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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Royal snub

You may not think there would be much of a surprise, but the Union County Democratic Committee chose not to accept Freeholder Don Guicavates as one of the three candidates to run on the Democratic line in the county's Democratic Party in turnout, as were three reasons why Municipal Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo chose to leave Guicavates in the cold? See Page B1.

Second phase

The second phase of the Union County Access 2000 Technology Program is under way and all teachers in the county are being encouraged to apply for grants for classroom computer hardware and software. See Page B1.

THE ARTS

Black Maria

The Black Maria Film Festival is being held at Ken University in Union. See Page B3.



Mixed media

"Jose with Casey," mixed media on mylar, is on display with "Street People" at the Tomassini Gallery at Union County College. See Page B6.

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WEATHER

Friday: Rain occasionally 60-70
Saturday: Mostly cloudy and windy 60-69
Sunday: Partly cloudy 58-68

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Jitney bus service launched at Duffy's Co

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Five Corners resident Tom Gorgia wanted to meet the Springfield Township railroad jitney early in the morning and became its first passenger Monday morning.

Gorgia braved cold pre-dawn conditions when he arrived at Duffy's Corner at about 5:50 a.m. His ride, a 20-passenger Ford minibus, was waiting for him in the lot.

"I could've walked here but it's chilly outside," Gorgia said. "This is the first time I'm taking the train from Short Hills station. Before today, I used to drive straight into New York."

The minibus left Duffy's Corner at 6:01 a.m. In a scene repeated 10 times that morning, the minibus delivered its passengers by the station's east-bound platform and returned to Duffy's Corner. It made 11 more runs between that platform and the corner during the p.m. rush hour.

The Monday runs make Springfield the third town to start a railroad feeder service with NJ Transit money and materials. Springfield, Maplewood and Chatham are each using a minibus and a \$50,000 startup grant for those using nearby Morris & Essex commuter train stations.

NJ Transit awarded six towns its Morris & Essex Minibus Challenge

Grants last June. The transit authority was seeking a means to alleviate parking shortages along the rail line's stations. Springfield applied as it had no direct rail access and some of its commuters were being cut out of spaces in Summit and Millburn.

In the first two days of operation, ridership averaged one or two passengers per run. Ten cars were counted in Duffy's Corner after the morning rush hour period.

"When I last looked at the enrollment April 1, we had 10 or 11 people signed up, but we may have a few more since," Minibus Program Coordinator William Cleri said. "When representatives from Maplewood and Chatham were here for the March 25 program launch, they both said they had a slow start. I was out for the morning runs the first two days and everyone I talked with were enthusiastic and happy with the service."

That slow start may be welcome by some Morris Avenue merchants neighboring Duffy's Corner. Several store owners, who said they learned about the jitney run three weeks beforehand, objected to the Township Committee's reallocation of 36 spaces for jitney riders. They say the more takes away spaces from required customer spaces as regulated by the Planning Board.



Photo By Milton Villa

Many parking spaces at the Duffy's Corner lot in Springfield are now reserved for jitney bus commuters.

"None of my customers are happy with it," Second Childhood conservatory shop owner Vanessa Johnson said. "There may be a handful of spaces used now but all 36 will be eventually sold. Just look at how the

lot has been hemmed — the center looks like a loading dock for the minibus."

Johnson posted a storefront sign saying customer parking may not be available after Monday. Her com-

plaints included the permit parking signs not stating the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. secondary effective period.

Call the Municipal Clerk's Office at (973) 912-2200 for jitney operation details.

Concert to benefit memorial foundation

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Libby DeGrado-Condo has been working on a memorial scholarship program for nearly a year since her son Andrew's death. That program will take a major step forward when violinist Joshua Bell holds a benefit concert Tuesday.

"I have been learning a lot," DeGrado-Condo said, "about contacting corporations and being a promoter. My previous experience is as being an administrative assistant."

DeGrado-Condo has been living in Springfield the last six years as a housewife between her husband's job in Monroe and her own in Park Ridge. It was on Elmwood Park, however, when her son first began to show his talent for music at the age of four.

"We got Andrew a small organ when my husband was learning to play the guitar," DeGrado-Condo said. "His sister, Deborah, gave him a test one day and he identified every note by sound."

Andrew's parents bought him a piano and the son began playing music in elementary school. While taking part in the local school system's marching band and orchestra, he was winning competitions. Among DeGrado's laurels are the Alenbun Piano House Series in Elizabeth and the Foundation for the Performing Arts Recital in Union High School.

DeGrado caught the attention of the legendary Arthur Schnitziar and Ken University professor Carol Ferris among other instructors. While earning his bachelor of arts degree from Ken, he played in Carnegie Hall.

DeGrado went on to become a music professor at the University of Illinois and performed around the world. It was during one of those trips with Bell that DeGrado fell ill.



Andrew G. DeGrado

Joshua Bell

"Andy and I were on a plane in Madrid Jan. 18, 1998 when he said he felt dizzy and had to get off," Bell said. "He had trouble breathing, got off the plane and passed out."

"No one knows exactly what happened," DeGrado-Condo said. "We don't know if it was an allergic reaction. He was never sick."

Andrew DeGrado went into a coma and died 47 days later.

"I was traveling back and forth, going to memorial services and taking care of Andrew's estate," DeGrado-Condo said. "So many people came to me saying how much he was an influence in their lives. The University of Illinois had established a scholarship in his name — but there was none in New Jersey."

DeGrado-Condo envisioned a scholarship fund assisting young, talented New Jersey pianists. A DeGrado Piano Series would annually determine two award-winners 17 and 18 years old. The winners would receive a public recital and either a cash award or a scholarship.

A benefit concert was needed to establish the scholarship, which is where Bell comes in. He and pianist Simon Mulligan are to play selections from Bela Bartok, Beethoven, George Gerwin and Franz Schubert at the Community Theater in Morris-town.

The First DeGrado Memorial Gala Concert is to start at 4 p.m. Tickets, at between \$25 and \$45, are available from (973) 539-8008. Call (973) 467-1348 for foundation details.



Photo By Walter Elliott

Springfield resident Liz Domaratzky, center, assists Girl Scout Jit Kuzma, left, and daughter Elizabeth, in assembling an Easter basket. Domaratzky delivered 36 of the baskets to an area charity on the Girl Scouts behalf April 1.

Residents observe Easter through charitable giving

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Easter in Springfield and Mountanside was observed in large and small ways over the weekend.

Only scattered early morning rain showers made sunrise services inside or outside, proposition Sunday. At the Mountanside Chapel, for example, launched its sunrise service at Washington Rock State Park without a hitch at 8:30 a.m. Stray raindrops at 7:35 a.m. were enough for the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Springfield to open its doors early.

"We felt a few raindrops," Episcopal Diocese Rev. Jeff Markey said, and asked ourselves: "Why risk it?"

"When some people rolled out of bed and looked outside, they said, 'Ugh!' and rolled back in," Springfield Presbyterian Church Pastor Rev. Daniel Russell said. "It makes your presence here all the more good in celebrating the end of Lent and the beginning of new things."

Russell and Markey went on to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead before 17 worshippers. Both churches usually hold a joint sunrise service at Church Mall.

While local sunrise services have gone on for years, Springfield residents Lisa Domaratzky showed there is room for new holiday traditions. Domaratzky and six Girl Scouts prepared Easter baskets for the Christian Homes for Children Thursday night.

"The girls from Troops 157 and 529 are making 36 Easter baskets," Domaratzky said. "They're making age appropriate baskets for children between one and 11 years old."

"By age appropriateness, Domaratzky said the baskets would have a different key. They would be a plush rabbit, a pebble or another item. All would contain plastic grass, candy and some comfort toys supplied from the Diocesan treasury of Livingston, Calif.

"I have been a Diocesan key person for a few years," Domaratzky said, "and I have a daughter in the second. I felt it was time for me to give back to the community and have the same joy I've seen of the less fortunate children."

"This is part of a citizenship badge we're going after," second teacher Corvill said. "But it's fun to surprise the baskets."

The 36 baskets were assembled and wrapped within two hours. Domaratzky then delivered them to Christian Homes in Hackensack. "We had a new vehicle to collect the baskets and other donations Thursday and Friday," Christian Homes spokesman Edward Domaratzky said.

"Our goal is to be efficient and to provide for children and provide good and training for them during the holidays. To see one person receive a gift and see another's collection like she did, an appreciation is

Foothill Club celebrates 36th year

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Foothill Club of Mountanside threw a birthday party for itself at B.G. Fields April 1.

About 80 club members were on hand to celebrate the group's 36th anniversary. The group, which included 12 of the club's former presidents, had their tables decorated with party hats and feasted on a cake supplied by the Mountanside-Piney Shop.

"This is a large club — a good crowd for us," current president Ruth Gargano said. "I've enjoyed all our past presidents."

One of the former executives, Mary Stein, set the agenda. Stein presided over the meeting. Mary Stein set the agenda. Stein presided over the meeting. Mary Stein set the agenda. Stein presided over the meeting.

