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Public hears debate

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

It was candidates' night at Mountainside Borough Hall Monday night, with standing room only as many attended the lively event.

On April 15, two seats of the seven seats on the Board of Education will be up for election, there are five candidates for those seats, and all of them were on the dais, telling about themselves and fielding questions from the packed house.

MaryBeth Schaumberg and Frank Geiger are the two incumbents, while challengers are Pauline Genakos, Pat Knodel and Linda Esemplare.

Both Knodel and Esemplare had served on the Board of Education previously, and both feel they can contribute their experience and as they each said, "bring back trust to the Mountainside Board of Education."

Genakos, who works as a teaching assistant in the Millburn district, is also a volunteer at Deerfield School. Her background is in financial services and budgets, and she feels her business experience will help her as a board member. She has two small children, and has lived in Mountainside for four years.

Genakos believes in "opening all lines of communications between the board, teaching staff and residents." She said she can bring a fresh voice to the board.

Both Schaumberg and Geiger want to remain on the Board of Education to "finish the job already in progress." Schaumberg has three children in Deerfield, and is the board liaison to the PTA.

She was elected three years ago in a successful bid as a write-in candidate. "The past three years have been exciting ones, and as a member of the Long Range Facilities Committee of the board, I have been involved in all aspects of the ongoing Beechwood School project."

She stressed that the education of the children is the board's paramount



Pat Knodel



Pauline Genakos



Linda Esemplare

concern, and wants to be part of the upcoming improvements.

Geiger apologized for running again, "causing laughter," because he had said he would not do so last time around. "But I want to finish the job we have started. Sometimes things do again, causing laughter, because he had said he would not do so last time around. "But I want to finish the job we have started. Sometimes things do not go according to plan, what I believe is keeping site of the goals and they are goals for each child," he said.

Geiger said he would like to see a goal where every child surpasses the state standards, and he praised Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights as well, where Mountainside students attend.

Both he and Schaumberg believe in better communications, and both feel that is being done now, with the televised TV-35 show, and other notices and measures such as the information being placed on the Web site.

The session was opened for questions from the public, some of which were for all of the five contestants, while others were specifically for the incumbents.

One mother asked what efforts will be made to improve the communication between the people of the town and the Board of Education. A question directed at all candidates.

Schaumberg answered, "It is very important and we are now working on it, through the local papers, and we



Mary Beth Schaumberg

are here today with Channel 35. We already use the Web site."

Genakos said, "The three areas of communication I feel need improvement are teachers and the board, the board and the public and parents and the board."

Knodel commented on difficulties she had had with logging on to the Web site. "And there are those who do not have computers, it would be nice if they could put all information on Channel 35."

Geiger said the Mountainside Board of Education members realize they have a certain accountability. "Lots of accountability, and we are endeavoring to do this."

Another member of the audience



Frank Geiger

asked about dress codes in the schools, and what they thought about that. Geiger felt it was not a bad thing, and although it had been voted down years before, he said, "Maybe we should bring it back."

Schaumberg did not agree. "We do have a dress code, and I don't see the need for uniforms. We help to develop the whole person already, and we are already successful in that."

Nancy Longo asked, "How would you address the issue you consider to be the most critical one facing the Board of Education today?"

Knodel said, "The most critical issue is to get Beechwood operational. I would monitor that very closely." See EDUCATION, Page 2

Board of Education approves budget

By Marc Lightdale
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education approved the 2003-04 budget for submission to the voters to be placed on the ballot in the April 15 Board of Education election at Tuesday's public hearing.

The total school budget is \$26.1 million with \$23.6 million to be raised through local property taxes. If voters approve the budget, it would mean an annual tax increase of \$230 for the average home assessed at \$157,800. The 2002-2003 budget was \$24.7 million. The district's budget showed an increase of \$1,355,821, or 5.5 percent.

Walter Mahler, superintendent of schools, broke down the numbers associated with the budget and fielded questions from a number of local residents at the public hearing.

Theresa DeSantis of Redwood Road took issue with the per-pupil costs of \$10,920, which she said was 5.82 more than the state average.

"How and why did this dollar amount get so bloated?" asked DeSantis. Mahler said in response that there is no bloating.

Salvatore Gibaldi of Woodcrest Road questioned whether people under the age of 65 should have to pay into the costs of the school budget.

"Throughout our life, we pay into the system. When we reach the age of 65, we should get a 10 percent reduction in school taxes, per year, and when we are 65, we shouldn't be paying any school taxes. You do it systematically," Gibaldi said.

