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Wisniewski sworn in as new township clerk

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Kathleen Wisniewski's inauguration as Springfield township clerk was a milestone event in several ways Monday afternoon.

"Wisniewski, with husband Stanley at her side, took the oath of office at about 2:05 p.m. Union County Clerk Jeanne Rajoppi administered the oath before 25 well-wishers in the Committee Chamber.

"People were given oaths of office usually during the annual reorganization meeting or at a Township Committee meeting," Wisniewski said. "This swearing-in was scheduled at the municipal clerk's discretion."

Rajoppi, who was on the Township Committee from 1977 to 1980, had a different perspective on Wisniewski's inauguration.

"I first swore in Kathleen as building clerk when I was mayor in 1978," Rajoppi said. "Someone just told me I did so on March 1. I'm astonished at how much time has gone by."

In the 21 years Wisniewski has served Springfield, she has been promoted to various positions several times, including clerkships in the town's planning and zoning boards. She was appointed deputy clerk after Helen Keyworth succeeded Art Buchner as township clerk in 1984.

"I was looking for work when I was first hired by Art," Wisniewski said.

"I wasn't seeking greater positions but, by taking sponsored classes in Rutgers and keeping my certificates current, I applied for the next post when an opening occurred."

She thanked her family and Keyworth for their support and mentoring over that time. While Stanley and son Thomas Wisniewski were in the chamber gallery, Keyworth was not.

"Helen's moved to Delaware," Wisniewski said. "Our working relationship was such that we worked with each other, not for one or the other."

Keyworth retired Oct. 2 but her accrued time off technically postponed the date to Monday. The period allowed the Township Committee to split Keyworth's clerk/administrator duties to Wisniewski and Township Administrator Rick Shea.

"Kathleen is knowledgeable and personable," Police Capt. James Hatala said. "If I ask a question about government operations, and she didn't know it on the spot, Kathleen would get right back to me with an answer."

Hatala was among some 40 people who attended Wisniewski's swearing-in and party. Many were co-workers from the zoning, tax collection, planning, zoning and other departments. Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, Fire Chief William Gray, Police Chief William Chisholm and Municipal



Springfield Deputy Clerk Kathleen Wisniewski was sworn in for her post as Springfield's new clerk by Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi while her husband Stanley looks on.

THIS WEEK

NEWS

More open space
Union County officials are exploring the idea of imposing an additional property tax in order to raise money for open space preservation. A representative of the Green Acres program made a presentation to the freeholders last week on what an open space trust fund can provide.
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Drug busts

A series of early-morning raids by police last week led to the dismantling of a major drug ring within Union County. One hundred twenty officers from throughout the county converged on a building in Plainfield as well as sites in other towns and arrested 25 people.
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THE ARTS

Still funny
The Smothers Brothers revive their 1960s comedy at the Union County Arts Center.
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It's amazing
Rahway High School's Theater Department will present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' this weekend at the Union County Arts Center.
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Month of reading lands administrator on roof

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Accompanied by a book rather than a kiddie, Mountside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller hit the roof Tuesday morning to help students at Deerfield School celebrate Read Across America.

Schaller led offered a challenge to all Deerfield students to read at least 2,000 books during the month of February. To return, he would read on the roof during each lunch period on Tuesday. The students read a total of 2,269 books, and Schaller kept his promise.

"It was kind of fun," said a wind-burned Schaller later in the evening. "My main objective was to place emphasis on reading. We wanted to 'spread' the love of reading."
"When the kids see Dr. Schaller doing something like that, they realize it's really important," said sixth-grade teacher and co-coordinator of Deerfield's Read Across America programming, Carol Deas.

Schaller's debut was one of many events taking place for the nationwide Read Across America program that commemorates the birthday of the heralded children's author Dr. Seuss. From 3 to 7 p.m. students and parents ventured to Deerfield's cafeteria to taste the green eggs and ham made up by the Mountside-Dell.

"Throughout the evening, guests took books to school children, and Deas made Dr. Seuss's story and while students read and made their own books. Anne Abernathy Roth, 'Miss Anne,' a children's author and song-writer entertained younger students by acting out stories such as 'No Mean Pie, Please' and 'Michael's Magical Wand.'
"We wanted to let our children know the importance of reading," said Deas. "It's a good way to involve parents and let them know how important we think reading is. During the day, students gave

levels joined forces to read together. Sixth- and seventh-graders read to kindergartners through third graders. Because of the shared reading program on Tuesday, Deas's sixth-graders will now become "book buddies" with first graders on a monthly basis.

Deas said she had her students write in journals about their experiences reading to the younger children. "One girl wrote, 'I had a smile on my face. When the kids were looking at me, the smile just grew.'"

Assistant Principal Michael Spiciloff noted the value of programming that required assistance from a wide array of teachers, staff and administrators. "This is one of those 'required' obligations that the staff has," Spiciloff added. "The staff sees the value in this and wants to be here. They are doing it because they like the kids."

Co-ordinator and first-grade teacher Suzanne Jenks agreed. "It's an event that's all kids," she said. "Sometimes we forget to have events just for the kids."

By Philip Sean Carrara and Pamela Isaacson

Despite controversy and opposition from Springfield residents and other owners, the Squarban Treatment Associates' methadone clinic is set to arrive on Progress Street at early this month.

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School officials face election challenger

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield voters will likely face a contest on the Board of Education election ballot April 20.

Four candidates are vying for three board seats this season. The race is the fourth straight election in which the incumbents were challenged.

Incumbents Kenneth Faigenbaum, Stephen Fischbein and Keith Kurzer will be face former Mayor Marc Marshall.

Faigenbaum seeks his sixth full term. Since filling out an unexpired term in 1983, Faigenbaum has served as board president twice, vice president at least once and on each school committee. He is a self-employed certified public accountant with an office in Kenilworth.

"The board makes financial and policy decisions which affects the education of the district's students," Faigenbaum said. "With my financial and accounting experience, I serve to make sure that spending is directed towards giving the student a superior education."

Fischbein seeks his fourth full term. Like Faigenbaum, Fischbein has been a board president and served on several committees. He is founder of Just Packaging Inc. of South Plainfield.

"The smooth integration of the high school I think we've better than what many people realized," Fischbein said. "I would like to see the integration into a full K-12 district. There are other challenges and issues, like interpreting the state's Core Curriculum Standards, ahead."

Kurzer has been on the board since 1983, when an unexpired term opened up. He has been a past board president, vice president and committee member. Kurzer supervises the derivatives trading desk at Oppenheimer/CIBC in Manhattan.

Judge Steve Firsheinbaum also was among the well-wishers.
"When we first hired Kathleen, we saw a person who was dedicated and willing to learn," Rajoppi said. "She still is, which is one reason why she is so well regarded by her colleagues."
"Helen once said that we serve the public," Wisniewski said. "The clerk's office is usually the first dive people go to. If anyone asked for my advice about becoming a municipal clerk, I'd tell that person to keep learning, take classes and make sure your certificates are current."

Marshall seeks his first elective office since serving as mayor in 1991. The Dayton Class of 1973 graduate holds a master's of public administration from Ken College and is president of international trade First Phoenix Group of Springfield.

"In talking with people who I meet in Springfield, I hear a sense of frustration with the overall board," Marshall said. "I keep hearing from them that they can get a quality education elsewhere. We can and must re-direct our tax dollars where they will improve the education our children receive."

The Springfield Board of Education provides direction to the district's administration. The nine-member panel reviews reports from department heads and votes on various policy, staffing and appropriation issues. They also give preliminary approval of school budgets and other questions prior to being put before voters.

Seven board members, including current president Robert Fish, have been re-elected at least once. They have overseen the re-opening of the Walton School and absorption of Jonathan Dayton High School from the dispirited regional district among other issues.

"While voters have re-elected most of the board, they have elected two new members the past two years. The split results resulted in Larry Lewis joining the board in 1997 and Linda Deas last year.

School Administration Secretary Ellen Ball said the next step in the election process is the random drawing of ballot places at the board office Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. Voters also may face a proposed \$19-million 1999-2000 budget and a separate \$300,000 question on computer purchases on the ballot.

Borough Board of Ed incumbents oppose newcomer for open seats

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

Incumbents Pat Knodel and John Perrin have a challenge for two open spots on the Mountside Board of Education. Peter Goggi, a resident for nearly 10 years, filed his candidacy petition Feb. 25, four days before Monday's deadline. The election will be April 20.

"This is an opportunity to bring forward a fresh viewpoint to strengthen the already existing board," Goggi said. "I have been very encouraged by the steps the Board of Education has taken over the last 18 months."

Goggi, who recently served on a subcommittee for the district's Strategic Planning Council, said he would like the chance to "help implement" the initiative.
The Staten Island native served on Action Plan Five, the Strategic Plan subcommittee that was given the task to provide facilities and grounds that enable us to carry out our mission. Goggi and the committee reviewed the facilities and made suggestions concerning upgrades to win-

dows and insulation, classroom expansion and field and parking lot maintenance.

"We need to ensure that the system provides the best possible preparation for students," said Goggi, the parent of a student who will enter kindergarten at Deerfield in September. "We need to provide an education every resident can be proud of."

Knodel, who has served as a board member for 26 years, said she will be "voting on my record. I will believe in quality education at a reasonable cost."

Knodel is the board liaison to the New Jersey School Boards Association, the Union County School Boards Association and the Union County Educational Services.
Perrin is the newest addition to the seven-member board. He was appointed in September after the resignation of Linda Schneider. "I want Deerfield to be known as a high school preparatory school, not a link in a send-receive relationship with Berkeley Heights."

Methadone clinic relocation set for Progress Street

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medical office — not as a narcotic clinic, which would be prohibited.

The township of Springfield believes the Board of Adjustment of Union acted outside their authority," Springfield Township Attorney Bruce H. Bargett said. "The township intends to force Union to comply with the law."

Brian W. Faherty, attorney for the neighborhood association, wrote in court documents that the clinic relocation was moved along improperly.

The plan for the new structure and lot was prepared by EKA Associates on Sept. 15, 1998 and therefore was not on the list of the requested 10-day period before the Sept. 23, 1998 hearing despite the interpreting fact that those Sept. 15, 1998 plans were done stamped Sept. 11, 1998 by the Union Zoning Board of Adjustment.

"He asked that a hearing case notice was issued a day before," the application was even filed and submitted for administrative review and compliance to the Union Zoning Board of Adjustment."

Ellen M. Boyle, who is representing the Zoning Board, denied these allegations in her answer to the complaint.
"We are not anti-development," said Raymond J. Trabant, chairman of the neighborhood association in December, 1997. "We believe that Squarban clinic is to be a neighborhood contribution and not a blight on the neighborhood."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community a voice, please submit your schedule to: P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

Tuesday
 • The Foothill Club of Mountaineers will conduct a lunch-out tour at D.C. Pinks. A program will be presented by the Ways and Means Committee. Members are also encouraged to bring donations for an Easter food basket to be given to a needy family. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Genevieve at (908) 212-3676.

• The annual Invention Convention at Deerfield School on Mountaineers will be held at the Deerfield School gymnasium. Students will display their projects during the school day and the public is invited to attend from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

• The Mountaineer Public Library will present the opening reception of an art exhibit called "Bridges of New Jersey" at 7 p.m. The exhibit will highlight photographs of nationally-treasured bridges throughout the state.

Wednesday
 • The Springfield PTA Education Group will sponsor a field drive at the Thelma Sandreiter School gymnasium, 690 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All donors must present signed identification and know their Social Security number. Donors should also eat a meal before donating. Call Marie Dobay at (973) 376-3505 for more information.

• The Tardis Nauge and Science Center seeking volunteers to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Washington Reservation. Volunteers will meet at 9:30 a.m. and should bring a lunch, mug for beverages, a shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if possible. Volunteers must be 14 years of age and up. Call (908) 789-3670 to pre-register.