"There are two families in Mountanside who will have an Easter dinner basket for our president," Stein said. "Each receives a basket of food we prepared, including a side of ham."

We couldn't have done it without you. Service and hospitality, in short, is what the Foothill Club is about. It's a place to meet and to socialize. It's a place to meet and to socialize. It's a place to meet and to socialize.

"It's a very good group of people," Helen E. Wofford said. "I was among the first members in 1963. Most of the

people here are active in other clubs."

Wofford and Stein said the club was formed as an offshoot of the Mountanside Newcomers Club. It is patterned after Mountanside Women's Club except that membership is open to both genders. While the Foothill's focus is on Mountanside, its members can be from adjacent towns.

"The name was selected in a contest," Stein said. "We've been known to donate clothes, food or money to Mountanside families in need."

Their social calendar is not just lunches at B.G. Fields. They hold a fund-raising auction last month and have a February pool party and a Christmas luncheon scheduled. They take field trips, the best one being one for a performance of "Pleasantville" at the Somerville Elks Club April 22.

A Foothill basket usually includes a guest present. This one was no different as local space specialist Cheryl Wiley donated the chair and set of wickered berks.

"I've spoken at the Foothill Club one time before," Wiley said. "They're a great group — they are attentive and take good opinions."

The Foothill Club of Mountanside usually meets every second Thursday of the month. Call Tony Conzatti at (908) 233-1175 for details.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, include your schedule in Box 3108, Union, NJ 07986.

Saturday

• The Trailside Nature and Science Center, 482 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, is seeking volunteers to assist with trail maintenance projects from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Walking Reservation. Volunteers will meet at the center and should bring a lunch, a mug for beverages, a shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if possible. Volunteers must be age 14 or older, and all must call (908) 790-3670 to register.

Sunday

• The Trailside Nature and Science Center will present "Wildlife Sunday" from noon to 5 p.m. The 10th annual event will feature live reptiles, butterflies and 2 South African pangolin. In addition to family nature walks, children's crafts demonstrations, vendors and wildlife art by local students. The cost of admission will be \$2 per person. Children ages seven and younger are free.

Wednesday

• The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Parish House, 33 Church Mall, Springfield. The guest speaker will be David Dhainik, executive director of the Reeves-Rapid Arboretum, who will give a presentation on ornamental grasses.

Upcoming events

April 13
• Unity Bank, with offices in Springfield, will conduct a First Time Home Buyer Seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bonnet Block at the Union Township Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Union. The seminar will be free to the public. To reserve a seat, call Jim Tomello at (973) 258-0111.

April 15
• The Springfield PTA and the Community Conference Group will conduct a seminar on internet safety at 7:30 p.m. in the Gaudin School Gymnasium, Guest speaker: Steve Rogers, president of the New Jersey Community Philanthropy Officers Association will discuss how to protect children from potentially unsafe or inappropriate situations on the Internet. All are welcome. For more information, call (973) 568-8066.

• The Mountaintop Newcomers Club will hold a Ladies Night Out, an informal gathering at a member's house for socializing and fun. For details, call Carolyn Williams at (908) 518-0066.

April 17
• The Mountaintop Youth Basketball League will hold its annual dinner at Deerfield School at 8 p.m. The dinner will be sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse and the cost of a ticket will be \$3. For ticket information, call Linda Pace at (908) 789-0994.

• The Mountaintop Republican Club will hold its Spring Cocktail Party between 4 and 7 p.m. at BG Field on Springfield Ave. in Westfield. The cost will be \$5 for members. Anyone interested in joining the

club should call Clark Landale at (908) 654-1987.
• Sandmeier 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) 376-6386.

April 20
• The Gaudin School Curriculum Fair will be conducted from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gaudin School classrooms.

April 21
• The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic from 6 to 7 p.m. for the inoculation of cats and dogs. The clinic will be held at the Springfield Public Works Building and no appointments are necessary.

April 22
• The Football Club of Mountaintop will sponsor a trip to the Somerset Elks Club at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the play "Blue Sun". The cost is \$28 per person. Call Rose at (908) 232-0443 for more information.

April 24
• Litter Day '99 will be held at Echo Lake Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Refreshments, T-shirts and gloves will be provided, and the litter cleanup will take place outdoors, rain or shine, along roadsides and in wooded areas. For more information or directions, call (908) 654-9890.

• Kurt Gallagher's "Songs for Playful Children" will be held at the Mountaintop Public Library at 2 p.m. The event is free, recommended for children ages three and up, and open to the public. For more information, call (908) 231-0115.

April 25
• The Springfield Rotary will conduct its 48th annual flea market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. Proceeds will fund scholarships for Springfield senior high school students graduating from JDHS.

May 16
• The Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop will host a Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale from noon to 5 p.m. There will be free admission, free parking, children's activities, refreshments and a bake sale, gardening displays, a plant and insect clinic, soil tests for sale and free Rutgers Rutgers tags sheets.

Ongoing
• The Springfield Senior Citizen Nutrition Program, now located at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, a nutritional hot lunch is available for seniors for 32 Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays; at noon. Menus are available at the center, library and town office. Call (973) 910-0039 for reservations one day in advance. For more information about the program, call Maurine Meixner at (973) 912-2206.

• The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free cancer support group for adults living with any type of cancer. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. The group is led by Debra Haupt-Saltzman. For more information, call (908) 522-5352.

NEWS CLIPS

Day camp available for preschool children

The new Springfield YMCA is offering summer day camp experiences for first-time campers. Children ages four and five can enjoy YMC "Preschool Camp" and "Springfield Wrap-up," two half-day camp programs starting in June. Both programs will be held at the Y located at the Chisholm Community Center.

Camp days at the Preschool Camp, a morning program that runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., are filled with crafts, games, new friends, tips and tricks. "Springfield Wrap-Up" is an afternoon program that follows the Springfield Recreation Department's morning program. This wrap-around program starts at 12:30 p.m. and offers games, crafts and outdoor activities.

In addition to the Springfield YMCA youth and teens attending the Summit YMCA campus may register to use the Springfield facility for camper drop-off and pick-up. The bus leaves the Chisholm Community Center each day at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. "Camp" and "Post Camp" Care options also are available from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is now being accepted at the Springfield YMCA. Camps are conducted in one-week sessions that run from June 28 to Aug. 20. Financial assistance is available through an application process. Call (973) 467-0838 for additional information.

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 YMCA fitness professional Pat Reed, who also holds a certification from the American Arthritis Foundation to teach this 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.

The class meets Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield YMCA located at the Chisholm 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.

'Light the Night' walk set for September

The Northern New Jersey chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, 45 Springfield Ave., Springfield, has announced that the "Light the Night" leukemia walk, designated by the Leukemia Society of America as its cornerstone event, will celebrate the society's 50th anniversary.

The evening walk will take place on the weekend of Sept. 23-26 simultaneously throughout the country. The event was designed to honor those area residents living with leukemia as well as to remember those who didn't survive.

Event specifics include the following:
• The walk will begin approximately at 7 p.m. on one of the designated anniversary days.

• Survivors carrying an event banner with handwritten messages will lead the walk.

• Each participant will carry an illuminated helium balloon, red for participants and white for leukemia/cancer survivors.

• Refreshments will be served before and after the event.

• Music and various announcements will be presented during the event.

Library seeks donations for Lobby Sale benefit

The Friends of the Springfield Library will be accepting donations for their Lobby Sale to benefit the library. Donations of jewelry, glassware and china, small appliances and kitchen items, linens, artificial flowers, toys, toys and furniture that can be carried out are welcome. The library will not accept books or clothing. Items should be clean and in generally good condition.

Donations may be dropped off at the library Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 2:45 p.m.

The Lobby Sale will be April 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. Springfield. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

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Rotary Club plans flea market at JDHS

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springtime meant a species-particular to Springfield blossoms, within the township's confines. Appearing among the leaves and flowers are signs heralding the annual Springfield Rotary Club Flea Market.

The flea market, to be held April 25 at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot, is the Springfield Rotary Club's longest-lived and most visible event. It is the club's largest function since throwing a golden anniversary bouquet for itself last October.

"It seemed like yesterday when we organized," member Charles Remlinger said. "Seventeen of us held our first meetings at a tea house on Morris Avenue by Merriam Avenue. Interstate Route 78 is on that site now."

Springfield Rotary Club 6929 chartered itself with Rotary International April 23, 1948. From that small group, early club president Remlinger has seen the rolls grow to about 30 business, civic and professional members.

The membership, like other rotary clubs, is committed to improving living conditions within the township. The club has annually provided scholarships for graduating Dayton seniors. Under current president

Michael Pine's tenure, the Springfield club has expanded into 14 projects. They range from organizing Pedals for Progress bicycle collection and Business Against Drunk Driving events to participating in foreign group study exchanges.

