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TWO SECTION

To curb valet parking, applicants must now get licens

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

In an attempt to stop valet parking on certain residential streets, the Springfield Township Committee introduced an ordinance requiring any business wishing to use valets to park on residential streets to first obtain a license from the township.

"The licensing ordinance requires any valet service to present a parking plan as part of the licensing process and it has to be approved by the township," said Township Attorney Bruce Berger.

The ordinance states: "No individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity shall engage in or carry on the business of attendant (valet) parking, within the township, without first obtaining a license as set forth herein."

"It doesn't outlaw valet parking," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. "However, whoever applies for a valet parking permit is going to be subject to comments from the police chief, the fire chief, two members of the Township Committee, the Public Safety Committee and obviously the issues that those people will be looking at have to do with health, safety and the general welfare of the community."

When an applicant applies, he must specify the name and address of the owner of the premise where any portion of the service will operate. The applicant must present proof of having liability insurance of no less than \$3 million per occurrence and \$1 million per individual.

An estimate of the maximum number of motor vehicles, which will be hand-

led by the valet service at any given time, and a detailed explanation of the method of determining that estimate, also must be submitted.

The applicant must submit the intended location of the storage or parking of the motor vehicles, as well as the intended driving route between and among all locations.

"Obviously if a parking plan is submitted that will have a negative impact on the safety of the neighborhood, that parking plan won't be approved," said Goldstein.

A license will not be issued if it is determined that an applicant has failed to provide any required information, does not comply with any of the requirements, or the proposed parking and driving plan is likely to adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare of the community.

A license, once issued, may be revoked by the township at any time if a violation to the ordinance occurs. No license is required for valet parking which takes place solely on private property.

"I think this is a very important step in taking back our streets in town and I certainly hope we move forward on it and get it taken care of," said Township Committeeman Sy Mullman.

Upon passage and publication according to law, the ordinance will take effect immediately.

The measure was introduced last week and is expected to be up for final adoption at the committee's next meeting this month. Once it is approved, "there's a time period where the applicant has to apply," said Committeeman

Roy Hirschfeld. "There's a timeframe where nothing will ... apply and then it's evaluated. It's still going to be a number of weeks before anything happens."

Dr. Jerrold Goldstein, who operates a weight loss and hormone replacement practice at 475 Morris Ave., has hired valets to park his patients' cars on the residential streets surrounding that area. Residents of those streets were not happy, as the valets were speeding and disregarding the citizens safety and well-being.

"He's been a thorn in our side from day one," said Augie Franzoni, a resident of the neighborhood.

This prompted the township to pass several ordinances making those streets resident-only parking.

"I think the issue of what is important to a resident, especially with this Dr. Goldstein issue, is that we've taken clear action all during this process and we've finally, hopefully, hit a real home run with this valet ordinance," said Hirschfeld.

The ordinance states: "Any existing attendant (valet) parking service at the effective date of this ordinance must make application for a license within 14 days thereof, or cease such operation until complying herewith. Should such existing service submit a complete application within such time, the service may continue until a determination is made on such application."

"I can ensure you, anyone here related to that issue, that we're going to fight it if there's any attempt to try to negate it," said Hirschfeld.



Photos By Barbara Kukkalis

A WHEEL GOOD CAUSE—The Mountainside Rotary Club conducted a bicycle collection for the Pedals for Progress program at Deerfield School in Mountainside on Saturday. Rotarians and volunteers collected donated bicycles from the public to give to people in developing countries who have no transportation. Left, Marissa DeAnna and Susan Schnakenberg of Governor Livingston High School gave a helping hand disassembling the bikes as part of the Interact Club, a school club that became involved with the program. Above, Dan Falcone, vice president of the Rotary Club watches Paul Mecca, Rotary Club Pedals for Progress chairman bring over a new donation to join the others.

Residents hope noise will be kept to a minimum

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

It's almost summer and for the residents of Baltusrol Apartments on Morris Avenue in Springfield, that means weekend trips to the beach, long walks on the boardwalk holding a loved one's hand, and warm sleepless nights at home listening to people screaming while they blast their car stereos in the rear 7-Eleven parking lot.

However, residents are hopeful that things will be different this summer. Employees of 7-Eleven have taken it upon themselves to put up a chain, blocking the rear parking lot at midnight, with a sign that reads, "Parking Closed."

"Last year it was to the point of insanity and this year we'll see what the summer brings," said Maria Nangle, a resident of the apartments for almost two years. "Usually it's not bad 'till the summertime when the weather breaks."

Nangle said that last summer her and her family could hear the bass from the car stereos, bottles clanking together, girls screeching and screaming.

