris Hills, 1:30 p.m.  
Sept. 17 at Weequahic, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 24 at West Essex, 1:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 Dover, 1:30 p.m.  
Oct. 8 at Parsippany Hills, 7:30 a.m.  
Oct. 16 Chatham, 1:30 p.m.  
Oct. 23 at Mendham, 1:30 p.m.  
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## Hanratty replaces Hubert at helm of the Highlanders

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - A will to win and a belief in itself.

That's what first-year Governor Livingston head coach Terry Hanratty wants to bring to the Berkeley Heights-based school this season.

Taking over from veteran coach Joe Hubert, Hanratty inherits a squad that went 4-6 a year ago. Hubert was at the helm since 1986 and guided the Highlanders to the 1989 North 2, Group 2 championship game.

"Winning is an attitude," Hanratty said. "There's many ways to go about things, but you must have that will to win."

A 1990 Elizabeth High School graduate, Hanratty played on state champion teams in both his junior and senior seasons.

Hanratty then went on to play at Kean University before returning to coach at Elizabeth for eight years, winning three state titles in the process.

The past two seasons, Hanratty has been an assistant at Linden.

"I'm bringing the Win-T offense that I learned under Linden coach Bucky McDonald here," Hanratty said.

"I'm also going to bring in a combination of offense that I learned under Elizabeth coach Jerry Moore."

In addition to executing the "X's" and "O's", Hanratty feels the most important thing is for everyone to be on the same page.

"The kids must believe in themselves and the coaching staff," Hanratty said. "Believing you can win is the key to success."

Hanratty knows that can be accomplished this year because of all the experienced players returning on both sides of the ball.

"We have 10 players returning on both sides," Hanratty said. "That never happens, especially at a Group 2 school."

Leading the way on offense is senior triple threat Chris Bergeski.

Hanratty plans to use the 6-2, 195-pounder at the quarterback, fullback and wide receiver positions. Bergeski also averaged over 40 yards a punt last season.

"Chris a great weapon for an attack that we plan on doing different things with," Hanratty said. "He runs a 4.5 and has really shown signs of being a heavily-recruited Division 1 player. He has really surprised a lot of people."

When not throwing the ball, Bergeski will be getting handoffs or passes from junior quarterback Andrew Turturiello.

Another offensive standout for the Highlanders is senior tight end Nick Sangiovanni.

"Nick has really played well in our scrimmages," Hanratty said. "He had a nice 70-yard tour-in-down catch against J.P. Stevens."

Hanratty liked the way his team played in scrimmages against J.P. Stevens and Walkill Valley.

GL had its game-scrimmage scheduled last Friday against Middlesex County foe JFK Iselin.

"We have fared really well in our scrimmages," Hanratty said. "I felt we were just as good or even better than our opponents."

Hanratty believes that because of the time his kids put in during the off season.

"The kids have really worked hard and are looking really strong," Hanratty said.

"Greg Dunkerton has been a huge plus as our weight room instructor. It's so important, especially at this level, to have a good weight training program."

GL opens its season Saturday at home against Newark Central. The Highlanders are then scheduled to play at Caldwell on Sept. 18 and at Delaware Valley on Sept. 23.

"Right off the bat, we face two really tough teams in our first three games," Hanratty said.

"We're going to need to be ready and try to stay healthy, because we lack in depth."

Hanratty goals include winning a conference title and a state championship.

"I want us to have a winning season and compete for a state championship," Hanratty said. "I know the talent and experience I have here, I know that is attainable."

**NOTES:** Bergeski is a Mountain-side resident, along with teammates Brian Arrigoni, Nick Mangello, Adam Foti and Ryan McAdam.

**GOV. LIV. HIGHLANDERS**  
Sept. 11 Newark Central, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 18 at Caldwell, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 23 at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 2 Hillside, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 9 at North Plainfield, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 16 at Rahway, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 23 Johnson, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 30 Roselle, 1 p.m.  
Nov. 25 at New Prov., 11 a.m.

**SUMMIT**  
Head Coach: George DiGrande  
Third season: 18-3-1 (.857)  
Hills Conference  
Hills Division  
North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2  
Last sectional title: 1994  
2003: (9-1-1)

George DiGrande has led Summit to the North 2, Group 2 semifinals his first two years at the helm. The Hilltoppers have gone 18-3-1 the past two seasons, with playoff wins in each.

**GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON**  
Head Coach: Terry Hanratty  
First season  
Mountain Valley Conference  
Mountain Division  
Central Jersey, Group 2  
Last playoff appearance: 2002  
2003: (4-6)

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**Four new head coaches among Union County squads**

There are four new head coaches in Union County.

Terry Hanratty took over for Joe Hubert at Governor Livingston. Hubert was at the helm since 1986.

Chris Satterfield took over for Lou Grasso at Roselle.

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# 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Elizabeth seeking to play without any interruptions

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH - No interruptions. That's what Elizabeth head coach Jeff Wiener is looking forward to entering his third season at the helm of the Minutemen.

After an 8-3 record and trip to the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 semifinals in 2002, the Minutemen settled for a mark of 6-4 last year and didn't qualify for the state playoffs for the first time since 1994.

"I'm glad we're going to play a full schedule this season," Wiener said. "Last year, we didn't play a full schedule and the bye weeks really killed us."

After opening the season with an impressive 32-16 triumph at non-conference Somerset Central rival Hillsborough, Elizabeth received a forfeit win over Kearny, which didn't field a team last year.

However, the gap of not playing hurt the Minutemen as they lost a 35-28 decision at Union in their next game.

It was the first time Elizabeth lost to its Watching Conference-American Division rival since 1999.

Elizabeth then had its record improve to 3-1 after being rewarded a forfeit win over Newark East Side, which ended up forfeiting only that one game last year.