"The club's objective is 'Service Above Self,'" Pine said. "Over the past 50 years we donated over \$150,000 in student scholarships. Other donations have been made to Springfield's first aid, fire and police departments, the Little League, Mountaintop Children's Hospital, the United Way and many other institutions or individuals."

Pine said the club has had many projects to fund their efforts. Past events included parking cars for the 1980 U.S. Open at the Baltusrol Golf Club, printing lithographs of the Battle of Springfield and holding concerts and a circus.

Their most consistent effort is with the flea market. Over 120 civic and business vendors will have their products or services on display, before thousands of visitors.

A raindate has been set for May 2. Call Remlinger at (973) 376-3319 for flea market details.

Norcross Bank to open new branch Saturday

Norcross Bank will open its fifth branch office Saturday at 223 Main Ave., Springfield. The bank will celebrate its grand opening from 9 a.m. to noon in several ways.

The first 250 adults to arrive will be invited to choose a piggy bank from Norcross's display, and each piggy bank will contain cash ranging from \$1 to a top prize of \$500.

Additional cash may be won in the bank's month-long "Break the Bank" sweepstakes. The sweepstakes features a first prize of a week's interest on \$1 million, second prize is a weekend's interest on \$1 million and third prize is a day's interest on \$1 million. Complete rules and regulations will be available at Norcross's new Springfield office beginning Saturday.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served to visitors on opening days.

"We plan to have a great time at our grand opening," said Joseph Parralito, president of Norcross Bank, "but there is the separate side to it, and that's why we really want the people of the entire area to visit us and see everything we have to offer."

As part of the grand opening celebration, Norcross is offering a special passbook savings rate of 5 percent APY. Norcross is also offering an 24-month celebration CD with a special annual percentage yield effective Saturday.

The minimum deposit requirement is \$1,000. For the rate, call (973) 379-5855.

The bank also is offering a home equity line of credit that is 1 percent under prime for the life of the loan. There are no fees for closing costs to have it, and the borrower may take up to 20 years to pay.

Free rabies clinic offered

The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic April 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. which will be offered for the inoculation of both cats and dogs. The clinic will be held at the Springfield Public Works Building, Springfield. No appointments are required.

The public should follow some preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies. Please note the following:

- Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight, or feed animals outdoors.
- Avoid contact with all wild animals.
- Discuss with children not to bring home pet, or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal.
- If bitten by an animal, consult your physician immediately and contact the local health department at (973) 912-2211 or (908) 789-4070 to report the incident.

Police arrest 3 on prostitution charges

Mountaintop
The Mountaintop Police Department charged Chester resident Braden W. Smith, 49, with six counts of prostitution and one count of promoting prostitution.

Officers responded to a fire at 5 p.m. March 19 at Smith's Route 22 business, where he served as the owner/operator of Alternative Medicine. On arrival, the officers observed a male and two females in the building uninvolved. After extinguishing the fire, which was caused from a faulty microwave, the male was questioned and it was determined that he had paid the women for sexual acts.

Charged with prostitution that night was Young Lee and Linda Lee, both from Cheever, N.Y. Each posted \$2,500 bail for appearance in Union County Court.

After an investigation conducted by Mountaintop Police Detective Lt. Richard Owsie and Detective Sgt. Todd Turner, it was determined that Smith not only ran the business but allegedly participated in some of the acts himself. Smith, also known as Asher, was arrested March 31 at noon.

Appearance at Union County Court was set for April 23.

Two men were arrested and charged with harassment that allegedly stemmed from a motor vehicle confrontation Friday.

Ronald Linck, 24, and Spind Orion, 22, were arrested Friday on Route 22 West and charged with harassment. According to a complainant, the harassment allegedly occurred during a motor vehicle confrontation.

A broken brake light led to the investigation and subsequent arrest of Tunya Shabbaz, 38. The Plainfield resident was stopped on Route 22 West Sunday and officers discovered the driver's license and registration to be suspended.

Newark's Khalil Sapule, 22, was arrested April 1 after he was stopped for making an improper lane change on Route 22 East. He was then found

POLICE BLOTTER

to be an unlicensed driver.
A Mini Cooper for the U.S. Post Office was arrested March 30 after officers stopped him on Route 22 East for driving with his lights out and improperly displaying his license plates. Further investigation revealed that Alan Russo Jr., 21, had a suspended license.

A driving while intoxicated charge was handed to Dana Daniels, 29, the Jersey City resident who was stopped on Route 22 East, March 30 for making an unsafe lane change and was found to be driving under the influence with a suspended license. Officers found an open container of alcohol in her vehicle. Springfield
Five people involved in a three-car accident on South Springfield Avenue found little to get about on April Fools' Day in Springfield. Two drivers received citations while a third motorist and her two passengers suffered injuries from the mishap by Beverly Avenue at about 5:48 p.m.

The incident began with a Chevrolet attempting to make a left-hand

turn onto southbound South Springfield Avenue, which had a Ford, among its heavy traffic. A Mercury was seen headed south, passing on the right-hand side when it struck the Chevy.

Police ticketed the Chevy for careless driving and the Mercury for improperly passing on the right-hand side. The Mercury was towed while the injured trio was treated by the Springfield Fire Aid Squad.

A mystery car was blamed for a tractor trailer versus fire hydrant accident on Milltown Road April 1. The driver of an 80,000-pound Freightliner was attempting to make a right-hand turn from northbound Meisel onto Milltown when he said a white car at the intersection was not giving him enough turning room. The trucker from Aberdeen, Md. attempted the turn but struck the southeast corner of the fire hydrant with a trailer, wheel at about 4:07 p.m.

The trailer tire was destroyed while the wheel and the hydrant's orange marker were damaged. The Springfield Fire Department was notified about the mishap.

Odors, smoke plague township

Members of the Springfield Fire Department responded to a New Brook Lane residence at 4:59 p.m. Saturday for an odor in the house.

The first call Friday was logged at 8:02 a.m. when firefighters responded to the area of Morris and Washington Avenues for smoke in the area.

The department also responded to four medical service calls.

A motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Cleveland Place at 3:31 p.m. April 1 required attention from department members. During rush hour, at 5:51 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to South Springfield Avenue and Beverly Road for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

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The department also responded to two medical service calls on the day.

Two activated fire alarms within 40 minutes of each other dominated March 31. The first, at 8:07 p.m., occurred at an Edgewood Avenue residence. The next call was logged at 8:48 p.m. when firefighters responded to a Highlands Avenue residence.

Two medical service calls also were recorded.

At 8:03 a.m. March 30 members of the department aided residents who were locked out on Meisel Avenue. At 3:51 p.m. they were dispatched to a Baltusrol Way residence for an activated fire alarm.

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EDITORIALS

Township students deserve better

Daring kids to stay away from drugs and alcohol has recently become a tougher task for Springfield parents. Drug Awareness Resistance Education was officially suspended March 2 at F.M. Gaudineer School, James Caldwell School and Thelma Sandmeier School. As if this new deficiency in the township's public school district weren't had enough, residents must also grapple with the fact that the reason for the program's suspension involves yet another round of nonsense within the Springfield Police Department.

Township officials, Police Chief William Chisholm and Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland maintain that DARE came to a halt last month due to changes in the work schedules of two of the three officers teaching the program in Springfield schools. This appears to be basically true — permanent rather than rotating shifts have been instituted in the Police Department, and the two officers who previously taught DARE in the public schools now work after the school day has come to a close.

However, both of these officers — Cpt. Don Dowser and Sgt. Steven Stockl — have expressed an interest in continuing to teach DARE in the public schools on their own time and arranging a compensatory agreement with the police chief. What should disturb parents is Chisholm's absolute refusal to work with these two officers in getting this important program back on track. Compensatory time agreements are not unusual or overly expensive for the department and have been made many times in the past.

To add insult to injury, Ed Mahoney, the third Springfield officer trained to teach DARE, has been permitted to continue the program at St. James Catholic School, a private institution. While this is swell for those at St. James, many of its students are not township residents and their families do not pay the Springfield property taxes which fund officers' salaries. Despite this fact, township students in the public schools have not been stiffed on DARE while out-of-town kids have not felt a ripple in the program.

Friedland has indicated that he believes the problem with DARE is primarily a police matter and that he expects the program to resume eventually. This complacency is not good enough, especially when non-residents in a private school are favored over township students. DARE New Jersey, which oversees the delivery and management of the program throughout the state and acts as a resource for police departments and schools, has not been notified that DARE was interrupted in Springfield public schools. Despite the fact that DARE New Jersey is

able to supply DARE officers from the county or the state to fill in for local officers, no one from the township has made any effort to make these arrangements.

Students need as much exposure as possible to the benefits of avoiding drug and alcohol abuse, and the advantages of fostering a strong relationship between kids and the police are immeasurable. DARE accomplishes both. We urge residents to complain — loudly — about the lack of DARE in the public schools, Springfield students deserve better.

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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 in the upcoming pages.