"There'll be eight cars at a time, with bass, and it rattles my windows," said Nangle. "It's fine that they're doing it but I just don't want it done outside my kids' windows."

She said the noise has woken her up at 4 a.m.

"It all depends on which kids are there," said Nangle. "I don't know any of them but it seems to be different crowds every night. It's different kids. I don't know where they come from."

The sign originally went up in January. So far, it has solved the problem.

"It has been fine since this curfew thing went up; no problems," said Nangle. "I haven't had to call the police or anything."

The calls, complaining about the noise, came into Police Headquarters sporadically but they did come.

"We had various complaints from residents about, not specifically teenagers, but persons congregating back

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— Police Chief William Chisholm

there making noise, disturbing the neighbors," said Police Chief William Chisholm. "We couldn't force them to leave. They weren't violating any laws. It's private property that belongs to 7-Eleven but the 7-Eleven people are very cooperative with us."

Employees of 7-Eleven listened to and sympathized with the residents of Baltusrol Apartments. The employees have been cooperative in trying to find a solution to the problem. They said they hope the chain works.

"It's unfortunate that a store which is open 24 hours a day, kids congregate at," said Chisholm. "Especially in the weekends and summertime."

Chisholm said the chain should help and hopefully solve the problem. "We'll have to see," he said. "Kids are kids. They do things that I wouldn't think of."

"As long as I don't hear a disturbance, I won't bother with it. As long as it doesn't wake up my kids, I won't bother with it," said Nangle.

Worn flags can be retired with grace, courtesy of local troop

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Mountainside Boy Scout Troop 177 has already collected 37 torn and discolored cloth American flags from residents that they will properly dispose of through dignified ceremonies. The troop is asking residents if they have any more flags in need of retirement.

Borough residents who do have torn or discolored flags may bring their folded flags to Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, and place them in the receptacle near the front doors.

"We just thought that there was a need for it," said Troop 177's Committee Chairman Wayne Boyce. "We actually had flags to retire and didn't know what to do with them. So we thought that there were probably other people in the same position."

Boyce and Troop 177 conducted an extensive search, researching the U.S.

Flag Code and what the Boy Scouts of America recommend.

The Flag Code states: "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably burning."

The Boy Scouts of America said in their "Your Flag" pamphlet: "When the national flag is worn beyond repair, burn it thoroughly and completely on a modest, but blazing fire. This should be done in a simple manner with dignity and respect. Be sure the flag is reduced to ashes unrecognizable as a former flag."

Troop 177 conducts their retirement ceremony during camping trips.

"We do a small ceremony with an honor guard in full uniform in front of the troops at a camp fire at night," said Boyce. "Basically, in the ceremony we say why we're doing this and we repeat the U.S. Code and we repeat

the Boy Scout code."

Then they feed each flag, one at a time, into the fire, until it's reduced to ashes. The ashes are then buried.

Troop 177 consists of 31 Mountainside Boy Scouts, ranging in age from 12 to 15. They are going to encourage other troops in other towns to start collecting flags from their residents.

Boyce said Troop 177 has received several nylon flags that need to be retired. However, those flags cannot be burned because of toxic fumes emitted from the nylon.

Boyce is researching a way to retire the nylon flags.

"We have about 20 now—that are nylon that we're not sure what to do with yet," said Boyce. "We're calling nylon flag manufacturers, asking them what programs they have. Since they're producing these things they should have a way of retiring them."

District wants to expand

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Preliminary discussions are under way as the Springfield Board of Education decides when to introduce a referendum for school expansion, in an attempt to address overcrowding in the district.

Most likely, the expansion would result in pre-K through second-grade students attending Edward V. Walton School, third- through fifth-graders attending both James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier, and sixth- through eighth-graders remaining at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

Walton and Sandmeier would be expanded, while sections of the other schools would be renovated, including the district's science labs.

The state considers elementary schools as grades K-5. Springfield's elementary schools qualify for 22,750 square feet of additions, according to the state. The state is willing to fund \$138 for each square foot; an approximate total of \$1,255 million.

The state will only supply funds to help offset the cost of the original 22,750 square feet. If the district decides to expand its schools beyond that figure, any additional square footage will be paid solely by the district. For renovations, the state will pay up to 40 percent of the cost.

"The very first time that we can really put a referendum together for all of this would be September," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "If we are to do that, we have got to have all these things decided upon: have educational certification written, have the schematics drawn, have everything up to the state Department of Education by the end of June, if we have any hope of having it in September."