Once again the Minutemen couldn't find a consistent flow as they dropped their next two games.

Elizabeth lost a hard-fought 15-8 decision at Plainfield before dropping an 18-13 decision at home to Irvington. It was the first time Irvington defeated Elizabeth since 1988.

Standing at 3-3, Elizabeth finally

found its stride and won its next three games. However with a record of 5-3 at the cutoff date, the Minutemen didn't have enough power points to qualify as one of the eight playoff teams in North 2, Group 4.

After a 35-0 home win over Columbia in its first sectional consolation game, the Minutemen concluded with a 6-0 loss at Scotch Plains on Thanksgiving.

"Our goal every year is to win a state championship," Wiener said. "We're not here to be competitive and get better every day, but to play hard and win championships."

With many starters on offense returning, that goal may not be that far out of reach.

Junior signal-caller Josh Pryor enters his second season under center in Elizabeth's Multiple-I system.

When handing off, the 5-9, 165-pound Pryor gives the ball to the returning senior quarterback tandem of Jerome Murphy and Rodney Olistin.

Murphy is a 6-1, 170-pound tailback, while Olistin is a 5-11, 205-pound fullback.

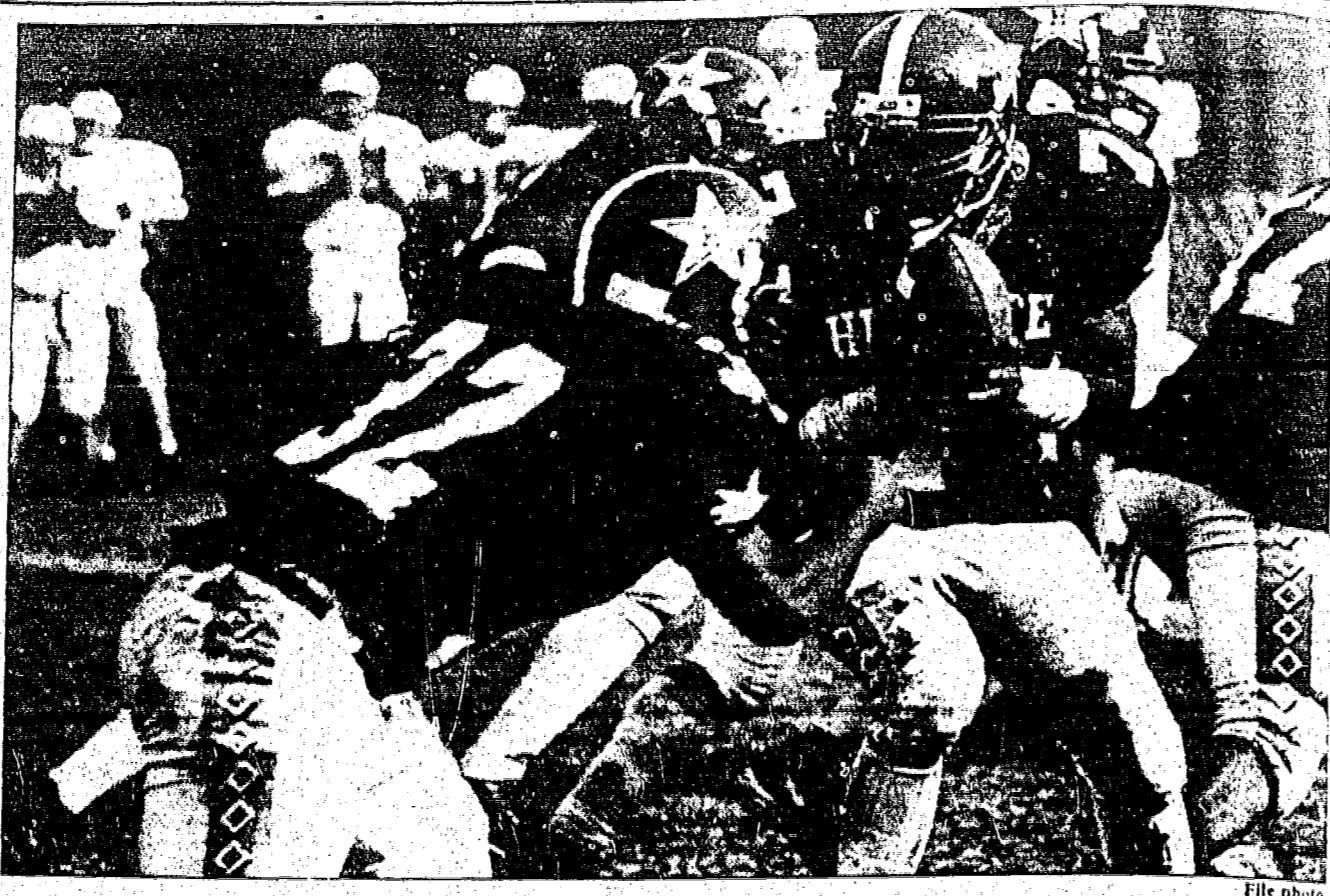
When throwing the ball, Pryor has many options which include senior wide receivers David Newsum, Corey Williams and Jose Gonzalez. Seniors Lacey Hood and Nate Thompson are the tight ends.

"We made some staff changes this season," Wiener said. "Richard Pryor, Josh's father, is the offensive coordinator, while Jamal Johnson is running the defense."

The Minutemen's 5-2 defensive scheme is led by senior lineman Chris Collozas.