Thursday
 • The Tardis Nauge and Science Center will present "Stargazing with Kids" at 7 p.m. demonstrating how to create and fly a variety of paper airplanes. The cost is \$1 per person. The center will also present "Stellar Spring Skies" at the planetarium at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. featuring the departing winter sky and newly visible spring stars and constellations. The cost is \$3 per person. \$5 for seniors, and the show is for ages 6 and up.

Monday
 • The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 266 Mountain Ave., will host a production of "Lerz," a musical salute to the Garden State, at 8 p.m. The program is free and will be performed by the South Street Players. For more information, call (973) 376-4300.

Tuesday
 • Temple Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, and the Springfield Clergy Association, will sponsor a program presented by Shai Goldstein, executive director of New Jersey's Anti-Defamation League. Goldstein will speak about bigotry and intolerance in the community. The event will begin at 6:45 p.m.

admission is free and the entire community is welcome. An opportunity for questions and comments will be offered, followed by light refreshments.

Wednesday
 • The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. at the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The guest speaker will be Mary Kay Lewis, Longwood Garden Program graduate, who will talk about shade gardening. All are welcome. For information, call (973) 376-3436.

Upcoming Events
March 11
 • The F.M. Gaudinier School in Springfield will host a Treasure Chest fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature prize baskets and is sponsored by the Gaudinier PTA. The cost of admission will be \$10 per person and includes sandwiches and beverages. For more information, call Sandy Kazem at (973) 467-8465.

March 12
 • St. James the Apostle School will host its annual Lenten Fish and Chips Dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are on sale at the school office at a cost of \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. For more information, call St. James the Apostle School office at (973) 376-5194.

March 20
 • The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, will conduct a Fish and Chips Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under the age of 12, and take-out will be available. For tickets and more information, call the church office at (973) 376-1695.

March 23
 • The African American Jewish Coalition will present its eighth annual Passover Freedom Seder hosted by Temple Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. The event will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. and seating is limited. A kosher passover meal will be served and all the programs will be appropriate for all ages. RSVP to Kim Harris-Jones at (973) 884-4800, ext. 117 no later than Monday.

April 18
 • Sandover School, 666 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will hold an Outdoor Flea Market sponsored by the PTA. Vendors and crafters with new and used merchandise are needed. For more information, call Fran at (973) 376-6366.

April 30
 • The Gaudinier School Curriculum Fair will be conducted from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gaudinier School classrooms.

Ongoing
 • The Springfield Senior Citizen Nutrition Program is now located at the Sarah Banley Recreation Center. A nutritional hot lunch is available for seniors for \$2 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at noon. Menus are available at the center, library and post office. Call (973) 912-0870 for reservations one day in advance. For more information about the program, call Maureen Metzner at (973) 912-2206.

EVENTS

Senior citizens celebrate holidays with luncheon

The Springfield Senior Citizens celebrated Valentine's Day with a buffet luncheon at the Sarah Banley Civic Center.

Approximately 120 seniors were in attendance. Roses were presented to the oldest member of each group and prizes were distributed.

The next affair will be for St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Anyone interested in joining the group can call Theresa at (973) 912-2227, Rhonda through Friday.

Recreation Department offers golf memberships

The Springfield Recreation Department has announced that it now has memberships to the Millburn Par-3 Golf Course available at the Sarah Banley Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Membership fees are as follows:

• Individual full membership: \$150

• Individual limited membership: \$75

• Family limited membership: \$150

Memberships are available to residents of Springfield and surrounding areas.

For more information, call (973) 912-2227, ext. 3117.

Redd said "The exercises really do help to strengthen those muscles you use to get up through the day, to help you get out of a chair, to lift a plate or to give you a sense of motion needed to get on a shoe. The added bonus is the class a great social hour because we do like to have fun."

The class meets Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield YMCA, located at the Chesham Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave. The cost per class is \$1 for YMCA non-members. For more information, contact the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Newcomers Club sets activities schedule

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club has announced an upcoming monthly activity.

Walking in a Winter Wonderland will be the theme for the Newcomers Club evening gala, which will be from 8 p.m. to midnight March 6. The cost will be \$50 per couple. For more information, call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-6949.

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization formed to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town. Membership is open to new residents of Mountaineer or established residents who have experienced a change of lifestyle such as the birth of a child, change of employment or change in marital status.

For membership information, call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

Arthritic exercise class offered at Springfield Y

The Health and Fitness department of the Springfield YMCA offers "PACE," an exercise class for individuals who suffer from arthritis pain and other rheumatic ailments.

PACE is an American Arthritis Foundation program led by YMA fitness professional Pat Reed, who also holds a certification from the American Arthritis Foundation to teach his program. The class guides participants through a series of gentle stretches to increase and strengthen muscles and joints. Most exercises take place while seated in a chair.

"People who suffer from chronic pain can really benefit from PACE,"

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From left, Mountainside Rotary Club President William Blunno, former District Governor J. Patrick Growney and club Vice President Bart Barre trade notes before their luncheon Monday. Growney talked about the Rotary International Foundation during the club's weekly meeting at the Steak & Ale.

Rotary Club offers services to community

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Rotary Club, if anything, has a loyal following.

At least 17 of their 23 active members arrived for their weekly luncheon at the Steak & Ale Monday afternoon. Restaurant manager John Ryan opened the place for them despite technical problems.

"I was having trouble with the kitchen grill," Ryan said. "That would normally knock out our lunch trade. But the Rotary has come here steadily the last three years and I didn't want them to cancel because of it."

"We prefer to have an active membership than names on a list," member Gloria Dickerson said. "They are invited to join and, if they miss four meetings in a row, are dropped."

Ryan's club president William Blunno noted that the club was chartered in 1961. "Where we first met is whether we were spun off from another club, I can't say. No one present were members then," he said.

The Mountainside Rotary Club may be best known lately for their community calendars. They publish some 2,500 calendars for distribution at the Municipal Building, the library, and other borough locations.

"We started publishing the calendars when some companies stopped publishing theirs two years ago," Vice President Bart Barre said. "The 2,500 covers every household in Mountainside. We think of it as a service to those who can't afford a calendar and to thank the sponsors who pay for the printing."

The Mountainside outfit is one of 29,000 clubs that comprise Rotary International. The movement, founded by Chicagoan Paul Harris, seeks to improve the lives of people on local and international levels. From the first meeting in 1905, some 1.2 million business and professional people in 159 countries try to follow Harris' call.

J. Patrick Growney was to speak about the Rotary International Foundation. The former district governor

operates nine programs funded by the foundation, ranging from ambassadorial scholarships to grants for university teachers to serve in developing countries.

"The university grants allow instructors to teach in a country from three to 10 months," Growney said. "We see more than a few teachers in the program here as we are near Rutgers and Princeton. The ambassadorial program allows scholars to study in a country other than their own."

One international program is Polio Plus and Polio Plus Partners. Polio Plus has vaccinated one billion people, and Rotarians volunteer their time and money to help the immunization. Rotary International hopes to eradicate polio by 2005.

"There are the hunger, health and humanity grants, given to projects to alleviate hunger or improve human development," Growney said. "The concentration last year has been on building water and sanitary sewer systems for African villages. There's also the helping grants, which assist areas where there are no Rotary clubs."

Almost as impressive are the local projects the Mountainside Rotary is involved with. They provide selected scholarships for graduates of the Deerfield and Governor Livingston High Schools. They share GIHS's Interact Club, designed to promote community service awareness, with Berkeley Heights.

There's the Pedals for Progress bicycle collection, the upcoming Westfield Art Show in the Mountainside Fleet Bank, work with the Boy Scouts, the list goes on.

Blunno said, "We also built the bus shelter by the Municipal Building. Sometime soon, we're going to refurbish it and install a Rotary marker we forgot about."

By the time Growney finished speaking, the dinner had completely deserted. Ryan was also smiling as he got the grill fixed.

Anyone wishing to be a guest speaker for the Rotary Club should call (908) 332-2828.

JDHS announces honor roll students

The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School have been named to the honor roll for the second marking period of the 1998-1999 school year.

Grade 9
Joshua Adimi, Esther Arzenberg, Giacometta Altano, Duojin Belyayev, Nicole Burke, Lindsey Butler, Tahrah Clarke, Tara Congiatino, Shany David, Chase Freundlich, Jessica Gahn, Alexander K. Garlen, Jessica Giallardi, Angelique Gulas, Vardit Haimi-Poteli, Marsha Hardehl, Christopher Holdori, Scott Hollander, Michelle Kraeger, Yvonne Lai, Jennifer Lewis, Melissa Losenbaw, Marian Malukova, Juliet Mary, Benjamin Maslov, Wrochek Myslawski, Ross Rahimian, Ilona Ring, Campbell Ring, Mira Resette, Monica Schepartz, Alexei Sedel, Ziad Shehadeh, Laurie Sherman, Rena Steinbach, Ryan A. Stronkewicz, Megan Anne Tavis, Coby A. Toss, Patricia Tsoum, Alpinus Vadakethalakat, Jared Weisman, Chloé Wright, Maria Zolotarsky.

Grade 10
Michelle Batone, Lawrence Bluestone, Jennifer Cheung, Lisa DeRocco, Azri Ebrahimi-Zadeh, Lillian Fawcett, Jennifer Fugelli, Christina Florio, Chad Freudenrich, Evelyn Galks, Kaji Gelfand, Jacob M. Goldsmith, Maria Gownalla, Alla Guchina, Alycia Johnson, Sergey Kiselev, Rens Klyman, Victoria Korlenko, Alex Kravtsov, Liza Litovska, Michael Lyubyn, Olga Malkova, Rachel Mandel, Cristobal R. Melendez, Dara Mirzabegiyev, Olga Oksay, Aisandra Pulin, Michael Purotic,

Peter Shephard, Mark Trautenberg, Abumirya Nigah, Maggie Zamboni, Jonathan Zepko.

Grade 11
Karin Abanto, Kent Allen, Susan Allenov, Katherine Bohl, Walewale Block, Victoria Bronshteyn, Dara Cheley, Mitchell Cianella, Alan Cohn, Ian Cordova, Courtney Gorington, Nathan Deiner, Tiffany Don, Ryan Habbel, Rebecca Friedman, Zachary Goldberg, Dana Gordon, Andrew Harris, Deborah Harris, Jamie Hausman, Brian Hollander, Daniel Karony, Michael Kessel, Michelle Kibulsky, Crystal Lai, Jessica Lai, Charles Licatose, Steven D. Jeffrey, Mark Angelique Mishkiss, Laura Moiseev, Kaitlin Sommer, Lisa Neville, Lauren Patis, Emrys Parrish, Aaron Ray, Kimberly Pecora, Kaitlin Schuchman, Stephanie Stack, Jaime Stankis, Jesse Stoneyer, Todd Walters, Jason Weiss, Jamie Wisniewski, Brian Young.

Grade 12
Larissa Agronovich, Dani Avulian, Nabih Battaglia, Malena Buzova, Rohay Bluestone, Michael Brown, Lauren Brownstein, Umar Charas, Nicole Delina, Nancy DiCenzo, Maria Ferguson, Allison Friedman, Stacy Friedman, Deborah Lee, Gabe Jim, Katsagonis, Vyacheslav Kiselevsky, Yvoni Kiri, Sara Klein, Rachel Kuttman, Nathaniel Mashkov, Courtney McNamee, Jessica Melek, Nadia Pecher, Maria Pajce, Vinodhathi Patel, Isabella Kaye, Sophia Ringo, Scott Sankoff, Jennifer Saracino, Larissa Savin, Maria Stravon, Anastasia Teresko, Brian Wackowicz, Russell Wepper, Maggie Zamboni.