Several Board of Education members voiced their concerns about not rushing to meet a deadline and care-

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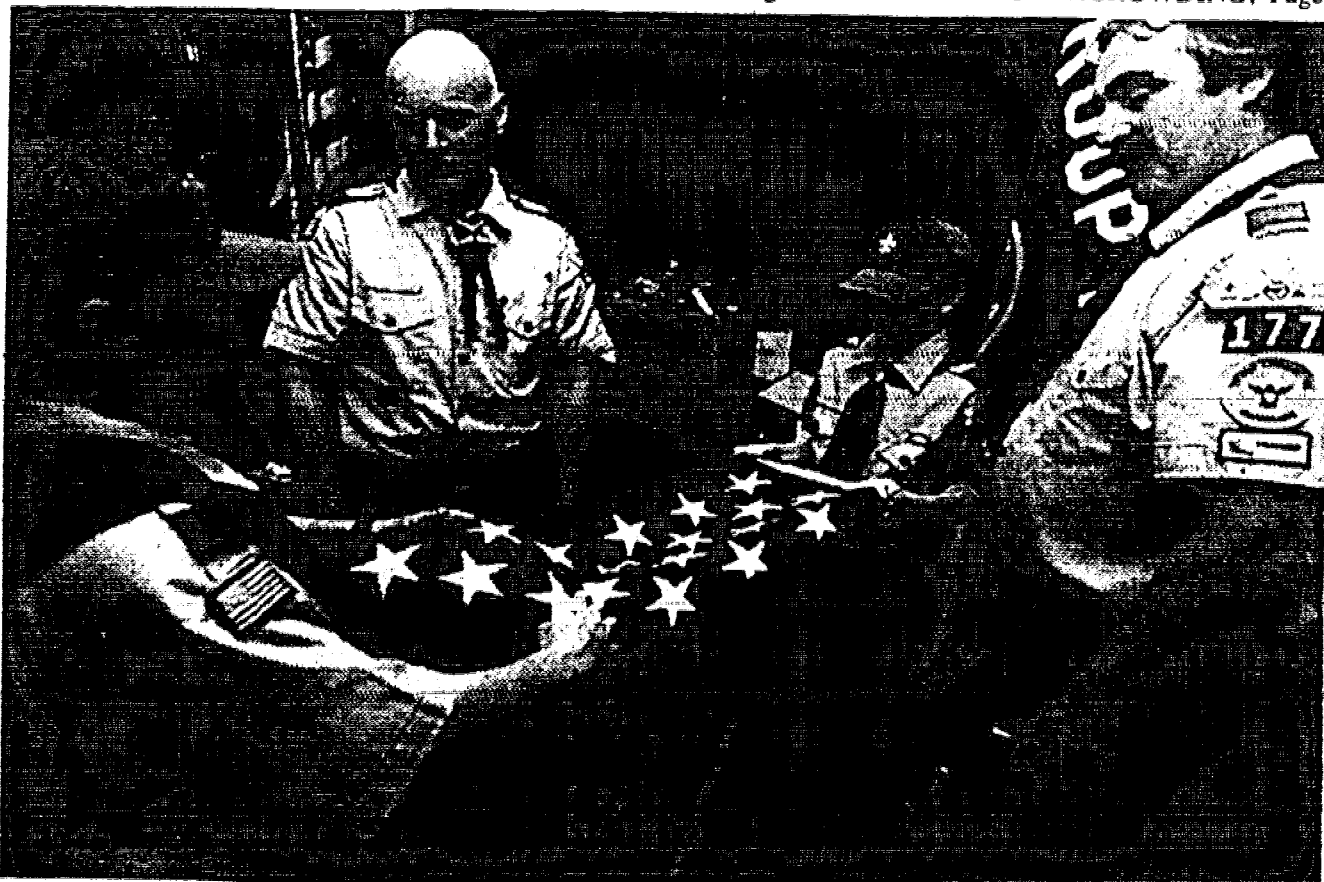


Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Mountainside Boy Scouts Andrew Hoydich and David Boyle fold a flag to be retired while Wayne Keller and Wayne Boyce observe the procedure to ensure it's done properly.

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RECREATION

Tennis lessons start

Spring tennis lessons presented by Springfield Recreation Department and Tennis Dynamics will be given at the Irwin Park courts on Adams Terrace starting Saturday. Games, contests and prizes will be included. Loaner racquets are available for the first lesson.

For more information, call 973-912-2227 or 973-916-1882. The lessons last six weeks, and will be one hour per week, skipping May 25. The times are according to grade level. Adult and high school level will be at noon; kindergarten through second grade at 1 p.m.; third through fifth grade at 2 p.m., and sixth through eighth grade at 3 p.m.

The fee is \$45. Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

Springfield starts football registration

Registration is open for the Springfield Recreation 2002 Minuteman Football program. The program is for boys in grades four through eight for the fall. Teams will compete in the suburban football league. Teams are picked according to weight and age. Team practices will be conducted at the Municipal Pool Field.

Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Practices will begin, Aug. 14. Games will be played September through November.

For information, call 973-912-2228.

All registration fees must be submitted by June 30.

Overcrowding a major reason for proposed referendum

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fully informing the public as to what their money is going toward.

"I'm going to keep working as if we're having a referendum in September," said Mahler. "I don't want to lose the momentum. There's an awful lot of work that has to be done. However, in all likelihood, it will probably be a December referendum, which would give us more time to educate everyone."

Mahler and his staff will continue meeting with architects, getting cost estimates, drawing the educational specifications and the schematics that would be necessary.

"There are two classrooms that are trailers at Sandmeier," said Mahler. "Instrumental music is being taught on the stage. We've got special education in what is a converted office space with no windows. We are quickly using up all available space with our increased enrollment and we have a whole host of things that we should do to upgrade our facilities and renovate our instruction areas."

School expansion has been an issue the board and administrators have been trying to address for years.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give our community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

• The Foothill Club of Mountaintop conducts its regular monthly meeting at B.G. Fields on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. The program features bingo and the installation of officers. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Doris Hector at 908-233-0540.

• Artist Lois Shapiro gives a demonstration of papermaking and guides participants through making their own paper from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

The event is open to teens and adults and is part of the library's "How Do They Do That?" series.

Friday
• The Mountaintop Education Foundation's third annual Variety Revue is at 7 p.m. in the Deerfield School gym, 302 Central Ave. Those who can sing, dance, play an instrument, or perform a musical skit are asked to sign up and be a part of the evening's entertainment. Applications are available at the Deerfield School office, Mountaintop Public Library and Borough Hall.

Tickets are \$15 per family and \$5 per person and will be sold at the door. For information, call 908-789-9736.

Saturday
• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield conducts their annual pasta lunch and dinner at the Parish House at noon and from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors. For information, call 973-379-4320.

• The Friends of the Mountaintop Public Library are sponsoring a Children's Book Sale at the library on Constitution Plaza from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Donations of children's books, young adult books, videos, compact discs, audio tapes, games, and small toys will be welcome and can be dropped off during regular hours.

For information, call 908-233-0115.

Sunday

• The Newcomers (and Neighbors) Club of Springfield invites new members to join the club at 8 p.m. to plan upcoming activities. The meeting will be conducted in the home of one of the club's members.

For directions and information, call 973-379-6683.

• The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with "The Music Lesson" by Katherine Weber at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 228.

• The 23rd annual Pet Fair takes place at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop, from noon to 5 p.m. The fee is \$1 per person.

Highlights include Union County's K-9 Division, the New Jersey Sled Dog Club, and a Stray Pet Contest.

For information, call 908-789-3670.

• "An American Sampler" entertains audiences at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Silver Dollar Productions gives a free performance of selections from Irving Berlin, Stephen Foster, and more.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

• Learn how to locate and hear stories about animal constellations with "Astronomical Animals," a program offered at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintop. Show times are 2 and 3:30 p.m.

For information, call 908-789-3670.

Monday
• The Springfield Board of Education meets in the Jonathan Dayton High School Media Center on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Garden Club meets in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield, at 7:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served, all are welcome.

For information, call 973-376-3436.

Wednesday
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood-pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. All residents of Springfield are invited to be screened.

For more information, call 973-912-2227.

• The Health & Wellness Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaintop, offers "Lose Weight the Fun Way," an informational meeting on dieting and eating habits at 7:30 p.m. Participants can join walking groups and learn how to maintain optimum health.

For information, call 908-233-1163.

Upcoming

May 9
• The Mountaintop Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

May 11
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will host the temple's 20th annual Sustaining Fund dinner dance at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. The theme this year is "An Evening of Tropical Elegance."

reviewed and approved," said Mahler.

In September, the district received approval from the state.

"An ad hoc facilities committee, consisting of 26 members mostly all of whom were township residents, was formed to review the district's facility needs.

"We've been exploring and have visited several areas that use modular construction," said Mahler, where the majority of the construction would take place off-site and then brought in and attached to Walton and Sandmeier once the construction was completed. "We're looking at the modular construction because it will greatly expedite the construction time."

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

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

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

ECHO LEADER

With hi-tech skills, GL team shows experts how to fight bioterrorism

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

They are at the forefront of using technology to find solutions to real-life problems, yet they still enter the halls of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights just like all the other students do every weekday.

This special group of students took part in a national Internet Science and Technology Fair competition, winning first place in the category of bioterrorism.

As a result, the team of 12 students, dubbed GL Project Homepage 2001-2002, were contacted by Channel 4 and took a trip to Washington, D.C., April 21 and 22 where they attended a government industry dinner, with Tom Ridge as the special guest speaker.