With the 6-0, 300-pounder adding pressure up front, the Minutemen have

Elizabeth's Multiple-I offense stars: QB Josh Pryor, junior, (5-9, 165) FB Rodney Olistin, senior, (5-11, 205) TB Jerome Murphy, senior, (6-1, 170) WR David Newsum, sr., (5-9, 180) WR Corey Williams, sr., (5-10, 170) WR Dennis Radford, sr., (6-3, 195) WR Jose Gonzalez, senior, (6-2, 190) TE Nate Thompson, senior, (6-2, 275) TE Lacey Hood, junior, (6-1, 195) LT Juan Martinez, junior, (6-3, 250) LG Yariel Delgado, senior, (6-2, 230) C Keon Benton, junior, (5-11, 275) RT Adrian Hernandez, sr., (6-2, 280) RG Chris Collozas, senior, (6-0, 300)



Hillside returns seniors Shawn Gibson (No. 7) at quarterback and Cheyenne Pittman (No. 32) at running back.

## Hillside has experienced players ready to step up

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE - With so many question marks in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this season, Hillside seems to be one of the teams that may have a few answers.

Hillside is coming off a 6-4 record and a berth in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs. In the quarterfinals last season, the Comets lost to host Irvington Sept. 18 and Plainfield Sept. 24.

"The Watching Conference is a very well-balanced league, with a lot of parity," Wiener said.

"There's no easy game on our schedule, so we must be able to play well every week."

ELIZABETH MINUTEMEN  
Sept. 10 Shabazz, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 18 Irvington, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 24 Plainfield, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at Linden, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 8 Union, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 15 at East Side, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 30 at West Orange, 1 p.m.  
Nov. 6 at Westfield, 2 p.m.  
Nov. 25 at S. Plains, 10:30 a.m.

Coleman is continuing at Morrisville County Junior College in upstate N.Y.

To make up for Scott, who rushed for over 1,300 yards last season, the Comets will look to junior tailback Javonn McCluney and senior tailback Ronald Clerc.

"Both guys are capable of running the ball because they both have different styles," Hopke said. "Javonn will pound the ball inside more, while Ronald is more of a slasher."

Hopke also feels that his 4-4 defensive scheme is coming along quite nicely.

"The biggest thing for our team every year is to stay healthy," Hopke said. "We don't really have that much depth, so we need to stay eligible in the classroom, while also staying healthy on the field."

In its first scrimmage on Aug. 27, Hillside had competed against JFK Ilesin and Carteret.

"I thought we threw the ball well and had a good rotation from our first group," Hopke said. "We looked pretty good on both sides of the ball."

Hillside, which opened with a 21-20 home win over JFK Ilesin last year, will need to be at its best in tomorrow night's scheduled home-opener at non-conference foe Cranford.

"Cranford is a very good team that we have scrimmaged the past few years," Hopke said. "The only goal I have entering the season right now is winning that game."

Cranford is coming off an 8-3 season that included reaching the North 2, Group 2 semifinals. The Cougars are situated in Central Jersey, Group 2 this year.

After facing the Cougars, Hillside gets a week off before it's scheduled to host Rahway on Sept. 25. The Comets are then scheduled to play at Governor Livingston on Oct. 2. Hillside comes back home to face arch rival Roselle back to back on Oct. 9 before playing at Johnson Oct. 16.

What all those rival conference

teams have in common are new head coaches. Gary Mobley moved up to be the head coach at Rahway, while fellow assistant Gus Kalkas returned to Johnson to be at the helm of the Crusaders. Former Elizabeth standout and coach Terry Hanratty took over the reins at Governor Livingston from longtime mentor Joe Hubert, while former Rams standout and coach Chris Satterfield did the same at Roselle, replacing Lou Grasso who was at the helm there since 1979.

"Even though a couple of those coaches are taking over established programs, there's still an adjustment period," Hopke said. "The head coach from North Plainfield (Robert Lake) and I are the two oldest guys in the division, so I guess I consider ourselves the old men."

With the departure of Ridge and Immaculata from the MVC, Hillside has picked up Cranford, along with the likes of other non-conference teams: Delaware Valley and Spotswood.

"We didn't pick up any soft opponents by any means," Hopke said. "All three of those teams made the state playoffs last season."

All in all, Hopke feels confident about where his team is headed this season.

"We have a lot of guys coming back, along with a couple of new kids playing," Hopke said. "Every year when I think we're going to be pretty good, I sometimes get a letdown."

"When I don't expect that much, we wind up being better than we are, so I guess we'll see what happens this year."

HILLSIDE COMETS  
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Oct. 2 at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 9 Roselle, 2 p.m.  
Oct. 16 at Johnson, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 22 at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.  
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# 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Rahway seeking consistent play under Mobley

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY - Wanted: consistent play from everyone.

That's what first-year Rahway head coach Gary Mobley is seeking from his team this season.

Taking over a squad that went 2-8 last year, Mobley, a 1986 Union graduate, hopes to bring stability to a program that has had three different head coaches the past three seasons.

"I feel really good about taking the job," Mobley said. "I'm excited to be able to lead a bunch of young prospects."

A First Team All-State selection as a wide receiver-free safety in his senior season at Union, Mobley was a member of Lou Retina's 1984 and 1985 undefeated state championship teams.

After attending Temple University, Mobley was a volunteer coach at his alma mater for six years before arriving at Rahway for the past four.

He was an assistant to Marc Cic-

colletti two years ago and to Kevin Contoy last year.

Mobley has become another in a long line of former players and/or coaches at Union under the late Retina to become head coaches elsewhere.

Other coaches include Gary Zakovic, who was the head coach at Dover and Union and John Quinn, who was the head coach at Roxbury and is now the head coach at New Brunswick.

Fred Stengel at Bergen Catholic played for and coached at Union; Mike Katz, who was the head coach at Mater Dei and Johnson and is now the defensive coordinator at Marlboro, played at Union; Cosmo Lorusso, who was the head coach at Pequannock and is now the head coach at Roxbury, played at Union, as did Livingston head coach Marc Crisafulli has been at the helm since 2001 and was an assistant before that. He is a 1983 UHS grad who starred on Union's 1982 state championship team.