Tony Delia of Rose Avenue asked how much of the budget is a fixed cost. The reply from the board was that 96 percent of the budget is fixed, which includes legal costs and health benefits.

Board of Education candidate Brian Sheehy of Cypress Terrace queried whether the board could have a new step system with lower starting salaries for teachers, emphasizing that this should be investigated. Sheehy contends that happens with certain police and fire departments. The starting annual salary in the Springfield school district for a teacher with no experience is \$41,175.

"They should look at every option available," Sheehy said. "I would like to see the numbers."

Mahler said that it is a negotiable item.

Board member Jacqueline Shanes pointed to Mountain Lakes as an example of an affluent district in Morris County with one of the lowest starting salaries, and one that has difficulty attracting teachers.

There are several categories of state and state aid for youngsters who are classified, transportation of students and bilingual education, as well as a fourth category named consolidation, which includes adult education and technology.

In transportation, the district will receive \$124,579 while in special education, the number will be \$975,910, and in bilingual education, the district will receive \$60,338. The new category of consolidated aid will consist of \$211,430.

The total state aid comes out to \$1,379,466, which represents about 6 percent of the budget for the past two years. The total tax levy is \$1.5 million. If the district were to receive 12 percent of the budget supported by state aid, taxes would not have to be raised, according to Mahler.

In 1998-1999, state aid in Springfield comprised 7 percent of the budget. In 1998-1999, the state average of a district's state aid relative to its budget was 20 percent and in 2002-2003, the average district's budget was made up of 4 percent state aid.

The general fund is being increased by 5.5 percent, which is equivalent to \$699,282 less than last year's increase of 9.2 percent. The budget is \$95,091.44 under the cap.

Opening up a world of words

By Marc Lightdale
Staff Writer

Springfield third-graders displayed tremendous excitement at the prospect of receiving their own individual dictionaries, according to Sandmeier School Principal Mike Antolino, a sure-fire way of producing future wordsmiths.

The project took place at Sandmeier and Caldwell schools on Tuesday. The students were enthralled by their individual gifts.

Antolino said the reaction of the students was that they were very excited, and they asked "Can we keep these to use through the elementary years and the years ahead?"

"They were very engrossed," he said.

The Rotary Club of Springfield will supply third-graders with a dictionary valued at \$3 to every third-grader at Sandmeier and Caldwell schools and St. James School. There are 160 kids in the public schools and 18 students at the St. James Catholic School.

Third-grade children are most receptive to new learning, according

to Ron Golberger, chairman of the Springfield Rotary Club. Vincent Spada was the second-in-charge.

"The studies say this is the time when dictionaries are most useful," Golberger said. "The third grade seems to be the ideal age for personal resources."

Based on a special deal with McGraw-Hill Publishing, the project began 20 years ago, known as the Project Dictionary out of South Carolina.

Golberger said the woman who started it had seen kids going to school without books and she thought it was terrible. "It was a good idea that expanded and grew," he said.

The program predates by 25 years the federal program "No Child Left Behind" in which the government set standards for students to be able to read at a certain age and have acquired certain mathematical skills.

The New Jersey Rotary Club distributed 20,000 dictionaries last year in Bergen, Essex, and Passaic counties. Golberger said they are the first in the district to participate in the

