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### 4TH OF JULY **EVENTS 9TH ANNUAL ALL AMERICAN** SOAPBOX DERBY

10am – 2pm ON STUYVESANT AVE BETWEEN MOUNTAINVIEW AVE. & TYLER AVE.

#### SUMMER **CONCERT & FIREWORKS**

7:30pm Biertuempfel Park – John Christian & Soiree 9pm Fireworks

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## **ISLAMIC CENTER OF UC OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION**

The Islamic Center of Union County (ICUC) located on Morris Avenue American. I am a Muslim. This is my faith. This in Union, invited the community to an open house held on May 1, 2016. The theme of the event was "A bridge to meet and greet your Muslim neighbors". The event was a resounding success with many public officials in attendance as well as Union Township service members who came out to support co-workers being honored for their service.

Community service members who were honored included Ashley Lupo, Union EMS; Vincent Amato, Union Fire Department; Anthony Cavello, Union Police Department; and Nancy Zuena, Union Board of Education.

After an opening payer recited from the Quran, Imam Said El Qasabi stated "This center is a part of Union. We are a part of the same fabric. Our doors are open and all are welcome."

Mayor Manuel Figueiredo stated in part "This is a wonderful event. We are here to learn a little bit about Islam.... We have similarties."

The ICUC was started by students attending Rutgers and NJIT in Newark in 1986 and moved to its current location at 2372 Morris Avenue, Union about five years ago. All of the center's board members are volunteers.

The ICUC offers free after school tutoring for Muslim and non-Muslim children, homework help and SAT training. A part of their mission is to promote friendly relations between Muslims and non-Muslims in the community.

Guests were treated to a buffet after the ceremony and mingled with the center's congregation. Tables were set up with booklets and board members were on hand to answer questions about Islam and the center.

ICUC President Dr. Wail Rasheed thanked those who attended. "This special day allows us the opportunity to come together as a collective whole and reminds us that we are a part of a great community and that enables us to build bridges between one another.

"Islam teaches me to respect all people and stand up for justice for all. I am here, and I have been here for generations – wanting the same things you do – the chance to pursue life, liberty and happiness. I am an



(above) ICUC President Dr. Wail Rasheed and Iman Said El Oasabi were on hand to answer questions from some of the many public officials who were in attendance during the open house held at the Islamic Center of Union County located on Morris Ave. in Union.



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is my voice. We have a civic obligation to protect

Islam or Muslims. You can also take a tour of the

local Mosque by appointment. To learn more visit

icuc@icucnj.com or email icuc@icucnj.com.

This ICUC welcomes your questions about

our city, town, state and country at large."

(above) Community service members who were honored included Vincent Amato, Union Fire Department: Ashlev Lupo. Union EMS: Anthony Cavello, Union Police Department; and Nancy Zuena, Union Board of Education.



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## **UNION RESIDENTS JOIN FORCES TO CLEAN 10 PARKS DURING OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP**

held its annual Operation Clean Sweep, Adopt-A-Park event in May, and welcomed more than 200 residents that took to the streets to clean local parks and recreation areas.

"It's always wonderful to see the community come together," said Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, "but it's even better when we come together with the same vision of investing in our community, and making it a better place for everyone to live."

After signing in at the Department of Public Works and obtaining their "Operation Clean Sweep" t-shirt, participants were then dispatched to different areas, pre-identified by the Department to remove graffiti and clean the Township of litter and debris.

"Maintaining our parks the way that we all enjoy them is a tough job," said Louis Ulrich, Superintendent of the Department of Public

Township of Union - The Township of Union works. "Events like these not only help protect our environment, but bring about a greater sense of appreciation and value for the spaces we all share and enjoy."

The event brought together various community organizations, Cub Scout groups and families that were looking for ways to get involved. In total, 10 parks were serviced and the event culminated with a picnic at Rabkin Cove where volunteers were treated to food, music and face painting.

"Operation Clean Sweep" is part of the Clean Communities Program, funded by a Clean Communities Grant. The NJ Clean Communities Program is a comprehensive, statewide litterabatement program that has served NJ Residents and visitors for over 25 years.

For additional information on Nj Clean Communities, visit please http://www.njclean.org.