"This is our second year competing in the Internet Science and Technology Fair," said Physics teacher Jennifer Martino. "It's a virtual science fair for students."

Martino is the teacher at the high school who organized the extracurricular team. She explained that students don't necessarily create a project, but they do lots of research on a certain topic, culminating in the finished product. The team's proposal is posted on the school's Web site at www.bhs.k12.nj.us.

The concept was introduced by the district's Superintendent of Schools Richard Bozza. In his work with the Berkeley Heights Education Foundation

and cooperation of individuals from Lucent Technology, the idea for the project began to take shape.

"This was just an outgrowth of that," said Bozza. "The kids did all the great things, there's really credit enough to be shared. No matter what they do, we're so proud of our kids."

GL Project Homepage 2001-2002 was created last fall and was left open to any student interested in looking for ways to use technology to solve real-world problems. Shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, the students came up with ways technology could combat terrorism, specifically bioterrorism.

Shortly before anthrax scares became a daily news headline back in the early fall, the students decided to focus on how technology could be used to detect anthrax and prevent people from coming into contact with it. They also looked into ways smallpox could be used as a weapon of bioterrorism, in order to study how to combat it and gather hi-tech tools for protection.

The students learned about the current detectors used to detect anthrax, downloaded information and proposed places where detectors could be located in various buildings.

One of the students on the team, Derrick Ongchin, said he joined the group last year because of his interest in designing Web pages.

"Last year, we focused on radiation and we used global positioning systems," said Ongchin. "This year, we focused on bioterrorism, chemical warfare and

and made a list of possible chemical agents."

What the team found was that the most common place to put detectors would be in ventilation systems, making sure they were bulky detectors that would be able to sense the smallest spores.

Chun-Cheng Chang, another student on the team, said he was drawn to the project because of his interest in graphic design. Although a bunch of his friends were on the team, he said he joined because there was a whole range of interests.

"I came up with the name Athena Project, based on the goddess," said Chang. "I used Photoshop, I used artwork, I found pictures. To work in a team, you need lots of communication."

He said he was happy with the way the team worked together. "When we needed something, we talked to each other," he added.

Ongchin also agreed on the positive teamwork that took place. "The project helps us solve problems step by step in a team," said Ongchin. "It helps us organize our thoughts."

Even with all their hard work, Chang is still surprised by the outcome. "I think in the beginning, we had no intention of winning," Chang said.

Resident can't walk away from helping others

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

"Walking is the easy part," said Carl Johnson. "The hard part is getting all the money collected."

For the past 24 years, Johnson, a Springfield resident for 30 years, and security officer for Foster Wheeler, in Clinton, has raised more than \$200,000 for the March of Dimes, through his participation in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica, a national walk-a-thon that raises money to help prevent birth defects and infant mortality.

"You just take it year by year and it just keeps piling up," he said. "The dollars and \$10 and \$20 are all just as important as the big ones. If you don't get those small ones too you can't get to the big bucks. It all helps out."

Johnson first became involved in the walk-a-thon back in 1978, when the Chalmers Engineering Company challenged the Foster Wheeler Company to beat them in raising money for March of Dimes.

"Combustion was our competitor, you don't want your competitors to beat you, they'll make fun of you. It set us off. We looked at the March of Dimes and we liked the way they spent their money; the research," he said.

Johnson's company accepted the challenge but lost the bet. However, the defeat sparked Johnson's interest and in 1979 his company rallied, built a team of 400 walkers and raised \$80,000.

"I don't know about on a national level, but as far as North Jersey goes, he is definitely our Hank Aaron," said Ben Cozin, Community Director for the March of Dimes' North Jersey Office, located in Pine Brook.

Johnson is retiring from Foster Wheeler after 38 years of service. His final walk with the company will be Sunday at the Spruce Run in Clinton.

However, Johnson will still participate in future walk-a-thons.

"It's all for a great cause and the more money we raise, the more that

goes into research," said Johnson.

Through those many miles of walking, Johnson reflects back on his life and all the people that donated money to sponsor him. He credits all them who have ever helped him out in his endeavors.

"You got to give something back," he said. "You can't be a taker all the time."

Most of the sites where the walk-a-thons take place are between 4.5 and 6 miles. Approximately 90 percent of the people who participate finish the entire course.

"A person can gather money any way they want as far as collecting goes," said Cozin. "They can collect a pledge per mile. Most of the time, and in Carl's case, he just collects flat donations. He's kind of built up a base over the years."

The March of Dimes said they are grateful to have such a dedicated and hard-working individual, like Johnson, helping them out.