"I want to go back to a traditional

offense by running a Pro-style Multiple-I," Mobley said.

"Last year, we ran three to four different offenses. That's not the way to do things at this level."

"If you decide on a certain scheme, you need to have faith in that style and stick to it. The kids are good enough athletes to adapt and fit in to any style."

Athletic is definitely something the Indians are, considering the talent level on offense led by junior fullback Andre Neblett.

The 6-2, 240-pound standout is considered one of the top athletes in the county.

Also being recruited by NCAA Division I programs is 6-2, 190-pound senior wide receiver Jeremy Hall and 6-4, 305-pound junior left tackle Amen Igbinson.

"All the guys I had as freshmen my first year here are now seniors, so I look at them as my own," Mobley said.

"The juniors and sophomores on

the team now are coming from a very successful program in which they lost only three games in the past two years.

Mobley has incorporated a simplified Multiple-I offense and 4-4 defensive scheme that the younger kids have been learning in recent years.

"With the younger guys having success with those schemes, I think that bodes well for us down the road," Mobley said.

"These kids bring a winning mentality and are really hungry."

Rahway is scheduled to open its season at New Providence on Sept. 18 before playing at Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Hillsdale on Sept. 25.

"We start out the season with some real quality teams in New Providence and Hillsdale," Mobley said. "However, with the conference the way it is with Immaculata and Ridge departed, the division should be up for grabs."

Mobley feels that, talent-wise, the Indians are right there, but need to stay

in the right direction.

"We need to be more consistent on both sides of the ball," Mobley said. "One of the kids master that area, we'll start to see better execution."

That thinking goes a long way towards Mobley's philosophy of getting better each and every day.

"It's an old cliché, but I want the staff and players to put in a workmanlike effort all the time," Mobley said. "I want the kids to be able to look in the mirror and say they've done an honest day's work."

"If they can do that and learn from their mistakes, I think we're going to be successful."

Rahway's Multiple-I offense stars: QB Emmanuel Cabassasa, (5-11, 170) QB Darrion Caldwell, jr., (5-9, 160) FB Andre Neblett, junior, (6-2, 240) FB Bradley Jones, senior, (5-11, 200) TB Teshawn Campbell, jr., (5-11, 180) TB Christian Johnson, jr., (5-9, 160) WR Jeremy Hall, senior, (6-2, 190) WR Jamison Shell, junior, (5-9, 160) WR Rahmon Perkins, sr., (6-2, 180) TE Jared Nadler, junior, (6-2, 200) LT Amen Igbinson, jr., (6-2, 260) LG Ralph Louis-Pierre, jr., (6-0, 260) C Leonard Bunton, junior, (6-0, 260) RG Darrell Butler, senior, (6-1, 270) RT Joel Pierre, senior, (6-4, 260)

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Linden's Wing-T offense features: QB Rooks Crawford, jr., (5-10, 160) QB O'Neal Thomas, junior, (5-9, 170) TB Dolph Joseph, senior, (5-9, 175) TB William Cooper, senior, (5-9, 155) FB Julio Loperano, senior, (5-11, 215) FB Jamaal Gosa, senior, (5-11, 215) FB Ronnell Orr, senior, (6-0, 235) TE Eric Lee, senior, (5-10, 215) TE Dante Ross, senior, (6-2, 185) C Ray Wegrzynek, senior, (6-2, 240) G Yuri Puhac, senior, (6-0, 220) G Jimmy Moreno, senior, (6-2, 235) G Khalid Dixon, junior, (6-0, 220) T John Malle, junior, (6-5, 275) T Terez Bethea-Jones, jr., (6-1, 220) T Kevin DeClerc, junior, (6-1, 260) SE Mike Henderson, senior, (6-2, 170) SE Danny Smith, senior, (5-10, 180) PK Alberto Diaz, junior, (6-0, 290) PK William Cooper, senior, (5-9, 155)

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## Roselle seeks a fresh start with Satterfield

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE - A fresh start.

That's what Roselle first-year head coach Chris Satterfield wants to bring to the program this season.

"I'm new and most of the kids playing this year are going to be new," Satterfield said. "There has been great optimism and a real positive attitude shown so far."

With so many new faces to get used to, Satterfield stated that every job was up for grabs in the pre-season.

"We have platooned a lot of guys in practice, so we have many people coming in and out of the lineup," Satterfield said. "With so many jobs up for grabs, we're looking to make a brand new start."

Satterfield felt the answers to the placement of his players will be made after scrimmages.

The Rams had their first scrimmage at Keansburg last Thursday and second against Millburn yesterday.

"Due to our crazy schedule, we faced Keansburg in its game-scrimmage and Millburn in its game-scrimmage," Satterfield said. "We really don't have a game-scrimmage scheduled, so we were going to work half-and-half and play some 10-on-10 in those scrimmages."

In practice settings, Satterfield was to implement a spread offense and a 4-4 defensive scheme.

"We want to mix-up some things on offense and try to utilize our speed, especially from our wide receivers," Satterfield said. "On defense, we're going to play a base 4-4 with some variations of a 5-3."

Roselle doesn't start its season until Sept. 18 when it is scheduled to host North Plainfield. The Rams are

then scheduled to play at Newark Central on Sept. 25 before hosting Johnson on Oct. 2.

"We open this season with North Plainfield, who beat us 42-6 last year," Satterfield said. "We also lost 41-0 to Johnson on our opener, so we'll remember that. Our first three games are really going to set the tone for our season."

Satterfield feels that the state playoffs are attainable if his team doesn't sell itself short and does the little things that win games.

"Our goals entering the season are to win all our games," Satterfield said. "If we don't win, it will not be from a lack of trying."

That reasoning figures in to Satterfield's coaching philosophy.