(above) Cub Scout Pack 68, at Union's Annual Operation Clean Sweep, Adopt-A-Park event with Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, and committee people. Photo by Township of Union. npineiro@uniontownship.com







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**BOBBY BYRNE** 

## **Entertainment Schedule**

"The Vinny's" Sat June 11 9pm Sun June 12 **Bobby Byrne** 4:30pm Fri June 17 "Sweet Chin Music" 10pm Sat June 18 Pat Roddy 10pm JUNE 19th - FATHER'S DAY BLOWOUT! 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' 6pm Sun June 19 Sat June 25 Pat Roddy 10pm Sun June 26 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm Thu June 30 Backspin 50 5pm **JULY 2016** Fri July 1 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' 6pm Sat July 2 Pat Roddy 10pm Sun July 3 Bobby Byrne 4:30pm Pat Roddy 10pm Mon July 4 "The Barksdales 5pm T

Thu July 7	Backspin 50	5pm
Fri July 8	'Waiting on Mongo'	10pm
Sat July 9	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 10	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
Thu July 14	Backspin 50	5:00pm
Fri July 15	"Enjoy!"	10pm
Sat July 16	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 17	Pat Roddy	10pm
Thu July 21	Backspin 50	5:00pm
Fri July 22	"Sweet Chin Music"	10pm
Sat July 23	Pat Roddy	10pm
Sun July 24	Bobby Byrne	4:30pm
	'Brian Kirk & the Jirks'	10pm
Thu July 28	Backspin 50	5:00pm
Sat July 30	"The Medicine Men"	6pm
	Pat Roddy	10pm



Thu August 18 Sat August 20 Sun August 21 Thu August 25 Sat August 27

Sun August 28

### **AUGUST 2016**

5:00pm Backspin 50 'Waiting on Mongo' 10pm Pat Roddy 10pm 4:30pm Bobby Byrne Backspin 50 5:00pm "Joebonanno and the Godsons of Soul" 7pm 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA Backspin 50 5:00pm "Enjoy!" 10pm Bobby Byrne TBA Backspin 50 5:00pm "Joebonanno and the Godsons of Soul" 7pm 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA

#### **SEPTEMBER 2016**

Thu September 1 Backspin 50 Sat September 3 Pat Roddy Sun September 4 Bobby Byrne Pat Roddy Fri September 16 Nicole & Denise

**OCTOBER 2016** 

10pm

7pm

Sun October 2 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA Fri October 14 Nicole & Denise 7pm

#### **NOVEMBER 2016**

**Sun November 6** 'Brian Kirk & the Jirks' TBA

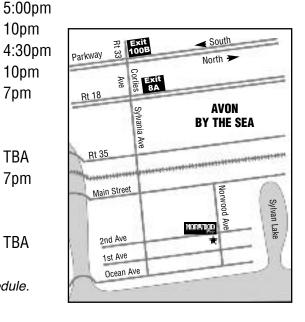
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**PAT RODDY** 



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## **TOWNSHIP OF UNION RECOGNIZES OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

The Township of Union Celebrated National • Command Citation: Police Week on May 19th with a commemorative ceremony that included several officers from • Command Citation: UPD being recognized for their bravery, dedication and sacrifice.

"The example you set- as officers and as civilians- makes better citizens of all of us and is the glue that binds our community together," said Manuel Figueiredo when addressing the officers and their families.

- The following awards were conferred:
- Commendation Medal:
- Police Officer Marcos Novoa Rios • Commendation Medal:
- Detective Joseph Foster
- Dispatcher of the Year:
- Aliza Todmann
- Command Citation: Police Officer Adam Jovic
- Command Citation:
- Police Officer Chris Lensi

- Police Officer Fernando Trejo
- Police Officer Carthaniel Crum • Command Citation:
- Police Officer John Oliviera
- Command Citation:
- Police Officer Robert Leamy

Present at the ceremony were municipal, county and state officials who congratulated the officers and remarked on the significance of celebrating their accomplishments.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.



(above) Municipal, County and State officials were present to celebrate the accomplishments of nine members of the Union Police Department who received awards for their bravery dedication and sacrifice during National Police Week.





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Kids 7-10	\$5.99	Kids 7-10	\$6.99
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#### SUNDAY ALL DAY DINNER

11am - 10	pm
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## **STEPHEN FULLER TO PLAY COFFEEHOUSE**

The Salem Roadhouse Cafelocated at 829 Salem Road, Union, NJ, proudly presents Stephen Fuller on Saturday, 11 June, 2016. Doors open 7:30 PM. The show starts at 8:00 P.M.

Admission is \$20.00/\$10.00 for students with ID.