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Steven R. Shapiro
American Civil Liberties Union
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Peter Goggi Mountainside



Peter Goggi

As a 10-year Mountainside resident with a son entering kindergarten in September, I am running for the Board of Education because I know I can help the board achieve its mission. Twenty years of business management, purchasing and marketing experience with Lipton/Unilever coupled with my volunteer work — Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee, SAGE: OLE, Church, Tea Association, Community Theater — give me unique skills which can only enhance the current board.

One of the most important steps the board has taken was to involve all stakeholders in the development of a strategic plan. As a participant and believer in this strategic planning process, I will challenge the board to be proactive in the implementation of this plan.

It is imperative that our students exceed the minimum standards set by the state. I will recommend that our curricula continue to be reviewed and modified as necessary by our educators, so that our students will far exceed these standards.

These goals must be achieved with an efficient spending level. This means that the board must review all costs and communicate its resource needs. All spending recommended by

the board must represent the best possible value, not necessarily higher taxes. I will help the board achieve a vision wherein total educational excellence for our students is a community-based, community-supported and community-participation process. If this is a vision in which you would like to share, and if this is a vision that you would like our children to experience, cast your vote for me April 24.

Pat Knodel Mountainside



Pat Knodel

There is only one way that I can run for the Board of Education and that is on my record — a record that reflects initiative, foresight and dedication. Throughout my 26 years on the board I have successfully argued for better qualified teachers, smaller class sizes, improved curriculum in language arts, mathematics, increased physical education and a greater awareness of special education.

My recommendations have saved the citizens of Mountainside thousands of dollars in the areas of administration, secretarial staff, transportation of the handicapped, negotiations, purchasing and business practices.

My performance and my platform may be summed up simply — to provide excellence in education at a price the taxpayers can afford. But I do not equate quality education with the quantity of dollars spent. Excellent teachers and reasonable class size — a maximum of 25 pupils — are the most important elements to ensure this. These have always been at the top of my priority list.

Most recently I advocated deregulation and worked with fellow board members and the Borough Council to accomplish this. I served as chair of the committee to gather

the vote and as a member of the negotiation committee. From this I hope you can see that my 26 years have been very productive and that I have not lost my enthusiasm for the job.

In conclusion, I have enjoyed serving you for the past 26 years and I hope you will allow me to continue to do so. So I ask for your support on election day — April 20!

John Perrin, Mountainside



John Perrin

In my eight months as a board member, I made several significant contributions. I Ohio achievement related the administration to follow the best procedures for awarding contracts. This now assures that we are getting bids for the best work at the lowest cost, benefiting both the school and the community. Secondly, I worked on the Strategic Plan to establish a true parent-school community partnership.

As a member of the Action Plan 2 Committee, I helped set high standards of excellence and of having stu-

dents demonstrate mastery of grade level objectives. High achievement must be accompanied by accountability. I brought to my work on the board special staff and talents based on my knowledge and experience as an architect, including a sensitivity to financial responsibility. My ability to provide leadership and to participate as a team member has also contributed to my success on the board. As a board member I have a personal mission. I am committed to the belief that all children, not just some, deserve the best education we can give them. The opportunities for

our children for the rest of their lives are directly related to the quality of their education.

Quality curriculum lies at the heart of a school. The Board of Education must redefine itself and improve curriculum as its highest priority. This does not necessarily mean spending more money. If means making education important, I have defined my achievements, qualifications and vision for Mountainside education. I appreciate your support by voting for John Stanislaus Perrin, line three on the ballot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Perrin on board

To the Editor:

In writing to express my support for John Perrin as a candidate for the Mountainside Board of Education, as someone who frequents Board of Education meetings, I am able to attest to the level of commitment which John consistently demonstrates in this difficult, responsible and often thankless job. John was attending Board of Education meetings for several years before he was appointed to the board himself last September.

During those early years, he was quite often the only person in attendance. Still, he was there weekly, routinely taking notes, listening, trying to understand what made some things work and what caused so many problems (to use his own words). He was there because of a genuine concern for his community and for the children who attend the school.

John likes to say, "What's Mountainside without Deerfield School?" If you think about that question honestly, you realize that this community would suffer a great deal were its contribution to take a hit. In the attitude toward the school and its students John Perrin's been there for all the right reasons, and he deserves the opportunity to stay on that board. If you've seen this resolve and have, you'll know he's committed to making our district one that works for everyone. On April 20, take a few minutes of your busy day and give him your vote.

Tom Schriener
Mountainside

Goggi brings fresh perspective

To the Editor:

I'm writing in support of Peter Goggi, who is running for one of two seats on the Mountainside Board of Education. Had the members turned out on the "Meet the Candidates" night there probably would be no need to elaborate on why Goggi should be our choice for the board. Even with the poor turnout, it was clear in my mind that Goggi is the viable choice as the new addition to the Mountainside Board of Education.

Goggi has not shied away from attaining his own personal growth in education and business and has not looked away from the ideas and vision of what it takes to foster a vibrant and well-developed life for the education of our children. I would only emphasize the winning I awarded to "Meet the Candidates" night at Deerfield School. The purpose of the gathering was for the community to ask the questions and the candidates to reply. Goggi emphasized learning for character-building and extracurricular achievement as a fundamental basis for the development of the "total student," and also played in on the importance of awarding the low tax structure afforded all of us in Mountainside.

Goggi is more than qualified to represent the people of Mountainside and will bring with him not only new ideas but also fresh viewpoints to enhance education and the board, combined with the goals of creating awareness and development of the students, the parents and the community as a whole.

Gary W. Whyte
Mountainside

Perrin, Goggi offer more

To the Editor:

At the Mountainside Board of Education Candidate Forum, board member Pat Knodel stated that our school system does not afford our property values. She also stated that she participated in our town's Strategic Planning process but did not agree with many final decisions. I find it interesting that a board representative of 26 years would make these statements.

Our district supports only one elementary school while sending our high school students to Berkeley Heights. How can it be said that our property values are not directly linked to our schools? If our values are not linked to Deerfield and Governor Livingston, what is the link? Is it just our town's geographic location? That is flawed logic. Surely, town taxpayers expect our Board of Education to protect our school investments. We no doubt expect our school investments to pay off as it relates to our property values.

Knodel's comment regarding the Strategic Planning process is distressing. She stated that she did not agree with many final actions items her group had lined up. It is not one of the responsibilities of our board representatives to actively participate in this process to ensure excellence in its outcomes? Do we not respect active leadership?

I strongly encourage you to vote April 20 from 2 to 9 p.m. for John Perrin and Peter Goggi and view the forum on TV35. It is clear that they can offer the kind of active leadership and creative budget solutions our community needs.

Diane McCo...

Kim Hain
Mountainside

Give Goggi your vote

To the Editor:

The important millennium will bring with it a series of challenges to our lives. Nowhere is this truer than in the education of our children and our preparation for them to live in an extremely competitive and ever-changing society. We need leaders who can not only comprehend these challenges but who possess the talent, courage and foresight to implement the changes necessary to ensure that our children receive a quality education. Peter Goggi is just such an individual and I implore you to vote for him on April 20 for the Mountainside Board of Education.

Our children will be the beneficiaries of the services of Goggi; a dedicated, dynamic and talented individual who will work tirelessly to ensure that our school system is a program to be emulated by other municipalities.

Goggi will reverse the slide viewpoints and miserably that have plagued the board for decades and have resulted in less than stellar performance from our students. Goggi has already proven his commitment to our students by dedicating his time to the Strategic Planning Committee and his knowledge of the issues was effectively demonstrated during "Meet the Candidates" night. Goggi will transform our school system into one that we can be proud of again.

Doree Brito
Mountainside

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Bill Barnes
"What possible outcomes are there? I don't see anything that doesn't involve some kind of loss, unfortunately."

CANDIDATES

Ken Faigenbaum Springfield

With the goals and ambitions of decentralization behind us, the current Board of Education has functioned as a concerned and collaborative unit working to improve our educational system. Board meetings are filled with an open exchange of ideas between the board, administrators, the professional staff and the public. It is imperative that in this spirit of cooperation continue so we can continue to improve the educational system for town.

The election April 20 is about making sure that the individuals elected to the Board of Education understand the function of a board member. It is important to continue to improve our board members who will work with the administration and staff in order to identify areas in need of improvement and then work diligently to assure that the proper corrective actions are taken. We need nine board members all pulling in the same direction.

For 18 years I have brought a financial background and inquisitive mind



Ken Faigenbaum
to the Board. I take my role as a board member very seriously. I often question proposals from the administration but I am always willing to listen and consider views which differ from my own.
I welcome the opportunity to continue serving on the Board of Education. Please remember to vote on April 20 and please support the schools by passing the budget.

Marc Marshall Springfield

Why don't you ever hear people say "Get I wish our schools were like Springfield?" Perhaps it's because the most recent SAT's rank our students in the bottom half in math skills and in the bottom third in verbal skills compared to similar districts. Perhaps it's because nearly 10 percent of our eighth-graders are "not proficient" in Math. Or perhaps it's because we're paying too much and getting too little from an administration that lacks the energy and vision to be educational innovators.