"You get what you put in," Satterfield said. "If the kids are committed

and willing to put the hard work in, you're going to see the results."

NOTES: Scrimmage standouts included senior tailback Kenny Hood, sophomore middle linebacker Terrell Coffey and sophomore cornerback Dante Payne.

Hood had a 50-yard touchdown run against Keansburg.

Coffey also scored a touchdown, returning an interception 40 yards for a score.

ROSELLE RAMS  
Sept. 18 North Plainfield, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 25 at Newark Central, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 2 Johnson, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 9 at Hillsdale, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 16 Kearny, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 23 at Rahway, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 30 at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.  
Nov. 6 West Brunswick, 2 p.m.  
Nov. 22 at Roselle Park, 10:30 a.m.

Linden suffered two heartbreaking losses to start a five-game spiral to end the season.

It started with a last second 14-12 loss to visiting Scotch Plains and ended with a hard-fought 14-7 setback to holiday rival Union on Thanksgiving.

"We played in a lot of close games last year," McDonald said. "It all goes back to how you prepare for your opponent."

With five starters returning on both offense and defense, Linden's strength lies in its line play.

Junior center Ray Wegrzynek is flanked by returning senior guards Yuri Puhac and Jimmy Moreno.

They'll be blocking for senior fullbacks Julio Loperano and Ronnell Orr.

Also returning to catch passes at the tight end position is senior Eric Lee.

Looking to make those completions are a pair of junior signalcallers, Rooks Crawford and O'Neal Thomas have been battling for the quarterback position vacated by Treatt Givens, who knows plays at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

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## Linden expected to turn things around

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

LINDEN - Expecting a big improvement.

That's what Linden veteran head coach Bucky McDonald is seeking this season.

Entering his 20th year at the helm of the Tigers, McDonald led Linden to its only playoff championship his first year at the helm in 1983.

Last season, Linden suffered through a tough season and wound up with a record of 2-8.

"Last year was a rough year," McDonald said.

"We suffered through some tough brakes, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

The Tigers were snakebite for most of the season, losing many close games in the final minutes.

After opening with a 14-7 loss at Irvington, Linden just got by visiting Shabazz 14-6.

However, the Tigers then dropped two close contests as they fell 15-8 at Cranford and 12-7 at home to Westfield.

After a forfeit win over Kearny,

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Cranford returns quarterback Chris Drechsel (No. 4), a senior ready to start his third year for the Cougars.

## Johnson is proving to be very hard-working squad

By Jeff Wolfram  
Staff Writer

CLARK - Judging by his sweat-soaked t-shirt after his team's first scrimmage on Aug. 27, Johnson High School first-year head coach Gus Kalikas will have one of the hardest-working squads in the county this season.

Kalikas, a graduate of the Clark-based school, takes over the reins from Mike Katz, who led the Crusaders to a 5-5 mark in his only season at the helm.

"Since the first day of camp, we told the kids if we're not the most talented team on the field, we certainly must be the most disciplined and hardest-working," Kalikas said. "We want the kids to be able to play hard for all four quarters."

Kalikas was previously an assistant at Johnson before spending last year as an assistant at Rahway.

"The kids have their eyes on the prize here," Kalikas said. "So, we have to work hard and be physical, which has been a trademark of Johnson teams in the past under coach (Bob) Taylor and before him Steve Cicciotelli."

In its scrimmage against Delaware Valley at Nolan Field, Johnson showed a workman-like effort in addition to a budding offensive enthusiasm.

"All through the second work we have put in during practice," Kalikas said. "We had a wonderful summer with a 95 percent attendance rate."

Kalikas also feels that his strong showing so far is attributed to his strong administration, coaching staff and players all on the same page.

"My coaching staff is as good as it gets," Kalikas said.

"I wouldn't be here without the staff I have."

In Johnson's 4-3 defensive scheme, the plays are called by assistant Mike Mancino.

"Mike is a Kent's orth guy, who I coached with here at Johnson for many years," Kalikas said. "He brings

a tenacious, high-intensity attitude to our defense."

Scott McKenny, who was an assistant at Governor Livingston last season, runs the Crusaders' Multiple-I offense.

"We're very lucky to have gotten Scott from GL," Kalikas said. "He brings a great package, offensively. He sees what he has and molds an offense over it."

After facing Spotswood, a team Johnson felt to be a score of 31-15 at home in last year's season finale on Thanksgiving, the Crusaders are then scheduled to play at Brearley six days later in the Washuta Bowl.

"It's nice to open with Spotswood because the kids remember that they came in here last Thanksgiving and pushed them around," Kalikas said. "They will be thinking of that."

Brearley head coach Scott Miller was also on Johnson's staff as late as 2001, that season the defensive coordinator.

"We play under the lights against Brearley and coach Scott Miller, who's a good friend of mine," Kalikas said.

"He's a class guy and he'll have his ten ready to go from whistle to whistle."

Kalikas wants to take all the lessons he has learned as a player and coach and bring that to the job on hand.

"I want to pick up where coach Taylor left off by bringing back that playoff intensity football," Kalikas said.

"Any time you start a season, your goals every year are to win the conference and a state championship."