Stephen Fuller's deep rich voice and soulful renditions have long made him a favorite with sophisticated audiences around the world; performing in Eilat, Israel; Turks and Caicos; Negril; Jamaica; San Jose, Costa Rica; and St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Fuller is best known for his smooth virtuosity, which spans the breadth of jazz standards, blues, latin, swing, Bossa Nova and contemporary classics. As a lead vocalist, he has worked with a number of jazz bands and singing groups including: The Ted Klum Jazz Trio, Platinum II featuring Vince Seneri, Carrie Jackson's Jazz Vocal Collective and many others.

Original music oriented art by Stephen Ellis will be on display at the Roadhouse Gallery Of Fine Art

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# **BUBBLES 4 AUTISM 2016**

Awareness Month. It is a time to not only educate the community about autism, but to promote inclusion and acceptance about the disorder from classroom to beyond.

Battle Hill Elementary School, in Union Township, recognized the event for the fourth year in a row on April 28th. The occasion, which has become known as Bubble Day was highlighted when all Battle Hill students and staff gathered in the playground and blew bubbles at 10:00 am. The purpose of Bubble Day is to help children with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), burst out of their bubble of isolation and raise awareness and understanding of autism in the community. Details about the event are their website available on at: www.faces4autism.org.

In addition to school principal, Mark Hoyt, and

April is designated as National Autism Battle Hill PTA president, teachers and students, the event was attended by Union Police Officer Michael Boll, Annie Moses, Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Monge, Board of Education Member, Barbara LaMort, President of the Union Historical Society, Kim Conti, Director of Special Services, as well as Maureen Corbett, Theresa Matthews, and Robert Ghiretti, Elementary Supervisors. This was also "Take your child to work day" so many staff members' children had the opportunity to participate.

> Prior to and during the event, staff and Student Council assisted in collecting donations. This year the school is also participating the "ribbon challenge" in which the participants formed a human ribbon. Donations to Faces 4 Autism totaled \$775. The event was coordinated by Alison Brehm, 4th grade teacher and Student Council Advisor.



(above) Students of Battle Hill Elementary School, in Union Township Bubbles 4 Autism 2016.

# 2016 Camp Premiere at Kean University

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Register online at www.kean.edu/premierestages/camp\_premiere.php Questions? Contact Courtney at 908-737-4092 or colittle@kean.edu. Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey

## WALL OF PAWS AT BATTLE HILL ELEMENTARY

Second grade students in Battle Hill Elementary school in Union expressed an interest in helping animals and raising money for that cause. Their teachers, Abby Polizzi and Alexandra Aiello, facilitated the effort and the result has been rewarding in many ways. Together, they set up a bulletin board named "Wall of Paws" at the main entrance to Battle Hill School. Students were asked to donate \$2 and submit an informational survey citing their animal's name and why they love their pet. So far, they have collected \$220 which will be donated to two local organizations: Home for Good Dog Rescue and Angel Paws Cat Rescue. These amazing organizations give helpless animals a second chance at life.

Home for Good Dog Rescue (HFGDR) is a 100% foster-based, non-profit dog rescue established in 2010 in Summit, New Jersey with offices in Berkeley Heights. They rescue dogs from shelters in South Carolina and Georgia, which are overflowing with unwanted dogs. They

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Angel Paws is an all-volunteer based organization. 100% of the funds donated go towards the care of the animals, including veterinary care and supplies. Angel Paws has no outside funding.

They rely on the generosity of people who love animals and want alternatives to traditional shelter situations. More information can be found at www.angelpaws.org/donating.htm.

The "Wall of Paws" has brought joy to the entire student body; you will often catch students, staff, and families stopping to read about the animals in the lives of the students and why they love them so much!



(above) Mrs. Polizzi and Mrs. Aiello's second grade class.

### Spirit of UNION • Page 7 • June 2016 FREE JOB TRAINING

Project Ready is a free 6 week job readiness and computer skills training class designed for adults who are actively looking for work. Volunteer tutors help students identify skills, write resumes, practice interviewing, and search for jobs. Basic computer skills, including Microsoft Word and Excel, are also taught. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. The next session begins July 5, 2016 and ends on August 11, 2016. For more information, please call us at (908) 353-1045, Ext 8, or email Projectreadyprg@yahoo.com. If you are interested in participating in this class, join us for our Information and Sign up session on Tuesday, June 7th at 1pm (118 Division St. Elizabeth, NJ).

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# Union County Baseball Association SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

All games are played in Warinanco Park, Roselle, Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Season runs from the end of June until the first week of August. Play is coached and supervised by UCBA staff.

