

For local vets, it's a day to remember

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With troops overseas in Iraq during an approaching holiday season for the second consecutive year, this year's Veterans' Day, traditionally celebrated on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., perhaps marks no better time to recognize those who are risking themselves for the freedom of others.

In Springfield, a ceremony that has gone on for about a decade will resume at Veteran's Park, located on the corner of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue, while Mountainside will recognize their veterans at Constitution Plaza, between the library and the Hetfield House.

Springfield's event is highlighted by the involvement of students from all five schools in the district, as they arrive at the event to either participate by singing or playing instruments, or to simply learn the meaning of the day.

"We tell them to honor all service people who have risked or given their lives so that they have the freedom they have today," said Ethel C. Smith, vice commander of the Springfield American Legion.

Smith, who was an Army nurse in the South Pacific during World War II, said that she was really proud of the turnout to the event last year.

Smith and her husband, William F., joined the Springfield American Legion 16 years ago. The couple,

married now for 56 years, have recently switched between each other from commander to vice commander of the post each new year.

The event will honor members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Jewish War Veterans, but Smith puts much of the importance in getting the word out to the children just how important the day is.

"We explain to them that many sacrifices have been made for this country," she said, noting that children should understand that when they wake up, go to school, see their parents go to work, and practice religion, they should not take those freedoms for granted.

Also present at the ceremony will be the Auxiliary Police, Boy and Girl Scouts and Mayor Clara Hareluk.

"I think Veterans' Day is an important time for the community as a whole to recognize the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom," said Hareluk. "It's a day to acknowledge the contributions of all veterans," she said, adding that in a post-9/11 world, the country has, in fact, become more aware of what veterans have done for the nation, and what those fighting overseas are currently doing as well.

"It means a great deal to the town, especially the kids," said Raymond



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Springfield's American Legion Post 228 members meet at the Smiths' residence to talk about plans for Veterans' Day, including, from left, Commander William Smith, Herb Quinton, Donald Auer, Raymond Schramm, Vice Commander Ethel Smith, Don Rathjens and Chaplain Warren Sim.

Schramm, a longtime member of the Springfield American Legion. "They're always eager to participate and I think our town is eager to participate."

In Mountainside, the VFW will host remembrance services that are highlighted by Commander Bob Far-

ley's speech, along with other officer's thoughts.

"Particularly because of the fact that we are in a conflict right now, I think it's very important to recognize the services that (the military) is performing for our nation," said Farley, who was an aviation instructional

mechanic during the Vietnam War. "They're putting themselves in harm's way for our freedom."

The Westfield American Legion will also recognize veterans and those currently at war overseas with services on the corner of Broad Street and North Avenue.

Teachers declare impasse

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After an Aug. 31 meeting that produced no agreement between the Mountainside school district's teachers union and representatives of the Board of Education for a new teachers' contract, the negotiating committees are hopeful that the next meeting, scheduled for tomorrow, will see better results. The contracts cover three years and expired June 30.

"We received a letter saying they declared an impasse," said Board of Education President Peter Goggi. That letter, in essence, means that the teachers are looking to go to mediation instead of repeatedly negotiating with no success. Still, both sides are willing to give negotiations another try.

Jeannette Maraffi, president of the Mountainside Education Association, the district's teachers' union, has said that offers coming from the opposing side have been "insulting."

As to why it's been more than two months since the last negotiations took place, Goggi said that's a good question.

"They said not July, and after we gave them (at least eight) dates in August, they chose Aug. 31," said Goggi.

After that letter was sent to the Board of Education following the August meeting, Goggi said they responded by requesting to continue as soon as possible.

While Maraffi said in a phone message that after the Nov. 11 meeting, negotiations will then go to mediation, Goggi did not confirm that.

"I don't know if that will be the last meeting before mediation," he said.

The last time Mountainside teachers went into the school year without new contracts was three years ago, as the current contracts were being negotiated and eventually went to mediation. It took until December of that school year for everything to be resolved, although Maraffi said that the issues surrounding negotiations are somewhat different this time around. Maraffi said in September that the issues concerned salary and health benefits.

Goggi said that if necessary, a mediator would be appointed and could range from either a professional mediator to an attorney that performs mediation on the side.

While Goggi wouldn't say whether or not the negotiations look to be heading into mediation, Goggi noted he would "like to pave the way towards an agreement."

The atmosphere of the district, however, hasn't been disrupted, Goggi said.

"The beauty of the school district is that we work out problems out. Everybody is extremely professional," Goggi said.

Goggi is part of a negotiating team that includes fellow board members Patricia Knodel and Ray Haggard, along with Board Secretary Paul Vizuso and board attorney David Rubin. Maraffi is joined by 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.

Maraffi previously said that she does not understand why this is a problem in Mountainside, but that she hopes an agreement could be reached in a timely fashion.

Aftermath shows some crossing of party lines

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

With the conclusion of what was considered to be one of the most important presidential elections in the history of America, the question arises as to what effect, if any, national politics had or will have on local politics.

"I think that whenever you have a presidential election, more people come out to vote," said Springfield Mayor Clara Hareluk, a Democrat who was re-elected to the Township Committee, winning the overall election with 3,711 total votes.

"The fact that the presidential election was so close," Hareluk continued, "it's evident that people were crossing over party lines, and that some were probably undecided even until the end."

In Springfield, which is considered to be a Democratic township, Sen. John Kerry and fellow Democratic running mate John Edwards received about 600 more votes than Republican President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, according to unofficial results.

The Democrats who won the two seats that were up for grabs in the local election, however, won by less of a margin than the presidential candidate did over Bush.

"I think in Springfield, it was because of the presidential election that we lost," said Fran Corcione, who ran alongside Gary Russikoff on the Republican ticket. "It's definitely the Democratic vote that killed me in this election."

Steven Goldstein, a Democrat who was second to Hareluk with a total of 3,671 votes, said that while the presidential election certainly got people out to the voting booths, the effect that it had on local politics evened out for both parties.

"I honestly think (the presidential election) had no effect," said Gold-

stein. "It worked both ways," he said, explaining that while some voted for Bush and the local Democrats, some voted for Kerry and the local Republicans.

"The Democratic strength in Union County was evident based on the votes," said Russikoff. "Although I'm not satisfied with the results, I'm personally pleased with the amount of voters who supported me."

"Even in a presidential election, there remain people who only vote the top of the ticket," said Hareluk, noting that this would account for disparities between the presidential and local results.

At the same time, Hareluk said, there are people who vote on the top and then go down the line according to their party affiliation.

"I would hope that people would look at the qualifications of the candidates, not just party affiliation," Hareluk said.

Commenting on the crossing of party lines in Springfield, where more votes were tallied for Kerry and Edwards than for the local Democrats, Goldstein noted that it could have at least something to do with the many years the "challengers" have been around in Springfield, getting to know people around the township.

"Votes are also a byproduct of campaigning," Goldstein added, "and they campaigned well."

Although Russikoff and Corcione were defeated by the incumbents, it seems like their involvement in the township will not diminish.

"I plan on staying involved for the benefit of the residents," said Russikoff.

Corcione said that while she isn't thinking of running for a seat on the committee again, she will always be there for Springfield, and that whatever is asked of her, as usual, she will be there to help.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Siblings Jacob Kesselhaut, 5, and Julie, 8, donate some toys to firefighter Tom Ernst, as the Springfield firehouse begins its annual toy drive. The program is co-sponsored by the township's Chamber of Commerce.

Toy drive begins at firehouse

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

For close to a decade, the Springfield Fire Department has helped increase the township's holiday spirit through maybe the most admired facet of the season: the gift of giving.

Until Dec. 17, the Fire Department is asking for toys from anyone around the community to donate to children during Christmastime.

The toys, which must be new and not come in wrapping, will be distributed to children throughout the township who are in one way or another financially unstable. The Fire Department works with churches, temples and the Welfare Department. The United States Marine Corps then takes the remaining gifts and distributes them to other welfare associations, specialized hospitals, and varying organizations that focus on helping children in northern New Jersey. The Marine Corps is contacted every year by agencies in advance, asking for help in general during the holidays, as well as for specific items.

"It's a great way to provide gifts for children who may not get to enjoy the holidays as much as other people," said firefighter Tom Ernst.

Last year, Springfield received more than 18,000 donations toward the "Toys for Tots" program, which is co-sponsored by the township's Chamber of Commerce. Gifts range anywhere from yo-yos and dolls to bicycles and televisions.

"The 'Toys for Tots' program is very important for the township," said Mayor Clara Hareluk, "because it teaches the lesson of giving."

Hareluk said that the donations make for a win-win situation, noting that for every resident who feels the satisfaction of giving, someone less fortunate will get to benefit from the program. She looks forward to donating to the program herself.

"They came to us two years ago, asking us if we could help out," said Scott Seidel, co-chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. "We went out and bought about \$700 worth of toys to give to them."

Township seeks two-year extensions for unions' contracts

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Unlike the last several years of ongoing debate between the Township of Springfield and its fire, police and municipal unions, contracts for the public employees appear to be on track for agreement before the start of the new year.

According to Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein, almost everything has already been agreed upon.

"Essentially, we're just going over the language of the contracts," said Goldstein, a lawyer.

The most recent contract that was settled between the township and its police and fire unions expired in December 2000.

After 2½ years in arbitration, a new accord

covering 2001 to 2004 was awarded last December. All changes, including rate of pay increases and schedule shifts, were retroactive to that last contract.

Municipal contracts are not subject to binding arbitration, according to Goldstein, and are usually revised or extended based upon the decisions regarding the contracts of the police and fire departments.

While the arbitration decision was made at the end of 2003, it was a four-year contract that covered 2001 to 2004, giving the committee just one year to negotiate once again.

"We're looking for two-year extensions of the contracts," said Goldstein, who noted that the township is saving time and money spent on attorney fees by attempting negotiations directly through members of the Township

Committee, notably himself and Mayor Clara Hareluk, who is also a lawyer. "We're not really changing any items," he said.

Hareluk said that negotiations went very well with each department and that everyone worked very amicably together.

"The extension allows the Township Committee and township employees to function for two years without being entrenched in negotiations and arbitration hearings," Hareluk added.

Goldstein added that what is always looked into are minor issues and raises, but said there are no foreseeable problems in the future.

The municipal contracts cover the public works and road departments in the township, among others, and Goldstein said that along with the police and fire departments, salaries

are set by an ordinance, usually resulting in the same raise for members of all departments.

Goldstein said that there has been excellent communication and relations between the Township Committee and the public employee departments.

"We were able to discuss items intelligently and maturely," Goldstein said. "The atmosphere was completely devoid of adversity. The culmination of this has shown that the unions and municipal government are not adversaries."

Last year, a rally conducted at Town Hall appeared to be the best display of urgency on the parts of the police and firefighters who felt disrespected and unappreciated by the Township Committee.

Without contracts since 2000, the town

employees were unsure when anything would be settled, as arbitration had lasted longer than it was expected to when it began in 2001.

Then-Mayor Gregory Clarke maintained that the township had little to do with the arbitration process, and these sentiments were reiterated in 2004 when Hareluk said that all parties were "victims of the system."

After no appeal was made by either party to change the arbitrator's decision, it was apparent that the ongoing struggle had ended.

Still, talk of a two-year extension that began in January likely will be applied to the contracts in the coming months, thus avoiding confrontation.

"This goes to show you what can be done in the spirit of cooperativeness," said Goldstein.

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Today:
• **Mime Tunc** presented by the Theater Project of Union County College, will be offered at Mountanside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza at 4 p.m.
• A storyteller and mime interpretation of a story and interactive workshop will be conducted for children ages 4 and older.
For information, call 908-233-0115.

Thursday:
• In Springfield, a Veterans Day ceremony will be conducted at 11 a.m. at Veterans Park, located on the corner of Shimpke and Mountain avenues. Springfield's event is highlighted by the involvement of students from all five schools in the district, participate by singing or playing instruments, and learn the meaning of the day.
• Mountanside will recognize their veterans on Constitution Plaza, between the library and the Hettfield House with a ceremony at 11 a.m.

Friday:
• The Edward V. Walton School PTA has invited the public to attend the second annual Mom's Night Out from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Ave., Springfield.
More than 30 crafters and vendors will be featured.
There will be a 50-50 raffle, and appetizers, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served all evening.
Admission is \$2, and only adults will be admitted.

Saturday:
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Chat Noam IV Wild West Casino Theme fund-raising evening will be conducted from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield.
Participants as part of their registration in the amounts from \$25 to \$250 get "gaming" chips to play games of chance such as Roulette, Craps, and Blackjack and Poker to win prizes at this casual western event. Refreshments will be served.
For information, call event chairperson Chris Grey through the temple office, at 973-379-5387 or e-mail office@shaarey.org. More information can be obtained from the temple Web site: www.shaarey.org.

Monday:
• The Board of Trustees of Mountanside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will meet in the meeting room of the library at 7:30 p.m.
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday:
• Mountanside Active Retirees will meet at 10 a.m. in Mountanside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, for "San Francisco and its Cable Cars", a slide presentation by Dr. Bilenker from Cranford.
• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Wednesday:
• The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Upcoming Nov. 18:
• The Mountanside Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.
• "Unraveling the Mystery of ADHD: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder" will be presented from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road in Mountanside.
This full-day symposium will provide management strategies for ADHD in both school and home environments. At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to: identify the epidemiology and etiology of ADHD, explain strategies for successful management in the school setting, outline currently available treatment options for ADHD and develop a management plan for the home environment.
Pre-registration is required, call 908-301-5433.
• The Senior Citizens Club of Mountanside will meet in Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, at noon for a program featuring the singing group, The Golden Lights, who will entertain members at the start for the holiday season.
For information on any of the programs, call 908-233-6280.

Nov. 22:
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., at 7:30 p.m.
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom at 78 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield will host Springfield's annual Thanksgiving Community Service at 7:30 p.m.
Clergy from Temple Beth Ahm, Emanuel United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church, and Sha'arey Shalom will participate in leading the service. The Rev. Charles Baier will offer the sermon.

Nov. 23:
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m., preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a workshop session.
• The Mountanside Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.

Dec. 6:
• The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

Dec. 8:
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 11:
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m., preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a workshop session.

Dec. 13:
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 14:
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m., preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a workshop session.

Dec. 16:
• The Springfield Board of Health will meet in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 19:
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GL teen dies after police chase

A Governor Livingston High School student was pronounced dead Sunday morning at University Hospital in Newark after being named a day earlier as a suspect in a number of crimes that were perpetrated in Mountanside. He was later identified as Cole Barner.