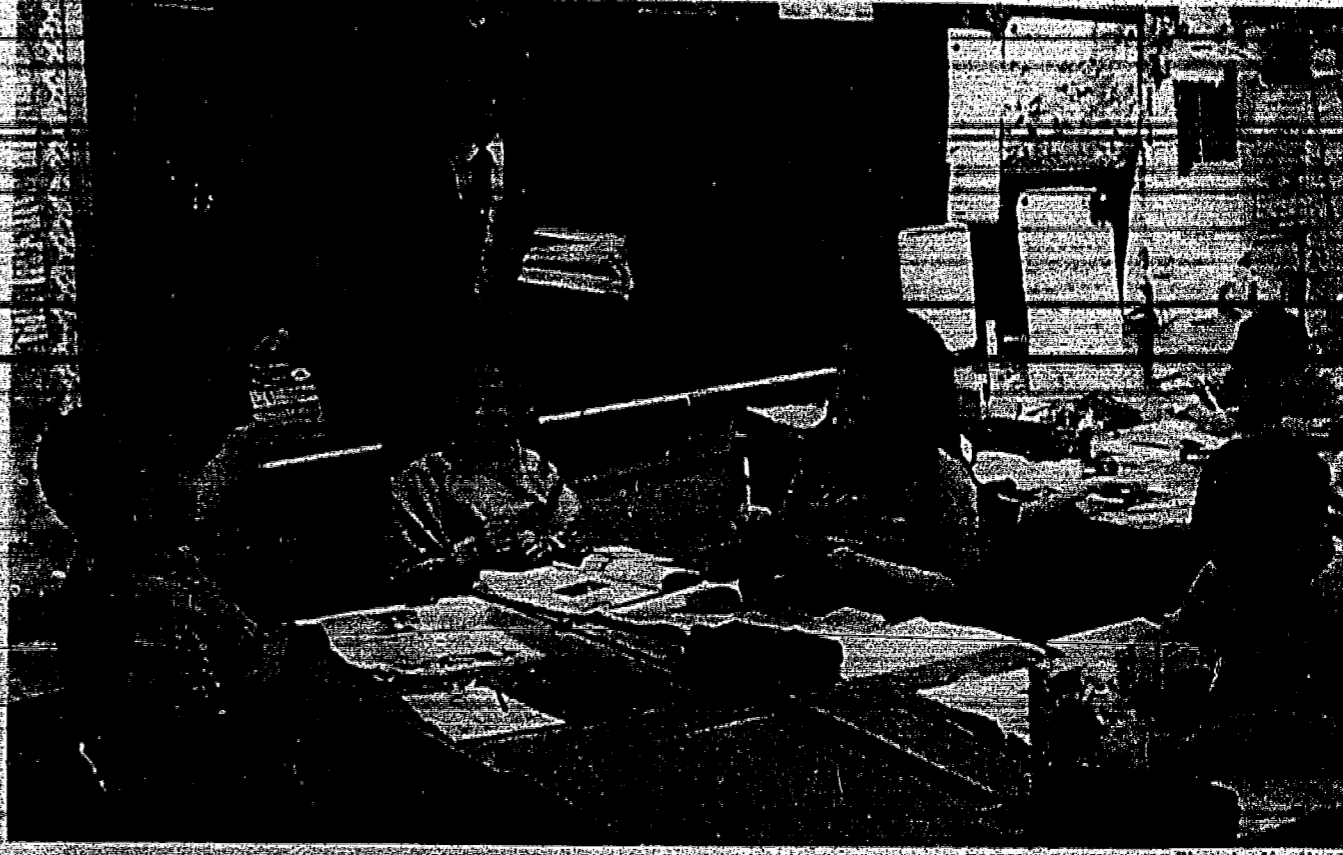
project. The year before, 13,000 dictionaries were distributed.

"Our hope is that every third-grade child will get their own dictionary every year," said Golberger. "As computers are becoming more important, spelling is more important. If you misspell the word, you're not going to go where you wanna get to."

The Rotary district, 75-10, has 2,000 members and spans 45 different rotary chapters in Union, Middlesex, Mercer and Somerset counties as far south as Trenton.

A rotary sign and bookplate are put on the books as is the Rotary Club four-way test: 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all who are concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendship? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

"I think it's a great thing, it's very generous of the Rotary Club," Antolino said. "They do a lot of fund-raising for high schools and they wanted to do something for elementary students. They thought it would be beneficial to their education. It was really a nice idea."



Michael Marantz of the Springfield Rotary Club hands out new dictionaries to students in Janet Fitzgerald's third-grade class at James Caldwell School in Springfield. The students were each given their individual dictionaries to keep as part of Project Dictionary, a program now in its 20th year.

Mountainside school board approves budget, shows it to voters

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

The Mountainside Board of Education presented each part of the proposed budget for 2003-04 at the public hearing Tuesday, approving it by a unanimous vote. The next step is for voters to cast their ballot on April 15, when both the election of two board members and the budget vote will take place.

If approved by voters, the 2003-04 budget will have an annual school tax increase of \$411 on the average home in Mountainside assessed at \$158,000. In 2002, the estimated school tax was \$2,955 compared with \$1,365 in 2003.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary Paul Vizzuso said the tax increase works out to be about \$35 per month for homeowners. He cautioned that the total figure, which represents the entire year, is just an estimation and could be a little higher or lower based on the assessed value of one's home.