RVSA civil suit may impact member towns

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A civil suit between the Railway Valley Sewerage Authority and the state Department of Environmental Protection has at least one Union County mayor concerned in its potential impact.

Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke, speaking before the township's Chamber of Commerce last 25, expressed worries on the suit's possible technical and financial effects on member towns budgets.

"What bothers me about the suit is that the DEP may be forcing the RVSA change in negotiating its over-flow problems," Clarke said. "Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent by the authority and its member towns towards finding and solving them, basically applying a quick fix, when a more adequate solution so we will be shortly at hand, may be more costly in the long term."

Any judgement made against the authority, said Clarke, would be passed onto the constituent towns and their taxpayers. He sees any remediation expenses being divided among the RVSA's 40 member towns, which can be a substantial claim of municipal budgets.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Reading should be honored each week

This week, schools nationwide celebrated "Read Across America Week," an event planned to coincide with the birthday of Theodore Geisel, better known as well-loved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Mountainside's school system decided to take a more active and unusual approach to promote reading among students this year. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller decided that if students at Deerfield School read 2,000 books during the month of February, he would spend Tuesday's lunch periods sitting on the roof of the school, reading "Where the Wild Things Are," to demonstrate his own love of reading.

Since nothing delights children more than the idea of a respected adult behaving in a strange or juvenile manner, this program has enjoyed great success, moving students to read with unprecedented vigor.

We applaud Schaller for his bravery and willingness to go the extra mile to promote an important activity. However, we also would like to remind parents, students and school officials that this week's celebration of reading need not end Friday.

Every week should be treated as "Read Across America Week." The benefits of reading are immeasurable. Whether we read for pleasure, education or edification, a veritable treasure-trove of experiences can be found between the covers of a book. Through reading, we can visit lands we might not otherwise ever see. We can travel through time at the speed of light. We can see the world through the eyes of saints and sinners, world leaders and humble men and women, we can learn lessons from the experience of others and, hopefully, be just a little better by the time we reach that final page of the final chapter.

Therefore, we say loud and clear, "Read!" Visit your local library or book store and stock up. Read for your own pleasure, as well as for the pleasure of others. Volunteer at local schools, day care centers, pediatric wards or nursing homes and read to an eager audience. Read to your children, your grandchildren and your nieces and nephews and inculcate a love of books.

Like any tradition, it must be passed on to survive.



Photo by Jeff Cohen

Jeri and A.J. Tettamanzi try out the aerobics equipment at the Springfield YMCA Spring Fever Open House last week. The township YM is located in the Chisholm Recreation Center.

High-tech medicine needs cautious treatment

Human kind — historically, at least — has generally not been quick to embrace change in scientific and medical theory and practice. Galileo, after all, was fated for having the nerve to assert that the earth revolved around the sun and not vice versa. But things have changed. The last 50 years have transformed medicine and our expectations about what it can do for us. Where people were suspicious of scientific progress, we now embrace it as a guarantee of better, longer and healthier lives.

The emergence of this change has been a series of technological breakthroughs. American Heritage noted a few years ago that almost all of the 100 most important medical discoveries happened in the last 50 years. From miracle medicines to miracle medical technologies such as MRI and CAT scans, our doctors can now diagnose and treat us better than ever before. Now a new technology, the Internet, medical practice.

It is hard to find a subject about which there has been written or about which bigger and more grandiose claims have been made. Investors pour millions of dollars into Internet companies which have yet to post a profit but which have soaring share prices.

Banks offer on-line services as a means for customers to make their lives easier and more convenient. No one expecting a "leap" would be caught without a Web site and a homepage to sell products, even though Internet sales remain a very small part of their business.

But there is one piece of the technology puzzle which already does live up to the hype. It is known as telemedicine and can be used to describe

Report From Trenton

By Richard Bogger

everything from a telephone consultation to diagnosis by video conference, to use of the Internet for transmission of sophisticated medical data.

The University of Virginia Health Center uses telemedicine as treatment in Virginia's prisons. The federal budget contains money to help treat people in isolated rural areas with telemedicine where there are shortages of doctors. Last year, doctors at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick joined with doctors at Yale Medical School to create a team of on-call, on-duty on Mount Airy's site the Internet.

The implications of this technology are development are huge. Already practiced around the world, telemedicine is a \$5 billion per year industry, predicted to grow to \$20 billion in the next five years. But money alone does not capture the picture.

Telemedicine brings expertise and knowledge from centers of sophisticated medical care to places where the local doctor needs help. It has the potential to transform the local family doctor's office into "the own, Mayo Clinic." In short, it has the chance to revolutionize the way we offer health services.

On the other hand, it also has potential for abuse. How do you know who is at the other end of the telephone or computer? How do you know whether

the man or woman is really a doctor or a nurse? A Mark Hen, director at the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, said recently, "I'm not a doctor but I play one on the Internet. It's probably our worst nightmare."

Additionally, state licenses to practice medicine or nursing have been our citizens' best protection from unqualified doctors and other health practitioners. Suppose who wants the privilege to practice medicine in New Jersey must demonstrate to the Board of Medical Examiners that he or she has the education and training to treat New Jersey residents. Other states have very similar licensing standards.

But the Internet erases state boundaries — and has the potential to erase the protection provided by the traditional state medical licensing system. The opportunity for fraud and imposture goes all tremendously when you cannot see the practitioner who is participating in your diagnosis or treatment.

The question is: How do we handle this? How do we reap the benefits of the technological advances offered by telemedicine while reducing the possibilities people may be hurt by them? The Federation of State Medical Boards has been doing a lot of thinking about this and has some suggestions. New Jersey should give serious consideration to them.

One of the best suggestions is creating a limited kind of license, which would allow practitioners to practice telemedicine in New Jersey after they have demonstrated that they hold a license in good standing in another state, have appropriate education and training and can attest — as New Jersey doctors already do — to good moral character.

Most state's licensing laws were written 100 years ago, when different

states had widely varying levels of requirements. It was easy then for a doctor in State X to not meet the standards to practice medicine in State Y. Crossing the state line did not have implications then for what was legal and illegal.

Things have come a long way in 100 years. Individual state requirements for licensing have become relatively standardized. State medical boards are linked electronically. National databases about doctors exist. A reciprocal licensing system permitting practice of telemedicine across state lines is very feasible, will protect New Jersey residents and will make the benefits of technology available to all.

A century ago, the average life expectancy in New Jersey was 49. Medical science has added nearly 30 years to life expectancy since then. A system of license doctors invented at the dawn of the 20th century needs to be improved as the 21st century dawns. Change is inevitable. It will come whether we like it or not.

When Governor published his findings on telemedicine, the legislature will have to vote on or face rejection. With future imagination, he recalled, but we need to matter "Eppur si muove." But it still moves. The legislature could not command scientific progress to halt.

We cannot command — nor should we — that the status quo remain intact. What we must do is embrace the benefits technology brings to us, but amend it on our terms.

A resident of Westfield, Richard Bogger represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside, in the Assembly.

Board elections require participation

With hopefuls for this year's Board of Education elections having declared their candidacies this week, we strongly encourage all members of the community to take an active part in this important process.

The April race is often the "forgotten election," with disappointingly low numbers of voters going to the polls. Many people feel the business of the school board only really impacts residents with children in the local system. This could not be more untrue.

The reasons for this are many, not the least of which is the fact that the school portion of the municipal tax bill accounts for the lion's share of the amount of taxes you pay. With education as costly as it is, it behooves each and every resident to become part of the picture. It is not uncommon to hear people denounce what they feel are extravagant spending practices of various school boards, nor is it uncommon for residents to have concerns about the manner in which the district's money is spent.

In addition, it is a proven fact that in the real estate trade, people with children will base their decision to move into a community on the quality of the education system. When a particular town becomes a desirable place to live, property values rise and, as a result, so does the overall quality of life.

Lastly, and most importantly, the education of its youth is perhaps the most important job a community can undertake. We are preparing tomorrow's leaders, be it the leadership in business, politics, medicine, education or any of the myriad possibilities and opportunities that await the educated. Just as teachers are not glorified babysitters, the members of the school board should not be seen simply as bureaucrats. These men and women, many of whom are parents themselves, have assumed this awesome responsibility. While some are eminently qualified, others may not be, and it is up to the voters to discern the difference.

Your vote on April 20 is your voice in the educational process. Take the time during the next month and a-half to acquaint yourselves with the candidates. Ask them questions and expect answers, learn the issues and find out where the candidates stand, determine for yourself who will best serve the interests of education, the children and the taxpayer.

Then go to the polls on the third Tuesday in April and cast your vote for the ones who have earned it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comcast decision needs public input

The meeting of Mountainside's Borough Council, of March 18, should be a busy one, and not only because of residents' continuing objections to the newly adopted plan for the mayor and council.

I understand that this meeting will include a hearing on whether to renew Comcast's franchise as the sole supplier of cable television in Mountainside. As usual, the council has yet to call attention to this "public" hearing on a service of great interest to most residents. The mayor and council seem to think telepathy will satisfy their community communications responsibilities.

In practical terms, the hearing is a prelude to the borough's ongoing negotiations with Comcast for a multiple-year contract. This will be residents' best chance to ask questions about cable service, make requests for changes and register complaints before the talks begin. It may even be their only chance before the negotiations are concluded.

In addition, this is the time to discuss the facilities and operational Channel 35, the free channel that Comcast provides (or borrows) use. Channel 35 offers a wonderful opportunity — not yet fulfilled — to promote all that's good and could be better — about Mountainside and to bolster a real spirit of community. I hope that residents who care about such things will offer their questions and suggestions to the mayor and council at this meeting.

Stuart R. Schupplet
Mountainside

All five councilmen present spoke of financial hardship, how overwhelming it is to spend their expenses and how much time they lose from family life. The large audience listened and still opposed the ordinance virtually 90 percent, with strong arguments against salaries.

However, when the mayor said "Let's take more time to make our case to Mountainside," four councilmen refused and passed the new law. The ordinance makes salaries retroactive to Jan. 15, so a one-month delay in voting wouldn't have harmed the council members financially.

To ignore overwhelming public opinion in this way showed contempt for citizens that borders on an attitude of "The public be damned, we'll do whatever we want to."

Fortunately, citizens should get another good opportunity to voice their opposition at the council's meeting March 19. The new law provides for actual salary breaks to be set initially by resolution, and the councilmen didn't do that. Feb. 16. Presumably, they intend to bring up such a resolution at their next meeting. They will have to open the floor to citizens' comments and questions before voting.

Louis J. Thomas
Mountainside

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

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and the County of Union.

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

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 5 p.m. Monday at 1291 Sunnyside Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

True colors emerge with salary issue

Your editorial of Feb. 25, "Shame on you," correctly portrayed the arrogance of the Mountainside council members who voted to raise their salaries. The council members' true colors emerged on the day that the governing body could document their greed for salaries and salary increases of the many citizens who attended the council's Feb. 18 meeting.

Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town? Is your street in disrepair? Our readers can use our resources but first we speak out about any issue whether it is a question, comment, suggestion or opinion. That way, by telling us, you can tell everyone in town.

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We're asking What African-American do you admire?



Allison Caceré
"Harriet Tubman. I am amazed to see that there so many runaway slaves without getting caught or losing one slave."

Joshua Goldman
"Duke Ellington. I learned about him from a friend and then read about him. He won 11 Grammy Awards for his music, which is a lot."

Julie Martinez
"James Byrd, the man who got dragged to death in Texas. The crime was so terrible and the man who was found guilty had no reaction."