#### **REGISTER ONLINE @ WWW.UCBA-NJ.ORG**

#### Age Groups Minor League 8-10 year olds Major League 11-12 year olds

Major League 11-12 year olds Teen League 13-15 year olds

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The event will take place from 8-10 a.m. on Friday, June 24th, 2016, at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, 1050 Jeanette Avenue, Union. A light breakfast will also be served.

## **SPRINGTIME HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAMS**

Now is the time to start thinking about home repairs. This alert serves as a reminder that this is the time of year when unscrupulous people come out of their winter retirement and start operating throughout the Union County area offering to do your repairs for a very minimal fee. These people share one common goal, to take your money and run. The con starts when one knocks on your door and offers to do repairs around your home. These repairs could be roof coating/repair, fixing a fallen fence, asphalt paving/driveway sealing, house/barn painting, tree pruning/landscaping, and termite/pest control, just to name a few. They offer to do the work and charge you less than what a reputable local company would charge you. The idea of paying less money is always a welcoming thought, but you must remember that doing business with someone that is just passing through can prove to be a disastrous decision.

After receiving a deposit, or the full amount, you're told they are going to get the supplies and will return. Some take the money and never return. Those that do come back, usually provide extremely poor labor. For example: paint is watered down, paving material is applied very thin and will crumble and crack within a short time, insect spray is made up of nothing more than water and/or water and milk, roofing repair consists of spraying silver or black spray paint on the roof. These people have also been known to con their way into your homes on the pretense of using your phone, checking for leaks from the roof, etc. While inside your home, they look for valuables, easy items to pocket and/or your personal information. Some work in pairs. While one of them has your attention, the other is working their way through your home taking what isn't theirs.

Admission is \$20 for Chamber members, and

"This is our twentieth year of holding this very

popular event," said Chamber Executive James

Masterson. "This program provides our members

with the chance to meet with their elected

officials and discuss specific items of interest

Pre-registration is required by contacting

executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

the Union Chamber of Commerce at 908-688-2777 or by emailing

Always remember: There is no reason to ever let a stranger into your home. Don't do business with door-to-door contractors.

- Take the time to actually call the Union Police Department if you are not sure of who really is at your door at (908) 851-5000.
- Township of Union NJ Police Department Detectives offers these tips:
- Request proof of registration with the state Division of Consumer Affairs; all contractors are required to register with the state, even if they are based outside the state.
- Request proof of commercial general liability insurance. The state requires insurance coverage for a minimum of \$500,000.
- If they claim to be working in the area, ask for references.

All contractors are required to prominently display their registration number on advertisements, business documents, and place of business. New Jersey registered commercial vehicles must have the number displayed on the company vehicles. Any home improvement project for a purchase price exceeding \$500 must be in writing.

Like the Township of Union NJ Police Department on Facebook.

Meeting every Thursday night starting at 8:00 pm KENILWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER AND RECREATION BUILDING 575 Boulevard in Kenilworth, NJ at corner of 24th Street Visitors are always welcome, beginner to master. Membership is not required to play. KENILWORTH KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB

www.kenilworthchessclub.org

## THE Y MAKING A DIFFERENCE 172 YEARS

June 6 marks the 172st anniversary of the Y a global organization that began with a simple but powerful idea: a strong, supportive community can help people build healthier, happier lives. Since it's founding the Y has grown into one of the world's largest volunteer organizations, renowned for its commitment to helping people of every background reach their potential.

From its humble beginnings on June 6, 1844 in London by George Williams and 11 friends, the Y saw to and met the practical and spiritual needs of young men flocking to London during the Industrial Revolution. Since then, the Y has grown and changed, meeting the needs of children, families and adults in 10,000 communities in the U.S. and 119 countries around the globe. Along the way, the Y is responsible for a number of innovations that influenced history and are part of our daily lives. For instance:

• Basketball and volleyball were both invented at the Y.

- Night school and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes began at the Y.
- The world's first indoor pool was at a Y, and the concept of group swim lessons started at the Y.
- The United Service Organizations (USO) was created with help from the Y, and the Peace Corps was patterned after a Y program.
- Father's Day was created at a Y.

For 116 years in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County, The Gateway Family YMCA has been a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

The Y has helped thousands of community members through child care, swim lessons, youth sports, LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, Diabetes Prevention, housing and social services programs.

For more information on The Gateway Family YMCA, please visit www.tgfymca.org.