Another call reporting a possible carjacking was received from a woman claiming a young male ran in front of her vehicle, forcing her to stop, attempting to take her car.

She described the young male as wide-eyed and out of control, all the while pounding and damaging the hood of her car. She locked her vehicle and drove from the scene.

At this point, it became apparent to police that they were dealing with a possible drug overdose. Officers continued to look for the teen while receiving another call for a burglary of a home on Route 22 west in the 1500

block. Responding officers discovered that the teen broke into the home through a large front glass plate window.

While in the home, he had done extensive damage to the interior of the house, as well as injuring and cutting himself, reports stated.

Further inquiry was sustained from the suspect's attempts to escape from the house. Officers from Mountanside and Westfield entered the home through the broken windows and said they found the suspect lying unconscious in a pool of blood.

He was treated by Mountanside Rescue Squad and Atlantic Health Care paramedics. Efforts were futile and the Berkeley Heights youth was pronounced dead Sunday, at 7:58 a.m.

Counselors at the school were available for students and staff early Monday morning.

Man arrested for driving with a suspension

Willington Araujo, 33 of Kearny, was stopped on Route 22 west at Lawrence Road for having excessive smoke coming out of his vehicle on Saturday at 9:34 a.m. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

The court date is Nov. 18.

Gregory Nelson, 41, of Plainfield, was arrested on Sunday at 9:16 p.m. at Police Headquarters in Plainfield on an active ATS warrant out of Mountanside in the amount of \$1,000.

On Monday at 10:06 a.m., Henry Perez, 21, of Paterson, was stopped at

Route 22 west at Robin Hood Road in Mountanside for having an expired temporary tag and arrested for driving with a suspended license.

On Nov. 3 at 9:11 p.m., it was reported that during a motor vehicle burglary at Shoprite supermarket, a car sustained damage to the driver's side lock and center console, and various personal documents were stolen.

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Dayton High presents 'The Family Man'

Jonathan Dayton High School's drama department presents its fall production of "The Family Man," a comedy written by Behnam Zavin and Carl Lev and directed by Karyn Schlesinger.

"The Family Man" will be starring Matthew Sauerhoff as Bill Cahill and senior Daniela Scheer as Ellen Cahill. Tickets can be purchased at the door \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and senior citizens are always welcome free of charge.

The setting for this comedy is in the home of the Cahill residence in Connecticut.

"The Family Man" will be performed in Halsey Hall Auditorium at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20.

Call Karyn Schlesinger at 973-376-1025, ext. 5188 for ticket information.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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The court date is Nov. 18.

Gregory Nelson, 41, of Plainfield, was arrested on Sunday at 9:16 p.m. at Police Headquarters in Plainfield on an active ATS warrant out of Mountanside in the amount of \$1,000.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Grushevsky joins Mo-Bear musical
Anna Grushevsky of Springfield is among the cast members of "Working the Musical," a production created by the Performing Arts Department at the Morriswold Board School, celebrating the diversity and commitment of Americans in their everyday occupations.

The show will be presented on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. in Wilkie Hall, the school's own black box theatre.

For information, call 937-539-3032, ext. 562.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Look forward

In this historic election, voters came out in droves to cast votes and make sure their voices were heard. The high voter turnout in Springfield and Mountaintide speaks to the importance of voting and the power of the electoral process.

Now, in the political aftermath, many critical issues face the candidates who claimed victory in the local elections.

For Springfield, Democratic incumbents Steven Goldstein and Mayor Clara Hareluk were re-elected to their seats, each starting their third, three-year terms on the Township Committee. They will both have to focus their efforts on developing the best plan for the township's downtown area, and also provide guidance on the renovation and expansion of Town Hall and the construction of the new Police Headquarters.

While Springfield's new \$3.5-million firehouse on Mountain Avenue has endured criticism from many sides, it was a primary sticking point for the Republican candidates in the recent election but interestingly, not while the project was still in the process of completion. This should serve as an example for the future. Issues that draw ire or conflicting viewpoints among future candidates should be addressed to the public not just during election season, but throughout the year.

Whoever the challengers are next year, it's important to continue this political momentum of active, contested elections. This year's candidates put forth strong, lively campaigns that strove to show their dedication to the community. The public candidate forums help define this interest and inform voters, thanks to the volunteers who came forth to make them work.

In Mountaintide, the election campaign was much quieter, with Republican incumbents Werner Schon and Glenn Mortimer running unopposed and regaining their council seats. There are still several prominent issues in the borough that both Schon and Mortimer will be helping to resolve as members of the council, including the possibility of an affordable housing project, adding more firefighters, and the improvement of recreation programs. The borough's decision to build a new community center is currently on hiatus, and remains a question that hangs in the balance.

Hopefully, next year, we can look forward to contested elections once again in Mountaintide, as this hasn't happened for several years.

A continuation of lively, local election seasons will help mobilize residents in both communities to get out and vote to provide a healthy, political process for everyone.

Veterans' Day is a time to remember

Tomorrow is Veterans' Day, when Americans pay reverence to all our veterans of foreign wars. This is a holiday when we recognize the sacrifices the members of our armed forces have made while serving to protect our nation and uphold our way of life. And, while this holiday has changed with the way our armed services are viewed — just as the role of our nation has changed through the years — it is still an important day to honor both the living and dead.

This holiday day its birth with the burial of the unknown soldier in Arlington National Cemetery on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. Similar ceremonies occurred in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor — in England, Westminster Abbey, and in France, the Arc de Triomphe. This gave universal recognition to celebrate the end of World War I, fighting at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918 — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month; hence, Armistice Day.

Unfortunately, "the war to end all wars" proved to be just a prelude to the devastation of World War II, where more than 16.5 million Americans fought and 407,000 died in service, more than 292,000 in battle. Realizing peace was equally preserved by veterans of World War II and the Korean War, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans' Day. Unidentified dead from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War have since been interred next to the unknown soldier of World War I, as well as all wars in which our nation has since fought.

On this day, we honor those who served our country by paying tribute to those who fought and those who died protecting the ideals we treasure. The recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have only highlighted how essential American military is to maintaining a sense of balance in what is often a precarious world. With as many as 3,000 veterans dying daily in the United States, the time to show our appreciation for all they've done is now.

This Veterans' Day, attend a parade or town ceremony and honor all of our servicemen and women. Visit those friends and relatives who have served in the armed forces and talk to them about their experiences.



Photo by Reena Rose Sibayan

NIGHTS ARE GETTIN' COLDER — Roasting marshmallows over an open bonfire is a sure-fire way to stay nice and warm for these residents as they watch the Great Pumpkin Sail at Echo Lake Park in Mountaintide on a cool autumn night last week.

Days of staying in the dark are coming to an end

One really has to ask, does the Mountaintide Board of Education want their meetings televised?

Speaking from the experiences of attending the board meetings relating to the classrooms' odor at the Beechwood School, in the opinion of this writer and parent, I believe that our hopes and dreams of seeing these meetings televised are only dreams.

But to the Mountaintide Board of Ed, please feel free to correct me if my assumption is wrong.

There are a countless number of parents and residents out there that are wondering the same thing. If it takes every ounce of my energy, the days of staying in the dark are going to come to an end.

In fact, I believe the town as a whole needs a referendum to change the way business is done in the Borough of Mountaintide. I addressed the classroom odor problem at a council meeting in October and although they gave me every courtesy, they advised that their hands are tied as the Board of Ed answers only to the Board of Ed, unless it's a budget issue. That should not be!

In the opinion of this writer and parent, perhaps the Board of Ed members should be appointed by the mayor and council and thereby accountable to the mayor and council. As I said at the council meeting, if a child, children, teacher, or staff member gets sick from inhaling any potential contaminants in the air that might be attributed to the "odor" problem at

Point Of View

By Gary Whyte

Beechwood, it becomes a universal problem and not just that of the Board of Ed.

But I raise the question of televised board meetings and accountability due to the recent letter I received from Paul Vizizzo, business administrator of the Mountaintide school district.

Back in late September, I wrote to the Mountaintide Board of Education and requested copies of all the environmental testing done to date concerning and related to the odor in a number of classrooms at Beechwood School.

Testing results from Enviro Techniques and MaryPaul Laboratories were assembled and presented to me along with letters of record between the said parties and the Mountaintide Board of Education.

Scanning from those twenty five pages, I had a multitude of questions that I felt needed to be raised, addressed and answered.

Over the period covering late September to Nov. 2, I have written a total of seven letters to the Mountaintide Board of Ed and each and every letter contained questions, inquiries

and comments. For sake of good order, not a single official written response has been received to date.

In all fairness though, I did get a call from Peter Goggi, president of the Board of Ed a few weeks ago and he related to me that he had all intentions of responding to my letters and indicated that perhaps we could meet for a drink to discuss the issues at hand.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, I requested a copy of the most recent testing done by Home Health Sciences and on Nov. 3, I received a response back from Mr. Vizizzo stating the following: "Please be informed that any updates, reports and any other relevant information will be available at the next board meeting on Nov. 9."

To Mr. Vizizzo and the rest of the board... that's totally an unacceptable response.

There is no way that us parents, parents of children who are inhaling "unknowns" on a daily basis will settle on receiving information on a fortnightly basis.

The "odor" in the classrooms became a matter of public record back in May and it's now November and we parents, teachers and children are no more educated now than we were when the stench first occurred. In fact, the Mountaintide Board of Education failed to act on specific recommendations by a laboratory back in August, so I'm not in a position to wait any longer and I'm in a position to not feel very comfortable about the people

looking out for the welfare of our children.

The health of my son and other children are at stake. I'm not going to settle on the board's "comfortableness" because someone told them that the odor is nothing more than a "nuisance smell!" I'm going to be the only nuisance the board has to concern themselves with.

Whether the board realizes it or not, school boards are obligated to supply information as per The Open Public Records Act. If that fails, there's always the Department of Environmental Protection Agency, the Commissioner of Education, the Child's Advocate's Office, the Department of Community Affairs and the Government Records Council, to name a few.

We'll go to Trenton and beyond if that what it takes but let me state for the record, if the Mountaintide Board of Education wants to play a cat and mouse game, then that's their call. But my call and my agenda is to hold them accountable for information that is a matter of public record and to receive that information in an expedient time frame, not on the time table that they see fit.

As the most recent recipient of the Governor's 2004 Volunteer of the Year Award for Health Advocacy in the State of New Jersey, all I can say is... bring it on!

Gary Whyte is a resident of Mountaintide.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Results showed voting pattern shift

What has the recent Bush/Kerry vote in Union County taught us? I, J We are impressed with the change in the voting patterns in Summit, Westfield, Roselle Park, Union, Scotch Plains, traditional Republican strongholds that voted for Kerry over Bush.

Was it the activism of younger voters and minorities who succeeded in bringing out the vote? If so, they deserve praise for their effort in turning these cities from their traditional conservatism to one in support for the more progressive Kerry campaign.

2.) Steve Brozak ran strongly as a first time pro-peace candidate in the 7th district which has been restricted — germandered — in a manner similar to that which took place in Texas prior to Bush's run for the governorship.

Sad to say, the entire voting pattern of the district has been shifted away to largely suburban and semi-rural western areas like Tewksbury in Warren County away from urban areas like Hillside and Elizabeth.

This was accomplished during the former Republican administration and should be changed to include urban areas in a more balanced representation. The survival of the environment, medical care and other people serving federal programs is at stake.

3.) The election of Plainfield Councilman Adrian Mapp along with the Democratic slate for the freholder board, was a significant victory for peace and justice. Plainfield has gone on record against the Iraq war, and the Patriot Act, which would drastically reduce our democratic freedoms. Sen. Tom Keen Jr., who has publicly praised the Patriot Act, has not said how he stands on a national identity card law as part of the Patriot Act.

The support for the Mayors for Peace Campaign for nuclear disarmament under the UN Non-Proliferation Treaty Review has been vindicated by the re-election of Mayor Clara Hareluk and Steve Goldstein in Springfield. This had been accomplished by their citing the recent U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution in support of Mayors for Peace at a regular township meeting on Sept. 28. Springfield's action gives direction for other local elected officials to follow. More importantly, it would help to eliminate fear of weapons of mass destruction from which all parties wish to defend themselves.

The establishment of a U.S. Department of Peace, proposed by Kucinich in Congress, would seem to be logical consequence of this nationwide effort.

Sylvia Zisman
Union County Peace and Social Action Committee
Springfield

Implement election reforms now

By the time this letter appears in the newspaper, the Nov. 2 Election will be past, and we will all know the names of the winning candidates.

This is a good time to start reviewing and improving our voting procedures which seem to be slowly changing and sometimes being misinterpreted. Here are just a few items, among many, to consider:

1. About three years ago, instructional signs were posted in our polling places in Union County in both English and Spanish. In order to become a United States citizen, an immigrant must have a sufficient proficiency in the knowledge of English in order to pass the spoken portion and written test which contains one hundred questions about United States history and government. If these naturalized citizens, who are registered voters, do not understand the data on the sample ballot which they have received in the mail, they can ask their friends, or contact their local politicians, or county boards of elections for more specific instructions before Election Day. Why should there be any dual language signs at all? Many are now questioning if other languages could be posted on these signs.

2. Recently, voter registration rules have been liberalized instead of being made stricter since the 9-11 tragedy. As an example, there should be more than one form of identification required when registering to vote.

3. Consideration should be given to enacting uniform federal election laws especially when candidates for the presidency and congress are on the ballot. Currently, state laws vary greatly from state to state. This list could continue on and on. However, let's urge our present federal and state office holders and county boards of election officials to start working to implement some reforms before the next General Election in November 2005.
Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

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.

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Supply of flu vaccine received

The Westfield Regional Health Department has received their allocation of a limited supply of the flu vaccine for this year. As a result, they will be conducting pre-registration for individuals, at highest risk, on Friday, Nov. 12. Individuals at highest risk are defined as:

- Adults ages 65 years and older, with a documented chronic illness.
- Children ages 6-23 months, with a documented chronic illness.
- Pregnant women, with a documented chronic illness.
- All of these individuals will be required to present proof of residence in either Fanwood, Garwood, Mountaintide, Roselle Park, Springfield, or Westfield; proof of age; and written documentation from their physician specifying the need for flu vaccine and their chronic illness. In addition, those 65 years and older must bring their Medicare Card.
- The pre-registration will be conducted on Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon; 2 to 4 p.m.; and 6 to 7 p.m., in the Community Room located in the Westfield Municipal Building at 425 East Broad St., Westfield.
- At that time, all registrants will receive an appointment for the flu vaccination, on a first come-first serve basis, contingent upon vaccine supply. Strict adherence to the eligibility requirements will be enforced.
- On Monday, this department will be conducting another pre-registration for individuals at risk for the flu based upon general CDC guidelines, defined as:
- Adults aged 65 years and older.
- Children aged 6-23 months.
- Persons aged 2-64 years, with a documented underlying chronic medical condition.
- Women pregnant during influenza season — presently through April 2005.
- Children 6 months to 18 years of age, on documented chronic aspirin therapy.
- Health care workers involved in direct patient care.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- Out of home caregivers, and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months.