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**ALJ's Multiple-I offense features:**  
QB Mike Sissel, senior, (6-1, 185)  
RB Anthony DeCorte, jr., (6-1, 205)  
TB Mark Washington, sr., (6-1, 205)  
WR Ray Dobrowski, sr., (6-1, 180)  
WR Matt Suckiel, junior, (5-11, 175)  
WR Jeff Smith, senior, (5-10, 175)  
TE James Fischetti, senior, (6-1, 205)  
RB Don Reider, senior, (6-2, 300)  
RB Joe Dudas, senior, (5-10, 215)  
C Joe Urbanowich, junior, (6-6, 235)  
LG Oliver Haney, soph., (6-2, 240)  
LT Chris Pastor, senior, (6-2, 245)  
LK Mark Washington, senior, (6-1, 205)

**ALJ's 4-4 defense features:**  
T Oliver Haney, soph., (6-3, 240)  
T Chris Costa, junior, (5-10, 185)  
E James Fischetti, senior, (6-1, 205)  
E Scott Diaz, senior, (5-10, 185)

**LB Anthony DeCorte, jr., (5-10, 195)  
LB Jeff Smith, senior, (5-10, 175)  
LB Joe Dudas, senior, (5-10, 215)**

**CB Ray Dobrowski, senior, (6-1, 180)  
CB Matt Suckiel, junior, (5-11, 175)  
CB Vinny Reis, sophomore, (5-8, 160)  
FS Mike Sissel, senior, (6-1, 185)  
SS Mark Washington, sr., (6-1, 205)  
P Mark Washington, sr., (6-1, 205)**

**CRANFORD**  
Head Coach: Gus Kalikas  
first season  
**Mountain Valley Conference**  
Mountain Division  
Central Jersey, Group 2  
Last sectional title: 2002  
2003: (5-5)

**Gus Kalikas, an ALJ alum, replaces Michael Katz as head coach after being an assistant at Rahway last season. Kalikas was previously an assistant at Johnson through the 2002 season.**

**CRANFORD**  
Head Coach: Chris Hull  
sixth season: 20-31 (392)  
Watchung Conference  
National Division  
Central Jersey, Group 2  
Last playoff appearance: 2003  
2003: (8-3)

Chris Hull has guided Cranford to a 14-7 record and consecutive playoff appearances the past two seasons. Hull is a 1984 Cranford grad who went on to play at East Stroudsburg.

**CRANFORD'S 4-4 defense features:**  
LE Greg Fedencio, junior, (6-2, 240)  
LT Steve Coda, senior, (6-4, 265)  
RT Dan Richardson, sr., (5-10, 200)  
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## Cranford No. 1 goal is to reach championship game

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

CRANFORD - Last year's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game could easily have included Cranford.

That's how far the program has come the past few seasons. Will the 2004 Central Jersey, Group 2 championship game include Cranford?

That's the No. 1 goal for the Cougars this year.

After posting their first winning season in 10 years and making the state playoffs for the first time since 1975, two years ago, Cranford followed that up by putting together another winning season last year that included the school's first playoff victory - a 28-21 win over Voorhees.

Cranford then led host Rutherford 24-21 in the North 2, Group 2 semifinals with less than five minutes to go. The Cougars were that close.

Needless to say, Rutherford came back to win a hard-fought 27-24 decision, overcoming four Cranford leads to reach the sectional final. West Essex beat Rutherford in the title game to win the section for the second time in three years.

"That will be a motivating factor," said head coach Chris Hull, in his sixth season at the helm. "Having been that close and seeing what it takes to get there, there is no longer a magic formula to get to the state playoffs."

Cranford fashioned an 8-3 record last year that included a 4-2 record at home and 4-1 mark on the road, the only road setback being the last game of the season.

Because Thanksgiving opponent Kearns dropped fourth right before the start of the 2003 campaign, Cranford picked up Pequannock, but played the Golden Panthers on an

open date in October. That prevented the Cougars from having a Thanksgiving game, which meant their season would come to an end in the state playoffs, win or lose.

"It was a heartbreaking loss and a tough way to end the season," Hull said. "We had no Thanksgiving game to look forward to after the loss."

Cranford defeated teams from five different counties last year and had it downed Rutherford, the Cougars would have beaten teams from six. Wins came against Essex County's West Essex and Newark East Side, Union County's Westfield and Linden, Morris County's Morris Knolls and Pequannock, Middlesex County's opponent JFK Iselin (for the second consecutive year) and Hunterdon County's first-round playoff matchup Voorhees.

Cougars outscored 11 opponents by an impressive 277-157 margin and shut out two. The only regular season losses were to bigger schools as Group 3 playoff participant Scotch Plains downed Cranford 33-22 and Group 4 playoff squad Irvington bested the Cougars 30-0, both setbacks coming at home at Memorial Field.

Cranford led Scotch Plains 14-13 at the half and was 24 minutes shy of beginning the season at 5-0.

After opening with three road victories, Cranford's home-opener was a miraculous, last-minute, come-from-behind 15-8 win over Linden before a packed house.

Cranford moved to another section this year after dropping down from Group 3 to Group 2 last year. The Cougars are situated in Central Jersey, Group 2, a section that also includes the likes of defending champion New Brunswick, which is guided by head coach John Quinn. After serving as a coach at Cranford and Union, Quinn became the head coach at Roxbury.

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Hospital honors Planck for 30 years of service

In recognition of more than 30 years of dedicated volunteer service, Julie Planck of Berkeley Heights will receive the Overlook Hospital Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service at Great Performances 2004, a black-tie gala benefiting Women's and Children's Services at Overlook Hospital.

The event will be held Sept. 18 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Planck had barely unpacked her bags before she began volunteering at Overlook. She moved to Berkeley Heights in the summer of 1972, had a baby a few months later, and was a member of the local hospital TWIG group by December.

In the ensuing years, Planck has been an active member of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary, serving on countless committees, performing countless hours of service work and organizing successful fund-raisers for the hospital.

Her love of the theater was put to good use when she was asked to step in as executive producer for the Overlook Musical Theater productions of "My Fair Lady" followed by "Guys and Dolls." She later relished her behind-the-scenes role as patron chairwoman for the Overlook Musical Theater productions of "Nine," "Hello Dolly," and "Anything Goes."

With her usual "can do" attitude, Planck happily assumed the role of

acting president when the position was unexpectedly vacated. A former resident of Short Hills, she is a long-standing member of Short Hills TWIG #22 and currently serves as its chairwoman.