The total amount of the base budget is now \$11,042,160 after a spending limitation adjustment of \$422,132 was added. The base budget prior to this adjustment was \$10,620,028. Last week, the board announced that the Union County superintendent of schools certified the budget and had noted a projected increase of 24 additional enrollments for Governor Livingston High School in 2003-04, according to Vizzuso. This in turn allowed Mountainside to receive \$731,000 in additional funds to go into a two-year cap of the district's

budget. The board however has decided to use \$422,132 of that amount. Questions were raised by the public as to why the board did not use the full \$731,000 that was given to them.

Resident Scott Schmedel asked the board if they were handicapping themselves for the future by not taking all of the \$731,000 that is available in the adjustment.

Board member Peter Goggi said they had taken just what they needed from the adjustment and nothing more. "We actually talked about taking the full SGLA into the budget," said Goggi. "What we are doing is slightly less because we were actually able to reduce that amount from the second question."

Originally, the board was prepared to have a second question for the 2003-04 school budget, but the spending growth limitation adjustment allowed the board to put those items back into the budget. As Vizzuso explained, this adjustment is approved by the state Department of Education to increase a district's cap based on the student population growth. This money does not come from surplus and is not a state-issued credit or refund. It does, however, increase the tax levy, which is now at \$10,010.991.

"If the budget gets defeated, the SGLA also gets defeated," said Vizzuso. He emphasized that this adjustment eliminates the need for a second question and has a two-year cap, with a two-year cycle. A decrease in student enrollment will

also not decrease the amount of funds in the adjustment, he said.

Chief School Administrator explained that the adjustment was created about two years ago to help districts that were experiencing bumps in population growth.

Major components of the 2003-04 budget include tuition costs, which come to \$3,300,233, an increase of 8.0 percent from the \$3,038,195 in 2002-03. Tuition itself accounts for 30 percent of the total budget and is described as fixed costs, along with salaries, which comprise 45 percent of the total budget and benefits which are 12 percent. Student transportation, which is also a fixed cost, is set at 5 percent. Altogether, these fixed costs account for 92 percent of the total budget.

Total salaries and benefits for 2003-04 are \$6,317,853, an increase of \$565,216 from last school year's figure of \$5,752,637.

If the school budget fails, Vizzuso said it will go before the Borough Council, which can either decide to leave it alone, reduce it or make recommendations for where it can be reduced.

On April 15, voters will get the chance to cast their ballots between 2 and 9 p.m. at three locations: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside Borough Hall, Route 22 West, and Central Presbyterian Church, at Meeting House Lane and Deer Path.

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Education is key for candidates

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Examples of education-related issues include teacher pay, school safety, and curriculum reform.

Candidates should also address the needs of students with special needs and the importance of early childhood education.

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- April 4: Mountside Youth Baseball will have opening day activities.
April 6: The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will begin accepting donations for their lobby sale.
April 10: The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library will meet.

Newark woman arrested after vehicle stop

Mountside: A Newark woman was arrested after a vehicle stop on Monday. Police officers observed a vehicle with a suspended license.

Truck rollover on Summit Road brings FD

Mountainside: A truck rollover on Summit Road brought firefighters to the scene. The driver was uninjured, but the truck was damaged.

Hard work pays off for two GL seniors

By Marc Lightdale: The story of a competitive ice skater and an advanced swimmer who both utilize impeccable time management in order to juggle multiple tasks...

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Springfield budget calls for \$189 tax hike

By Marc Lightdale: A \$20.2 million municipal budget introduced at Tuesday's regular meeting of the Springfield Township Committee would bring with it an increase of \$189 for the average home in Springfield, assessed at \$155,000.

The budget is \$20,199,045. The increase in taxes is 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Approximately 60 percent of the budget, or \$11 million, are costs that include insurance, debt service, and the mandatory cost of operations.

Officials are concerned that the amount in years past. Health insurance costs are up 20 percent, said Goldstein, adding that "there is no waste in this budget." A person on a fixed income is disproportionately penalized on this system of property taxation, he added.

Officials give reaction to U.S. war with Iraq

By Marc Lightdale: Since the start of the U.S. war with Iraq, officers in Mountainide are wearing special uniforms and local police are in a state of heightened alert, said Press Information Officer, Lt. Todd Turner.

Approximately a month ago, local officials were talking about how to respond to Sept. 11 and be prepared for an attack. However, during the most recent interviews, officials remained tight-lipped about the specifics of their preparations.

The officers in Mountainide are now wearing class-A uniforms, which are uniforms reserved for crisis situations to distinguish the police from the public at large, said Police Chief James Debbie Jr.