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The pre-registration will be conducted on Monday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 2 to 3 p.m.; and 6 to 7 p.m. in the Community Room located in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield. Registrants will receive an appointment for the flu vaccination on a first come — first serve basis, contingent upon vaccine supply. Strict adherence to the eligibility requirements will be enforced.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines and assuring that those at highest risk receive the vaccination is appreciated.

For information, call 908-789-4070.



Springfield Mayor Clara Hareluk and Police Chief William Chisholm congratulate Police Officer John Cook after the presentation of the Meritorious Service Award, which was given to Cook at a Township Committee meeting for his arrest of two suspects earlier this year which lead to the seizure of more than \$436,000 in cash and other personal property.

Cook earns Meritorious Award

Springfield Police Officer John Cook recently received a Meritorious Service Award from the Township Committee for his arrest of two suspects earlier this year, which led to the seizure of more than \$436,000 in cash and other personal property.

On Feb. 29, at approximately 3:40 a.m., Officer Cook was on routine patrol on Morris Avenue in the northern section of the township when he observed two vehicles stopped at a traffic light. When the light changed to green, Cook noticed that the first vehicle did not immediately proceed forward and another vehicle directly behind it had to pull around it to proceed. In an effort to determine what was occurring with the motionless vehicle, Cook activated his emergency equipment and made a motor vehicle stop.

Upon engaging the operator of the vehicle in conversation, Cook made some observations into the interior of the vehicle, and noticed a heavy odor of alcohol. Upon further interaction with the driver of the vehicle, Cook determined that the driver may be under the influence of alcohol. Upon the arrival of backup officers, a plain view search of the vehicle's interior yielded a small vial containing a probably controlled dangerous substance. Additional visual inspection of the vehicle showed what appeared to be a large plastic garbage bag containing a large amount of United States currency.

The driver of the vehicle and the passenger were both placed under arrest by the officers at the scene and transported to Police Headquarters. The vehicle, which was occupied by the driver and passenger, was impounded and subsequently searched upon the issuance of a search warrant that was obtained from a superior court judge based upon the probable

cause developed by Cook. More than \$436,000 in cash was recovered from the vehicle.

Officer Cook, through his attention to duty, observations and training made an important arrest which removed from the streets a large quantity of cash which was the probable proceeds of drug dealing," read a proclamation presented to Cook by Mayor Clara Hareluk. "His actions brought credit to himself, the township and Springfield Police Department."

MARS meets

Mountaintide Active Retirees met at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Mountaintide Borough Hall, 1285 Route 22 east.

Tuesday, "San Francisco and its Cable Cars", a slide presentation by Dr. Blenker from Cranford.

• Dec. 7, Christmas party.

Putting a lid on drug use



The students at James Caldwell School in Springfield participated in a variety of activities during Drug Awareness Week. Ben Abbate and A.J. Carlucci, fourth-grade students at James Caldwell School, show their enthusiasm for "Putting a Lid on Drugs" by donning their favorite — and craziest — hats.

Workshop addresses '6 Questions'

Lisa Athan will be presenting a workshop, based on the book by Joseph Novinski, titled, "Six Questions That Can Change Your Life" on Friday from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall in Springfield. Helping Athan with the workshop will be management consultant, poet and author Scott Strickland.

The six questions that will be presented in the workshop are:

- 1.) Who Am I? Instead of answering the question Who Should I Be?, give yourself the permission and courage to focus on who you are, not who your parents, teachers and friends say you should be.

- 2.) Why Am I Here? Rather than wondering What Do I Want? and seeking satisfaction through things, asking this question helps us to find satisfaction through our relationships and our life's truest mission instead of "next year's model."

- 3.) Where Do I Belong? This question moves us away from answering the question What is My Position?, where we compare ourselves to others,

to defining our place by what we find inside, rather than what we see around us.

- 4.) Whom Do I Love? By answering this question, instead of the question What Do I Own?, we are taught to consistently embrace people more passionately than things.
- 5.) Who Loves Me? When we ask What Am I Worth?, we are defining our value to others and to society based on what we own. However, true value comes from people who love us exactly the way we are, regardless of our assets or good works.

- 6.) How Can I Be True to Myself? Before we can cultivate character, we have to break our addiction to approval.

So instead of asking How Can I Gain Approval? we should seek to develop our personal, portable mantra of truth, the all-in-one reminder of our identity, purpose, place, attachments, and worth.

The workshop is open to men and women. Coffee will be served and there is a cost of \$12.

Athan has a master's degree in counseling and education from Montclair State University. She is the co-founder of The Center for Rising Heart, an organization dedicated to healing, encouraging, affirming and teaching men and women in the multifaceted roles they undertake as adults.

She is mother to four children ranging in ages from 5-15 whom she homeschooled for many years. Scott Strickland is an engineer by training, and his professional career is in management consulting. His hobbies are spiritual studies and writing poetry. He is currently writing a book on business management titled "A Woman's Guide to Business," which will be released in early 2005.

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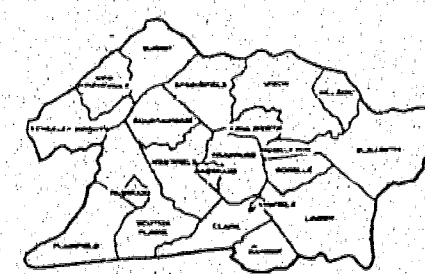
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SENIOR NEWS

Seniors host holiday shopping sale Saturday

Holiday shoppers and bargain-hunters should circle Saturday as the date to join Summit Senior Housing residents in the Community Room of 12 Chestnut Ave. at the Broad Street entrance from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a "kick-off to the Holidays Shopping Sale."

A wide assortment of gift items will be there to tempt shoppers. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be available and the Buss Biscuits will be on-premises with their famous bake sale. Admission is free.

SAGE starts 'Essentials for Seniors' drive

SAGE, a major community resource for elders, has started its fourth annual "Essentials for Seniors" drive.

The event, which runs until Dec. 15, provides seniors with basic items for living. Anyone can help seniors in the community by donating new items such as towels, razors and shaving cream, bed sheets and toiletries, supermarket gift certificates and new clothing items such as gloves, hats, shirts, slippers, undershirts and sweaters in size extra large. Items should be new, unwrapped and delivered to the following locations:

- SAGE, 50 DeForest Ave., Summit.
- SAGE Spend-A-Day, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.
- Summit Medical Group, 120 Summit Ave., Summit and 34 Mountain Blvd., Warren.
- Hilltop Housing Authority, Summit City Hall, Summit.
- Summit High School, 125 Kent Place, Summit.
- New Providence Internal Medicine Associates, 1252 Springfield Ave., New Providence.

"The Essentials for Seniors Drive has been very successful for the last three years, thanks to the generous donations of our community and the organizations that assist us in collecting the items," said Kathy Lyving, director of SAGE HomeCare and the founder of "Essentials for Seniors."

"We hope to continue its success this year, so that we can meet the needs of the elderly in our towns. It's simple to pick up a small item while holiday shopping for friends and family, and the value it has to seniors is incredible. Just knowing that they are thought of means a great deal."

For information, call SAGE HomeCare at 908-273-8400.

Golden Age group gathers at rec center

The Golden Age group in Summit meets every Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Summit Recreation Center at 100 Morris Ave.

Under the direction of the new Senior coordinator, Christine Melendez, the group has some new plans. To become a member, there is a \$5 membership fee, which allows participants to attend all programs sponsored by the club, participate in trips and holiday gatherings, luncheons.

Here are some upcoming activities planned for the group:

- Ted Oleck, Summit historian, talks about the history of Summit — this Friday.
- Harvest luncheon for members only. Members can bring a non-member guest at an additional cost — Nov. 19.
- Music for all seasons — Dec. 10.
- Holiday luncheon for members only. Members can bring a non-member guest at an additional cost — Dec. 17.

Future programs include a wine tasting, Reiki massages and crafts, a Victorian tea party, a day at the casino, a flea market, line dancing, pet therapy, and a K-9 unit.

For information on any programs, call 908-277-2932.

AARP meets Nov. 22

The Summit Area chapter of AARP will conduct its next regular monthly at 10 a.m. Nov. 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m. Speaker Rhonda Zampetti, director of the Summit Area Red Cross, Health and Safety will speak on family caregiving — home safety.

For information on upcoming meetings, call 908-273-2239.

Casino Night planned

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Chai Noon IV Wild West Casino Theme fund-raising event will be from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday at 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield.

Participants, as part of their registration in the amounts from \$25 to \$250, get "gaming" chips to play games of chance, such as roulette, craps, blackjack and poker, to win prizes at this casual western event. Individuals who registered before Monday will receive 10 percent more chips. Refreshments will be served.

Chai Noon IV Wild West Casino Theme evening will feature professional dealers running all the games of chance. The night is geared toward experienced and novice players and is an opportunity for socializing.

At the conclusion of the evening, remaining chips can be exchanged for a chance to win fabulous prizes. All prizes to be awarded were donated by temple members and local businesses.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, formerly Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Maplewood, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding communities.

The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active sisterhood and brotherhood and a strong social action program.

For information about Chai Noon IV Wild West Casino Theme evening, call event chairperson Chris Grey through the temple office, at 973-379-5387 or send a message by e-mail to office@shaarey.org. More information can be obtained from the temple Web site: www.shaarey.org.



On Oct. 27, Kent Place School students celebrate National Hispanic Month by showcasing traditional attires of different Hispanic cultures found at Kent Place. From front left are Marian O'Neill, Erin Landers, Jennifer Gonzalez, Tessa Giordano, and Ali Robertson. From back left are staff member Odusola Okuwa, Maria Calvache, faculty member Anabelle Loko, and Meagan Goetschius.

Students mark Nat'l Hispanic Month

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He turned heads in announcing on election night he has every intention of running again for re-election. He has already outlasted detractors like the late Tom Dunn and George Albanese.

J. Christian Bollwage — Standing quietly in the back of LAffaire in Mountaineer at the Democratic celebration, it's easy to forget the Elizabeth mayor earned fourth straight win by a 2-to-1 margin.

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Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard Tuesday mornings. A coffee hour starts 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. business meeting. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips, plays and other events.

Portuguese cultures at the school. This year, Alianza invited students and faculty to also represent four African countries: Nigeria, Benin, Ghana, and Sierra Leone.

The Board of Directors of the Commission on Accreditation for Home Care has reaccredited with distinction SAGE HomeCare in Summit for its homemaker and home health services.

This is the sixth year in a row in which the eldercare agency, headquartered at 50 DeForest Ave. in Summit, has passed its home care inspection with distinction, without deficiencies in the survey process and with no recommendations for improvement. The Commission on Accreditation for Home Care was established in 1985 as a major initiative to promote and enforce quality assurance standards for home care in New Jersey.

Prisoner of war will tell the Summit Area Old Guard about his seven months as a prisoner of war in Siberia, Russia on Tuesday at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave. beginning at 10 a.m. Wilson was a U.S. Navy pilot during World War II. His plane was shot down while bombing a Japanese ship off the coast of Siberia. He crash landed his plane on the Russian territory. Russia was not at war with Japan at the time and he was treated as a prisoner of war. He will give his observations about the trials and tribulations of an American in the POW camp at the 10 a.m. meeting. Wilson was born in India and spent a great deal of his life in India and Pakistan. He is a Summit resident and a graduate of Princeton University.

And the winner is

Michael Ferguson — Put together the combination of a gerrymandered congressional district just like your other colleagues, outspend your opponent 4-to-1, use the last two years to promote yourself, run feel-good commercials on cable TV, and you also can garner 58 percent of the vote as did Congressman Michael Ferguson.

Left Out — Having an opponent who wrongly thought that Marine training had application to directing a race for congress and it became a cakewalk. Ferguson, with his third big win, has to be considered a serious candidate for U.S. Senate.

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Local reps split on support for needle exchange

How they voted

Assembly Bill	Yes	No
A-3256, 3257 District 20		
Neil Cohen, D	XX	
Joseph Cryan, D	X	
District 21		
Jon Bramnick, R		XX
Eric Munoz, R		
District 22		
Jerry Green, D	XX	
Linda Stender, D	XX	
District 29		
Wilfredo Caraballo, D	XX	
William Payne, D	XX	

Munoz was absent for the votes but has expressed his opposition to the legislation.

The needle exchange program does nothing but conduct and aid crime, Kean said. "It's like handing someone from Gamblers Anonymous a roll of quarters," he said.

The Assembly's Appropriations Committee released the bill by a vote of 9-3-1 before the fully Assembly voted on it. The bill also would require participants in the program to carry program identification cards, freeing them from prosecution for violating

Historical book celebrates mark Blacks made in Union County

By Anna Kreymann Staff Writer

Ethel Washington, a longtime resident of Plainfield, wanted to enlighten people about accomplishments of Blacks made in Union County's history. She did just that by writing a book, "Union County Black Americans," filled with pictures showing off the contributions that Blacks made in the county.

"I interviewed hundreds of Black Americans — that were politicians, police officers, priests, freeholders and many more important people of this county," Washington said.

The Rev. Everett Lattimore was the first black mayor in Union County when he won election in Plainfield in 1981, and the first Black freeholder in 1970. He died in 1991.

"I thought the book was excellent, but I would have liked to see more pictures as well as words," Rosetta Lattimore, Everett's wife said. "I think this book will have a very positive effect on society."

Lattimore, a retired school teacher, said it is heartwarming to see a book about Blacks. "Finally, something that underlines our achievements rather than crime and drugs."

She hopes the book will enlighten the younger generation and make them understand that they can "live better lives — that they are capable."

"Black people need to stay in school, compete in the workforce — it's happening, but a lot more can be done."

Lattimore said that she looks forward to reading another book by Washington, "but this time with more pages."

"I have been a student of Black history at my life," said Washington, who was born in Florida but moved to Union County in 1975.

Washington works for Union County's Department of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and said that she was surprised "there was very little information on Blacks in this part of New Jersey."