Matt Stigliano
"There's a character named Crab in a book by Walter Mays. He was a man accused and sentenced for a crime he didn't commit. Part of the book was about his explaining to his son what he did and didn't do."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relief group thanks those who care

To the Editor:
The decorations have been put away for yet another year. The holiday season is a quickly fading memory as we move one step closer to the exciting period known as "The New Millennium."
The Salvation Army is constantly looking toward the future to be sure that our services remain relevant to societies' needs, while drawing heavily upon our past experiences to ensure continued reliability. There are individuals facing new challenges everyday, who will turn to the familiar Red Shield for their needs. We'll be there for them because you care.
The Salvation Army has existed for more than 130 years and has served throughout the State of New Jersey. Our food pantries, clothing rooms, recovery programs, and disaster assistance are all well-known and trusted. Our services extend to include new challenges and a dedicated commitment to the individual that has been the hallmark of our ministry. The familiar Red Shield will continue to serve as a reminder of a caring community and a group of people you can depend on because you care.
One thing is for sure, that caring people will always make the difference. The needs of our society will change over and over again. The new millennium will bring with it new challenges, but the common thread that will keep the Salvation Army relevant is caring people. We say thank you to all our loyal New Jersey friends for their continued support and love. The Salvation Army looks forward to the challenges of the future and counts on you as our "partners in service," because you care.
For more information on how to make a donation, call toll free at (877) NJS-Army.
Thank you and may God bless you in 1999.

LT Colonel William LaMac, state commander
The Salvation Army

No such thing as a free lunch

To the Editor:
On Feb. 11, a headline in the Union County section of the *Echo Leader* read "Municipal aid bill gains unanimous senate approval." I think it's about time to

have a lesson in government costs and who pays the bill.
No level of government — be it municipal, county, state or federal — produces a product or sells a service. Any money that is raised at any level comes from the people. There is no such thing as "Let's increase taxes on big business," because when you do, you pay more money for autos, bread, gas, anything and any commodity that is produced.
Let's take another look. Put on a sales tax or use tax or tax on builders. Who do you think would pay that? The new home buyer, or you every time you buy something. Another idea is the add-on tax widely used in Europe. Since only people pay taxes, any scheme still results in a hand exchanging money from your pocket.
I think we should take an active interest in our township government, in how the schools are run, what problems they have and how we can offer to help to find a better way to do things. In other words, quit your belly-aching, be a doer and a giver instead of being a taker and looking for more.

Arthur R. Guarriello
Union

Litterbugs abound in township

To the Editor:
Ann Landers in her Jan. 1 column said, "If you see litter on the sidewalk, pick it up instead of walking over it." For the past several years I've been doing that on a route past Jonathan Dayton, St. James and Gaudin schools and past Meisel Pond, the football and soccer fields. Last year, just for fun, I decided to keep count of the number of recyclables I gathered. My total was 287 items — 112 cans, 110 glass bottles and 65 plastic bottles. Coca-Cola was the favorite beverage.
There was very little litter past the schools and most of it was along Meisel Park, probably thrown from passing cars or left by people using the playing fields. My little pick-up was in addition to regular clean-up by the Union County maintenance crew.
I offer this as a bit of Springfield trivia.

Mary Frances Nipher
Springfield

Church begins discussions for new building

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Father Robert Slagg got about 150 parishioners to stay after services at St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield Saturday night while Slagg and architect Arthur J. Sikula talked for an hour about what the next St. James Church may look like.

"Seldom does an opportunity come in a lifetime to build a house for the church," Slagg said. "This is a marvelous opportunity for ourselves and our children to not just build a building but to reflect on how and why we come together."

"The questions Father Slagg and I pose are: who we are as a church and what do we want in a new building," Sikula said. "In our nearly 2,000-year tradition, our churches have ranged from Roman catacombs and private houses of 12 people to open-air masses of up to 500,000 people in Central Park. We have an opportunity to look back at our heritage and apply the best to a church for the new millennium."

Slagg and Sikula are to hold four more brainstorming sessions with parishioners during the Lenten season. Sikula, who has designed churches for the local archdiocese for 13 years, will focus on one set of church functions and worship activities. "Based on the parishioners' responses, Slagg will design a building for Slagg and the church's vision committee to consider. This approval would set a three-year church construction timetable."

"We're primarily that church was actually designed in 1953 as an auditorium and gymnasium for the school," Slagg said. "The actual church was to have been where the parking lot is but they never got around to build it."
Slagg said increasing levels of worshipers had led to the church's being expanded the vision committee to think about a new church building off the 1953 building. He would not disclose the site.

"We have a dedicated church and a different community than in the 1950s," Slagg said. "The church is in the heart of the community and we want to get to the community."



Architect Arthur J. Sikula, left, and Father Robert Slagg, right, of St. James the Apostle Church address ideas for a new church before a group of parishioners Saturday.

body to have a greater say in construction. The architect can no longer design a church and hand it down to a parish.
Slagg opened the meeting with a 30-minute slide show of Roman Catholic churches and their settings over the ages. He called on those who were interested in a journey, how the ministry serves as a gathering place and the use of industrial light.
"Many churches in Italy are approached through interior spaces and light which opens up to a space where the central building," Slagg said. "Many churches in Spain are designed to have a sense of the light coming in from through a set of opening arches, arches and that would have been a way to get to the community."

Sikula came up with two general church site ideas. The narrow way going front or further back in the parking lot, the most work in the vicinity, Slagg suggested a fifth version — as first in the parking lot but with the back facing South Springfield Avenue.
"Each site has its placement to consider," Sikula said. "Ensuring that the church has an appeal but one that is not too much on one side of the street. It is a 100- to 200-year stand plan. Putting the building in the center of the parking lot would be a good idea for the parishioners."
The next discussion group will follow the 1953 and, Slagg said.

Art exhibit begins at township library

E.V. Stone will present an exhibition called "Reflex" featuring found and constructed objects at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library beginning tomorrow and running through April 8.

Stone studied at the Otis Parsons School of Design in Los Angeles and at the Kansas City Art Institute in Midtown. She currently resides in Jersey City and collects the majority of her found objects along the Hudson River. The muted, used, and battered items she employs capture the dilapidated industrial spirit of the Hudson County area. In the process, she elevates these found objects to an ordered, balanced and form-like status.

Stone's current work is an extension from her childhood, where she played in the woods along the Wabash River in Indiana. With her sister, she constructed towers, lean-tos and hideaways and created imaginary environments. Now with years of experience and knowledge, she strives to create the objects that would have filled her life had she been able to play in the imaginary world of her childhood.

Stone tries to blend in the simplest manner, using as little technology as possible. Made of driftwood and sticks, muslin, wire and various stones, varnishes and paints, the pieces are intended to have a look of the primitive in their construction.
Stone's recent work has progressed in new directions. Working with found, boxed collage, she is using crushed, nested aluminum and steel to replace the sticks. Corroded and shagged nails are used instead of wire, and twine.

There will be a reception at the art exhibit Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sun from 1 to 5:30 p.m. For information call 973/376-4430.

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OBITUARIES

Francis R. Franzese

Francis R. Franzese, 85, of Springfield, passed away after a long illness...



Francis R. Franzese

William P. Minshall

William P. Minshall, 77, of Springfield, died Feb. 24 in Overlook Hospital...

Mr. Minshall began his career in 1941 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers...

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and Essex County Employees Union.

Surviving are his wife, Frances, and two children, William and Patricia.

Funeral services will be held at the Springfield Funeral Home...

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Anita, two daughters, The Jacqueline...

Robert White Association of TWA

Surviving are his wife, Sally, daughter, Melissa M. Dobbins, two sons, Robert Edward II and Peter...

Lee White

Lee White, 80, of Summit died Feb. 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. White lived in Newark and Millburn before moving to Summit a year ago.

Surviving are her husband, Leo, a son, Brian L. Brother, Ben, and a daughter, Rose Oppenheim.

Marion H. Cutler

Marion H. Cutler of Summit died Feb. 25 in John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital of Union County, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Cutler was 86 at Summit many years ago.

Charlotte R.A. Heim

Charlotte R.A. Heim of Morristown, formerly of Summit, who celebrated her 102nd birthday last Sept. 15, died Feb. 23 in the Morris Hills Multiple Care Center, Morristown.

Born in Stockton of Lee County, Durham, Virginia, Mrs. Heim lived in Washington, Virginia, Canada, Summit and Millburn before moving to Morristown 13 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Alan and Scott, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Beatrice Puder

Beatrice Puder, 82, of Summit died Feb. 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Puder lived in Washington, D.C., before moving to Summit. She was a secretary with Sears, Roebuck & Co., Washington, D.C., for 25 years and a secretary for SASA, Washington, D.C., for two years.

Surviving are a sister, Marjorie S. Weigelt, and a brother, William J. Sarge Jr.

Frances Melia

Frances Melia, 84, of Springfield died Feb. 25 in the South Mountain Rehabilitation Center, Union.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Melia lived in Brickwork before moving to Springfield two years ago. She was a secretary with National Dress Co., Newark, for 20 years and retired 39 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Lawrence and Samuel, a daughter, Anita Morfitt, a brother, Benjamin DiCiccio, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Leroy Watkins

Leroy Watkins, 78, of Lakewood, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 22 in Kombatt Medical Center, Lakewood.

Born in Newark, Mr. Watkins lived in Springfield and Howell, before moving to Lakewood 15 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Frances, six brothers, Vernon, Eugene, Melvin, Clayton, Wesley and Warren, and two sisters, Adell Esken and Doreth Nevius.

Todd G. Fretagge

Todd G. Fretagge, 46, of Summit died Feb. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Oak Ridge, Tenn., Mr. Fretagge lived in Summit for 29 years. He was a steward with the Hilton at Short Hills for seven years.

Surviving are two brothers, Neil H. and Matthew W., and a sister, Mary.

Eileen Beebe

Eileen Beebe, 81, of Summit died Feb. 23 in Jersey City Medical Center.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Beebe moved to Summit 31 years ago. She was a bookkeeper with Schmitt Ford Co., Summit, for three years and retired 28 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Brian, three daughters, Eileen Bicker, Darlene LaBrie and Patricia Lombardi, two brothers, Thomas and Aloysius O'Leary, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lena Albanese

Lena Albanese, 95, of Springfield died Feb. 24 in the Cranford Health Extended Care.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Albanese resided in Newark before moving to Springfield. She was a seamstress for various clothing manufacturing companies in the Essex County area.

Surviving are a son, Anthony, a daughter, Josephine Coppola, 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Noel Dunne

Noel Dunne, 57, of Madison, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 24 at home.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Summit before moving to Madison 14 years ago. She was a financial writer at the Chatham Trust until 1990.

Later, as a freelance creative writer, specializing in children's books, she volunteered with the Literacy Volunteer network of America in Morristown. She was a 1991 graduate of St. Mary's College, South Bend, Ind., where she received a bachelor of arts degree.

Surviving are two daughters, Erin Elizabeth Dunne and Melissa Dunne Ryan; a sister, Barbara Ellen Dunne, a brother, John Massy Curran, and a grandchild.

Frederick V. Watson

Frederick V. Watson of Summit, the national senior boyer for Sears Roebuck & Co., died Feb. 26 at home.

Born in New York City, Mr. Watson lived in Summit for 31 years. He worked for Sears in New York City and Chicago for 34 years and retired in 1978.

Surviving are his wife, Cathleen, a son, Peter, and four grandchildren.

Walter Kircher

Walter Kircher, 90, of Springfield died Feb. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Kircher lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 33 years ago. He was a bookkeeper for 47 years with Bookkeepers Union Local 46, Summit, before retiring 29 years ago.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Norma, two sons, Walter Wayne and Raymond, six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Church accepts Colman as interim senior pastor

Robert A. Colman joined Central Presbyterian Church as interim senior pastor and head of staff Feb. 1. Colman comes to Summit after retiring at the end of last year from the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City from 1973 to 1977 and to the First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca, N.Y. from 1968 to 1973. His first call from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1967 was as associate pastor to First Presbyterian Church in Warren, PA.