"Our mission is to prevent birth

defects and infant mortality," said Cozin. "We do that through education, public advocacy, community service, research and things like that."

March of Dimes was founded in 1938 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"We'll have researchers conduct studies on a national level," said Cozin. "What they'll then do is tell health professionals in the community what they find out. Those health professionals are kind of like liaisons that educate the community."

Johnson is thankful that his children and grandchildren were born healthy. However, there are a lot of kids that are not born that way. By walking and raising money, Johnson just wants to try and make life better for them.

"I'll always be committed to it because I believe in it," said Johnson. "And when you believe in something it gets into your blood and you just can't walk away from it."



Springfield resident Carl Johnson is happy to keep helping others through the March of Dimes walk-a-thon. Over the past 24 years, he has raised more than \$200,000 for the cause and is proud to show some rewards for his efforts.

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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Garden Club meets

The Springfield Garden Club meet on Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, in Springfield.

New members welcome

The Newcomers (and Neighbors) Club of Springfield invites new members to join the club Tuesday at 8 p.m. to plan upcoming activities.

Evening Group plans annual pasta meal

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will host the annual pasta luncheon and dinner in the Parish House on Church Mall Saturday.

Foothill Club meets

The Foothill Club of Mountaintide will conduct its regular monthly meeting today at noon at B.G. Fields, Springfield Avenue, Westfield.

HEALTH

Rabies clinic Wednesday

The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Department of Public Works in Springfield.

Do not leave family pets outdoors

Avoid contact with all wild animals. Discuss with children not to bring home, pet, or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal.

CPR classes offered

CPR for the Professional Rescuer classes are being offered at the

Westfield/Mountaintide Chapter of the American Red Cross

The life saving course is intended for individuals who have the duty to respond to emergencies such as life-guards, medical personnel, health club staff, camp directors and emergency workers.

Rotary Club will accept donated bikes

Do you have a bike no longer needed taking up space in a garage or shed? Anyone who has a bicycle in repairable condition can donate it May 19 at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, from 1 to 4 p.m.

LIFESTYLE

Handler and Sosny to wed

Jack and Estelle Handler of Springfield have announced the engagement of their son, Michael, to Randi Sosny, daughter of Rick and Sharon Sosny of Holiston, Massachusetts.



Michael Handler and Randi Sosny

Westfield/Mountaintide Chapter of the American Red Cross

The chapter will host four of these classes: tonight from 6 to 10 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 to 10 p.m.; May 21, 6 to 10 p.m., and June 18, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Uncle Floyd to headline Cranford's annual Arts & Crafts Festival

Spring celebrations can take on many flavors. Perhaps the tastiest is the beautiful Spring Festival to be hosted in downtown Cranford Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cranford's 13th Arts and Crafts Festival is a delightful combination of food, crafts, music and children's activities. It brings tens of thousands to the Downtown Business District where unique shopping and tasty festival foods are just part of the festivities. The Cranford Chamber of Commerce sponsors this very popular event, planned to be a full day of family fun. Admission to the event is free and more than 150 crafts and food exhibitors will display and sell along the Eastman Plaza Area and North and South Union and Alden streets.

Jewelry designers will be selling their creations of silver and gold, as well as fun and fashionable wearable art. David Rosenberg of Cliffwood Beach will display his uniquely Victorian jewelry. Other professional craftspeople will sell original designer clothing and accessories, toys, dolls, decorative furniture and unusual home accessories. Airbrush artist Jurgen Westphal from Keyport decorates mailboxes and textiles. Beautiful stained glass garden stones and jewelry boxes are made by Carolyn Mangan of Stroudsburg, Pa. Chester artist Sharon Hendricks decorates

old window frames with beautiful floral bouquets. A true New Jersey treasure, Uncle Floyd Vivino brings his fast-paced comedy to the stage at noon and 2 p.m. The originator of New Jersey's longest-running television show, "The Uncle Floyd Show," Vivino is legendary for engaging his audience with his song parodies and non-stop one-liners! Also joining the fun are musicians Mobluez at 11 a.m., Front Porch Swing at 1 p.m., country singer Tom Klumchock at 3:30 p.m. and the very high-energy Dean Shot Blues Revue at 4 p.m. The stage area is on North Avenue near the Rolex Clock.