Nothing has a greater impact on a community's reputation than its school system. In Springfield we pour more than half of every tax dollar into education. Our student/teacher ratios rival the finest private schools yet we are not meeting our children's educational needs. There's a mass exodus of students from our schools. Together we can change this.

That's why I want to serve on the Springfield Board of Education. We need fresh ideas and new perspectives.



Marc Marshall
I have the experience, the training and the desire to make a difference. I will address the hard issues and take the steps necessary to improve our aging system. As a player and member of the governing body, I will empower municipal employees, improve services, and control costs. I will do this same as a Board of Education member.

Keith Kurzner Springfield

I am an individual who is committed to our youth and their education. As a parent, I believe that we have a responsibility to support our community and our needs. My personal commitment to education is all-encompassing. I am presently a graduate advisor at Columbia College, a M.B.A. student and an alternate director of the nonprofit Valley College. Freshman year, my support of Springfield has been through coaching boys' baseball, girls' softball and being a parent member of the school board.

Education is an integral cog in our society. Schooling should teach the student to think, interpret, question and express. I believe that a good education affords children the building blocks to succeed as they step into adulthood. What I hope to accomplish while on the board is to produce these well-prepared students who will be prepared to thrive in the future.

In order to provide this resource, the school board and community must remain committed to our schools. We must ask for and expect the best in our administration, teachers and board members. As a board member, I can a liaison between our com-



Keith Kurzner
munity and administration. I represent a pro-education town and my job is to strive for the best our resources can provide.
I wish to continue our push for technological excellence. I want to hire teachers who will be able to bring you the best in our children. I want our school system to be known for its innovation and challenge. I want our school system to be ranked high in the list of the top 75 schools in New Jersey.

Stephen Fischbein Springfield

As a member of the Board of Education for the past five years, I have been fortunate enough to play a role in shaping our educational system. We have grown from a small K-8 district to a mid-sized suburban pre-K-12 system. During my tenure on the board we had to face many difficult challenges. Working as a school trustee, the current board successfully met such challenges. As a past president of the board, I had the opportunity to reopen the Walton Early Childhood Education Center and establish a pre-K program in Springfield.

I have represented the board on the Union County Regional High School Deregionalization Committee, which led to the adoption of Jonathan Dayton High School. This gave us the opportunity to mold a high school program to meet the specific needs of our own children in Springfield.
During the past five years we have begun the transformation and evolutionary process of moving to a district highly attuned to the specific interests and needs of our own students instead of attempting to address the generalized needs of six separate constituent districts.



Stephen Fischbein
I have formulated, developed and reviewed many systems and procedures for implementation at the high school where previously there were none. We continue to bond our district's educational program with the assistance of both administration and staff. Yes, there is more work to do. I never leave a project half completed. With the support of the voters of Springfield, I never will.

School board candidates to speak

Four candidates for the Springfield Board of Education will appear at a Candidates' Night at the Florence Gaudin School cafeteria Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The PTA and the League of Women Voters of Springfield are the sponsors of the forum.
Running for the three openings on the board are incumbents Ken Faigenbaum, Stephen Fischbein and Keith Kurzner and challenger Marc Marshall. All the candidates will address the audience in opening and closing statements and will answer questions from the floor.
In addition to the public meeting, the PTA and the League of Women Voters have prepared printed sheets with information supplied by the candidates. Copies of the sheets have been distributed through the schools. They will also be available at the meeting itself.
Voting for school board members and the school budget is scheduled for April 20. The polls will be open from 7 to 9 p.m.

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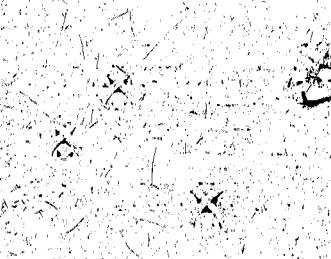
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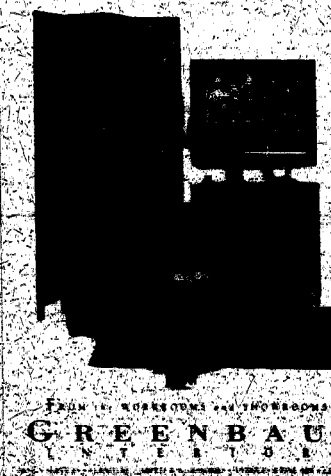


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Memorial is appreciated

To the Editor:
At the March 23 meeting, the Springfield Township Committee honored my late husband, William Elzing, for his many years of dedicated service to the township of Springfield. They presented me with a plaque which will be hung in the Planning Board Room in his memory.
My family and I would like to express our thanks to the members of the Township Committee for their expression of appreciation. We would also like to thank the many people who signed a floral tribulation and helped for its recognition, and especially our good friend, Joseph J. Savelle, whose idea it was to request the Township Committee to provide a tangible symbol of respectful remembrance. Valued beyond many hours toward making this a reality, and for his ongoing efforts on Bill's behalf we are most grateful.
Marjorie G. Hagan
Springfield

Mended Hearts chapter to meet

The Union County Chapter of the Mended Hearts will meet April 20 at 8 a.m. in the Springfield Fire and Alarm Building on Triven Avenue, Springfield.
The guest speaker will be Helen Mason, chief administrator of Atlantic Hudson Hospital, and in many occasions will speak with other hospital.

Mended Hearts is a support group designed to help people and their families with heart problems. The group meets on the last Thursday of each month for news, information and support.
Call (973) 328-0552.

Trailside presents live reptile show

Bill Bosenberg from 'Snakes in Scales' Turtle Tales will present his collection of live reptiles at 12:30 p.m. during the Union County High Annual Wildlife Sunday...

According to Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas P. Scuran, this special day is dedicated to all kinds of wildlife with a variety of demonstrations, displays, vendors, nature walks, children's crafts and face painting for families to enjoy.

Bill Bosenberg, a licensed reptile and amphibian rehabilitator and founder of the New Jersey Herpetological Rescue Society, has been presenting a natural history program to preschool children since 1987.

Other Wildlife Sunday featured presentations include: 'Penguins Pointers' at 2 p.m. A representative from 'Jepkinson's Aquarium of Point Pleasant' will introduce families to the life of a penguin as well as clear up any misconceptions about this unique bird.

At 3:30 p.m. Vinnie Ron of Wolf Visions will teach visitors the important role wolves have in keeping a balanced ecosystem as he gives groups an up-close look at a live wolf dog. Information will be given on wolves' extended family groups and how they maintain a well-defined social structure.

Turtle Back Zoo of West Orange will have many live animals on display to touch. NJ First Game & Wildlife, NJ Sports Club - Renee Thomas, a wildlife rehabilitator, and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Endangered and Non-Game Species organizations will present interesting displays with valuable information.

Surviving are a daughter, JoAnn E. Szabo, a son, Paul G., and five grandchildren.

Anita F. Ellbacher

Anita F. Ellbacher, 81, of Mountain Road, died March 30 in Elizabeth Hospital, Summit.

Born in New Providence, Mrs. Ellbacher was raised in Linden and lived in Colonia for 20 years before moving to Mountain Road 10 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, JoAnn E. Szabo, a son, Paul G., and five grandchildren.

James P. Hatrach

James P. Hatrach, 84, of Summit died March 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Hatrach lived in Florida before moving to Summit seven years ago. He was a tobacconist's partner with Standard Oil Co., Linden, for 35 years and retired in 1977.

Surviving are a daughter, Eleanor Bahdera, a brother, Walter, three sisters, Elizabeth, Broniska and Mary, and Gertrude Hatrach, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Edward J. Towns

Edward J. Towns, 79, of Mount N.C., formerly of Summit, died March 31 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Towns lived in Convent Station and Summit before moving to Monroe in 1990. He owned Oz-Worldwide of Monroe, Pa., for a series of business ventures, began in the 1950s and dealing with plastic research and development.

His many inventions include the plastic soda bottle cap known as the Town Top, the child-safe 'press down' and 'pop' plastic bottle cap, and most recently, a reusable plastic cap for frozen food jars.

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Surviving are a son, Matthew F., a daughter, Lillian Wilkens, and three grandchildren.

Lillian F. Keyes

Lillian F. Keyes, 95, of Summit died April 2 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Keyes lived in Summit since 1930. She was a chairperson for the Summit Service Team - Mrs. Keyes was involved with many school activities and with the Girl Scouts of America.

Surviving are her husband, Elton, two daughters, Lynn Pepper and Corinne Kitchner, and three grandchildren.

Thomas P. Romano

Thomas Peter Romano, 81, of Summit died April 4 in South Florida Baptist Hospital, Plant City, Fla., while visiting his son, Thomas.

Born in Orange, Mr. Romano lived in South Orange and Millburn before moving to Summit in 1957. He was a custodian at Columbia High School, South Orange, for 30 years and retired in 1984.