After Sept. 11, officers were subjected to intense training on weapons of mass destruction. A weapon of mass destruction is anything that will take out a large group of people. The department also has a radiological meter.

"We are taught how to recognize hazards and systems, how to recognize when we are getting into one of these incidents and what size of an area needs to be evacuated," Debbie said.

In case of an emergency, the police department calls the experts. "We would go to the Union County Office of Emergency Management," said Debbie, regarding hazardous material training and equipment.

Mountainide has also integrated a reverse 911 system, which allows the borough to contact anybody in town. People with unlisted numbers are asked to send an their number, which will be confidential, to be kept at Town Hall in the event of an emergency.

In terms of military preparation for war, at least one local veteran believes that the United States armed forces need to be supported without any hesitation.

Smith also feels that Kofi Annan, Secretary General at the United Nations, is biased against President George W. Bush and the United Nations is useless.

"I back our president 100 percent. I get very upset when I see all of the protests, especially the Americans that are peacekeepers that have been so very vocal and upset with what he's doing," said Smith.

Smith added that many countries are jealous of the democracy that the United States has attained. These countries want the youth and money of the United States, Smith said.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Support our troops

From the moment the first bomb fell on Iraq last Wednesday night, it ceased to be a question of whether we had the right to go to war. War has begun. We are there, and our troops deserve our support without qualification or reservation.

Should our troops be there? That's an issue that has been burning in people's mind at least since President Bush first mentioned the "Axis of Evil" in his 2002 State of the Union address, and it's not an issue we're likely to reach consensus on for some time to come. In a sense, though, it is the wrong question to ask because our troops are there. When they received the call to duty, they left behind careers, parents, children, spouses and the comforts of home, and went into a region of the world where their lives will be in danger, especially as the tempo of war increases and the military tightens its noose around Baghdad.

The men and women fighting on behalf of our nation are our brothers, our sisters, our parents and our children. Support can mean something as simple as sending a care package through one of the many groups organizing and shipping them to overseas troops. It can be spiritual support, praying for a quick resolution to the conflict with minimal loss of life, praying that any chemical and biological weapons in Saddam Hussein's arsenal would be captured and destroyed before they can be used.

Most of all, it should be personal. Not all of us have friends or relatives now serving on the war front, although it is likely that we at least know someone who does. Writing a letter to service members will take only 15 or 20 minutes, spending time with their families will take longer, but in each case, the difference it makes in boosting morale can be tremendous.

At this point, it is impossible to say with certainty how long the war will last. Given how quickly the Iraqi military surrendered during Operation Desert Storm, and given the signs of fissures within the Iraqi war machine this time, the war to remove Saddam likely will be one measured in weeks. If it ends and all our troops can come home, they deserve our support and our prayers.

Good speed.

Needed reform

Money makes the world go 'round, and never is that more prevalent than in the political world. Campaigns have become sicker and more expensive each season. But for all the money poured into campaigns, they usually still degenerate into a sophomoric mudslinging mess that only turn off most voters.

Campaigns in New Jersey have become very expensive, not just because they are more complex campaigns, sandwiched between New York City and Philadelphia media markets, Camden State candidates find it difficult to get their message to voters without spending vast amounts of money on expensive big-market advertising.

Last year, the Union County Democratic Committee raised more than \$1 million, spending nearly half of that on the treasurer election. While it's not unheard of in New Jersey to spend that much, it's still a lot of money for a countywide campaign. More disturbing is the \$3 million spent on last year's Bergen County executive election, where much of the money came from Camden County Democratic bosses.

A good portion of the money raised by Union County Democrats, at least one-third, comes from firms that receive contracts from county government. It's this type of practice, which some call "pay to play," contributing in hopes of receiving contracts — that has garnered a good amount of attention in recent months. State Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. introduced a measure when he was in the Assembly that would limit contributions from firms that do business on the state level.

Gov. James McGreevey, in his State of the State address in January, called on any "pay to play" legislation to affect not just state government but county and municipal government as well. Fair enough. Kean has since introduced a measure that would in fact place limits on contributions from vendors at all three levels of government. The Senate approved the bill, 36-0, on March 20 and now the legislation moves to the Assembly. We see no reason why it should not continue through the lower house and be signed by the governor.

The legislation is not a cure-all, but it's a start. There's still the huge expense of political consultants and expensive air time and literature, which make for expensive campaigns and the need to concentrate on fundraising rather than policy. And there's still the matter of "double dipping" — feeding from the government trough in more than one position that is much too prevalent. But Kean's bill at least addresses the perception of contributors giving in one hand and waiting for something to be put in the other.