"This set my appetite," she said. "I decided to plunge into this project wholeheartedly."

The book, published by Arcadia Publishing, is based on a format with the idea that readers of the 21st century are not readers, but lookers.

"People, today, like to look at pictures instead of reading words," Arcadia Publishing spokeswoman Laura Butcher said. That is why the 130-page book is completely filled with big pictures and small captions. The company has published similar books on the history of local towns, in Union County and beyond.

Washington hopes the book will inspire Blacks to pursue their goals and to inform everyone of the contributions Blacks in Union County have made.

"I hope this book will be a motivator and an educator for children," the Rev. Denison Harrell of AME Zion Church in Summit said. "I am honored to be in this book. It's a good feeling to know that you are in a book, rather than a mug shot."

Washington said she will be finishing another book shortly.

"I started writing a book on African-American furniture makers and passed it to write about Blacks in the county," she added. "I will finish my next book shortly and I want it to be a coffee table book."

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COUNTY NEWS

Potty Training 101
Are you at war with your toddler and your toddler is winning? The Mothers & More meeting Wednesday will be an informative meeting on a 10-step instruction by a potty training expert...

Gun surrender program
A unique gun surrender program that will allow Union County residents to turn in handguns and rifles in exchange for certificates good for up to \$50 for food or sports equipment...

Tree sought for rotunda
The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Division of Building Services are searching for an evergreen tree to decorate the Courthouse Rotunda for this year's holiday season...

Coen and Cohen feted by library consortium
The Libraries of Union County Consortium recently held their annual reception at Rahway Free Public Library. Nearly 70 library trustees, librarians, and public officials from 18 of the county's 20 library communities attended...

Veterans can get IDs
As Veterans Day approaches, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi would like to remind veterans that they can receive their free military charge identification cards at the County Clerk's Office...

Female business owners have holiday auction
The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, Union County Chapter, will hold its holiday auction and Networking meeting Tuesday at L'Affaire 1099 Route 22 East, Mountaineer...

Anniversary dance planned in Elizabeth
The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will hold its 71st anniversary dance on Saturday at St. Hedwig's Church Hall, 4 Clark Avenue, off Bayway Avenue, Elizabeth, from 8 p.m. to midnight...

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Veteran Broadway performer stars in 'She Loves Me' at Paper Mill

By Bea Smith Staff Writer

George S. Irving is a man who takes his work seriously, and his age with a grain of salt. This phenomenal actor-singer and Tony Award-winner, who has been entertaining audiences for the past 63 years, 12 of them at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, currently in "She Loves Me," celebrated his 72nd birthday this past Monday...

Irving sighed. "It's a shame that these kids don't have the great people that I had working with them. Today there's not too much to do in New York. If I were a youngster, I would try to work in the smaller theaters, the regional theaters..."

Irving is on the stage for more than 2 1/2 hours, and he delights in every moment. "This is a world-class play and a world-class theater to play it in," he said. "I don't understand why New Yorkers don't come down here more often."

Irving mentioned that he had wanted to play Mr. Maraczek since 1963. "I saw the original production on opening night, which Harold Prinz directed. It was one of the few times that I sat in an audience wishing I was up there on that stage. How I envied my friends up on that stage that night, I'll never forget."

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Sultry Sullivan offers a performance with attitude at The Manor

By Astera Argyris

A visit to The Manor in West Orange is like a step back into time. In keeping with the rich of reality shows, this is a reality visit to an English country-manor house surrounded by formal gardens...

The setting indoors is 19th century elegance, giving one the illusion that ladies should be wearing long, perhaps hooped or bustled gowns while climbing the Tara-like circular stairs...

To set the proper mood for the four-star, award-winning cuisine, The Manor proudly sports its myriad of awards on its walls. The regular menu is quite varied, but the Cabaret Soiree menu had a limited selection...

The wine was a perfect dry white that had a tang that pleased the palate. It was maso pinot gorgio. There was no choice at all for dessert. The only selection was a chocolate and roasted macadamia nut tart with a white mocha sauce...

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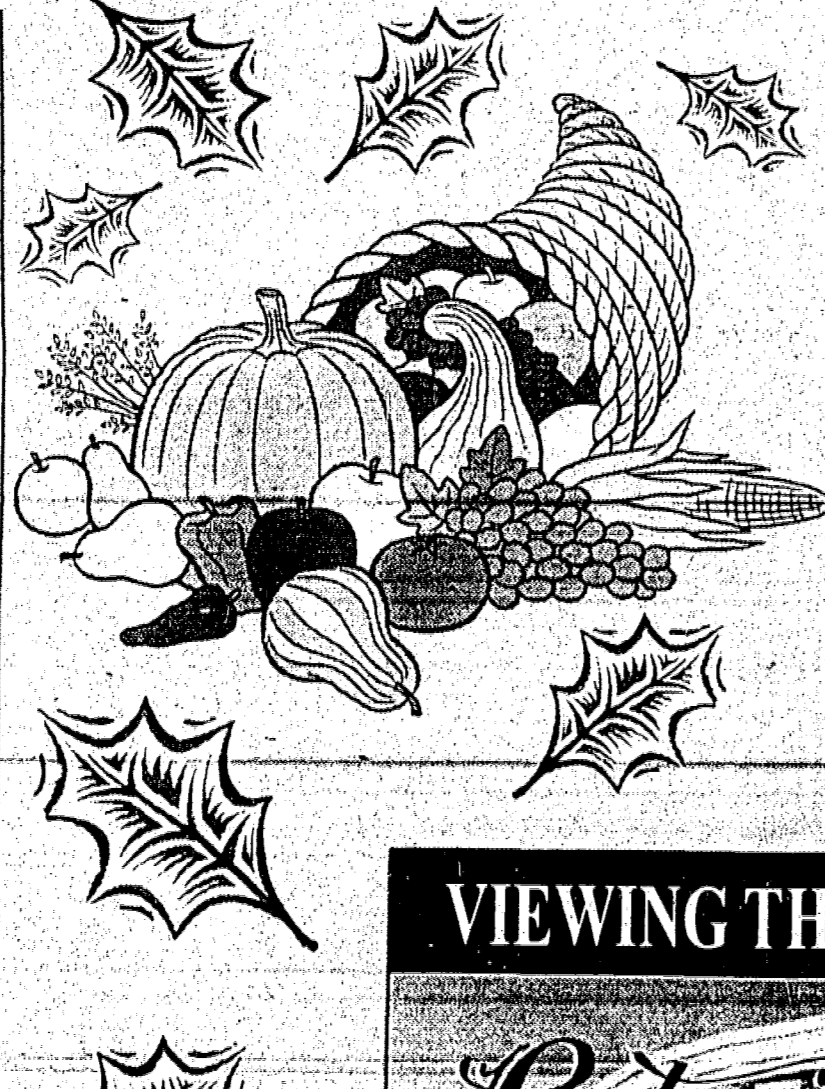
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Thanksgiving Day Dining

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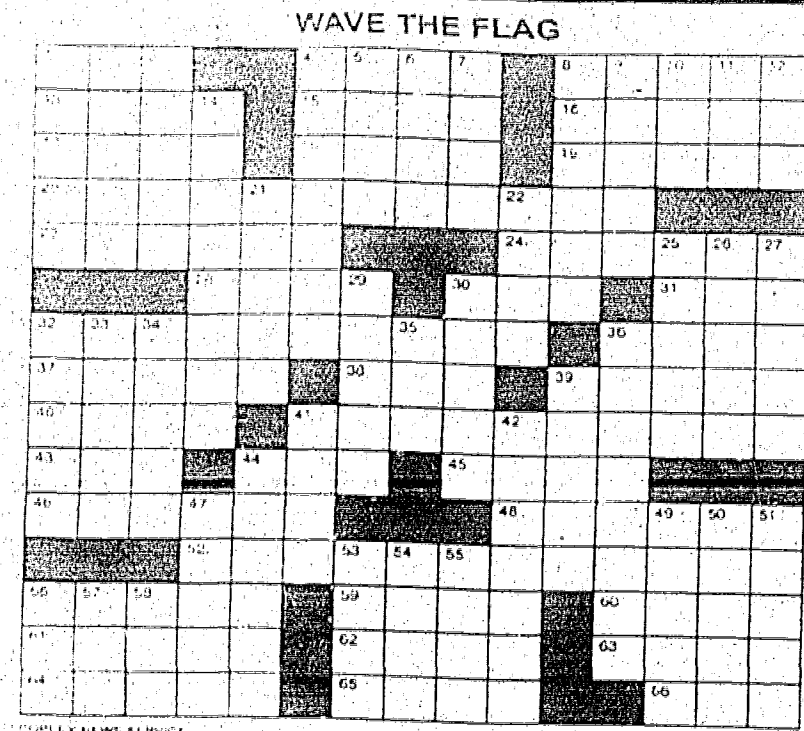
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- 1 Take steps
- 4 Prepare potatoes
- 8 Waving the willow?
- 13 Secular
- 15 Common cat
- 16 Violet or lilac
- 17 Mop footed by
- 18 Woodpile quantity
- 19 Building's building
- 20 Flag day
- 23 Comedian-singer
- 24 Theater district
- 28 Unwanted carpenters?
- 30 Generation
- 31 Fire preceder
- 32 Foe of 1776
- 33 Wallace, of Reader's Digest renown
- 37 Sign of spring
- 38 Signer of 1776
- 39 Better balanced?
- 40 Knocks
- 41 Celebrities of 20
- 42 _____ Across
- 43 Southwestern brave
- 44 _____ dog!
- 45 Islands near New Guinea
- 46 Blood curdler
- 48 Close
- 52 Desire of 1776
- 56 Put in order
- 58 Address Spelling
- 60 Make it fast!, briefly
- 61 Clean up
- 62 Stonewort or rockweed
- 63 Strike out
- 64 "Today" weatherman
- 65 Winged diver
- 66 Beginning of time?



DOWN

- 1 Walking on air?
- 2 Camp craft
- 3 _____ Andronicus
- 4 Jungle clearer
- 5 Buck follower
- 6 Slave, of yore
- 7 Mideastern pilgrimage
- 8 Charlotte
- 9 Songstress Tucker
- 10 Dog holder
- 11 Merg's farrowed
- 12 Short ranch hand?
- 14 Girls' prom wear
- 21 Little bell sounds
- 22 Prompt
- 25 Frankie or Cleo
- 26 Flooring specialist
- 27 Bradley and Sharif
- 29 Dependable

ANSWERS APPEAR ON B10

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY November 13th, 2004
EVENT: HOLIDAY FLEA MARKET
PLACE: All Saints Episcopal Church, corner of Valley and Forest Streets, Orange, NJ
TIME: 10am - 3pm
PRICE: Free Admission and parking in the church lot. Featuring: tricky toys, crafts, toys, christmas items, books, home made baked goods and much more. For information 973-731-0401
ORGANIZATION: All Saints Episcopal Church of Orange New Jersey

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY November 12th, 13th, 2004
EVENT: The Annual St. George's Rummage Sale
PLACE: St. George's Episcopal Church, 550 Ridgewood Road Maplewood
TIME: New extended hours Friday 9:30AM-8:00PM, Saturday 9:30AM-3:00PM
DETAILS: Large selection of gently used clothing, children's toys, games, household items, linens, electronics and bric-a-brac. Something for everyone. Friday fill a bag of clothing for \$10.00. Saturday everything half price! See our website for more information: <http://www.stgeorges-maplewooddiocese.org> or call 973-762-1319
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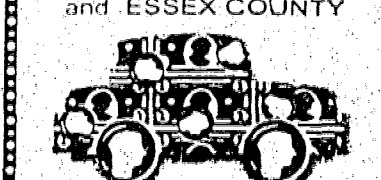
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY November 20th, 21st, 2004
EVENT: The 30th Annual Craft Show
PLACE: Calvary Episcopal Church, 200 Valley Ave., Caldwell, NJ (off Boardwalk Ave.)
TIME: 10:00am - 5:00pm
PRICE: Admission and Parking FREE
DETAILS: 75 vendors featuring unique quality crafts including wood, stained glass, pottery, hand-knit and crocheted items, jewelry, home made baked goods and much more. For information 973-731-0401
ORGANIZATION: Friends of Calvary Episcopal Church of Caldwell

WEDNESDAY November 10th, 2004

EVENT: Civic Reception for Clinical Teachers and Parents
PLACE: ACAP, 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite 111, West Orange
TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
INFORMATION: Attendees will have an opportunity to present for discussion material drawn from difficult clinical cases. Classroom situation or issues with family members. Through working with actual clinical material it will be possible to demonstrate how modern, creative principles may be applied. These cases as well as showing methods that might have general application in our everyday lives. All are welcome. For seating reservations call 973-731-7500 email speud@net.com or via the website at www.acap-online.org
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'She Loves Me' set to light up Paper Mill Playhouse through Dec. 5

Paper Mill Playhouse continues its 2004-05 season with the charming romantic musical "She Loves Me". Directed and choreographed by Paper Mill favorite James Brennan, who directed last season's "The Sound of Music", "She Loves Me" runs through Dec. 5.

Tickets ranging in price from \$31 to \$68 are on sale now. Student rush tickets are \$16 available day of performance with current ID. For tickets call 973-476-4343 or buy online at www.papermill.org.

"She Loves Me" boasts a book by Joe Masteroff, and music by Jerry Block and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. The classic score includes such tunes as "Will He Like Me?", "Tonight at Eight," "Dear Friend," "Ice Cream," and "She Loves Me."

It is the rare musical theater aficionado who doesn't have a soft spot in his heart for this intimate show, considered by many the most charming musical ever written.

"She Loves Me" stars George Dvorsky, Michele Ragusa, Nancy Anderson, David Hess, Paul Schoeffler, Bradford Anderson, Bill Bateman and Tony Award-winner George S. Irving, with Richard Todd Adams, Leslie Becker, Ryan Diaz, Katherine Harber, Cecilia Kate, Alisha Klein, Jean Marie, Mary

Jo McConnell, Ed Romanoff, Todd Stein, and Branch Woodman. The production team for "She Loves Me" includes Michael Anania, Gail Randi, F. Mitchell Dana, and Randy Hansen. Tom Helm is musical director.

George, played by George Dvorsky, and Amelia, played by Michele Ragusa, are two feuding clerks at a European perfume-maker in the 1930s who secretly find comfort in their anonymous romantic pen pals, not realizing their respective correspondents are none other than each other.

Funny, intelligent, honest and sentimental, "She Loves Me" is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old world elegance and nostalgia, yet as universal and relevant as ever in this age of internet romances.