Colman received his doctorate of ministry in social action from New York Theological Seminary, his master in the theology of hope from Princeton Theological Seminary and his bachelor of arts degree from Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. He has recently completed a sabbatical with the Jesus Church in Scotland.

Colman succeeds Riley Jensen, who left Central Presbyterian Church last October to accept a call to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, MI. Jensen had served as senior pastor since early 1980. Associate pastor Jan Amundson has served as acting head of staff since October. One of Colman's primary responsibilities will be to guide the congregation and church leadership through the process of continuing the mission of Central Presbyterian Church today and for the future. Counseling the pastoral nominating committee which will be formed to search for a permanent pastor may take up to 18 months.

Colman preached his first sermon at Central Presbyterian Church Feb. 7. Sunday worship services are held at 8 a.m. in the chapel and 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. The 10 a.m. service is televised live on TV 36 and rebroadcast Sunday at noon. Video and audio tapes of the 10 a.m. service are available for loan, and printed copies of sermons are also available upon request by calling 273-0431.

Summit resident elected junior warden of church

Lillian Cochran of Summit was elected Junior Warden of Calvary Episcopal Church at the annual meeting Feb. 7.

Other parishioners were elected to the vestry, which is the church's administrative body. Those elected were Fritz Bauer of Scotch Plains, Katherine Webster of Berkeley Heights and Dick Haugh, Neane Kurland and Jim Melnychuk of Summit.

At the meeting, the Rev. Christopher Boddik announced the promotion of the Rev. Margaret Hodgkins from assistant rector to associate rector.

Firser joins law firm as senior associate

Steven Firser of Springfield joined the law firm of Greenbaum,



Robert A. Colman

Rowe, Smith Ravin, Davis and Hume in Woodbridge and Roseland in February as a senior associate in the real estate department. He coordinates the practice in commercial real estate and financing.

Firser, formerly associated with Hancock Weisman, has significant experience in the representation of developers, institutional and asset-based lenders in a variety of business and commercial real estate loan transactions. He has extensive experience in the acquisition, financing and disposition of commercial properties and business assets. Firser also consults debtors, creditors and trustees in federal and state insolvency proceedings and handles acquisition and financing agreements for clients in the computer industry.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Firser received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1983. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey.

presenting an extraordinary lecture called "The Battle for the Fourth South: Are the Missionaries Winning?" March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahim, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. A dinner will precede the lecture starting at 6 p.m. Dinner reservations cost \$12 per person and can be made by calling the temple office at (973) 376-0539.

Bennett receives honor

Brian Bennett of Springfield, an employee at Newark Airport, was among 48 airport workers honored by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey at an "Airport Ambassadors" luncheon at the World Trade Center.

Workers were recognized for acts of "exceptional courtesy," such as tracking down luggage left in taxis or helping travelers who lost money or forgot their cash.



Steven Firser

Borough resident sings at Valentine's party

Muhantuzia resident Kassy Ciulis with the LCD International band at a Valentine's Day party at Coya's restaurant in Roselle.

She will be performing in concert with the Tim Gillis Band April 30 at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. The proceeds from this concert will benefit Governor Livingston's Project Graduation.

For ticket information, call Dawn at (908) 954-1046.

Rabbi gives lecture for area organizations

A well-known rabbi and authority in the missionary movement will speak at Temple Beth Ahim in Springfield at a dinner presentation sponsored by the temple's Adult Education Committee, Men's Club, Women's League and Springfield B'nai Bith.

Rabbi Yoram Singer, director of Outreach Judaism, a national organization dedicated to nurturing the efforts of Christian groups and clubs who target Jews for conversion, will

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or lightly hand written, and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification if questions arise.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so if possible, side by side is better.

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Reverend Joseph Begrowicz, left, a Faithful Fear of the Fourth Degree and pastor of St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth, delivers the invocation for the annual communion breakfast of the J.F.K. Assembly of Fourth Degree Knights as Faithful Navigator Anthony Ferraro, right, looks on. The Rev. James J. Reilly was the featured speaker at the event.

Reilly addresses fourth degree knights at pre-Lent Breakfast

The John F. Kennedy Assembly, comprised of the Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus from Hillside, Kenilworth, Springfield and Union recently held its annual pre-Lent Family Communion Breakfast.

The event, attended by over 110 members and their guests, started with a mass at St. Theresa's Church in Kenilworth celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Hercek, who was visiting from St. William's Church in Alhambra, California.

Hercek, a native of Kenilworth — who is also the son of a Fourth Degree Knight in addition to being a Fourth Degree member himself — is a past Chief Squire of the Columbus Squares in Kenilworth. The Columbus Squares is the K of C's affiliate organization for Catholic teens.

After mass, participants attended a buffet breakfast and program at the hall of the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus. The Rev. Joseph Begrowicz, Pastor of St. Theresa's Church and the Faithful Fear of the J.F.K. Assembly, led the group in a remembrance of deceased members of the Assembly.

Faithful Navigator Anthony Ferraro Jr. introduced the wives of the deceased members. The highlight of the morning was a presentation by the Rev. James J. Reilly, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and the chaplain of both Union County College and Bloomfield College. Reilly delivered a talk titled "The Significance of 20th

Century Apparitions of the Virgin Mary as We Approach the New Millennium." In his presentation, he provided an overview of the reported visions of the Virgin Mary throughout the world and noted that the apparitions have recurring messages that highlight the value of prayer and fasting.

"The Blessed Virgin Mary has come as a merciful mother to bring us back to God," said Reilly. "When you pray, you bring God to you. When you call His name, He comes."

Reilly concluded his remarks with an explanation of the messages of Sister Faustina, a Polish nun who introduced devotion to the Divine Mercy of Jesus. He said that in the Scriptures, we learn that David, through the guidance and mercy of God, was able to use stones and a sling to defeat the evil Goliath.

Reilly said Christ, in his infinite mercy, similarly gives Catholics the tools — or stones — to remain reconciled with the Lord. He said the five "stones" available to the faithful include prayer, fasting, participation in mass with receipt of Holy Communion, confession and the Bible.

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JDHS students place 4th in consumer competition

Jonathan Dayton seniors Lauren Brownstein and Robyn Bloesom and juniors Mike Kessel, Dan Oat and Lauren Palas placed fourth at Union County's annual Consumer Bowl competition last month. The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs introduced the New Jersey High School Consumer Bowl as a statewide competition to teach teens about consumer issues.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit GLHS Project Graduation

The Project Graduation committee of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights will sponsor a spaghetti dinner at the high school cafeteria March 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, beverage, cake and coffee at a cost of \$7 for adults and \$5 for Summit citizens and children under 12.

STUDENT UPDATE

Kent Place seniors named as finalists

Two seniors at Kent Place School in Summit were named finalists in the 1999 Competition for Merit Scholarship Awards. Carolyn J. Snell and Liamu K. Span were among the 1.7 million students who took the PSAT as seniors last spring and emerged as part of an elite group of 15,500 nationwide who achieved semi-finalist status last fall.



Carolyn J. Snell



Emma K. Span

Miranda earns honors for perfect attendance

Sara Miranda of Summit was among 54 students at the Union County Vocational Technical Schools to have been honored for achieving perfect attendance during the second marking period that ran from Nov. 11, 1998 through Jan. 29.

Martini earns honors at Quinnipiac College

Lauren Martini of Summit, an occupational therapy major at Quinnipiac College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 1998 semester.

Lucero awarded Rush scholarship

Benjamin Rush of Summit was recently awarded a Benjamin Rush Scholarship from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. A student at Summit High School, Lucero is the daughter of Dr. Teresa Lucero of Summit.

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Aylward earns honors at Bloomburg University

Brandy Aylward of Mountainside, a senior at Bloomburg University, was named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 1998-99 academic year.

To qualify for this academic honor, a student must earn a quality point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

Syracuse dean's list includes Antenor, Good

Springfield residents Kathleen Antenor and Jonathan Good have been named to the dean's list for the fall 1998 semester at Syracuse University.

Antenor, a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, received the William K. Herost Scholarship. Good, a senior in the Newhouse School of Public Communications, received the Sol Bloom Scholarship.

Area students honored at Union Catholic HS

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains has announced the list of roll standings for the second marking period. Eligibility for first honors is a grade point average of 3.6 with no grades of C or D for second honors.

First honors was earned by Lara Pivuk from Mountainside. Second honors were earned by Marco Herdys from Springfield.

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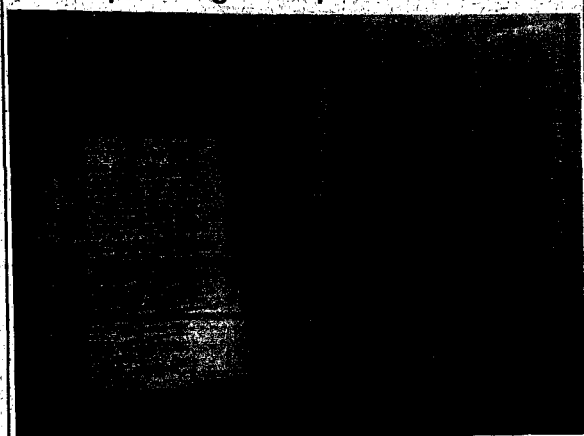


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The Historic Cannon Ball House in Springfield displayed a letter written by George Washington in honor of President's Day last month.

Sounds of Summit announce calendar

The Summit Cultural Committee has announced its Sounds of Summit schedule as follows:

- Saturday, 8 p.m. — Summit Choral will present "Summit Goes 'Pop'" in the Summit Middle School Auditorium on Morris Avenue.
- The 65-voice chorale brings a collection of new vocal songs American Style — from Broadway and Gilbert & Sullivan to spirituals and show tunes. For ticket reservation information call Ellie Winstow at 973-762-8486.
- Sunday, 3 p.m. — The Summit Symphony will perform in the Summit Middle School Auditorium.
- The program will feature John Overture, Turok vocal selections from "The Pan Alley," Symphony No. 9 in B Minor "From the New World." Admission will be free.
- March 14, 4 p.m. — The Chancel Choir of Christ Church and Adult Choir of St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., will perform a joint concert of combined choirs presenting John Rutter's Requiem and several selections of local composer Wayne Bradford. Free admission.
- March 21, 4 p.m. — Calvary Church of Calvary Episcopal Church and the Men's Choir of Central Presbyterian

Church will perform at Calvary Episcopal Church, 41 Woodland Ave., Summit.

A joint concert with the combined choirs will present Johannes Brahms' A German Requiem. Free admission.

- March 26, 4-11 p.m. — Summit High School Band and Music Marafiot will be presented at the Summit High School Music Auditorium, Kent Place Boulevard, Summit.
- An all-high school musical groups performance featuring more than a dozen instrumental and choral groups in concert music for the whole family. Free admission. Donations welcome.
- March 28, 4 to 6:30 p.m. — A Choral Extravaganza will be presented in the Summit Summit High School Auditorium.
- A culminating Sound of Summit experience featuring over 400 singers from Summit's houses of worship, choral organizations and secondary schools. Massed choirs, presiding patriotic folk, Americana, and gospel pieces, plus an upbeat choir of Summit song composed especially for the ceremonial. Free admission.
- April 9, 8 to 9:30 p.m. — The U.S. Military Academy Band will perform at Summit High School.

CSH joins Robert Wood Johnson Health System

Children's Specialized Hospital in Montclair, the state's only specialized pediatric rehabilitation hospital, has become an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. Other affiliate members include Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick and Robert Wood Johnson Health Network, an organization of seven acute care hospitals, four federally-qualified health centers, the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and providers of retirement healthcare and housing.

Integral to the affiliation is a joint operating agreement between CSH and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital which will enable the coordination and expansion of services to New Jersey children with disabilities.