DOESN'T IT FEEL GOOD? — Holly Karaban's sixth-grade class at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield won first place in a schoolwide fund-raiser. Pennies for Patients, to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The class raised the top amount of \$164.16, winning themselves a pizza party sponsored by the society. It all adds up to a fun celebration for a positive cause as Campaign Coordinator Gina Canas, right, and Steven Deo, student council advisor, congratulate the students on their success.

It's the same as yelling fire in a movie theater

Question: What's the difference between a meteorologist's weather report and yelling "fire" in a crowded theater?

Answer: There isn't one.

Listen to any meteorologist on the radio or television and listen closely to the words they use and how they use them, and you'll see that their reports are meant to scare a population that has already been weakened by these kinds of weather reports.

I'm choosing this week to write about weathermen, not all of whom are meteorologists, because we have entered spring, the season of febrish, and hopefully one that will be much less chaotic and mind-numbing than the winter that at least I can say "good riddance" to for a long time.

With the end of a harsh winter, I thought we would return somehow to normal broadcasts of the weather, but I was premature in my hopes.

Here's an example: I was watching the Weather Channel last week when the weatheroman was giving the forecast. She said, "It's only going to be in the 'teens' on Wednesday." Remember, two weeks ago, when it was only 20 degrees for the day's high. Do you know how many people felt blessed last Wednesday when it reached 40 degrees? I did. I hate winter, with a passion and vitally remember the days when the temperature would climb above the 20s. I welcomed the 46-degree temperatures with open arms.

For The Record

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

Apparently, this wasn't enough for the Weather Channel lady. If we leave it up to the weather people talking for all of us, we'd turn into a bunch of sniveling cowards who become afraid of every report of rainfall. What can we do to satisfy these people? What can we do to remind them that they stick their feet in their mouths every chance they get?

Apparently, we can't do anything, because they are in control. We have given weather people more power than we realize, and if you don't believe me, use the remote control and click around on any channel-cable or network TV, and watch the news reports. Some "damage" began with the weather, but most feature it within the first 10 minutes of the broadcast. When once the weather report was one minute in length, now it consumes sometimes five minutes, for a new cast before the anchors get back to the weather people later in the show.

On the radio, at 5 a.m., my alarm clock is set for WJTV FM, and I leave the radio on while I shower and

get ready for work in the morning. The weather report comes on every 10 to 15 minutes and it's the same report almost verbatim. Do we have to hear this constantly? I don't know who is worse — the disc jockey who sets up meteorologist Nick Gregory for his report, or Gregory.

This is how they try to frighten us. Remember when the word "storm" meant something fierce, whether it was rain or snow? Now, "storm" can mean anything from a tropical "Storm" "Floyd-type" system that dumped 12 inches of rain on our area in 1999 to one that involves the most minimal amount of drizzle. Storm, though, is a word that garners fear. I guess the use of the word "system" with the word "storm" makes it all right. It's a "storm system" that's coming east from Colorado.

Listen more carefully to the words they use. Listen to them talk about the "decelerating" storm system moving east from the Rockies, one that "dumped" several inches of rain already "soaked" Midwest. That's the same storm system heading our way. This is the point when residents start thinking about going to the supermarket to stock up on toilet paper, milk and other necessities. All because there's the threat of rain.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comment does disservice to speaker

To the Editor: According to our reporter, Marc Lightdale, Reverend Kathryn Avery of the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church, said she wanted to make sure that poor people could share the same type of freedoms that residents of Springfield were given like swimming at the municipal pool.

The remarks to which Mr. Lightdale so inaccurately refers were made during the Springfield Township meeting of March 11. Several Springfield residents spoke requesting passage of a resolution similar to that passed in many other communities opposing a preemptive attack by the U.S. on Iraq. Reverend Avery's comments were a reflection of the suffering of the people of Iraq that a preemptive military attack would greatly intensify. Rev. Avery's comments were low key but eloquent and reflect the concern of many people even those who support military action in Iraq.

To twist Rev. Avery's thoughtful and compassionate remarks into some stupid and cowardly comment about swimming in the municipal pool does disservice to her, to her church and to anyone who may be discouraged by this type of distortion from expressing their views at a public meeting. I feel the Leader and Mr. Lightdale should print an apology.