"She Loves Me" is based on the play by Miklos Laszlo, whose own conception was titled, "Parfumerie" when it premiered in Budapest in the 1930s.

Subsequently, Ernst Lubitsch in 1940 spun the enchanting tale of love temporarily a-veiw into "The Shop Around the Corner," starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan. In 1949, a second motion picture, the musical version "In the Good Old Summer Time," starred George S. Irving and Cecilia

Luza Minnelli. Most recently Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan starred in the 1998 film "You've Got Mail."

With a top ticket price of \$85.00, "She Loves Me" opened at Broadway's Eugene O'Neill Theatre on April 23, 1963, playing 302 performances. Directed by Harold Prince, with musical staging by Carol Haney, the cast included Barbara Bayley, Jack Cassidy, Barbara Cook, Daniel Massey, Ludwig Donath, Nathaniel Grey, and Ralph Williams. The 1993 revival for the Roundabout Theatre Company began life at the Criterion Center Stage-Right before transferring to the Brooks Atkinson Theatre. Directed by Scott Ellis with musical staging by Rob Marshall, the cast included Jonathan Freeman, Brock Cambo, Tony Award - Best Actor in a Musical, Brad Kane, Judy Kuhn, Sally Mayes, Howard McGillin, Lee Wilkof and Louis Zorich.

Making her Paper Mill debut is Michele Ragusa in the role of Amalia Batash. Michele's Broadway credits include Evelyn Nesbit in "Ragtime," "A Class Act," "Titanic," "Cyrano" and most recently, "Urinetown." Off-Broadway "Bloomer Girl" at Encores! and "Tintypes" Regional "Guys & Dolls," "South Pacific," "Phantom," "My Fair Lady," "West Side Story," "Carousel," "Me and My Girl," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Paper Mill favorite George Dvorsky returns to Paper Mill for his sixth production after starring as Billy Crocker opposite Chita Rivera in "Anything Goes," Billy Buck Chandler in "My One and Only," "The Boy Who Sings," and "Richard Henry Lee in 1776," and James in "Shenandoah." He has starred on Broadway in the title role of "The Scarlet Pimpernel," and played Henry Spofford in the revival of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Other Broadway credits include the Tony Award-winning "Passion," "Marilyn: An American Fable" and "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Off-Broadway credits include "Dames at Sea" and "And the World Goes Round." George starred in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" as Prince Charming at Lincoln Center where he also played Tommy in "Brigadoon." Off-Broadway credits include Pete in "Pete, N. Keely," "Dames at Sea" and "And the World Goes Round." For more information, go to www.georgedvorsky.com.

Making his 12th appearance on the Paper Mill stage is George S. Irving who plays the owner of the Parfumerie, Mr. Maracek. Irving last appeared as Merlin Bellinger in "Camelot" and counts Panisse in "Fanny" as his favorite role here. George's Broadway debut was in the original cast of "Oklahoma!" He's been called the quintessential musical comedy character men with roles in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," "Camelot," "Hells Are Ringing," "Torch Song," "The Happy Time," "On Your Feet," and "Home" being also the voice of Underdog and Heat Miser.

James Brennan, a resident of Midland Park, is one of Broadway's premiere "song and dance" men, having starred as Bobby Child in "Crazy for You," Billy Lawlor in "42nd Street," Don Lockwood in "Singin' in the Rain" and Bill Snibson in "Me and My Girl." He recreated his role of Bill Snibson in "Me and My Girl" at Paper Mill, and starred as King Arthur in "Camelot."

Brennan directed Paper Mill's "Notices Only," "Crazy For You" and last season's hit "The Sound of Music."

This summer Brennan directed "Call Me Madam" at Gosspeed Musical, "On Your Feet" and "Notices Only" at the Cape Playhouse and starred opposite Sutton Foster in "Me and My Girl" at Pittsburgh CLO.

Jerry Block was born in New Haven on Nov. 23, 1928. Thirty years later he and Sheldon Harnick gave birth to "The Body Beautiful" in Philadelphia. In between was "Catch a Star" and "Mr. Wonderful," starring Sammy Davis Jr. Block and Harnick's celebrated collaboration yielded five scores in seven years.

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Local students debut at Performing Arts Center

By Jeff Cummins, Associate Editor

For so many of us, our earliest memories of hobbies or passions come from things we discovered during our childhood, often during moments we experienced with our parents.

That's exactly what happened with Scott Nadelson of Short Hills, who plays in the All-State Jazz Band, which will perform at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Sunday.

Nadelson's love for jazz began when he started listening to jazz with his father. Shortly after that, he joined the jazz band at Millburn High School, and it wasn't long before he started that he looked for an outlet to develop his skills.

It's vaguely similar to the way that Chris Velderman got started. Velderman became interested in jazz during the third grade, and began playing in the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in his native Westfield. A teacher of Velderman's started a jazz band in elementary school, which Velderman joined. Then he went on to Region 2 Jazz Band for central Jersey in middle school.

Ultimately, Velderman and Nadelson both made their way to the All-State Jazz Band, and they'll perform together when playing as part of the All-State Jazz Ensemble and Honors Jazz Choir at New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Victoria Theater on Friday at 7 p.m., and as part of the All-State Orchestra and Chorus at NJPAC's Prudential Hall on Sunday at 3 p.m.

"I played classical music, but I enjoyed the improvisation within jazz," said Velderman. "There were so many different things you could do in jazz, and I enjoyed that aspect."

When talking about their respective influences in jazz, a couple of common names were mentioned: Miles Davis and John Coltrane. "First I started listening to Louis Armstrong, and that drove me to play jazz trumpet," said Velderman.

"then I got into Miles and those people."

"In terms of trumpet players, I listen to Davis or John Coltrane," said Nadelson. "All their stuff is really great, especially "Giant Steps" by Coltrane and "Kind of Blue" by Davis," said Nadelson.

While college doesn't occupy every moment of their day, it's clear that music is important enough to both Nadelson and Velderman that they'll both continue to pursue it after high school.

"I plan on doing music as a minor or major in college," said Velderman. "It doesn't matter if I make a career out of it; I'm still going to keep playing music for the rest of my life."

program offered by NJPAC has enhanced the interest in music of both young men, as well as the other students who participate in this program.

"I think NJPAC would consider students even if they hadn't played in their school's jazz band," said Nadelson, who lauded the benefits of being involved with NJPAC.

"They teach you a lot about style and improvisation, about becoming a better jazz musician," he said. Velderman echoed Nadelson's sentiments.

"(Performing in the All-State Jazz Band) has been a chance to play with some great players, work with a great conductor and with people who compose the music you're playing," he said.

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Traditional dishes such as ravioli, stuffed shells and homemade lasagna satisfy a cautious diner while more adventurous customers can choose from the tortellini Michelangelo, which combines ham and sliced chicken breast in an Alfredo sauce. The gnocchetti Baronesse includes the potato pasta mixed with peas and mushrooms in a brown sauce.

For a more exotic taste of Italy, diners can choose from a large variety of veal, chicken and seafood dishes guaranteed to satisfy their appetites. Traditional dishes such as Marsala, Parmigiana and Francise are offered for all of the eatery as well as some of Mr. Nino's originals.

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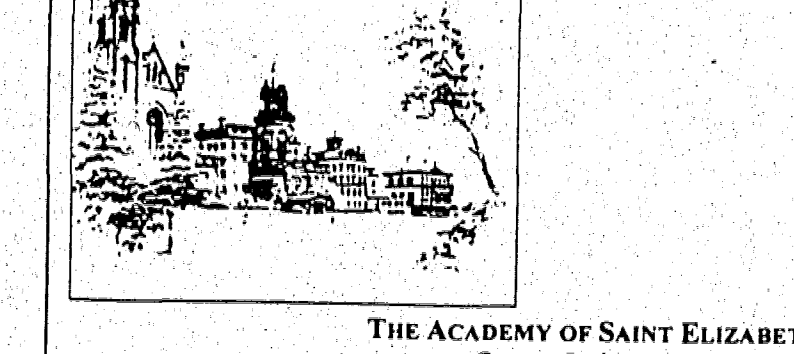


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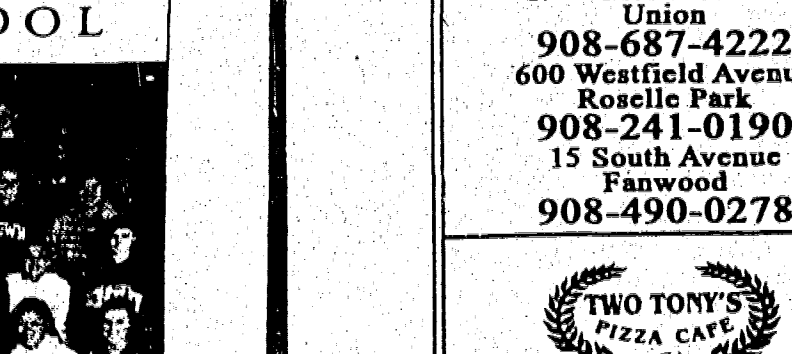


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Resurgent theater company will perform 'Oliver' in November

Last year, after a five-year hiatus, Livingston Community Players returned to the community theater stage with its production of "Annie." Many thanks go to the generous support of Livingston Mayor Steve Santola, the Livingston Board of Education, and the sponsorship of the Livingston Department of Recreation and Parks, which enabled Livingston Community Players to reorganize, regroup and present quality theater to the public.

This year, Livingston Community Players has chosen to stage "Oliver" based on Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist," with book, music and lyrics by Lionel Bart, this delightful musical has many memorable songs, including "Consider Yourself," "Where is Love" and "As Long as He Needs Me."

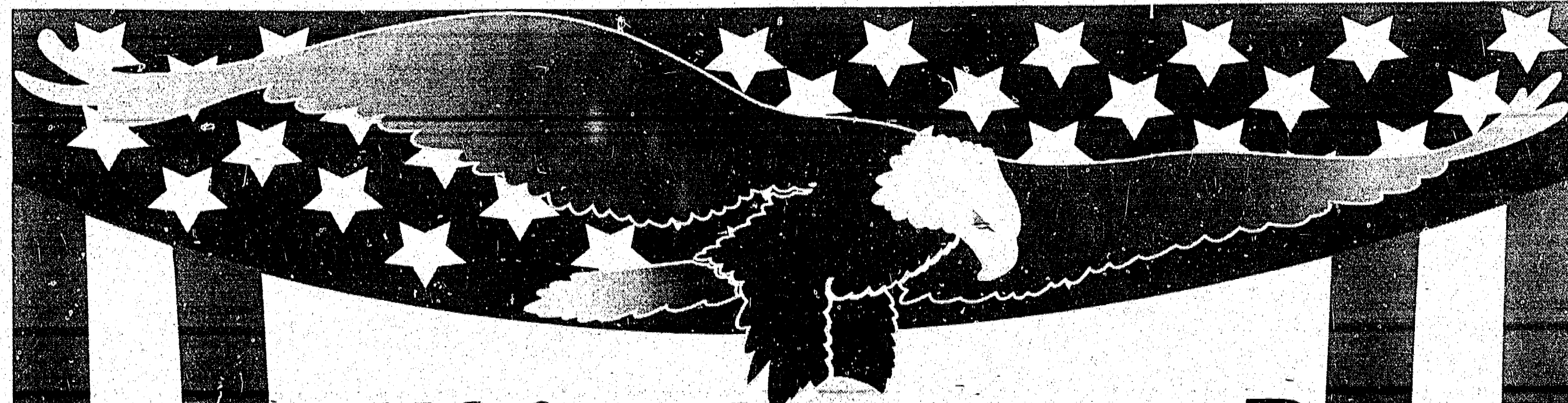
Eighty-year-old Livingston resident Jared Goldsmith plays Oliver, with Christopher Murphy performing as Artful Dodger. Nate Brochin as Bill Sikes, Michael J. Ciullo as Fagin, Julie Siles as Nancy, Catherine Rothweiler as Bet, Kristen Almeida as Widow Corney, Ed Wittel as Mr. Bumble, Barbara J. Goldstein as Mrs. Bedwin, Barbara Morris and Carol Annott as Mr. & Mrs. Sowerberry and Jonathan Bourne as Mr. Brownlow. Members of the large ensemble also double in several minor character roles as well. Cast members live in Bergen, Essex, Union, Middlesex and Morris counties.

Murphy, who portrays Dodger, is 11 years old and has previously performed this role with Stage Door Manor in the Catskills. Mills, one of Fagin's boys, is a talented dancer and performer, as well. She too has appeared in several Stage Door Manor productions. Both live in the South Orange/Maplewood area.

Wittel, Mr. Bumble, lives in Westfield and has many theater credits to his name. He has appeared with Cranford Dramatic Club and most recently with WYACT at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in "West Side Story." He plays professionally with two bands in clubs around the area. One band, The Boatlegs, covers The Beatles, and the other, Rewind, does classic rock.

Goldstein, Mrs. Bedwin, lives in Springfield and has performed with many local theater groups, including Stony Hill Players, Forum Theater, and Westfield Community Players and is one of several original members of Livingston Community Players. She is a staff writer for Union County Voice Magazine and is publicly chairman for several local area theater groups.