For more than 15 years, she has served on the Auxiliary's board of trustees, and is now its general treasurer.

Planck's interest in the arts is reflected in her business career, as well. She serves as the personal manager and artistic consultant for jazz pianist and Steinway artist Joe Augustine.

A novice hiker, Planck is a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and recently returned from a backroads trip to New Mexico. When she's not kicking up dirt on the hiking trails, Planck can be found kicking up her heels as a tap dancer, having studied tap for 22 years.

For more than 40 years, Planck has been an active member of P.E.O. — an organization dedicated to supporting higher education for women. She is also an avid supporter of the Cato Institute.

More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend Great Performances 2004. In keeping with the theme — "Laughter... Nature's Best Medicine" — the evening will feature a performance by physician/comedian Dr. Matt Iseman, a special appearance by entertainer Joe Piscopo, a cocktail reception, seat-



Julie Planck

dinner and dancing.

Other Lifetime Achievement Award honorees include Alice and Bob Dillon of Westfield, for community service, and Dr. Pascal (Pat) Pironti, of Ocean City, for medical service.

Annie Cardelus Jones and Timothy M. Jones, of Summit, are serving as gala chairpersons. Dolores Hope, wife of the late comedian Bob Hope, is serving as honorary gala chairwoman.

Proceeds from Great Performances 2004 will benefit Women's and Children's Services at Overlook, which provide a broad spectrum of care — from the Neonatal Intensive Care

Unit, labor and delivery suites, pediatrics, and women's services, which include a breast center and oncology program.

For tickets and information about Great Performances 2004, Laughter... Nature's Best Medicine, call the Overlook Hospital Foundation at 908-522-2840.

The Overlook Hospital Foundation raises funds that are used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and fund special programs to help Overlook remain on the forefront of medical care. All gifts to the Overlook Hospital Foundation are tax deductible and remain at Overlook.

## Health tips for school

As the new school year begins, the Department of Pediatrics at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, would like to offer parents the following tips, as suggested by The American Academy of Pediatrics, to help children get off to a good start:

**Safety**

- Before the first day of school it is a good idea to walk or ride the route to school together with your child.
- If your child will be walking to school, assess the route for safety. Find out about crossing guards and traffic patterns.
- Instruct your child to stay on sidewalks and main roads; do not allow him or her to cut through alleys, woods or other deserted areas.
- Have siblings, or older neighbors, walk together so that younger children are not alone.
- Review the basic bus safety rules with your youngster: wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb; do not move around on the bus; check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.
- Tour the school building and classroom prior to the first day, and set up play dates with classmates.
- Let the school know whenever your child is absent.

**Homework**

- Provide a positive homework atmosphere for your child that is free of clutter and distractions, including television.
- Show your child you are interested in his or her work. Re-explain assignments if necessary, and check to see that homework is completed.
- Having trouble fitting homework into your child's schedule? You may need to cut back on your child's activities, or see that his or her after-school care includes supervised homework time.
- If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you are not able to help him or her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Talk it over with your child's teacher first.
- Remember to allow time for free play in your child's schedule.

**Bullies**

- Give your child some strategies for coping with bullies.
- Talk with the teacher about a persistent bully. If appropriate, the teacher and principal may take steps to mediate the situation.
- Encourage your child to talk about fears of violence, and explain how he or she can avoid dangerous situations.

## Support group formed for cancer caregivers

Caring for a loved one with cancer can be both emotionally and physically draining. But there is help, in the form of an intimate group of people who are bonded by the same fears and concerns. The Caregivers Support Group at Clara Maass Medical Center was started to address the needs of those who are dealing with the many emotions associated with caring for someone with cancer. Sponsored in part by Ortho Biotech, the group's purpose is twofold: to discuss symptom management and to touch on varying psychosocial issues.

According to Jane Kominiak, LCSW, MSW, the group's moderator, the group serves as an important vehicle for people to express their hopes and fears as well as to give each other support and share information.

"Besides being educational, this group provides an open and confidential environment for people to express their feelings," Kominiak said.

Emphasis is not only placed on how to care for a loved one with cancer but also on how caregivers should care for themselves. Participants are encouraged to keep a journal of their feelings and to treat themselves to something special at least once a week.

The Caregivers Support Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Medical Cen-

ter's South Annex "Room of Healing." Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please call Kominiak at 973-450-2285.

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Copley News Service

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I was right ... and wrong. Mini has made more cars and added some interesting models, but the price premiums remain, at least at some dealerships. Suggested prices are boosted by the addition of Mini accessories, such as different wheels or floor mats, and "protection packages" that include anti-theft devices and an extended warranty.

Then there is the bottom-line, pay-it-or-leave-it dealer markup that can range from \$2,000 to nearly \$4,000.

The base 2004 Mini Cooper has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of just under \$17,000, but cars on the lot, with the add-ons and markup, are running around \$25,000. The supercharged Cooper S starts at just under \$20,000, but with dealer add-ons can go to \$30,000.

Manufacturer's suggested retail prices for both models went up \$24 for 2004, and the sport and premium packages, leather upholstery and CVT transmission are up \$50 from 2003, so there appears to be pricing sensitivity at corporate level.

"There's been a lot of crying over the prices, but there's no other competition," says Don Davis, president of the West Coast Mini club he started

in San Diego. The club has 78 cars and more than 100 members.

"Most owners complain (about the price overages), but still do it," Davis says. "Or they go to Orange County. One (club member) went to Florida and one to Virginia to get a little better deal."

If you are a good negotiator, Davis says, it's possible to trim the premium by about half.

Good marketing has kept the car in demand. Supply is steady but the floodgates weren't thrown wide to saturate demand, so buyers willingly pay extra.