Surviving are his wife, Amelia, a daughter, Anna L. Ricciardi, three brothers, Sappo, Joseph and Anthony, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gertrude Steinhoff

Gertrude Steinhoff, 69, of Springfield died March 31 in Adventura Hospital, Adventura, Fla.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Steinhoff lived in Springfield for 30 years. Surviving are her husband, Elton, two daughters, Lynn Pepper and Corinne Kitchner, and three grandchildren.

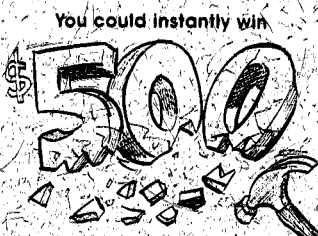
William F. Rae Jr.

William F. Rae Jr., 65, of New Vernon, formerly of Summit, died April 3 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Rae lived in Summit before moving to New Vernon. He owned the Rae Co., a real estate development and management company, in New Vernon.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, a daughter, Nancy Burrows, a son, Gary, and four grandchildren.

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Bassano approves bill for veterans

Legislation was approved last month by New Jersey State Senate committees that would increase the amount of money that veterans could deduct of their property taxes.

Senator Louis Bassano, R-21, whose district includes Summit and Springfield, the chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs and Human Services Committee said his committee released a measure that would change the annual deduction from \$30 to \$250 and includes a provision that would allow for cost of living increases. He said the amount needs to be changed to bring it up to date with current costs faced by taxpayers.

When the original legislation was passed in 1963, \$50 was a lot more than it does today, said Bassano. "Now, more than 30 years later, \$50 does very little to offset property taxes that can cost thousands of dollars. The legislation would increase that deduction so that our veterans would be protected with reasonable limits on their property taxes."

Bassano is one of the sponsors of a companion bill that proposes a constitutional amendment, necessary to change the deduction. The measure, which was released by the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs Committee, would require the approval of the voters before any increase in the property tax deduction could be implemented.

The companion bill, sponsored in the name of the efforts of the veterans of World War II and Vietnam, will have a date of passage and provide that that date be the same as the date that the companion bill is passed. The bill will be passed to the state's next session.

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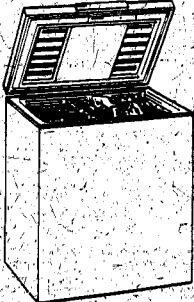
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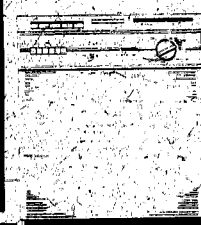


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Respecting their elders



Members of the fourth-grade class at Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School in Springfield are residents of the Charles Bierman Home to learn about the Jewish value of kibud zekaymin, respect for the elderly. The students wore their Hebrew names, shirts and performed songs about Jewish names.

Area church to host Swiss organist



Felix Pachlatko

Felix Pachlatko of Switzerland will play Sunday at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church in Millburn, which draws organ programs from Springfield and Mount Olive. Although a number of performers from Germany and Austria have appeared on the church's Gornau-Buhl Beckerath pipe organ during the 29 sessions now concluding, Pachlatko is the first Swiss pianist.

Organist of the historic Basel Minster, Pachlatko holds one of the more prominent cathedral posts within his homeland and, although it has been completely unknown in this country, he was born in Zurich in 1950. Pachlatko grew up in Wimplering. He studied music in Basel, earning diplomas in organ teaching and solo performance under Edward Muehle. He later studied with Albert Rimey and Joseph Claude Heller in Basel and organist August Heller in Vienna. Returning to Basel, he worked as organist at the Church of St. Martin and then succeeded Muehle as organist of the Minster a position he held since 1982. He also teaches at the Academy of Music in Basel.

Pachlatko's upcoming visit to the area will include two events. At 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, he will lead a workshop on the J.S. Bach/Schaeberle Chorale, sponsored by the Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. But the principal program the following day, Pachlatko will play the Bach Gornau-Buhl Beckerath pipe organ and all six Schaeberle Mendelssohn's solo organ sonatas based on the chorale "Vater unser im Himmelreich" and two movements from "Le-Napere du Seigneur," by Olivier Messiaen. A contribution of \$10 will be suggested for this event and the door is free. For Pachlatko, reach 762-4140 ext. 2310. The performance will be on Tuesday at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, 100 N. 4th St., Millburn. Organist Felix Pachlatko will play the Gornau-Buhl Beckerath pipe organ and all six Schaeberle Mendelssohn's solo organ sonatas based on the chorale "Vater unser im Himmelreich" and two movements from "Le-Napere du Seigneur," by Olivier Messiaen. A contribution of \$10 will be suggested for this event and the door is free. For Pachlatko, reach 762-4140 ext. 2310.

The more information on the two events, dial weekdays, call (973) 762-4140.

Editorial deadlines

Following are the deadlines for the Echo: Club and Social, Thursday noon; Entertainment, Friday noon; Sports, Monday morning; Letters to the Editor, Monday 9 a.m.; General, Monday 5 p.m.

STUDENT UPDATE

JDHS delegates chosen for boys, girls state

While the school's 11th annual Leadership Conference took place in conjunction with assignments at Jonathan Dayton High School, Lauren Haines, Madison Parman, Kelly Allen and Jay Corbin, juniors at the high school, will be attending the American Legion, with the American Legion Boys State.

Springfield students compete for FBLEA award

In March, 14 Jonathan Dayton High School students participated in an overnight trip for the Future Builders Leaders of America State Competition. Pat Dasey and Antoinette Modrak, FBLA advisors, accompanied the students to the state competition in Cherry Hill. During the two-day period the students attended general assemblies and seminars and completed a variety of business categories.

Jonathan Dayton High School was awarded two certificates—one for company service for the March of Dimes and one for an increase in membership. Two students placed in the finals at this state level. Sampat Scott Baranik won first place in the state in accounting and is now eligible to compete nationally against the winners from the other state competitions in Chicago. Sampat and Jonathan Zupnik placed sixth in the state in the Introduction to Business Competition.

Besides preparing for competitions and raising money for the March of Dimes, the students ran a school store during the school lunch period. Two names are used for scholarships and fees for regional and state competition.

Gaudineer students score with distinction

The Springfield Board of Education has announced that 12 students in grade seven and 12 students in grade eight participated in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search for Academically Able Students. This Talent Search provides an opportunity for students to take the Johns Scholastic Aptitude Test, as college-bound high school seniors. Twelve of the 25 Gaudineer students received distinction awards with scores equal to or above the average college-bound seniors. These students, Karol Ruvimbira from grade seven and grade eight, students, Kathryn Tolzyski and Michael Marzifield, scored with high distinction and will be invited to the state awards ceremony.

Announcement policy

Readers are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and, no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification of questions arise. Information requested for engagements are: parents names; high school name and town/college name; town and degree; name of employer and town where located; job title and the date of marriage. When sending a picture with the announcement, it should be 3 1/2" x 5" and black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. For more information call (908) 866-7900.

Maltzman earns honors

Sydney Maltzman, Mathematics of Springfield was named to the honor roll for the third marking period at the Washburn-Harrison School. To be named to the honor roll, students must have a B plus average and no grade lower than a B in their academic subjects. The Washburn-Harrison School was a total enrollment of 500 stu-

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In recognition of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 18-24, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network is asking New Jersey residents to make a commitment to saving lives through organ donation. More than 65,000 individuals currently await life-saving organ transplants in the United States. In New Jersey, over 1,000 residents are waiting, many of whom will die before a transplant becomes possible because of the drastic shortage of available donor organs.

Realizing this urgent need for donors around the state, NJTDAW was established by Congress in 1985 to promote a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation. To bring attention to the need for donors in New Jersey, Gov. Christine Whitman will issue a proclamation declaring Organ Donor Awareness Week in the state. Similar proclamations will be issued through the state legislature and local governments.

Activities planned by the Sharing Network include a Donor Family Recognition Program to honor those who have given their gift of life through organ and tissue donation. The NJ Donor Family quilts created as a tribute to the donors, will be displayed at events and programs at hospitals, corporations, universities and houses of worship around the state.

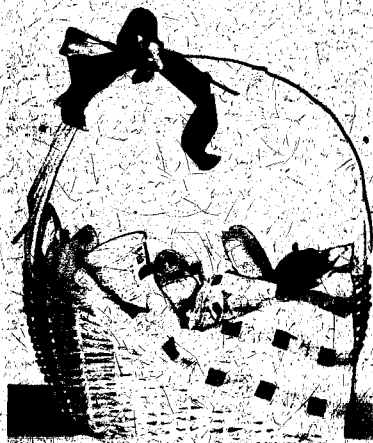
In addition, civic groups and volunteers will tie green ribbons around trees in their communities as a symbolic gesture of hope to those individuals still await-

ing organ transplants. Volunteer groups will display organ donation materials at designated train station and commuter areas for the week. Likewise, several New Jersey movie theaters may air a unique organ donation Public Service message, which was filmed in a movie theater setting permitting donor awareness.