Eleanor Gural, Springfield

Candidates will bring back integrity

To the Editor: After receiving the blue mailing from the Mountaineer Board of Education, I was infuriated. How the board could have acted so irresponsible as to fire the auditor who found the accounting errors in the board's business records is beyond my comprehension. One does not have to be a rocket scientist to recognize incompetence.

But then the good news arrived. Pat Knobel and Linda Esplanare have decided to run for the Mountaineer Board of Education. Over the past year, I know that many people have prevailed upon them to run again. With the knowledge and integrity that they will bring back to the board, I have every confidence that things will improve.

Jean Shomo, Mountaineer

Levee has worked hard for everyone

To the Editor: I have known Larry Levee for the past thirty years. He has been on the Board of Education for six years. Not only has Larry been a wonderful friend,

Hoping for peaceful alternatives

To the Editor: Citizens concerned about the war in Iraq presented petitions to the Springfield Township Committee on March 11 to go on record along with Maplewood, East Orange, Newark, and a growing number of cities in New Jersey and the nation urging the township to express opposition to the war. Fears of genocide of the Iraqi people, "The Shock and Awe Scenario" the ordinate war costs, estimated at \$200 billion and its effect on state and local budgets were expressed.

The Concerned Citizens of Springfield hoped that their concerns would be forwarded to the President and Congress.

The petition drive grew out of a forum conducted at the public library in Springfield on March 3 titled "Iraq-Which Way?" featuring Helen Galdicott, famed anti-nuclear activist. Although the Township Committee declined to act, the Citizens Committee there still has a need for residents to join in their campaign to end the war and to get a resolution passed. Elizabeth held a candle-light vigil and Councilwoman Pat Perkins Auguste joined on March 16.

Residents of Springfield gathered from the Springfield Town Hall on Sunday for the eve of another international "Global Vigil for Peace." Participants from all churches and temple denominations wished to voice their desire for peaceful alternatives to the ongoing war in Iraq. They feared for the lives of both Iraqi and American soldiers caught up in what they believe to be an illegal war.

Folk singer Bennett Zurofsky of Newark led the vigilers in well-known folk songs. His own Township of Maplewood had passed a resolution in February which served as the proposed resolution for Springfield. He mentioned the "March Against Fear," in Paterson at 1 p.m. Saturday and urged all to attend. All went home to hear the Oscar Awards and the exceptional remarks of Michael Moore, winner of the Golden Globe award for best picture, which has presented his opposition to the ongoing war.

Sylvia Zisman, Springfield

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Coverage guidelines for Board of Education elections

In fairness to all Board of Education candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of the April 15 Board of Education election.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on their positions on the subject and on all state issues on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made. News releases and campaign position statements from all candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Store use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor. We will strive to avoid the initial airing of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in

Board of Education elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 15 Board of Education election.

Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of April 14. Board of Education candidates' Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Endorsement letters: containing more than 250 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candidates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for the Board of Education will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear April 8.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear April 10.

Staff-written round-up stories: A final look of the candidates' their platforms and goals, etc. will appear April 10.

Election results: Election results will be announced on this newspaper's InfoSource hotline. Look for the telephone number and extension in the April 10 edition and listen to the results as they come in April 15. Follow-up with complete election result coverage will be in the April 17 edition.

Phone system keeps firefighters in touch

By Marc Lightdale
Staff Writer

A new phone system will be installed in the new firehouse on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. Meanwhile, the time when the firehouse is set up to be completed will be determined in the future by the Township Committee in conjunction with Silicon Inc., according to Chief William Gray.

The phone system will include voice mail, paging, conference calls, and loudspeakers located in the apparatus bays, according to Township

Administrator Richard Sheola. The system is a Toshiba to be installed by Entel out of Midland Park, N.J. The cost for both the firehouse and office of emergency management is \$68,000, according to Gray.

The new system is a self-contained system that will cover each other in case one goes down, making for what is hoped to be a seamless transition.

The new system has a built-in intercom, with a ring-over option. When important phone lines ring, it will make a distinctive noise to differentiate from the phone line. It will also feature cabling for a local area network, Sheola said.

In the current firehouse, lights are turned on automatically, with the new buildings, instead of adding on a few new switches, it will be all encompassed into one system.

With the new equipment, the phones will activate lights in the dormitory area. If the firefighters are sleeping, the bells will ring and lights

Senior identity theft is focus of program

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich will speak at the breakfast meeting of the Jewish War Veterans, 11th Street Post 273, April 6, 9:30 a.m., at the Sarah Harlan Civic Center, Springfield.