### STRIDES4STRENGTH: **A WALK TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Join the YWCA Union County for the First impact 1 in every 3 women nationally, and 1 in Annual Strides4Strength: A Walk to End Domestic Violence on Sunday, June 12th from 9am-2pm. Every step raises awareness and all event proceeds support the YWCA Union County's Domestic Violence Programs. The event is free for children under 12 & furry Register today friends. at Strides4Strength.EventBrite.com.

The YWCA Union County, now 96 years old, has been providing services to survivors of domestic violence since 1978. The YWCA is the only agency in Union County that provides an emergency domestic violence shelter, in addition supportive and transitional housing, to counseling, legal advocacy and representation, children's services, 24 hour crisis intervention and more. All YWCA services are free and confidential.

Domestic violence is a crime that impacts people regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, education, or religion; it is estimated to every 7 men. It impacts more women than breast cancer, lung cancer and ovarian cancer combined.

Domestic violence breaks all barriers of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender and socioeconomic status. It is a crime that impacts our entire community. It is estimated that 1 in every 4 women will be effected by domestic violence in her life, which equals more than breast cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer combined. Domestic violence is estimated to cost employers in the U.S. up to \$8.3 billion each year. An average of 3 women per day in the United States are killed as a result of domestic violence.

Register today at Strides4Strength.EventBrite.com. Interested in renting vendor space at the event? Please, contact us at tpackard@ywcaunioncounty.org for more information.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call the 24-Hour Hotline at 908-355-HELP (4357).









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## **RED CADILLAC IS MAY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**

Following their tradition of spotlighting local Township businesses, the Committee of the Township of Union named The Red Cadillac their May Business of the Month. Accepting the award were business owner Joe Montes and members of his family.

"The Red Cadillac not only has a reputation for providing great food, drink and comfort," said Mayor Manuel Figueiredo, "but they are valued community partners that are truly invested in seeing our Township thrive."

As part of the spotlight, each chosen business is presented with an award from the Committee and their business is highlighted as a part of their televised Committee Meeting.

Joe Montes and his family have a long history in the Union restaurant industry. Starting with Primos Restaurant in 1987 up until their most recent venture - The Red Cadillac.

Together with his wife and three children, Montes created The Red Cadillac concept in 2010. In a time of crisis where there was a lack of jobs, financing, un-affordable mortgages etc. they decided that everyone needed a place that offered comfort, along with great food and drink.

To test their concept, they changed their signage to read "Mexican Food...Yes or No... Text Your Vote...." after 4 weeks they had their answer with a resounding 2011 votes in favor of their venture.

Since then, the Red Cadillac has served up their signature Mexican comfort every Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and have been the epitome of excellent community partners.

They support school activities and events, support local teams and charities and participate in organized events like "Taste of Union" and "Santa in Blue."

During Hurricane Sandy, due to their large Social Media presence, they were able to connect the community to what was going on



(above) Mayor and Committee of the Township of Union named The Red Cadillac as their Business of the Month for May 2016. Accepting the award were members of the Montes family, founders of the business. Photo by Township of Union.

around town. They became a "Charging Station" for anyone in need of power and took initiative to relay important information to residents.

In their 6 years, the Red Cadillac has been recognized and supported by The New York Times and The Star Ledger; they were Voted #1 Mexican by New Jersey Monthly and have been featured on Good Day New York and Fox 5.

They are in current negotiations with N.J. based Lairds Bottling & Distillery Co. to bottle their homemade infused tequila.

### CDC ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR SONDHEIM'S ASSASSINS

The Cranford Dramatic Club Theatre announces auditions for a new, fresh, dark, and timely production of Assassins. A multiple Tony Award-winning theatrical tour-de-force, Assassins combines Stephen Sondheim's signature blend of intelligently stunning lyrics and beautiful music with a panoramic story of our nation's culture of celebrity and the violent means some will use to obtain it, embodied by America's four successful and five would-be presidential assassins. Bold, original, disturbing, and alarmingly funny, Assassins is perhaps the most controversial musical ever written.

Auditions will be June 13 - 7:30 p.m. and June 18th - 1:00 p.m. Callbacks by Invitation, will be June 18th 2:00 p.m. at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ. The show is set to run October 7-22, 2016.

Directed by Alan Van Antwerp, Musically Directed by Jack Bender, Choreographed by Megan Ferentinos.

Those auditioning are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song of their choosing. If you have a Sondheim song prepared and ready, that would be preferred but not required. Those who audition may be asked to read at the audition.

Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org.