Of course, this festival has lots of fabulous food! Greek and Italian foods are just part of the festival menu. Tasty selections from more than 15 food vendors will include toasted mozzarella and breaded sandwiches, Teriyaki barbecue, Passarelli's famous Italian Hot Dogs and DB's delicious sausage sandwiches. Ike's Crab Cakes of Millvick is serving his famous crabcakes, chowders and lobster. He is serving his famous crabcakes, chowders and lobster. Other food specialties include Strawberry Dan's Fresh Fruit Smoothies, Greek gyros and grilled shish kebabs, calzone, zeppoles, ketchup and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

The children will love the Moon Bounce, pony rides and petting zoo. There are more than a dozen friendly critters

for young children to observe and pet. Louie the Bum, Jubilee the Clown and other street performers are scheduled to appear. Radio station New Jersey 101.5 will be at the festival. The Cranford Police plan to provide DWI information.

The 13th Cranford Arts and Crafts Festival will take place along Eastman Plaza Area and North Union and Alden streets Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Avenue remains open for traffic, but parts of Downtown Cranford near the train station are detoured of traffic for the day. Admission and parking are free. The raindate is May 26. Some exhibits space is still available. For more information, contact the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance Inc., at 908-995-2246.

New Jersey's favorite 'Uncle'
As *The Star-Ledger* once said about the nightclub act of Uncle Floyd Vivino, "Think of it as New Jersey's answer to 'The Gong Show,' without the television cameras or the hook." The energetic entertainer Floyd Vivino is a New Jersey icon, perhaps best known for hosting the longest-running program on New Jersey television, "The Uncle Floyd Show."

Uncle Floyd brings his unique blend of comedy and music to downtown Cranford as the guest performer this

Sunday. Floyd himself says, "I never know what's going to happen. I tell a few jokes, play some songs and have fun with my audience!" Uncle Floyd Vivino will perform at noon and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Cranford Arts and Crafts Festival.

Vivino's career began as a tap dancer at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. He later traveled with the circus as a sideshow talker. A trained musician, Floyd prefers honky-tonk style and uses the piano to highlight his comedy. The cable network variety show known as "The Uncle Floyd Show" used a fast-paced, kiddie format with an ensemble cast with a knack for improvisation. Laced with mainstream music and slapstick skits, it remained on the air for nearly a quarter of a century. Uncle Floyd's fans remain loyal to this day.

Floyd's other show business credits include parts in several movies, performing at The Bottom Line in New York and more than 9,000 one-night stands. He has opened for top headliners such as Al Martino, Jimmy Roselli, Jerry Vale and Lionel Hampton. He also hosts a weekly radio show, "Italian-American Serenade," from New Rochelle, N.Y. Vivino, now 50 years old, performs regularly at his club, "Uncle Floyd's" at the Holiday Inn on Route 46 in Wayne.

Met singers, NJSO musicians to headline St. Paul's concert

Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will present its 15th anniversary Spring Concert Sunday at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature the St. Paul's Choir joined by world-renowned soloists and members of the Grammy Award-winning New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The St. Paul's Parish Choir will perform Mozart's "Requiem" in a newly completed edition by Robert Levin. Mozart's "Requiem" is the composer's last and unfinished work. In his completion, Levin attempts to correct the musical discrepancies within the movements that Mozart's student Susmay claimed to have composed. The traditional version of the "Requiem" has been retained when it conforms to idiomatic Mozartian practice and style. Featured soloists for the concert include Metropolitan Opera and New York City Opera star Sally Wolf, soprano; Metropolitan Opera star Jane Bunnell, mezzo-soprano; tenor Randall Reid-Smith and baritone Eileen Ely.

Also included on the program will be Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets and Violin. The concerto soloists will be Garth Greenup, principal trumpet of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Michael Baker of The Julliard School. Brennan Sweet, associate concertmaster of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will be the violin soloist and concertmaster for the concert. The conductor will be Charles Banks, director of music at St. Paul's.

Admission is by donation at the door. For information, call 908-232-8506. St. Paul's is located at 414 E. Broad St. in Westfield.

REUNIONS
• The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited. Union High School Class of 1982, 20th reunion, May 11. Union High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, June 15. Union High School Classes of 1972 and 1973, Aug. 16. Summit High School Class of 1982, 20th reunion, Aug. 24. Union High School Class of 1977, 25th reunion, Nov. 30. Union High School Class of 1983, 20th reunion, 2003. Union High School Class of 1993, 10th reunion, 2003. Westfield High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, May 4. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

• Elizabeth High School Class of 1982 is organizing a class reunion. For information, or to volunteer for the planning committee, contact Kim Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541. • Rahway High School Class of 1977 is searching for classmates in preparation for the 25th reunion. Members of this class are asked to contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at 908-490-1543 or Bob Brandner at 732-821-5774. • St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken Giordano at 732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075. • Grover-Cleveland Junior High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at George's Catch 27.