"This is a wonderful new chapter in the 108-year history of Children's Specialized Hospital," said John W. Fox, who served as chairman of the CSH Board of Trustees during its affiliation discussions. "The Boards of Trustees and Senior Management of Children's Specialized will welcome these new affiliations and the opportunities they present to expand our scope of services to a wider population of children with special needs."

Noting that Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is the core teaching hospital of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, CSH President Richard B. Ahfeld said, "We have selected partners with whom we share a common vision of clinical and academic excellence in pediatrics. As an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, Children's Specialized ensures continuation of its leadership position in pediatric rehabilitation."

CSH provides a continuum of care for children and adolescents faced with chronic illness, traumatic injury and disabilities. With facilities in five locations, including its flagship hospital in Montclair, CSH provides a complete range of rehabilitation, developmental, neurological, primary care and long term care services for

children with special needs.

"Children's Specialized Hospital is known far and wide as a provider of the highest quality pediatric rehabilitation services," said Harvey A. Holtzberg, FAHPE, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System and President and CEO of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. "The children and families of New Jersey will reap the benefits of future collaboration between the experts at CSH and the specialists at our Children's Hospital."

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is a state-designated Specialized Acute Care Children's Hospital. A new building is under construction on the New Brunswick campus which will provide a world-class home for the hospital's 70 pediatric and adolescent beds and more than 45 pediatric specialties and subspecialties.

"Through this new affiliation, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School will be able to enhance its outstanding academic and clinical programs in child neurology, neurodevelopmental disabilities and rehabilitation," said Dr. Harold I. Peltz, dean of the medical school.

"We look forward to working with our new colleagues at Children's Specialized Hospital to better serve our patients." As part of the affiliation agreement, Children's Specialized staff physicians will join the medical school faculty and its physicians will join the CSH staff.

"This affiliation represents a forward-thinking approach to comprehensive care for the children of the state," said Thomas M. Corne, chairman of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. "For example, a child brought to the Level I Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital might be cared for initially in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit

Initially that child might be transferred to Children's Specialized for rehabilitation and then followed with outpatient therapy at CSH.

"Throughout the treatment and recovery period, multi-disciplinary teams of specialists from the hospital and the medical school could easily consult and determine the best care path for that child."

According to the affiliation agreement, Children's Specialized Hospital will also become a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health Care Corp. The parent company of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

Children's Specialized will continue to be governed by its own board and the CSH Foundation will remain independent of its support of the CSH mission. "While the boards of both Children's Specialized Hospital and the foundation remain single focused," said James R. Rutherford, who served as chairman of the CSH Foundation Board of Trustees during affiliation discussions.

"We congratulate all the fine institutions who have combined strength to help ensure that the state's children with special needs achieve their maximum potential in health and rehabilitation."

Programs offered at women's center

Upcoming programs at the Resource Center for Women in downtown Summit focus on the information and life skills women need to deal with a variety of issues central to their physical and emotional well-being.

- "Oops — You're stepping on my boundaries!" will be presented to help in establishing personal boundaries.
- "Setting Psychological Boundaries: A Handbook for Women" will share her insights on privacy, power and control, and constructive ways of setting limits in interpersonal relationships. Whether a husband is reading a journal or a mother as confiding expenses, this evening will help women re-establish personal space without sacrificing valued emotional connections.
- Wallace's appearance is the latest in the centers' "Hot Off the Press" series, showcasing women authors whose current books sold high on contemporary lists of best-selling books in their field. For center members, \$10 for non-members.
- "A weight that women carry: Reshaping the cultural ideal of beauty for ourselves and our daughters," a three-part workshop addressing culture's ideal of female beauty and its effects on body image and self-esteem for women and girls brings March 15 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- "Using John Kaloupek's 'The Body Project as a starting point, facilitator Lon Papp will focus group discussion on issues including the emotional, physical and financial impact of chronic dieting and the quest for the ultimate in beauty products and services."
- "Seniors' Issues," a panel discussion co-sponsored by The Business and Professional Women's Association will take place Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and will focus on the emotional, legal and financial aspects of eldercare. This informative evening will provide participants with a

wealth of resources for people facing decisions about the care and support of another person, whether a parent, a partner or a spouse.

The Resource Center for Women, located in the parish house of the Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit, is a non-organizational, not-for-profit organization celebrating 15 years of offering a broad range of programs and services designed for and by women in North Central New Jersey. Scholarship assistance is available for all center programs and services.

For directions, registration information and for a complete monthly program guide call the center office at (908) 237-9243.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced and legibly handwritten, and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title and the date of marriage.

Information requested for weddings are parents names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place, who officiated, who attended the bride and groom, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town, where located, job title and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

Community seder set for Summit

Congregation Beth Hukwan in Chatham will hold its sixth annual congregational seder on the second night of Passover, April 1 from 8:19 p.m. at the ballroom of the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit.

Rabbi Amy Levinson will lead the services. The seder itself will be family style, with seating of eight to 10 people per table. Everyone will participate to recreate an authentic seder.

Rivka Fiore of Elizabethtown will chair the event. "Each year after the seder people tell me that the seder has been a warm, enriching and spiritual experience. They feel a part of a community with friends and family," she said. "It has been especially rewarding for non-temple members who feel a part of a Jewish community at this holiday time. We want to stress that all are welcome."

The seder is open to the public. Reservations are required. The cost is \$29 per adult member and \$32 for non-members; \$16 for children members aged three through 12 and \$18 for non-members. All children under three will be admitted free.

For reservations call Fiore at (908) 354-2051.

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From left, Bernice Brinck-Lund of Berkeley Heights, Linda Rafferty of Summit and Susan McCallum of Summit display a rug which will be auctioned at Grand Prix 1999, a benefit for Oak Knoll School in Summit. The event is set for March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at The Westin MorrisTown Hotel.

Gala scheduled for Oak Knoll School

A gala dinner and dance benefit for Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will be held at The Westin MorrisTown Hotel March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The 24th Annual Grand Prix, with a theme of "A Magical Evening," is co-sponsored by the school's Mother's Auxiliary and Father's Club. The "magical evening" will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and feature auctions. All proceeds will go to Oak Knoll School's operating budget, helping bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of an Oak Knoll education.

Among this year's auction items are travel opportunities, golf outings, theater tickets and donations by area merchants.

"A Magical Evening" is chaired by Elaine Gnito of New Vernon and Laura Hardin of Chatham.

Valet parking will be available during the event. Additional highlights of the evening include a cocktail hour featuring several magicians ranging from table to table. Oak Knoll's family and friends will dance the night away to the sounds of "The Sinatra" Session.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child was founded in 1924 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus as part of a nationwide network of schools. Oak Knoll is a Catholic independent school, coeducational from kindergarten through sixth grade, and for young women in grades seven through 12. For additional information about Grand Prix 1999, call Suzanne Lewis at 522-8105.

Women and Islam addressed in series

The Resource Center for Women and the Summit Area Community School will present a two-part series on Women and Islam, led by Paula Drew of Fairleigh Dickinson University on March 11 and 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Learning more about the complex relationships between the peaceful life and strict humanitarian way of life fostered by Islam, and the fact that the faith is not as often portrayed in the many political forums contribute to non-productive Western stereotypes of Islamic culture which are of immense importance in understanding today's world.

The first session will focus on the Pillars of Islam, the beliefs, tenets, patterns of worship and behavior associated with the mainstream of this

tradition, as well as those of the American-born Nation of Islam. Participants will explore the connection between the belief system and that of the most obvious visible aspects of its social landscape: segregation of the sexes and concealing clothing for women.

In the second evening of this series, Drew will delve into the highly debated female sphere made possible by Islamic traditions of segregating the sexes into two barely overlapping worlds. The veil often facilitates this separation, even when economic necessity, mundane chores of social occasions force women out of their preferred domestic haven and into the streets. The many forms of the veil and its varying levels of concealment

and crucial practicality under social and climatic conditions will be explored, as well as its use as a means of social control and its recent resurgence among the young and militant as political statement of rejection of Western influences.

This provocative series will be held at the Summit Middle School and participants may register for one or both sessions. The fee is \$64 per session and the registration deadline is Monday. The Resource Center for Women is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization celebrating 15 years of programs and services designed by and for the women of Northern New Jersey. To register or receive additional information on the center's activities for women and girls, call 273-7253.

Computer classes offered at high school

Free classes in Clarworks are being offered to the public at Summit High School. The two-hour classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on five consecutive Thursdays beginning today in room 107 at Summit High School, 125 Ken Place Blvd.

Sponsored by the Summit Public Schools' Goals 2000 grant, the classes will cover word processing, mail merges,

database, spreadsheets, chart-making, and paint and draw, as well as WordPerfect and Internet page. Digital camera use and scanner options will also be covered. No previous experience is necessary.

To register for the classes, call Grace Hillard at 273-4852.

EVENTS

Eldercare seminar offered at Women's Center

The Women's Health Committee of the Business and Professional Women of New Jersey and the Resource Center for Women are sponsoring a program on "Senior Smarts" March 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It will be held at the Resource Center for Women, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit.

The purpose of this event is to help individuals become more informed about the care and support of an elderly person. A panel of professionals will focus on the emotional, legal and financial aspects of elder care.

Eldercare homes, elderly day care, power of attorneys, living wills, the psychological effects of going to or admitting someone to an assisted-living or nursing home will be some of the topics discussed. Both women and men are encouraged to attend.

The cost is \$8 per person for members of "BPOW" or the Resource Center for Women and \$10 per person for nonmembers. For a registration form, call the Resource Center for Women at 273-7253. The deadline for registration is March 3.

For more information on the Business and Professional Women of New Jersey, call the state office at 248-0904.

Yoga series offered at Summit Arboretum

Beginning Yoga is offered on eight consecutive Thursdays beginning today at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

Trained in the Iyengar method of yoga, Virginia Earl DeCure will lead the classes. The cost is \$80, \$80 for members of the Reeves-Reed, a nature preserve and historic site located at 765 Hobart Ave.

Arboretum sponsors trip to garden, flower show

An evening and all-day trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show will be sponsored March 9 and 11 by the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Advance registration is required.

The March 9 evening trip from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. offers a private tour of the judged horticultural exhibits led by Art Work, twice honored in the show's grand sweepstakes. He will add insight on the competitive pro-

cess. The cost is \$85, \$75 for arboretum members.

The March 14 trip will last from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will cost \$75, \$65 for members.

To register, call 273-8787. The Reeves-Reed is a nature preserve and historic site, specializing in environmental education and currently celebrating its 25th anniversary.

University Chorale visits St. Teresa's Church

The University Chorale of Saint Joseph's University will perform a free concert at St. Teresa's Church, 306 Morris Ave., Summit, on March 18 at 8 p.m.

The 50-voice choir has performed all over the world and on national public radio.

The choir, a highly select group of choral musicians, will perform under the direction of Cyril Strzalski.

The University Chorale has performed in the beautiful acoustics of St. Teresa's Church on several past occasions.

The program will offer a variety of choral music spanning several centuries, as well as vocal solos sung by superb student soloists.

Admission is free.

Library announces spring children's program

The Summit Free Library has announced the schedule for the spring storytimes to be offered by the children's and young adult department. Pre-school storytimes will be offered Wednesdays from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Toddler storytimes for children accompanied by a caregiver will be offered on both Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.

All of the programs feature a variety of age-appropriate activities which include stories, videos, crafts and songs.