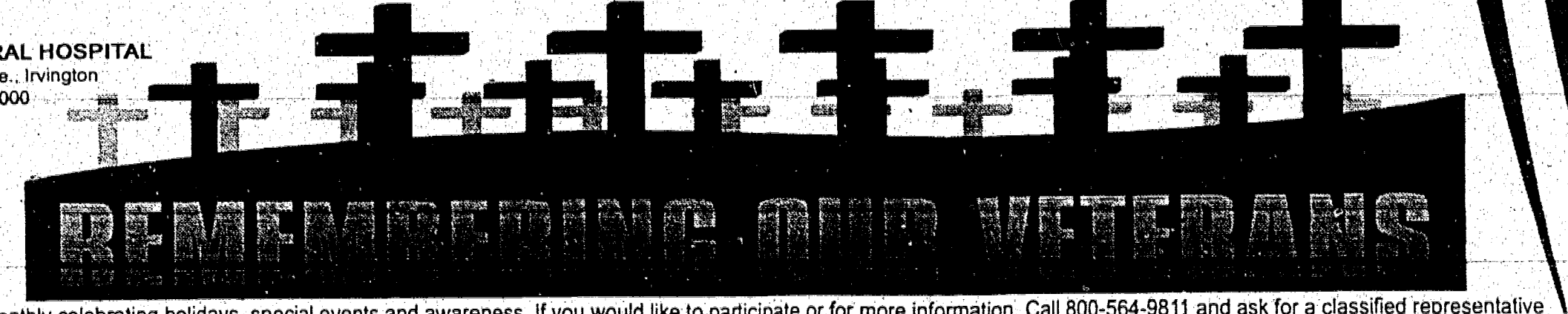
This is one of the few musicals the entire family will enjoy. Last year's successful team from "Annie," director choreographer Patrick Starega and musical director Hense Greenbaum, return this year for "Oliver." Both Starega and Greenbaum bring a wealth of theater experience to this production. Starega has worked with theaters across the state of New Jersey both as a director and choreographer. Greenbaum served as musical director for many years with Livingston Community Players, "Ilorham Park Players and



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ART SHOWS

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FIVE ARTISTS will be featured in "Contemporary Old and New," an exhibit which will be on until Nov. 21 at Swan Galleries in Plainfield. Dutch artist Onno van den Brink, de Jonge, French painter Ayvar Pezant, and three American artists, George Schultz, John Hummel and George Gardner Johnson from the "old" portion of the exhibit, while the "new" segment is composed mostly of New Jersey artists. Frank Ferrante of Westwood, Helen Jacobs of Paramus and Fred Kirberger of Morristown are among the artists whose work will be presented. For information call 908-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will feature the work of Pusha Bin Elin, Mitze Coleman and Bob Noctor throughout November. The Children's Specialized Hospital is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For more information, call 908-233-4720, ext. 5579.

LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY will host the presentation "A Cardiac Journal," a series of photographs of Union County Public and Private Gardens by Nancy Ori of Berkeley Heights. The exhibit will continue through Dec. 1. The gallery is open at the Union Library, 1980 Morris Ave. In June, during regular library hours operated by the Wheelchair Gallery Inc.

NEW EXHIBIT OPENS AT ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY. On Wednesday, the Arts Guild of Rahway will present "Collisions/Collisions" by Felicia Gustin, Anuradha Das and Erena Kato. The show will run until Dec. 10. An opening reception will be held on Nov. 21 from 11:40 a.m. There will be free admission.

The gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the Arts Guild, 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For more information, call 732-381-7511, or visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org, or e-mail tinsguilid1670@earthlink.net.

FRANK FALOTICO has announced that the duCret School of Art is sponsoring its annual open house on Nov. 18 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Falotico, the school's director, welcomes all interested students to tour the school's facilities and visit classes during the open house. The school is located at 1030 Central Ave., Plainfield. For more information, contact the school office, 908-757-7171.

BRIGHT, BOLD LANDSCAPES will be the focus of Mountainside resident Cynthia Smith Woss' work, which will be on display at Bouras Galleries on DeForest Avenue in Summit. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

BOOKS

TOP-RANKED ART COMES TO WESTFIELD when the 21st annual Westfield Arts Market takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Westfield Armory. This juried fine art and craft show will present the works of over 100 American artists from across the nation. The artwork featured will include fine art and craft in wood, jewelry, glass, leather, fiber, ceramics, oil painting and acrylics, mixed media, furniture, paper, metal and more. Weekend passes are \$7 and children under 10 are admitted free. Show times are from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 a.m. to 5:30 on Sunday. For more information call 800-834-9437. For information on the days the event takes place, call 732-815-4875.

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SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD

Reading Group meets the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. To read a Shakespeare play out loud. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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TOM BISIO

will appear at The Town Book Store on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to promote his new book, "A Tooth from the Tiger's Mouth: How to Treat Your Injuries with Powerful Healing Secrets of the Great Chinese Warriors." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For more information, call 908-233-3535.

COMEDY

GROUCHO MARX will be the focus when the Union County Arts Center presents "An Evening with Groucho" on Saturday at 8 p.m. The performance features award-winning actor, director and playwright Frank Ferrante. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 732-499-8226, or by visiting the Web site, www.uccc.org.

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RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Whitson Grove Presbyterian Church on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

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Livingston Players to perform 'Oliver'



From left, Barbara J. Goldstein of Springfield, who plays Mrs. Bedwin, Danielle Mills and Christopher Murphy, both of South Orange, and Ed Wittel of Westfield are featured in the Livingston Community Players' upcoming production of 'Oliver'. Performances will run from Saturday through Nov. 21. For tickets call 973-992-6570 or 973-992-5996.

HEALTHY LIVING

Regular sleep leads to good health

Sleep is very important to a child's overall health and development. "Sleep should be a priority not only during Daylight Saving Time but year-round," said Dr. Rochelle Zozula, clinical director, comprehensive Sleep Disorders Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. "It is important for parents and caregivers to recognize the proper amount of sleep for their child, depending on their age, to create the best environment for them to get that sleep, and to learn how to implement healthy sleep habits for themselves as well as their child."

Research shows that children require more sleep than adults, who typically need between seven and nine hours of uninterrupted sleep every night. Zozula offers the following recommendations for children:

- Newborns: 10.5 to 18 hours
- 18 months through 3 years: 12 to 14 hours
- 3 to 5 years: 11 to 13 hours
- 5 to 12 years: Nine to 11 hours
- Teens: 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 hours

In addition to getting enough sleep, parents also need to ensure their children are sleeping soundly," added Zozula. "Sleep-deprived children often experience learning and behavioral problems, growth issues or changes in their immune function. They may also show attention deficit hyperactivity disorder-like symptoms, such as hyperactivity during the day."

Sleep problems are often indicated by frequency and severity of certain sleep patterns. Children who sleep restlessly, fall out of bed, sleepwalk or experience sleep terrors may be suffering from a sleep problem. Frequent bedwetting may be another sign of sleep trouble. Families with a history of sleep apnea or restless leg syndrome should be extra observant because these conditions tend to run in families.

The Sleep Disorder Center recommends parents make sleep a family priority by embracing good sleep habits, learning to recognize sleep problems and talking to their child's doctor about sleep. Physicians should be asking parents about their child's sleep, evaluating children for possible sleep disorders and educating parents on the importance of making sleep a priority.

Here are some tips from the Sleep Disorder Center about good sleep habits:

- Maintain a regular sleep schedule, even on weekends. This includes having the same bed and wake times every day.
- Regardless of the child's age, establish a regular bedtime routine. This should include at least 15 to 30 minutes of calm, soothing activities. Discourage television, exercise, computer and telephone use, and avoid beverages, chocolate and other products that contain caffeine.
- Provide an environment that is conducive to sleep. Eliminate light, noise and other distractions to help ensure adequate sleep.

Older children also need a balanced schedule. Identify and prioritize activities that allow for downtime and sufficient sleep time. An overloaded schedule can lead to stress and difficulty coping, which may contribute to sleep problems.

Ensure children are eating a healthy diet and exercising regularly to help them maintain a healthy weight. Extra pounds may put children at risk for sleep apnea, a serious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening sleep disorder.

If parents suspect a sleep disorder, they should discuss the problem with their child's physician. Most sleep problems are treatable.

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Weekly Mortgage News

McLean, VA - Freddie Mac (NYSE:FRE) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey in which the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 5.70 percent, with an average 0.6 points, for the week ending November 5, 2004, up from last week when it averaged 5.64 percent. Last year at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 5.94 percent.

The average for the 15-year FRM this week is 5.08 percent, with an average 0.6 points, also up from last week when it averaged 5.01 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 5.26 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 4.00 percent this week, with an average 0.40 point, up from last week when it averaged 3.96 percent. At this time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 3.74 percent.

Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total cost of obtaining the mortgage. The slight increase in mortgage rates this week was due in large part to volatility in long-term bond yields, said Frank Norbit, Freddie Mac chief economist. The uncertainty in bond yields reflected weakness in the manufacturing industry that was offset by economic reports of strength in the service sector.

When taken as a whole, this week's economic data point towards both low mortgage rates and a growing economy, both of which are good news for current homebuyers looking to refinance and for families hoping to become homeowners.

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National Averages

30-year mortgage
National Average: 5.70%

15-year mortgage
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1-year ARM mortgage
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Stop-and-go problems are difficult to fix

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By Jon Woods
An intermittent problem is one that doesn't happen all the time. For instance, if your car dies at every stop sign, that problem is not intermittent. If it dies at every other stop sign, that is not an intermittent problem, either. If your car intermittently dies at stop signs, that problem is intermittent.

Your mechanic cannot guarantee a diagnosis of intermittent problems. For example, suppose your car has a problem in which, once in awhile, when you come to a stop sign, the engine dies. You put it in park and start it back up and it keeps running just fine. Over the next 10 to 20 days of driving and the next 10 to 50 stops, the engine behaves itself and doesn't stall. Yet, just when you think that your car has somehow fixed itself, it dies again at a stop sign. Curse!

The problem is really starting to annoy you, so you take it in and leave it with me, your mechanic, with instructions to make sure it is fixed before I give it back to you. Now your ears pringle has become my problem. I start by test driving the car with you and stop the car several times. The car keeps running just fine at each stop. It's obvious to both of us that the problem qualifies as an intermittent problem. You leave the car with me and I go to work. I spend a couple of hours checking and find several things wrong. You have a cracked windshield, a tire that is just about ready to burst, an intake hose that is cracked and has a bad diode in the alternator.

Now, it's obvious that the cracked windshield is a problem and that the tire should be replaced, but we both know that, even though these are problems that should be fixed, fixing them will not solve that stalling at stop signs problem.

The cracked intake hose and the bad diode are things that could cause your car to stall at idle. We have one big problem with this logic: If the cracked hose or the diode is the cause of your stalling problem, why isn't the car stalling for the night now?

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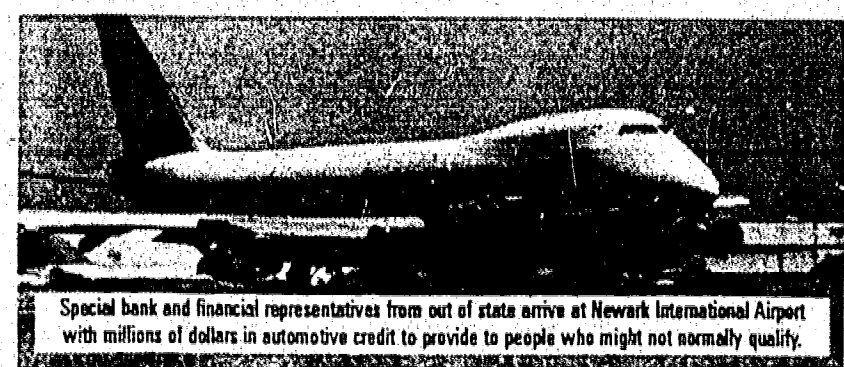
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By R.J. Frey
Automotive Advertiser Correspondent

Union, N.J. — Jim Tino, Jr., Vice President GM of Multi Chevrolet has announced plans to hold an unprecedented new vehicle sales event this Friday, Saturday and Monday. "Due to our unique, huge-volume buying power, we will be offering discounts so out-of-the-ordinary, we will not be printing our prices here for fear of disrupting the retail price structure of dealers throughout the Northeast," Jim Tino explained. "You must attend the event to get a price quote. Our goal is nothing less than to sell the most new Chevrolets in the history of the manufacturer in the U.S. over a three-day period - even if we have to sell some vehicles at a loss."

During this three-day event only, Multi Chevrolet will be offering unheard-of discounts of up to \$12,556 off MSRP on factory-fresh, award-winning Chevrolet vehicles, including Cavalier, S-10, TrailBlazer, Malibu, Impala & Venture. In addition, Multi Chevrolet is continuing to offer the Chevy, \$1000 customer cash program. "This will be one of the largest selections of vehicles ever offered for sale or lease on the East Coast." Said Dennis LaRocca, Sales Manager. "No models will be held back. Our unprecedented discounts, combined with this gigantic selection has made Multi Chevrolet the easiest place to buy a car in the area. This will be an opportunity to select the new Chevy automobile of your choice at a price you wouldn't believe possible. In addition, qualified buyers will be able to buy with

no down payment during this three-day event only. "The event will be strictly limited to retail customers only. Other Chevrolet dealers will not be permitted on the premises to buy. Factory orders may

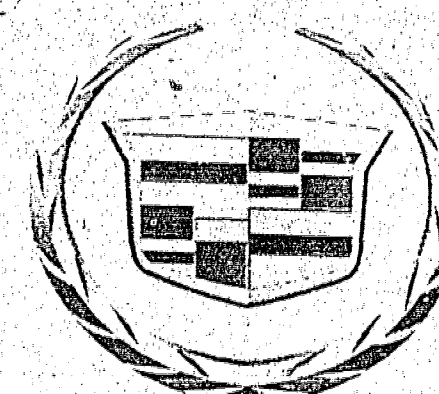


Special bank and financial representatives from out of state arrive at Newark International Airport with millions of dollars in automotive credit to provide to people who might not normally qualify.

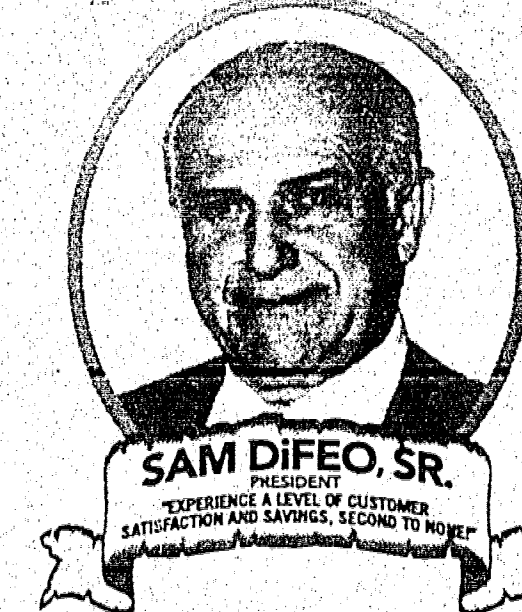
also be made at these special sell-off prices. According to Multi Chevrolet Vice President and GM Jim Tino Jr., this event will be the year's best opportunity to obtain automotive financing. "We are committed to out-selling every other dealer during this three-day period," Jim Tino said. "We realize a lot of people have had trouble getting financing at other dealers. Therefore, we are flying in special out-of-state bank lenders to offer automotive credit to people who might not normally qualify. By bringing in these special lenders, we can qualify nearly everybody who has a job." The only requirements for one of these special loans are a job, steady income and stable residence. And although bankruptcies must be discharged they will not prevent someone from getting a loan. "We are financing first-time buyers, people with slow pays in their credit history, people with liens, divorce problems and even people with

out co-signers who would normally need them," said Andy Sulley, sales and leasing manager. "On-the-spot financing will be arranged for qualified buyers to assure immediate delivery." All credit subject to approval by primary lender. In fact, getting approved at Multi Chevrolet is as easy as picking up the phone. By calling the Multi Chevrolet Credit Hotline toll-free at 1-800-287-7906, buyers can leave their credit information with no salesman and no hassles. An additional advantage for the buyer is that Multi Chevrolet will have a number of out-of-state used car buyers on the premises. "These buyers will compete to buy our customers' trade-ins," said Tony Marsillo, Used Car Manager. "So you are virtually guaranteed to receive hundreds, or even thousands, more for your vehicle." The Multi Chevrolet sales event is being held at 2675 Route 22 West, Union, N.J.