In 1998, New Jersey organ donors made 339 lifesaving transplants possible, the highest number of organ transplants performed in the state in a single year.

"Although New Jersey donations are steadily rising, there are still not enough donated organs to help all of those awaiting transplants," said Sharing Network Executive Director Joseph Roth. He added, "This critical shortage could be reduced if more people decided to become donors and displayed their desire to donate with their families. A single organ donor can save eight lives. While one tissue donor can enhance the lives of up to 75 others."

The Sharing Network is a non-profit, federally-certified, state-approved procurement organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant in New Jersey. For more information on how to become an organ donor or to join the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, call The Sharing Network at (800) SHARE-NJ or visit their Web site at www.sharingnj.org.



SAGE's brunch baskets are now on sale. All proceeds will fund SAGE programs for local senior citizens.

SAGE offers brunch baskets

Encouraged by its sale of nearly 300 brunch baskets last year, SAGE, the non-profit which serves the elderly in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties, is asking residents to plan for purchasing delicious and bountiful brunch baskets in the annual SAGE Brunch.

As SAGE's annual fundraiser of the year, the brunch benefits its Meals on Wheels program.

"Our brunch baskets keep getting better every year thanks to the generosity of the local business and donor community," said SAGE Executive Director David Snyder. "We are proud to have quality contractors as well as to the many volunteers who have helped the baskets become a wonderful success." Donorale Snyder, Director of the Meals on Wheels program that will benefit from sales of the baskets.

Meals on Wheels - one of ten services offered by SAGE - has been delivering hot, nutritious meals since 1966 to elders who can no longer cook or shop. These meals are always delivered by area volunteers.

SAGE's brunch baskets are priced from \$6 to \$55 and can be ordered now through April 23. Call SAGE for a brochure or order form at 973-979-2773-5550. All baskets will be delivered the morning of May 2. Purchasers can specify when they want delivery between the hours of 7:30 am and 10:30 am.

"In a sense, by purchasing a brunch basket, you become a Meals on Wheels volunteer for a day," said Snyder. "Whether you choose to fill the basket, as a gift to a family business partner or just for yourself, you'll be helping our program help others."

Three brunches are available for purchase:

The Gourmet Brunch, for \$55, offers homemade quiche, bagels and cream cheese muffins and croissants, cheese, fresh orange juice and fruit along with coffee and tea. There's a 20 percent savings if four or more of such baskets are sent to the same address.

The Heart Healthy Brunch, for \$30, selling at \$35, offers low-fat version of bagels and cream cheese and muffins, along with fresh fruit and decaffeinated coffee and herbal tea.

A Kid's Brunch for one, selling at \$6, with mini-bagels, donut holes, cereal, fresh fruit, milk and juice, is accompanied by a surprise toy.

"This is our only annual fundraising event," Snyder said.

In addition, SAGE will feature Meals on Wheels' Snyder said. "That's why we're so thankful to have the local business and donor community who help us provide general assistance to help financially benefit from this sale and help volunteers who give us the time to provide the service."

Another feature of the business is showing the support of SAGE as a "Thank You" for the community. Those who wish to be included in the SAGE Brunch should contact SAGE at 973-979-2773-5550. SAGE's Brunch is a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to show their support for SAGE as a "Thank You" for the community. Those who wish to be included in the SAGE Brunch should contact SAGE at 973-979-2773-5550.

In addition, they have a lot of fun and are helping the children, students and mothers. Lois and Bob's daughters are included in the Kid's Brunch Bag and the Cheese Slice of Summit on providing gourmet courses.

SAGE's program is a wonderful opportunity to promote independence and a high quality of life for older citizens and their families. SAGE offers its programs including an adult day care and Meals on Wheels, and serves nearly 3,000 elders and their families annually in a more than 100,000 meals and 10,000 calls.

For more information, contact SAGE at 973-979-2773-5550.

Religious dialogue scheduled for April

The hostesses at the religious dialogue on Christian spirituality will be held April 24 at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Summit. The topic for this season will be "Understandings of Messiah." The dialogue will be led by Rabbi Shoshana MaPherson, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in New Brunswick, and by Rabbi William Horn of the Jewish Community Center of Summit, highlighting the presentations by both and MaPherson. Audience questions will be taken.

Refreshments will be served after the conclusion of the dialogue. The Jewish Community Center of Summit is located at 67 Kent Place Blvd., Summit. For more information, call the Jewish Community Center of Summit at (908) 273-8430.

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YMCA seeks employees for summer

The Summit Area YMCA is currently accepting applications for summer camp positions. The YMCA offers a variety of camp experiences for children and teens. Camps include a traditional outdoor day camp at the Wanchung Reservation, a variety of preschool camps, youth sports camps and a half-day preschool program at the new Springfield YMCA Camp. Camps include the outdoor youth camp, group to be accredited by the American Camping Association. A nationally-recognized program.

Applications are available at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., Summit and the Springfield YMCA, 1000 Chisholm Community Center in Springfield, or by calling (908) 273-3330.

Applicants will be screened, and those who best meet the qualifications of the position will be contacted for an interview. Interviewing will be ongoing until all positions are filled.

Teen Camp is looking for a director who has a bachelor's degree and 10 years camp experience. Outdoor camping experience is a plus, as the camp will travel on some overnights during the summer, and one week will be spent at Acadia National Park in Maine. Strong communication and interpersonal skills with middle school-age teens and a love of the outdoors is required.

Senior camp counselors must be at least 18 years old and possess a strong desire to work with children. Sports camp candidates should have experience participating in or teaching a variety of activities including basketball, T-ball, baseball, soccer, and hockey. Candidates going to school for early childhood education will be strongly considered for preschool positions along with those possessing strong skills in arts, and crafts, creativity and active play.

A small number of junior counselors will be hired for each camp. Candidates must be mature, responsible and at least 16 years old.

The camp season runs from July 28 through Aug. 20. Counselors must also be available to attend a camp course for on-orientation training the week prior to the start of camp.

For more information call Robin Roth, human resources director, at (908) 273-3330.

One fish, two fish



From left, Kaiie and Mikey Groues, LaToya Simpson and Caitlin and Kevin Lackaye enjoy the 1996 Annual PAL Fishing Party. This year's event will take place April 17 and 18 at the Summit Municipal Golf Course between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. A limited amount of bait and tackle will be sold at the golf course.

GOP convention hits Summit



From left, Union County Republican Chairman Frank McDermott, Summit Councilman Dr. Eric Munoz, former Summit Councilman Al Dill, Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, Elizabeth's Rich Rivella, and Cranford's former Mayor Wally Shackie attend the Union County Republican Convention at Summit High School March 29. The County Republican line was awarded to freholder candidates Dill, Rivella and Shackie.

Center sponsors parent training

Upcoming programs at the Resource Center for Women in downtown Summit focus on a variety of issues of particular interest to parents. Parents be parents and partners of parents.

- Systemic Training for Effective Parenting: a six-week workshop beginning April 26, starting from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will provide a practical approach to helping parents relate more effectively to their children ages 7 to 10. Fee: \$65 for center members; \$85 for non-members. Space is limited.

- Parents-At-Large: Celebrating Adoption and the New Pathways to Parenthood: a discussion with Cynthia Peck, author and mother of seven adopted children April 27, 7:30 to 9 p.m. will explore the new options, challenges and potential joys facing would-be parents. Bring your questions about high-tech reproduction alternatives, surrogacy or the growing range of adoption alternatives including single parent adoption. Fee: \$7 for center members; \$10 for non-members.

- When Love Comes with Kids Attached: April 28, 7:30 to 9 p.m. maps the relational battlefield that can come along with a new love, that involves children from a partner's former life. Fee: \$12 for center members; \$15 for non-members. The registration deadline is April 23.

- Infant Massage: a four-week workshop for parents and their new babies — three weeks to pre-crawling age — begins May 6, 10 to 1:30 a.m. and introduces basic massage techniques that can reduce tension and fussing, relieve colic, promote bonding and aid in development. Fee: \$50 for center members; \$60 for non-members; plus a \$10 materials fee. The registration deadline is May 3.

The Resource Center for Women located in the parish house of the Catholic Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in Woodland Summit is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization celebrating 15 years 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 spring program guide, call the center office at (908) 273-7253 or visit the Website at members.aol.com/ewc.

Pedals for Progress seeks bike donation

Pedals for Progress, in its continuing effort to recycle bicycles properly, is having a used bike collection sponsored by the Summit-New Providence Rotary Club. Anyone with a bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate the bike to this worthy cause. Bikes can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at 490 Morris Ave. Summit, NJ 07901.

PFPP collects over 6,000 bicycles annually and donates that amount to those in need. Over 25,000 bikes have been shipped to projects in 16 developing countries of Latin America, Africa and Pacific Island. In these countries the bikes are redistributed by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults to give them reliable transportation for commuting to work, for transporting produce to market or for accessing health care and other services. Steady employment for these adults is vital to the development and success of their economies.