Two sessions of the storytimes will be held this spring. The first one runs from March 24 through April 13. The second session from April 28 through May 27. Pre-registration is required for all storytimes and registration is limited to Summit residents. Registration for all the storytimes in the first session will begin March 10 at 9 a.m. Registration for the second session begins April 7 at 9 a.m. For children who are not enrolled in the first ses-

sion. Registration for those enrolled in the first session will begin April 14 at 9 a.m. To register call the children's troop at (908) 273-0350, or visit the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum offers watercolor series

Awakening gardens can be the inspiration for "Wednesday Watercolor," an eight-week series starting March 10 at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

Instructor Julia Hagden will offer demonstrations, hands-on exercises and lengthy individual attention appropriate for beginning and experienced art students. Dates are March 10 to 31, April 7, 14, 28 and May 5.

Still lifes and Reeves-Reed's floral emergence will comprise the subject matter. (6 instruction in composition, value and color theory. Hagden's teaching career has included courses for the Caldwell West Caldwell County Education Center.

Fees are \$131, \$125 for members. A supply list will be sent.

Advance registration is required by calling (908) 273-8787. A nature preserve and national and state historic site, the Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit.

Girl Scouts sponsor annual silent auction

Venue space is still available for the fourth annual Best Cheer Night and Silent Auction sponsored by the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, which serves Mountaintop and Springfield. The event will be at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., Carwood, on March 15 from 6-9 p.m.

Vendors provide samples of their finest cuisine while a silent auction and prize drawings take place throughout the evening.

Tickets are available for \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door — if available. Antiques must be over 18 to participate and business attire is requested.

For more information, or tickets, contact Debra Lappert-Rudman, Joint Development/Public Relations Director, WRGSC, 201 Grove St., East, Westfield 07091 or call (908) 232-3236, ext. 209.

All proceeds benefit the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and its programs for girls in Union, Middlesex and Somerset counties.

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Summit reaches top of the hill
Hilltopper girls' basketball team wins its first UCT championship

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor

ELIZABETH — Prior to commencing play in the Union County Tournament, the Summit High School girls' basketball team appeared in its excellent state to make its first appearance in the final.
The Hilltoppers carried the No. 2 seed behind Elizabeth and took a lolly 4-2 mark that included losses only to Mendham in the opening round in the state, into their first-round game against Roselle on Feb. 15.

That optimism, however, quickly turned to angst after junior forward Stephanie Bruce, who is Summit's top rebounder and second leading scorer, went down with a severely sprained ankle after playing in just one county game. The news that arguably the best player on the team was going to be out for an extended period of time might have had some squads ready to pick it up, but not the Hilltoppers.

In fact, Summit used its inexperience as a motivating factor and its efforts came to a collective head on Saturday when the Hilltoppers defeated Elizabeth 26-23 at the Dunn Sport Center to lay claim to their first-ever UCT title.
While the game was tight throughout, Summit, which improved to 21-2 with the victory, rounded into championship form in the fourth quarter when it outscored Elizabeth 8-1 to storm back from a 22-18 deficit and win the game.

Junior guard Danielle Proter, who scored a game-high 12 points, scored four of the fourth quarter and senior forwards Marissa Kellogg and Bira Yektahtenas. Bruce's replacement, nestled two points in the pivotal stanza.
"We realized that we needed to pressure them more in the fourth quarter," a jubilant Summit head coach Dana Farnella said. "We also knew that we had to be more patient on offense so we ran the plays through to the second or third rebound. That helped us a lot because it gave us some open shots and forced them to work harder."

With less than a second showing on the clock, Proter stepped to the charity stripe after she was intentionally fouled and hit both free throws to seal the deal for Summit.

"Danielle is a hustling player and she always goes all out," Farnella said. "She was a beast with the ball. She took it to the hole and didn't let them push us back on our heels and that was something we emphasized. I'm really happy that I'm going to have her back for another year."

Summit bounced 2 Group 4 schools

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

ELIZABETH — A lot often does a Group 4 school beat a Group 4 school in the semifinals and final to win the Union County Tournament.

That's exactly what the Summit High School girls' basketball team, 21-2, did tonight's state tournament game. did this year to win its first-ever UCT championship.

After beating Group 2 Roselle 53-30 at Roselle Catholic in the first round and their outscoring Cranford 30-9 in overtime to beat the Group 3 Cougars 47-39 in the quarterfinals at the Dunn Sport Center, Summit managed to knock off Group 4 slugging Union and Elizabeth in the semifinals and final, respectively.

Summit, the second seed, eliminated third-seeded Union 64-48 in the second semifinal playoff Feb. 24 at Dunn to reach the UCT championship game for the first time. Senior forward Marissa Kellogg scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Junior Danielle Proter scored 14 points and Bira Yektahtenas scored 11.

The Hilltoppers also did a good job on defense, holding Union's leading scorer, junior Jayme Gray, to just nine points, plus below-par effort.

Union entered the contest with a 16-6 record, a three-game winning streak and had won seven of eight. The Earners' only county loss prior was an overtime decision at Linden earlier in the season, a team they later went on to beat the next two times they played.

In fact, Union defeated Elizabeth for the first time in a long time by its score of 53-42 in Union to edge out Elizabeth for the Waitech Conference American Division championship, a crown Elizabeth had won the past four seasons.

Springfield's Cooperman captures prep wrestling crown

Springfield resident Cory Cooperman, 16, became a four-time National Wrestling Federation champion as the National Prep Championships held at Lehigh University last weekend in Bethlehem, Pa.

Cooperman, a sophomore at Blair Academy in Blairstown, won the prep national title at 105 pounds.

Cooperman also won the NJ Prep State championship held at the Proskie School in Hightstown the week before. Other tournaments the grappler became a champion at included the Invitational in Ohio, the St. Albans in Washington, D.C. and the Bethlehem Holiday Classic in Pa.

Summit boys' basketball finishes with 8 victories

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite having already defeated four Hillis Conference-Hills Division rival Westcoast 57-54 in Newark on Jan. 26, the Summit High School boys' basketball team was unable to complete the season sweep last Thursday at home in its season finale, falling 60-51 in overtime.

Junior guard Kurt Forsyth and senior forward Keyon Smith scored 19 points apiece in the defeat, which dropped the Hilltoppers' final record to 8-13.

Facing a seven-point deficit early in the fourth quarter, Summit stormed back to within one point late in the frame behind baskets by Forsyth, Smith and senior forward Kai Donaldson-Campbell that made the score 43-42.

With just 90 seconds remaining in regulation, Smith hit a jumper to put his team ahead by one, 44-43, and then proceeded to the foul line less than a minute later where he hit one of two shots to increase the lead to two.

Junior forward Jon Campagna, who was one of only three Hilltoppers to play in all 21 games, along with Forsyth and Carey, averaged 8.6 points per game. Donaldson-Campbell and Smith, who both missed a large chunk of the season with injuries, averaged 8.6 and 6.3 points, respectively, in a limited number of games.

Valley champion Royals sought victory in states

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor

For all the success that Oak Knoll High School girls' basketball head coach Tom Elliot has experienced since his team made the move to the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference for the start of the 1996-97 season, his team went into yesterday seeking its first state tournament win during that time span.

The Royals garnered the top seed in North Jersey, Parochial Division, only to fall to Villa Walsh 60-55 in their opening-round game. Villa Walsh also knocked off the Royals the year before after a hotly-contested game.

Having now lost four games, including their first two Valley Division bye games, joining the MVC, the Royals did not receive a first-round bye this season as they did last year. The Valley champs for a third straight year, Oak Knoll (17-5) earned the No. 5 seed in the section and were scheduled to square off against Montclair Immaculate yesterday.

With a win, Oak Knoll would have advanced to tomorrow's quarterfinal game against the winner of fourth-seeded Paterson Catholic vs. 13th-seeded Hawthorne Christian.

The Royals lined up for yesterday's playoff game by beating R. Park 43-25 Friday, finishing 16-2 in the Valley and now 48-2 for three years.

Dayton boys' hoops wins state game, played R. Park

Winning a state tournament game had been a long time coming for the Dayton High School boys' basketball team.

The Bulldogs managed to win their first state playoff contest under the guidance of head coach Bill Byrnes Monday, defeating Kinnelon 46-36 in a first-round North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1, elimination at Springfield.

Springfield 8th grade team wins league, tourney tilts

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Springfield-Minnetonka 8th grade basketball team clinched league play on a high note last week by beating Westfield 55-51 Feb. 24 and Chatham 61-46 Saturday.

Springfield began the week with an overall record of 21-5 and 16-0 mark at home.

Springfield also posted victories over St. Martin's 48-32 in the first round of the Dunellen Tournament on Friday and then defeated Bloomfield 66-50 in the first round of the Wayne Tournament.

Trailing Westfield 51-50 with 30 seconds remaining, Don Vilkker, who scored eight points, found David Levine open for the go-ahead basket. Mike Mitchell, who scored 18 points, and the game with a pair of free throws. Mark Perrotti, who scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds, sank the final point. Andre Callebaut paced the Minnetonka with 10 points.

Callebaut scored 24 points in the Dunellen Tournament, while Springfield is scheduled to play a second-round game tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

Callebaut scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the win over Chatham. Nittolo had 12 points and five steals, while Perrotti had nine points, five rebounds and seven steals. Vilkker had seven points and Kevin Dagh-fine had seven points.

Callebaut scored 25 points against the win over Bloomfield, hauling in 14 rebounds and going up with the state. Mitchell's key contribution as he made a three-pointer in each quarter en route to a 25-point performance himself. He also had four steals.

Perrotti had seven points and 12 rebounds and Dagh-fine had six.

Also playing well for the Minnetonka were Vary Porfugal, Andre Bates, Dean Chenierak, Sean-Frank, Donnick Dak, J.P. Waters and Steven Chen.

The 7th grade team lost to Westfield 38-38 and they lost a nail-biter to Chatham 49-47, falling 10-9 in overtime.

Junior Gerber scored 14 points in the third quarter, against Westfield and 18 total. Frankie Mitchell made back-to-back three-point shots, 4 to 6. Jay Ferrine scored six points and grabbed six rebounds in both games.

Dan Smith scored four points, had one assist and four rebounds, while Helms Abdellaziz was strong as always on the floor, grabbing four rebounds. Michael Luciano scored four points and had four assists.

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Aside from scoring and grabbing rebounds, Kellogg was also asked to perform the unenviable task of defending Elizabeth's Dana Setnic, who at an even six feet, was by far the tallest player on the court.

Although Solis did account for 12 rebounds, she only managed four points, all in the first half, thanks to Kellogg's smothering defensive effort, which was just as important a factor as her offensive production.

Aside from the four points she tallied, the only points scored by a Summit player other than Proter or Kellogg, Yektahtenas also swiped a team-best eight rebounds as she filled in admirably for Bruce, whose return date for the state tournament is still uncertain.

"Everybody is involved on this team, whether you're on the court or on the bench, and anybody can step up," Farnella said. "We don't have a superstar, but if you go out there and everybody is clicking together as a team, we're going to do well. Not having Stephanie in there hurts us from an athletic standpoint, but we were able to overcome her absence because we play so much as a team throughout the whole year."

As far as Farnella is concerned, Summit is not about to rest on its laurels. There is still basketball yet to be played, this season, specifically in the state tournament, and she is excited about her team's outlook for next season as well.

"Our six seniors have worked very hard for four years, both in season and out, and this was a culmination of all their hard work," Farnella said. "As far as our program is concerned, though, this is not a culmination, because that would mean that our run is over and we hope to continue on."

Lauren McMenamy and Odette Nemes, both starters who made valuable contributions at both ends of the floor on Saturday, Liz Bomegas and Molly Morrow are the other seniors Farnella is graduating this year.

Summit, which garnered the No. 2 seed in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2, will commence play in the state tournament today with a home game against the winner of Hanover Park/North 13th St. Tech.

While the Hilltoppers certainly have the talent to go win a sectional title, doing so would mean knocking off top-seeded Mendham, the defending Tournament of Champions winner.

If Summit and Mendham win at home tonight and Saturday night, the two will meet in the sectional final on Monday night at Rahway.