"This first-time-ever event will be the greatest event in our history!" Jim Tino said. "We are telling people to 'Drive a little...save a lot,' and we expect that customers from as far away as Massachusetts and Pennsylvania will be heeding our advice. To be sure of being able to get the exact model, options and color desired, we recommend arriving early." Here's just one example of the incredible discount uncovered by this event: 2004 CHEVY SURBURBAN LS, VIN #4G286856, Stk #C3268, 4DR, 8 cyl, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/lks/mirrs, cd, cruise, lugg rk, alum whls, MSRP \$42,555. Buy for \$29,999. Prices exclude tax & tags.



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NEWS CLIPS

Collection starts for gently-used coats

Community Conference of Springfield will be collecting "gently used" coats this week.

Boxes will be set up at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at Church Mall in Springfield, as well as at the public schools. There is an especially great need for winter coats for infants and men. This drive is sponsored in assistance with Jersey Cares.

For information, call Shari Gozdan 973-376-0379 or Merle Rosenbaum 973-376-2107.

In addition to brown bag meals, as winter approaches BRIDGES will distribute coats, blankets and clothing as well as other necessities such as toiletries. BRIDGES is especially in need of men's clothing, blue jeans and blankets. Individuals are asked to bring donations to BRIDGES, located in Christ Church at 561 Springfield Avenue in Summit on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. BRIDGES welcomes hugs of worship, schools, offices or organizations to have a drive for a particular item of need for a homeless friend.

For 16 years, BRIDGES, a Summit based nonprofit organization, has been committed to bringing the housed and the homeless together in community.

Foundation conducts fashion show/luncheon

The Deborah Hospital Foundation Park Union Guild Chapter will conduct the annual luncheon and fashion show on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant on Route 22 west in Mountainside. Tickets are \$35.

Everyone is invited. Call Jane Winter at 908-687-1423 for information.

The chapter, serving the towns of Cranford, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Union and Westfield will be meeting every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are conducted at the Michael A. Kelly Post of the VFW located at High Street and Stuyvesant Avenue, in Union. Everyone is invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to join their chapter, call Jane Winter at 908-687-1423.

Their next meeting is tonight, everyone is invited to attend and to become a member.

They will be sponsoring another cruise in March of 2005. The cruise will be going to the Eastern Caribbean on the Costa Atlantica.

It will be a seven-day cruise departing on March 6, 2005. The itinerary is as follows: San Juan, St. Thomas/St. John, Catalina Island, Casa De Campo and Nassau.

For information call Rosemary at 908-272-7575. Watch this paper for more information.

BRIDGES conducts clothing, gift drive

Last year, BRIDGES delivered more than 700 individually requested holiday gifts for men, women and children living on the streets or in shelters in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irvington.

Once again, BRIDGES has begun to take requests for specific items such as shoes or clothing of a specific size. Groups or individuals that would like to purchase holiday gifts will be given the person's name, request and general location.

Gifts should be returned to BRIDGES by mid-December wrapped and tagged. Know the true pleasure of giving this holiday season and call 908-273-0176 and ask for a holiday gift request.

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Honoring special people

Sam Carmack, a seventh-grader at the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, reads a tribute in honor of his dad, Curtis, at the Special Person Breakfast hosted by students in team 7A on Oct. 26. Students invited their special guests to the breakfast and wrote tributes to them. Donna Mariano coordinated the event.

Artist exhibits at Kent Place Gallery

The Kent Place Gallery will exhibit the work of artist Liz Demaree of South Orange. The exhibit, titled "Untold Stories," will be on display through Nov. 19.

Demaree's mixed-media paintings, collages and constructions explore unique places and spaces that tell stories. She uses a rich blend of process and media to create her highly imaginative work. For information, call 908-273-0900 ext. 208 or visit www.kentplace.org.

"A Winger's Tale" is 12 shadow boxes that tell the inter-related stories of four different people.

FMBA can drive benefits burn victims

The Summit Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 54 is currently involved in the ACBC Program for St. Barnabas Burn Foundation, also known as the Aluminum Cans for Burn Children.

The Burn Foundation was established in 1987 and serves as the education, research and fund-raising branch of the Burn Center. They provide essential financial support to the burn patients and their families, fire safety programs for the community, educational and training programs for professionals, as well as medical equipment for the Burn Center.

To participate in the ACBC Program the FMBA is asking the residents of Summit, their friends, and families to please bring their aluminum cans to the Summit Fire Department's Cedar Street lot. Participants are asked to bag their cans and place them next to the red trailer marked Aluminum Cans for Burn Children.

Guida also stated the County Park Commission has completed an engineering study that will alleviate the water problem in the walking path and other areas that have been detrimental to the many walkers of the path. Dan Bernier, Union County director of the Division of Park Planning and Recreation, said, "Springs have popped up in several areas, causing the problem, and the department is developing a permanent solution to resolve the problem, beginning with the construction of several under drains."

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OBITUARIES

Barbara Mann

Barbara Whitwell Mann, 81, of Maplewood, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in the Bronx, Mrs. Mann lived in East Orange and in Summit for 50 years before moving to Maplewood three years ago.

Jean Sinak

Jean Rita Sinak, 91, of Gillette, formerly of Mountainside, died Oct. 31 in the Berkeley Convalescent Center, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Sinak lived in Mountainside before moving to Gillette 25 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Della; a brother, Joe Angen; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Florence Farrell

Florence R. Farrell, 93, of Mountainside, formerly of Kenilworth, died Nov. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Farrell lived in Kenilworth before moving to Mountainside in 1972.

Surviving are three daughters, Marie Costa, Amette Caccia and Carol Sempes; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Helen Kadish

Helen Kadish, 91, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Oct. 2 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center, West Orange.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kadish lived in Livingston and Springfield before moving to West Orange.

Art comes alive at Village Green

"Side Step," "Cross Step" and "Windswept" are colorful, freestanding works of outdoor sculpture by New York artist sculptor Wendy Lehman and were installed in October at various locations in the city of Summit.

The first two works, approximately 8 feet tall, are on display together at the Village Green, a large open space along Broad Street opposite NJ Transit's Summit station.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Friday, noon. Entertainment - Friday, noon. Sports - Monday, noon. Letter to the Editor - Monday, 9 a.m.

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Miriam Anshlitz of Congregation Ohav Shalom, South Orange, and a life member of the National Council of Jewish Women of Essex County.

Lawrence Chidester Jr.

Lawrence Chidester Jr., 78, of Madison, operator of a family business in Springfield, died Oct. 31 at home.

Mr. Chidester operated the family business, the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Co., Springfield, for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Jane Wagner, a stepdaughter, Mary Lou Hall; a stepson, William Mann, and two grandchildren.

Marie Gagliardi

Marie Gagliardi, 82, of Mountainside died Nov. 3 in the Manor Care, Mountainside.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Gagliardi lived in Marion for 49 years before moving to Mountainside in 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Teresa Palm, and a grandchild.

Beulah Sigman

Beulah Sigman of Springfield died Nov. 3 in the Inglemole Health Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Sigman lived in Springfield for 32 years. She was a 1942 graduate of Upsilon College, East Orange.

Surviving are two sons, Larry and Robert; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Gaetano Marianino

Gaetano "Tom" Marianino, 77, of Stuart, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 4 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Marianino lived in Springfield and Toms River before moving to Stuart three years ago.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Lisa; three sons, Daniel, Gaetano Jr. and Thomas; two daughters, Evangelina and Theia; a brother, Daniel; two sisters, Margaret Moore and Gina Guida; and two grandchildren.

Serving up something special



S.H.I.P. board member Barbara Bunting prepares some sandwiches to be included in the bag lunches given to S.H.I.P.'s clients.

Program promotes reading

Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School, in cooperation with all the elementary schools and the Summit Board of Education, recently hosted a panel discussion to encourage parents, grandparents and caregivers of young children to increase their efforts to demonstrate their own love of reading and learning to their children.

"Learning to read and write happens long before children go to school," said Carolyn Deaton, Summit's superintendent of schools.

"At home, parents are encouraged to expose a child to oral storytelling, a variety of play experiences and real-world examples that children can draw upon as they develop and hone their reading and writing skills," said Johnson.

"Appreciation for reading can be inspired by parents, grandparents and caregivers reading aloud and showing children the world of books," said Glatt.

Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt gave a heartwarming account emphasizing the importance of reading for those for whom reading does not come easily.

Carol Rasco, president and chief executive officer of Reading Is Fundamental Inc., America's oldest and largest nonprofit children's literacy organization, participated in the discussion and called attention to the 35 to 40 percent of fourth-graders nationwide who read below grade level.

Of course, if you're the quieter type, you can browse through the more than 300 silent auction packages on display, ranging from home decor to baubles & bangles, from sports to fashion's finest, and sign your name to the one or more that is your personal "must have."

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Foundation conducts Pink Tie Ball

Bubbles will be everywhere as The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation North Jersey Affiliate, located in Summit, hosts their eighth annual Pink Tie Ball.

The ball, New Jersey's premier annual fund-raising event in the battle against breast cancer, is expected to draw nearly 1,400 bubbly supporters who can look forward to a gala evening.

The master of ceremonies will be Rene Syler, anchor of CBS News' "The Early Show." Syler, who has been a longtime crusader for breast cancer causes, was the 2004 recipient of the Gracie Allen Award for Individual Achievement in the National Best Anchor category for her exceptional service to breast cancer.

The companies and individuals who are to be honored by Komen North Jersey at this year's Pink Tie Ball for their extraordinary commitments to the cause are: Dr. Mindy Ann Goldfischer, Dr. V. Merle McIntosh and Dr. Miguel A. Sanchez of the Cytodiagnosis and Breast Cancer Center of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood; Novartis Oncology in East Hanover; Dr. Deborah Dunsire, senior vice president and North American Region Head for Oncology; and Robert and Connie Dwyer of Shant Hills.

"We are so grateful for the support that we've received over the years, both from corporations and individuals, and the warm relationships that have continued to develop — it's all about the relationships," said Deborah Belfatto, the executive director of Komen North Jersey.

Doyle New York. Bid on that dream vacation, a seven-day Mediterranean getaway for two cruising from Barcelona to Rome on Silversea Cruise's luxurious Silver Cloud — donated by Silversea Cruises and Neiman Marcus Short Hills; or, for the shopping-at-heart, there's a Bergdorf Goodman-New York City Extravaganza for two — donated by Bergdorf Goodman — that includes hotel, dinner, fashion shows and more, and, of course, a \$10,000 gift certificate to spend at the most fabulous department store in the world.

True philanthropists-at-heart will have a very special opportunity to open their hearts and their pocketbooks: bidding to underwrite the creation of the Patient Treatment Assistance Fund, which will help fill in the financial "treatment gaps" for underserved and uninsured women.

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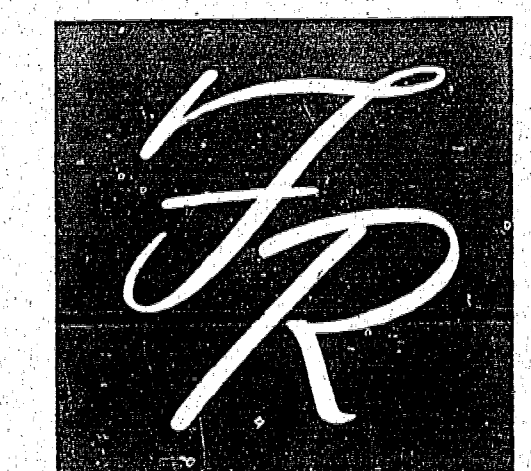
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Sha'arey Shalom host Thanksgiving service

On Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., Temple Sha'arey Shalom at 78 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield will host Springfield's annual Thanksgiving Community Service.

Clergy from Temple Beth Ahm, Emanuel United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. James Roman Catholic Church and Sha'arey Shalom will participate in leading the service. The Rev. Charles Bazer will offer the sermon.

Intervene events stress spiritual learning

Intervac's Center for Wholistic Living in Summit will offer a variety of programs this fall, offering people a place to gather for fellowship, learning and fun at a community learning center that promotes wellness, spirituality and the connection of mind, body and spirit.

First Fridays, located at 41 Woodland Ave., are an informal "coffee hour" evenings of lively presentation and conversation, inviting participants a fresh perspective on some current aspect of life as challenging times and energizing them for the weeks ahead. A \$10 donation is required.

Wisdom's Well, a monthly worship service using feminine language and images, returns to the Unitarian Church in Summit, located at 4 Waldron Ave. at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Led by members of Intervac's Community in the Spiritual Journey, the service of meditative prayer, music and readings from different traditions is open to women and men of any spiritual background — or none in particular. Those who wish may stay for a time of reflection and fellowship.

Virginia Phelan, director of the Arts and Letters program at Drew University, will be the keynote Saturday at "Lasting Life Twice: Writing and the Spiritual Journey." This day of workshops, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., also includes presentations by Elizabeth O'Brien, adjunct assistant professor of English at Drew; Rachel Blau, integrated kabbalistic healer, psychotherapist and dream teacher; Nancy Orlen Weber, minister, psychic and writer; and Lisa O'Brien, Intuitive assistant director for the cost for the day is \$55, \$45 for Intervac members.

For registration, information about any of these events or to receive a copy of their catalog, call 908-273-2120 or go to www.intervac.org.

Fall programming at Sha'arey Shalom

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, offers a full calendar of events for the fall. Dynamic programming offers something for every age group and interest level.

Children enjoy monthly Ash-pachal minyan services, interactive sabbath minyan services, For Shabbat services, and often participate in the evening Family Shabbat services.

Rejuvenation Group participants enjoy many activities, including the Jewish Seniors lecture series and outings to various locations. All age groups are welcome at the Sabbath morning study minyan, evening book discussion groups, afternoon learning with the rabbi and adult education series.