And, after all, the Mini is a well-built car, safe, economical, gentle on the environment and too cute to forget about.

Also, the company keeps bringing out special models to keep people going back to the dealer — and, no doubt, willing to wait patiently and then pay extra.

Last year, there was the John Cooper Works high-performance package, a dealer-installed package. Available soon will be the Cooper S MC40 commemorative edition and, later this summer, the Cabrio.

I just spent a week in a car with the John Cooper Works package that, among other things, brings the horsepower to 200. And more scoot is always more fun in a Mini. The kit is \$4,500, plus about a nine-hour installation charge.

The test Cooper with the Works kit and a couple of desirable option packages pushed the sticker to \$29,175, not including a dealer markup.

And for existing Cooper S owners, the Works kit can be retrofitted and is covered under what's left of the new car warranty of four years or 50,000 miles. Out the door, with

taxes, Davis says he paid \$6,200 to have the kit added to his all-black Cooper S. Including manufacturer's suggested retail price, Davis has about \$38,000 in his car.

Not that the standard Mini Cooper isn't a fun car. But the 115 hp from the F6 liter, four-cylinder is a little light when you add up the 2,557-pound curb weight and a couple of friends.

There is much shifting of the five-speed manual to keep the car in the power band. The supercharged, 163 hp Cooper S with six-speed gearbox is better, holding power on long freeway grades. It's also livelier on a twisty road.

The Works kit provides 200 hp and a 0-60 time of 6.5 seconds, which is just four-tenths of a second improvement over the Cooper S. Only an enthusiast can appreciate paying such money for such a scant margin of performance, but it's not just the 0-60 that gets better.

Torque is bumped to 177 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm, from 155 in the Cooper S. What the driver enjoys is more kick in the 40 to 60 mph range and pulling power in sixth gear at highway speeds.

Among the modifications are an enhanced Eaton supercharger, and reconfigured cylinder head for more air flow and to handle the added blower pressure. Revised engine electronics put more power in the midrange torque band.

All that pent-up energy exits faster through a freer-flowing, stainless steel exhaust system with a flatter gusher tone, though it could be a little raucous.

There also are some shiny parts to show off, including chrome John Cooper Works badges, a silver inter-cooler, surround on the engine

shroud and an individually numbered valve cover plaque.

Rev it up, wind it out and the shifter slips lightly into gear and the little engine pulls right up to the near-7,000 redline. It takes no effort to be cruising at well over 100 mph, and the Mini just sits flat and stable.

### Upgrades

- Due to popular demand, pepper white will be available for the Cooper S

- A new style, three-spoke leather sport steering wheel is now available for both models

- A rear power socket will return as a standard item

- Sport seats in Cordoba beige leather are also available due to customer demand

- The electronic display under the tachometer now includes a digital speed readout

- The onboard computer now includes an instantaneous fuel consumption function

- Dealer-installed front and rear fog lamp kits, for existing and new cars; \$75 for the rear kit and \$199 for the front and rear kit combined, not including installation charges.

- Prices include an additional toggle switch for the front console, wiring and reprogramming of the vehicle's software.

### Dimensions

- Cooper, 0-60 mph, 8.5 seconds; 28/37 mpg; top speed, 124

- Cooper S, 0-60 mph, 6.9 seconds; 28/37; top speed, 135

- Cooper Works, 6.5 seconds; 25/34; top speed, 140

- Fuel economy not adjusted for Works engine adjustments.

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Angel Vega

## Vega joins Wigder on Route 10, Livingston

Angel Vega is no stranger to helping people. He is always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. As a former member of the Morristown Ambulance Squad, Vega gave up much of his free time to help others in their moment of need.

Now the 34-year-old father of two is helping customers find and purchase the perfect automobile at Wigder Chevrolet on Route 10 in Livingston.

The already competent sales staff at Wigder received a tremendous boost with the addition of Vega, who is bilingual. This will be a great help with the increasing number of Spanish-speaking clients seeking automobiles. Vega believes that being able to converse with customers in their native tongue will help ease an experience that is considered by many to be stressful.

Vega can be contacted either through the Wigder Web site, [www.wigderchevrolet.com](http://www.wigderchevrolet.com), or through the Spanish Web site, [www.wigderparati.com](http://www.wigderparati.com).

Vega says that "there is no better feeling than watching another satisfied customer drive away in a new car." He then added, "I feel I've gotten the most satisfaction in auto sales, then in any other business I've tried."

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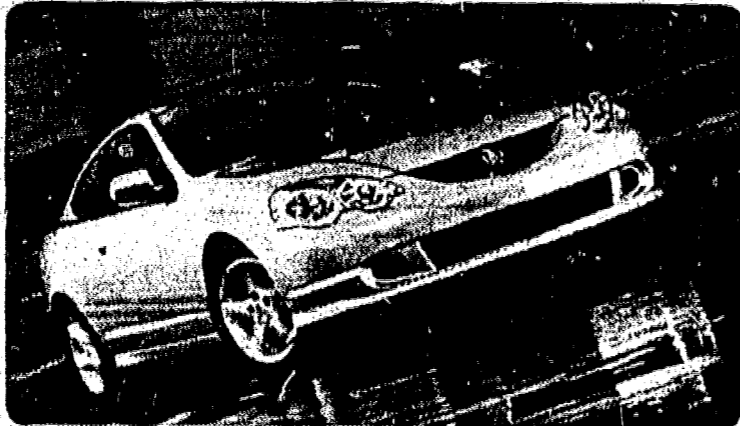
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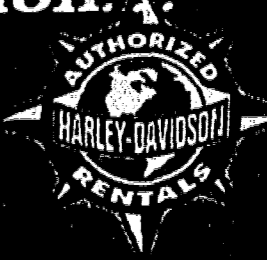
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