Also contributing were Harris Tuchman, Mike Ties, Kenneth Suarez, Jesse Weatherston, Billy Fisher and Stephen King.

Gerber paced Springfield again in its game against Chatham, netting 16 points. He also had one assist and seven rebounds.

Mitchell had 12 points, including two three-pointers. Abdellaziz scored seven points, grabbed four rebounds and played aggressively, fouling out late in the contest.

Ferrine scored six points, grabbed four rebounds and had three steals. Scott scored four points, had an assist and grabbed eight rebounds.

Luciano scored four points, including making one shot at the buzzer, and grabbed two rebounds.

March Madness March 5th grade team in quarterfinals of Dunellen Tournament and will face either South Plainfield or Our Lady of Fatima, Passaicway. March 6th grade team plays Hightstown at Hightstown, 4:00 March 7. Springfield Tournament begins at Gaudinier March 8. 7th grade team plays in the Wayne Tournament at 8:30 p.m.

March 13 and 14 Springfield Tournament continues at Gaudinier. March 17 8th grade team plays in the Wayne Tournament.

Free throw standouts — Lisa Listewski, Rick Sarinas, Frank Mischel, Stephen Suarez and Kaimel Suarez. Mischel representing Mt. E.N. Coyte Council #5560 advanced to the Kings of Columbus Free Throw Contest regional competition held last Saturday at Roselle Catholic High School.

Sarinas won in his age group, making 21-of-25 free throws. He will represent the Archdiocese at the state championships to be held at the end of March.

Contestants from Union, Essex, Hudson, Bergen and Passaic counties participated.

Cheerleaders lend support — Mountain cheerleaders on hand to lend support to the 7th and 8th grade teams at last Saturday's games against Chatham at the Gaudinier School included captains Alyssa Alvarez, James Rutkowski, Elnor Canales and Jaclyn Lawrence and cheerleaders Jacqui, Laura, Erenkel, Alissa Montoux, Annmarie Corcoran and Jill Kuzma.

Proter, Kellogg and Lauren Kobel were among the players selected to this year's Union County coaches' Top 10 team, selected last Sunday at Union.

The Union County coaches' Top 10 team includes: Scherie Isidor of Roselle Catholic, Nikki McCoy of Scotch Plains, Megan Zambelli of Cranford, Janis Woodard of St. Mary's of Elizabeth, Diana Parker of Elizabeth, Shoshie Hunter of Elizabeth, Nikeriah Lyles of Hillsdale, Jeyme Gray of Union, Britany Porter of Blairstown, Elizabeth of Westfield, Michelle Williams of New Providence, Lauren Kotal of Governor Livingston, Megan Brodbeck of Oak Knoll, Danielle Proter of Summit, Marissa Kellogg of Summit and Sheri Smith of Union Catholic.

Girls' Basketball

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Summit's 24th UCT title game at the Dunn Sport Center.

Summit's only two losses this year have been to Mendham; the team it finished second to in the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference.

Mendham defeated Summit 59-44 in Mendham and then 42-20 in Summit.

Governor Livingston reached the UCT semifinals this year as the fourth seed and was eliminated by Elizabeth 49-25, last week at Dunn.

The Hilltoppers enter tonight's home game with a 15-5 record, having finished second in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, behind a championship team.

Danielle Proter scored 12 points and Marissa Kellogg 10 in Summit's UCT championship win over Elizabeth. Bira Yektahtenas added four points.

Summit lost another Group 4 sectional, dispatched Union, in the semifinals by a 64-48 count last week.

Summit could host GL on Saturday

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Summit and Governor Livingston high school girls' basketball league are studying ways to finish playing each other in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals Saturday night at Summit.

Summit, second seed, will host either seventh-seeded Hanover Park or 10th-seeded North 13th Street Tech and Governor Livingston, seeded third, will host sixth-seeded Newark West Side tonight, in quarterfinal rounds.

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Scouting for team sports



Members of Springfield's Junior Girl Scout Troop 94 learn about various pieces of sports equipment while guests of The Sports Authority on Route 22 in Springfield.

Art exhibit to benefit children's hospital

"Wonders, oils and photographs running the gamut in subject from the human form to abstract landscapes can be seen during the month of March at Children's Specialized Hospital on Montaukville with exhibits by artists Qu Ziang of Highland Park, Amy Martin of Clinton and Nancy Bernhart of Livingston.

Zhang, a painter and graphic designer who was born in a seashore city in the north of China, will be exhibiting a series of watercolor paintings of female figures. Always interested in experimenting with new painting and design materials, Zhang has been utilizing a special Korean paper for his CSH display.

An award-winning artist, Zhang continuously works on perfecting the differences of color, philosophy and concept between Eastern and Western techniques in order to combine them in a complementary way to form a new language.

Martin's main focus when painting in oil and mixed media is on a balanced, exciting statement. "I like to capti-

ture the viewer's attention and invite them to travel in and around the painting to get a sense of exploration, just as I do when creating the work," she said.

The paintings in Martin's CSH exhibit range from abstract expressions to realism and are representative of the importance, these artists place on color and lively presentation.

Children's Specialized Hospital's art exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the ambulance entry, 150 New Providence Road in Montaukville.

The artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the hospital.

Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric rehabilitation, treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years

GLHS announces honor roll students

The following Governor Livingston High School students have achieved honor roll status for the second marking period of the 1998-99 school year.

Grade 9
Anil Abraham, Geestajit Banerjee, Brian Berez, Jason Bocian, Steven Brown, Thomas Chen, Zoy Chen, Alexandra Chomut, Amanda Choo, Stephanie Cook, Jason Crowl, Sally Davis, Allison Dencker, Christopher Deo, Jacob Di Iorio, Lindsey Donner, Scott Donohue, Kristina Dunne, Oliver Eng, Ryan Feller, Tara Finley, Matthew Fox, Andrew Genon, Jason Gionta, Kristen Hegner, Robin Hitchcock, Alex Hoiz, Tre Invidiato, Chelsea Karna, Dana Kaufman, David Kim, Richard Klumb, Andrea Krapp, Thomas Latis, Ellen Levonian, David Lap, Marc Massi, Lisa Mates, Dany Medurdy, Brett McMillin, Dana Mitchell, Chris Morgan, Silvia Munoz, Gregg Nelson, Derrick Ongchi, Chris Paganio, Danielle Penabaz, Garrett Phili, Storey Pizzo, Robert Popowich, Kevin Pritchard, Rahul Rani, Mridula Raman, Jonathan Revere, Tessa Resenthal, Matthew Ryan, Bryant Schlichting, Jaclyn Schlichting, Susan Schykenberg, Lindsey Sheppard, Yiwey Shieh, Sara Sparkule, Jessica Stevens, Darja Skaykajo, Michelle Todd, David Tavel, Vivek Venkatachalam, Deena Viendes and Rebecca Watson.

Grade 10
Rhonda Barkan, Lauren Beasley, Jessica Bogner, Jessica Dong, Paul Bowes, Christopher Brandt, Jenna Bortoli, Frank Cavallo, David Chen, Yvonne Chen, James Cheng, Caitlin Connor, Christina Cuvellini, Tara Cwole, Allison DiVito, Marc Felezzola, Shavi Gaffner, Eric Goldstein, Heesun Haas, Kristin Joham, Michelle Luba, Courtney Levin, Robyn Long, Emily Luke, Enea Magaldi, Kristen Magerovc, Malcolm Matias, Susan McDonald, John Montemurro, Christine Murphy, Jonathan Opendshaw, Annelie Oswald, Jennifer Paganio, Allison Pece, Jessica Pflum, Emily Porch, John Richmond, Vanessa Rodon, Jeny Scherer, Chris Sharkey, Bionne Silberbogen, Erica Smith, Nojile Tate, George Tewlik, Vijay Varma and Rebecca Williams.

Grade 11
Sara Alexrod, Brian Bailey, Manjira Bhasin, Mary Burback, Stephen Cash, Ann Chang, Sharon Cheong, Eli-

zabeth Chester, Howard Chou, Lindsay Crowl, Jennifer Crowl, Sean Davison, Jared Doo, Cynthia DeRama, Lauren Elikin, Suzanne Emina, Cira Fallotta, Michael Fenton, Debra Fisher, Leslie Ann Gay, Elizabeth Gecko, Keith Geckko, Jason Guindipolotti, Meghan Haldeman, Nalaya Hasan, Kristina Huff, Esther Iwung, Robyn Joba, Julia Kahlan, Anjeni Keswani, Daniel Kim, Jessica Kuenzli, Eric Levy, Cindy Liu, Daniel Lordi, Craig MacGregor, Timothy Marcantonio, Jennifer Massimo, Joseph Mayer, Heather McDonald, John McMillin, Adrian Meyer, Steven Michieja, Indrani Mondal, Tara Mondjilj, Pallavi Narash, Danielle Neufeld, Andrea Oliver, Shari Ongchin, Whitney Pafford, Mark Paron, Daniel Perez, Emilio Perez, Gina Piccinini, Allison Pieja, Andrew Poon, Brian Prekharad, Kevin Riley, Kevin Ritche, Karen Rizzoli, Jessica Schreuders, Carolyn Sillchen, Wang Ming, Siu, Anna Slobovour, Hils Sparkule, Diana Srago, Morgan Timmerman, Michelle Tobin, Gina Turfariello, Christopher Vassil, Drew Walter, Michael Watson, Madeline West and Jonathan Wu.

Grade 12
Orin Abrahamov, David Alzenberg, Michael Alexander, Christopher Anderson, Monika Alderson, Tania Bati, Emily Bisseri, Amelia Brown, Dittany Bryant, Chris Butler, Joanna Caffrey, Annamaria Calabrese, Jean Carrelli, Edward Cong, Christine Conlon, Michael Cook, Kristin Lee Casazza, Kristina Dalino, Sarah Drack, Ruth Jiscak, Tom Fang, Ronnie Filippatos, Keith Freudenberg, Benjamin Gary, Neda Gaffari, David Gorden, David Hassz, Amanda Healy, Kathryn Hurfman, Chu-Ping Jen, Heather Kanakara, Malvi Katagis, Sharon Klum, Alison Kobel, Jennifer Kragliński, Anna Kucher, Justin Karanik, Jessi Leconte, Samantha Lawent, Michael Lin, Stuart McVey, Luke Miller, Michael Miniszko, Miharuo Muro, Mable Mui, Lauren Paganio, Peter Paganio, Michael Pergore, Robert Phillips, Rebecca Prickele, David Pivovack, Teresa Randle, Alexis Rohmer, Dennis Rosenhaft, Stephanie Sant, Stacy Saplin, Brian Schumid, Michael Schuler, Rupa Sekhar, David Shanks, Matthew Sun, Anne Trimmer, Brett Vanjourveer, Sanjay Varma, Hugh Wei, Michelle Weig, Emily Weiner, Sarah Williams, Liu Yan, Ricky Yeh, Esther Yun and Beatrice Zelisko.

Course offered on personal art projects

"Creating A Memory Book" is the last segment of the "Artist's Personal Level" series. This two-part course will be led by Peggy Higgins of New Providence and will take place Sunday from 2:15-4 p.m. and March 14 from 10-4 p.m. The course will be held at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public Library.

Higgins will help those attending to organize all photographs into albums that are safe, meaningful and creative.

In this course the different types of albums and subjects available on the market and how they will affect photos will be addressed. The course includes how to organize past and present photos to make this project easy and the importance of journaling the important information relating to family history. Finally, fun and creative techniques to enhance photo presentation will be explored. Funding for this course has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The course is free and open to all. Participants are asked to bring photos and magazines for clipping.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 603 Mountain Ave. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Couples encouragement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcement should be typed, double spaced or legibly hand-written and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, wedding name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and the date of marriage.

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