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will offer weekly a program on Thursdays at noon titled "Thursday the Rabbi Had Lunch," a gathering to eat, drink and study Jewish topics of interest.

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes are led by Amy Montauri in the evenings. Details on all classes and events are available from the office.

December will offer many ways to celebrate Hanukkah. The annual Hanukkah brunch will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 5. Craft activities for the kids, entertainment, mitzvah mall shopping and lots of food await.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism.

The community is invited to most events and Friday night services, which are at 8 p.m.

For program information and to learn more about membership, call the temple office at 973-379-5387 or send a message by email to office@shaarey.org.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST: FAITHFUL BAPTIST CHURCH HERBERT LIVINGSTONE LUMPKIN 214 CENTER ST., 242 Shilps Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackay, Sr. Pastor, Sundays 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, Singers through Seniors, Special Bands, School for all ages, 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM Worship Services and Nursery care, 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program, for Children ages 4-11, 9:00 AM Fellowship Service, Nursery care, Wednesdays, 7:30 PM Prayers, Praise and Bible Study, Junior-Senior High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry, Wade-Rose Music Program, Family Pk. Church Unit provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office 973-379-4351, Mondays, 7:00 pm. 1524 JMI Ave. SUNTOWN NJ 07074.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE: TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-379-0100, Mark Mallich, Rabbi, Richard Sadel, cantor, Mincha, tashah, President Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services, Mon. 7:00 AM, Sun. 10:00 AM, 8:30 PM Shabbat, Friday, 6:00 PM. School classes are available for children ages 2-12 through J. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, 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, 973-379-0100.

LUTHERAN: HOPE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 97081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887, Remo Madsen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the church office, Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 pm.

ORTHODOX: CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 319 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-379-0600, Chaim Marcus, Rabbi, Alan J. Viner, Rabbi Emeritus, Sidonim Greenfield, President. Congregation leads a Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyan at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha/Maariv services are also held at the same office at 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. as well as Junior Congregation at 9:00 a.m. The Nursery School conducts classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4 1/2.

REFORM: TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE., SPRINGFIELD, 973-379-5387, Rabbi Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi, Amy Montauri, Cantor, Education Director, Sara Greenman, Pre-School Director, Minna Schreffel, Family Life Educator, Edward Frank and Hank Rotenberg, Co-Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat services are held by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Sunday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Sunday mornings for grades K-5, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Friday evenings for post-high school students. Pre-School classes are available for children ages 2-12 through J. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, 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.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST: UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-273-2435, www.summitun.org, Rev. Vanessa-Rosa Southern, Minister, Michelle Vines, Music and Choir Director, Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Adult Education and other programs.

PRESBYTERIAN: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 973-379-2329, Sunday School classes for ages 3 yrs-12 yrs, 9:00 a.m. in our Parish House. Sunday morning worship service 10:15 AM. Children's church is held during the worship service. Nursery care and facilities are provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian Education, Choir, ongoing church activities, and Fellowship. Holy Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every month. The Ladies' Evening is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Information is also available on the temple Web site at www.shaarey.org.

Featured this year is the renowned "Heater Street Toupee," who will lead an interactive Sabbath service that includes Friday night worship with the soul and wisdom of Hasidic story, song and dance. Prior to the service at 6:30 p.m. will be a family Shabbat dinner. This special service is co-sponsored by the Temple Sha'arey Shalom Renaissance Group and Religious School.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, formerly Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood and Brotherhood and a strong social action program.

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Holiday tree lighting planned

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation present a Holiday Tree Lighting and Nature Craft Show, Dec. 5 at the Watchung State, Summit Lake, Mountaintop. The event will be conducted rain or shine.

The craft show opens at 11 a.m. Other activities begin at noon. Santa's arrival will take place at 1 p.m. and the tree lighting finale is at 5 p.m.

Activities include a visit with Santa Claus, petting zoo, Watchung Mounted Sheriff Team demonstrations, Field-line horse rides, K-9 Unit demonstrations, Union County Police children's fingerprinting and bomb squad robot, hot air balloons, bag tours, and the tree lighting.

The nature craft show, located in the barn building, unique handmade items created using natural materials, having a nature theme, poiseitias and wreaths.

Refreshments will be available to purchase. Children's crafts to purchase and make will also be available.

Suggested admission: an item of dry or canned food, a new un-capped toy. All items will be distributed through local charities.

Weisman's exhibit on display

Ruth and Paul Weisman were married for more than 50 years, until Ruth passed away in 2002.

These Springfield residents did everything together they traveled, they volunteered at the library, and they were both artists. Their artwork will be displayed in a show titled "Clay, Stone and Straw" at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 2.

An artist's reception will be conducted on Nov. 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Paul made his first clay pot when he was in his mid-seventies and now, a dozen years later, his work will have its first public showing. Both hand-built and wheel-thrown objects some functional, others purely decorative form the body of the show, with small stone sculptures lending an interesting contrast.

His first exposure to studio ceramics was at Newark State Teachers College now Kean University. He could not fit the class into his schedule, but accepted a work-study assignment to stack and fire pottery in the huge gas-fired kiln. According to his transcript, he received credit for Ceramics 101, although in four years of college he made not a single pot. Perhaps that limited exposure to the craft touched a chord within.

"It may explain why a piece of pottery came home with us from college, Ruth and I visited."

It was some fifty-plus years after his kiln-firing days at college, that he made his first pot at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. Off and on since then, he explored the capabilities and limitations of clay at NICVA in Summit, and in work-shop programs at the Appalachian Center for the Crafts in Centerville, Tennessee and at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. At other times, he turned to sculpting in stone, an unforgiving medium 360 degrees different in its properties from clay.

Also included in the show will be Ruth's baskets. Ten years ago Ruth took a class at NICVA on basket making. During her spare time since then, field, Scotch Plims bags, specially-marked bags will be distributed on the weekend of Nov. 13 by parent-supervised Scouts and Cubs to homes in their assigned neighborhoods and the bags will be collected from doorsteps in the morning of Nov. 20.

Homeowners are asked to fill a bag with nourishing, non-perishable, non-glass food products that can be stocked at a food pantry and to put the bags out in a visible place before 9 a.m. on the pickup Saturday or as directed in a note with the bag.

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Summit teacher visits S. Africa

An exchange of visits between a Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School teacher and two educators from South Africa provided a unique opportunity for forging a friendship and for sharing thoughts on education.

This past summer, Steffany Baptiste, a special education teacher at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, made her third summer trip to South Africa with a group from Rutgers University.

Baptiste is a graduate of Seton Hall University with a bachelor of science degree in special education and elementary education and a graduate of Rutgers University with a master of education degree in social and philosophical foundations of education. She is currently pursuing a doctorate at Rutgers in social and philosophical foundations of education.

The Rutgers tour group was comprised of 14 New Jersey teachers, a university graduate assistant, and Darren Clarke, the director of the study tour. The purpose of the trip was to connect Rutgers with South Africa's primary and secondary schools to provide American resources for the South African teachers as well as to build a connection with the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, to enrich Rutgers' global outreach programs.

Baptiste had personally funded her two prior trips to South Africa, but the latest trip was funded by a Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship.

"Although apartheid was outlawed 10 years ago in South Africa, the segregation are still recovering from the school of the past," said Baptiste.

"The enforced racial segregation caused many people to move, creating more densely populated areas."

"Therefore, the children attending the overcrowded schools are presently

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It all adds up to learning fun



Kent Place School seventh-graders Caitlin Wraith, Amy Tourgee, Taylor Zusi, and Briana Shaw learn about volume in their middle school math class. Their teacher, Rosalie Inlartaglia brought in a one cubic foot box filled with popcorn and had the students determine how many pieces of popcorn were in the box using smaller models that they built.

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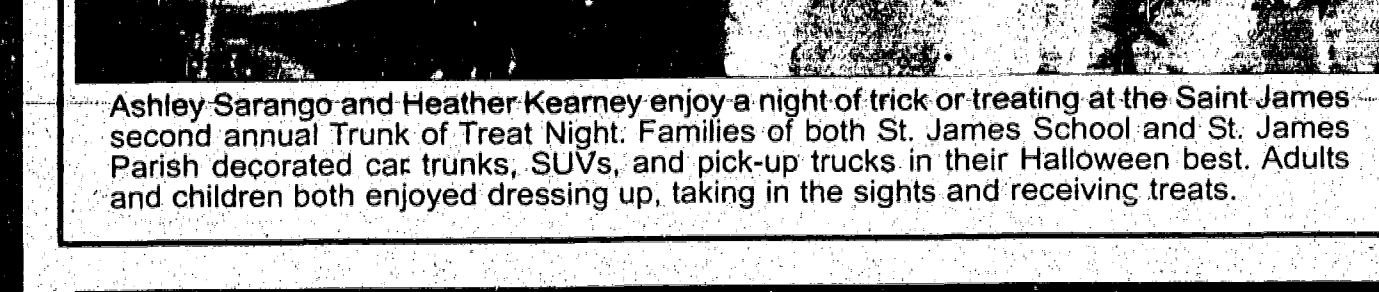
"Unraveling the Mystery of ADHD: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder" will be presented from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at 150 New Providence Road in Mountaintop.

This full-day symposium will provide management strategies for ADHD in both school and home environments.

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to identify the epidemiology and etiology of ADHD; explain strategies for successful management in the school setting; outline currently available treatment options for ADHD; and develop a management plan for the home environment.

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Welcome to 'Trunk or Treat' Night



Ashley Sarango and Heather Kearney enjoy a night of trick or treating at the Saint James second annual Trunk or Treat Night. Families of both St. James School and St. James Parish decorated car trunks, SUVs, and pick-up trucks in their Halloween best. Adults and children both enjoyed dressing up, taking in the sights and receiving treats.

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Holy Trinity principal is cited

On Oct. 17, Dorothy Szoł, principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield and Mountaintop was awarded the Archdiocesan Sesquicentennial Catholic Golden Jubilee Medal.



Szoł thought of Szoł, who has served with distinction as principal and most notably guided Holy Trinity through Middle States Accreditation and also through their recent expansion to a second campus in Mountaintop.

able woman of God, so faithful a parishioner, is possessed of profound spiritual wisdom and marked by a great and gentle holiness of life. When informed of this honor, Szoł said she was "overwhelmed and undeserving" and that she accepted this honor on behalf of "all the men, women and children who have made Holy Trinity a Christ-centered and academically sound school where children are cherished and encouraged to reach their fullest potential."

Lighthipe exhibits at Reeves-Reed

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit will exhibit the artwork of artist and botanical illustrator Mindy Lighthipe at Studio 16 in Warren.

Down in the deep South



The central characters in Summit High School's production of 'To Kill a Mockingbird' relax on their front porch as members of the extended Finch family.

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By JR Parachini, Sports Editor

Nine teams with dreams of winning a state championship. Union County will be well represented in the state playoffs as nine of its 16 schools qualified.

WEEK NINE GAMES NJSIAA Quarterfinals Friday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m. 44 North 2, Group 4

WEEK EIGHT SCORES Friday, Nov. 5 (6) Union 27, Scotch Plains 20 Plainfield 26, B-Raritan 14



Governor Livingston players Chrissy McCurdy (No.9) at left and Jeannine Olmo (No. 7) at right battle Cranford's Gina Malangone for possession during last Saturday's Union County Tournament championship game at Elizabeth's Williams Field.

ELIZABETH - With a lengthy layoff since its last game, Governor Livingston High School girls' soccer coach Mike Roof was a little concerned entering the final of the 24th Union County Tournament last Saturday night at Williams Field.

GL girls' soccer captures first UCT championship

Talbot goal late in second half lifts Highlanders

That was evident in the first five minutes as GL goalkeeper Alyson York made the first of her five saves. After Cranford's Amanda Porter laced a shot from the right corner that was deflected, Courtney Schreiber tried to bang in a rebound from eight yards out that York stopped near the right post.

UNION COUNTY 1. Elizabeth (8-0) 2. Cranford (7-1) 3. Union (4-4) 4. New Providence (7-1) 5. Rahway (6-2) 6. Brearley (7-1) 7. Scotch Plains (4-4) 8. Linden (5-3) 9. Gov. Livingston (5-3) 10. Plainfield (3-5) 11. Roselle Park (4-4) 12. Summit (4-5) 13. Cliffside (3-5) 14. Roselle (3-5) 15. Johnson (0-8) 16. Westfield (0-8)

Dayton/Brearley gymnasts triumph Sablosky first in uneven bars

A banner year continues for the Dayton/Brearley gymnastics team as it captured another championship. After winning the Union County competition last month at Cranford, Dayton/Brearley went on to finish first in North Jersey, Section 2 last Friday in a cold, dimly lit gymnasium at Ridgewood.

High winds and heavy rain last Thursday night knocked out Ridgewood's transformer, leaving the school without heat or electrical power.

The following is a schedule of events for both competitions: Team meet 8 a.m. Report/stretching 12:45 p.m. Report/stretching 8:30 a.m. Warmups 1:15 p.m. Warmups 9:55 a.m. March in 1:30 p.m. March in 10:10 a.m. First rotation 1:40 p.m. First rotation 1 p.m. Awards ceremony 4:30 p.m. Awards ceremony

Others from the area that qualified individually were Tiffany Lewis of Elizabeth and Jessica Greenwald of Union. Lewis was first in the all-around with a score of 35.775. She was first in the vault at 9.55, second in the uneven bars at 8.975, second in the balance beam at 9.05 and third in the floor exercise at 9.2.

Summit football out to top Cliffside Park Hilltoppers have won 2 straight

Seeking to finish its season with a .500 record after a slow start, the Summit High School football team is scheduled to host Cliffside Park in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 consolation game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Tatlock Field.

Included in that streak was Friday night's thrilling come-from-behind win at Parsippany 14-13, which was Summit's second straight victory.

Trailing 13-7 with seven minutes remaining, Summit took over on its own 21-yard line. The Summit offense then immediately went to work as senior quarterback Jake Huck connected with senior back Daryl Toney on a 30-yard reception to the Parsippany 49.

Summit is not scheduled to play on Thanksgiving, thus ending its season this Saturday. That was evident in the first five minutes as GL goalkeeper Alyson York made the first of her five saves.

Summit was involved in another one-point game this season. That came in the Hilltoppers' season-opener on Sept. 11 when they dropped a 27-26 decision at home to Morris Hills. Morris Hills ended up qualifying for the North 2, Group 2 playoffs as the fifth seed, although they are just 4-5 and have won only once since a 3-0 start. The Knights' lone win is a victory over Parsippany.

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