• Frank H. Morrell High School Class of 1977 will conduct its 25th reunion Sept. 21 at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth. For information, contact Donna Kimmel-Zolli at P.O. Box 4108, Roselle Park, 07024, or at Donnacita@aol.com. • Rahway High School Class of 1947 will conduct its 55th reunion Sept. 29 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Gran Centurions, Clark. For information, or to provide contact particulars on classmates, contact Edwin C. Boyle at 207 N. Brook Drive, Milltown, 08850, or call him at 732-247-5914; or contact Kay Casserin at 2365 Seneca Road, Scotch Plains, 07076, or call her at 908-232-3562. • Baitin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 12 with a luncheon at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. For information, call 732-381-6447.

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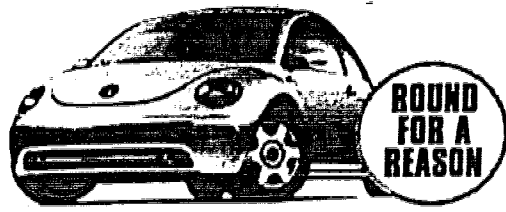
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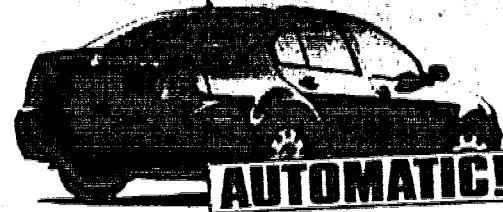


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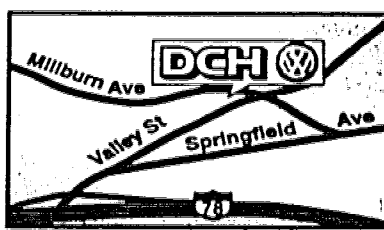
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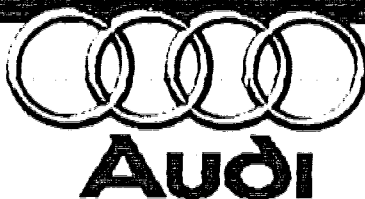


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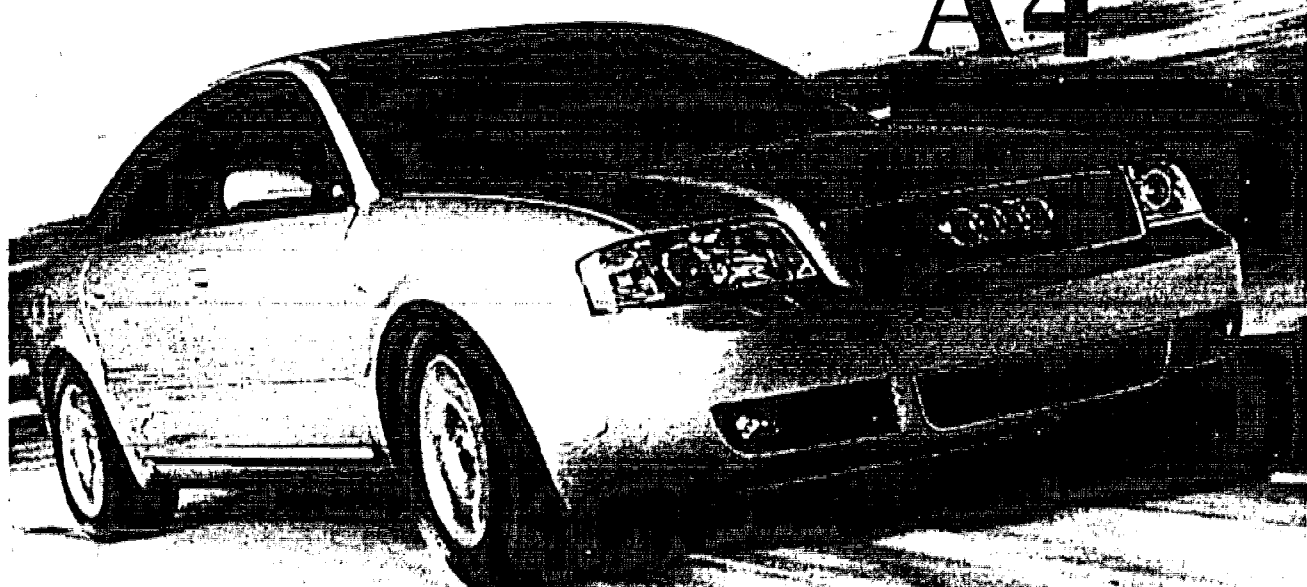
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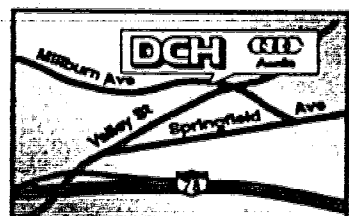
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