It averages \$35 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute a bicycle. A donation toward shipping costs is requested. The suggested donation is \$10 per bike. The minimum \$5 per bike. All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible. Receipts will be available to all donors at the collection.

Pedal for Progress is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in New Jersey, Ohio and Virginia. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection point. PFPP seeks donations of tools, especially wrenches, for our overseas shops. The organization also collects working portable sewing machines, used baseball equipment for its Dominican and Nicaraguan projects and used soccer balls for our Nicaragua and Honduras projects.

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TEMPLE BETH AYM at Temple Days, Springfield, 273-3209. Perry High Park, Park Ridge, N.J. Cantor: Paul J. Payer, President: Beth Aym, an egalitarian Conservative synagogue, will be practicing for all ages. Weekly services, Mon-Fri, 7:30 AM; Sat, 9:30 AM; Shabbat, Friday 6:00 PM, 8:30 PM; Parashat, 9:30 AM & 8:00 PM; Rosh Hashana & Yom Kippur, 8:00 AM; Festival & Holiday meetings. Mitzvah, Family and children services are generously provided. Our Religious School (kindergarten through 8th grade) meets on Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and Hebrew Language. A Pre-School (ages 3-5) meets on Tuesday. A Hebrew Education Program, A Senior Citizens' program meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

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THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in Christian education, choir, drama activities, day meetings for Adult Christian Education. Begins at 9 AM and for working at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be peacemakers. Children of Jesus Christ, that's our goal! are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated in the first Sunday of every month. Know that all people are welcome here! If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markey, at 201-976-1645.

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PRESBYTERIAN

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Free CPR courses offered by First Aid Squad

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad will offer community CPR courses for the American Red Cross this month. The programs include:

- adult, child and infant CPR, rescue breathing and obstructed airway

The first session, Adult CPR, will meet April 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Infant and Child CPR will be offered April 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The classes may be taken separately for a certificate in either Adult CPR or Infant and Child CPR. Students

who complete both sessions will receive an American Red Cross Community CPR certificate.

To register for either course, call (908) 277-9479 or visit the squad web site at www.summitems.org.

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WINNING SEASON - The Springfield Minutemen 8th grade basketball team completed an outstanding 1998-99 spring season, another winning campaign, by competing in the Wayne Tournament.

Summit softball off to good start

By Andrew McGinn, Assistant Sports Editor
Several key members from the 1998-99 Summit High School girls' softball team, which won the Union County Tournament title for the first time in school history...

the games on Summit's Iron Hills Conference/Hills Division schedule will not be nearly as easy to win... I think we're going to do well this season and our goal is to go to at least 500 and make the states...



ONE OF THE BEST Summit High School stand-out senior girls' lacrosse player Cristina Curiale...

Girls' top Columbia 8 score goals for Hilltoppers

By Andrew McGinn, Assistant Sports Editor
Having entered this past Saturday's season-opening home contest against Columbia versus lifetime against the Cougars...

Summit baseball events its record

The Summit High School baseball team evinced its record at 1-1 by posting a 5-4 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division victory against Parsippany Hills Monday in Parsippany...

Springfield's Rehels honored

Springfield resident Matt Reheis, a former standout for Springfield's team in the North Jersey Summer Swim League...

Mountainside's Conway excels

Former Governor Livingston High School All-County baseball player Craig Conway is continuing his excellent play on the diamond at Montclair State University...

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Roselle Catholic defeated Governor Livingston 8-0 behind a Kennedy no-hitter Monday in Edison. She struck out 10 and did not walk a batter...

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Governor Livingston High School junior Eric Cartagallo delivered the game-winning hit in last year's North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 title game for the Hilltoppers...

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EVENTS

Workshops available for children, families

The Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountaineer is offering a new lineup of workshops this spring for children and families. Trailside is offering the scenic Washington Recreation Preserve as the perfect outdoor classroom to have fun while learning about the environment and the natural world around us.

The first workshop will interest children of all ages. Classes are offered for children ages 6 through 10 years old, children ages 11 and up and first through fourth-grade students and families. A workshop series called "After-school Explorations" is designed for first and second graders — will be presented every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in April, May and June.

On June 10, a workshop called "Summer Shelter" will give first and second graders an opportunity to learn field and camp techniques. Shelter-made of old suits, shirts and leaves. Children will also learn helpful safety tips when hiking through the woods. Participants are required to wear the fee is \$5 per child per class.

Registration is required for all workshops that a complete spring brochure call or visit Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer. Call (908) 789-3670.

Toastmasters to hold second April meeting

Toastmasters will meet on the third of the five Thursdays in April. With the second meeting of the month ready to take place tonight at 7:45 p.m. The public speaking group meets in Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, 240 Springfield Ave. on the first and second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Two members of the Club: Anne Baker of Westfield and Abel Crawford of Mountaineer, recently won an Area Toastmasters speaking competition and will advance to the next contest level, competing against fellow Toastmasters in the metropolitan area.

The meetings are two hours, with the first portion devoted to impromptu speaking, called Table Topics, and the second given to scheduled speeches, which are prepared by members in advance. All of the speaking in the meetings is timed and evaluated by experienced members of the club, which is part of an international network of Toastmasters chapters.

Library offers instruction for internet searches

The Springfield Free Public Library will offer hands-on instruction to basic internet skills for adults April 13 at 2 p.m. Participants will learn about Web browsers and search engines. During the one-hour class, research skills are required and will be strictly enforced. All requests should have basic familiarity with computers and should be able to use a computer mouse.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For more information, call the reference department at (973) 576-4930. Ext. 29.

Recreation Department seeks tennis attendants

The Springfield Recreation Department is looking for attendants to work morning and afternoon hours. The attendant will check tennis badges, collect gate fees and post tennis sign-up sheets. The position pays up to \$8 per hour. Anyone wishing to apply should call (973) 576-4608 or apply in person at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Hill, Springfield.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL AD

Notice is hereby given that bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, New Jersey, on Book 54-10, located on the 328 South Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. Bids must be received at the office of Mrs. Ellen J. Bai, Business Administrator, at the office of the Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, no later than 10:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of April, 1999. The bids to be opened and read at the Office of the Board of Education at 10:00 a.m. on April 23, 1999. Bids that will be irrevocable and shall be accompanied by at least a 10% deposit by certified check.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BID SPECIFICATIONS

1. The Board of Education is seeking proposals for the construction and installation of a new 1000 square foot addition to the existing 1000 square foot building located at 100 Mountain Avenue. 2. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 3. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 4. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 5. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 6. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 7. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 8. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 9. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000. 10. All proposals must be sealed in a manila envelope and shall be accompanied by a check for \$10,000.

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Newcomers schedule activities in borough



The Mountaineer Newcomers Club conduct various events for community members. Above, the organizers of the Mommy and Me Easter Egg Hunt, from left, Mary Doyle and Doreen Lane, help Mackenzie Lane look for eggs. Below, Ben and Daryl Caiola host this year's Winter Wonderland. The event was attended by over 70 people.

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club has announced the following upcoming activities: • April 15 — Ladies Night Out, an informal gathering at a member's home for socializing and fun. For more details, call Carolyn Williams at (908) 578-0068.

• April 16 — Discovery House, a morning of hands-on learning and adventure at the Discovery House Museum from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 per person. Call Mary Doyle for more information at (908) 654-7056.

• May 15 — Ladies Day Out, a day in New York City for shopping, lunch and a museum visit.

• May 18 — Bagel Factory Tour, a morning and picnic to see how bagels are made. Kids will get to make their own bagels. The cost is \$2 per child. Call Mary Doyle at (908) 654-7056.

• May 22 — Mountaineer Community Garage Sale, to be held at individual homes, and advertising and maps are provided. For more information, call Margaret DiPalma at (908) 518-0134.

• June 17 — June Barbecue, the most popular event of the season. This year's theme will be Beach Party. U.S.A. Drinks and a DJ for a cost of \$37 per couple. Contact Heather Sizano for more details at (908) 389-0455.

• May 19 — Annual Holiday Banquet, an evening out to celebrate the end of the millennium. Grand food, drinks, DJ and more, will be at Snuffs. The cost will be \$75 per couple.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be 6 1/2" x 9", double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification if questions arise.

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- 1. Springfield Ordinance, Schedule of Zoning Limitations, as amended, is not applicable to the proposed subdivision. 2. Springfield Ordinance, Schedule of Zoning Limitations, as amended, is not applicable to the proposed subdivision. 3. Springfield Ordinance, Schedule of Zoning Limitations, as amended, is not applicable to the proposed subdivision. 4. Springfield Ordinance, Schedule of Zoning Limitations, as amended, is not applicable to the proposed subdivision. 5. Springfield Ordinance, Schedule of Zoning Limitations, as amended, is not applicable to the proposed subdivision.

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