His topic will be "Crimes Against Seniors," with an emphasis on identity theft. Sheriff Froehlich is a career law enforcement officer, serving for 20 years on the Elizabeth Police Department and has been Sheriff of Union County since 1978.

Club hosts Fishing Derby at Echo Lake Park

The Newark Bait & Fly Casting Club will hold its 23rd annual Fishing Derby 8 a.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, from April 10 through May 7.

The Derby is free to all children 16 years old and younger. Adults may also enter for a \$7 fee. On April 19 only, tackle and fishing rods will be supplied to all children who cannot bring their own equipment.

All contestants must register at the park by the late April 12 deadline to be eligible for prizes.

Approximately 400 trout will be stocked up to 6 pounds, will be weighed. For information, call Fred Herwig at 908-753-7276.

It all adds up



On March 10 and 11, Commerce Bank of Springfield presented a banking program to the students of the E.W. Walton School in Springfield, complete with a bag of learning items to take home. Shown are Erica Green, customer service representative from Commerce Bank and Timothy Golden.

EVENTS

Saint James trip set to Switzerland in July

Saint James' the Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, offers a trip to Switzerland July 23-29 for 16 days, seven nights.

Guests will be the Rev. Eugene Emmert, Herm Engelberg, Appenzel and Meinigen. The price includes round-trip air travel from Newark, air transfers and luggage handling at overseas airports, seven nights first class hotel accommodations in Lucerne, breakfast daily, lunches and seven dinners, tax and service charges for all included meals and features, private deluxe motor coach and services of an English speaking escort and tour guide.

The price is \$2,100 per person (double occupancy plus tax and \$100 for information and brochures). Call Tony at 973-376-5612.

Temple Beth Ahm hosts fashion show

Couture fashion will be the topic when Patricia DeBitt's launches her late fall fashion show at Temple Beth Ahm's annual fashion show. The Temple's Women's League is presenting this year's fashion show, which will take place on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crystal Plaza, 305 Northfield Road, Livingston.

Part of the fashion show, the Women's League will conduct a benefit auction of upscale items. Each basket will be valued at \$100. Items to be auctioned at this event include gourmet cocktails and sit-down dinners are \$65 per person. To purchase a ticket or for information, call Temple Beth Ahm at 773-749-3444.

Antique of New Jersey and former Springfield resident Dennis has chosen Springfield as one of his select towns to announce his new couture and got 2003 fashion lines. This is the second time that Dennis has showcased her designs at Temple Beth Ahm's fashion show, where her late father served as past-president of the Temple.

The fashion show serves as the Women's League's primary fund-raiser for the year. All the money generated through ticket sales and the basket auction will be used to help support various branches of the temples as well as charitable organizations within the community.

Hudson Springs, Temple Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue that encourages active membership. Established in 1951, Temple Beth Ahm hosts a multitude of services and events, including religious prayer, adult family and youth education and community volunteerism. Temple Beth Ahm is led by Rabbi Mark Malachuk and Cantor Richard Nadel.



WINTER HOOPS — Rebecca Cristino, left, daughter of Kevin and Gayle Cristino, learns new skills during the Mountaineer Recreation Department's winter-basketball programs. Jeff McMahon, right, son of Jeff and Debbie McMahon, aims for the hoop. He was one of many first-graders who participated in the program.

NEWS CLIPS

High school solicits funds for Project Graduation
The fund-raising kick-off for Governor Livingston High School's 15th annual Project Graduation has begun.

Each year, the communities of Berkeley Heights and Mountaineer join efforts to raise more than \$15,000 to provide an all-night drug- and alcohol-free program.

Contributions from local businesses and senior class parents are the major source of funding for the activity. Donations of money and gifts of goods and services are also sought.

Prizes such as gift certificates, phone cards, disposable cameras and "going to college" items are given out throughout the evening.

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Human Rights Watch founder is guest speaker at connection

Jeri Laber, author and founder of Human Rights Watch, will be the next speaker at the Wise Wonderful Women Luncheon Series sponsored by The Women's Resource Center and The Connection for Women & Families in Summit on April 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The fee for the buffet luncheon is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The program will be in the center at 31 Woodland Ave.

Call the center at 908-273-2253 to register or for information about this or similar programs or visit the Web site at www.womensource.org.

Author of "The Courage of Strangers: Coming of Age with the Human Rights Movement," Jeri Laber will share the story of her own "coming of age" as an activist and as a person, as well as the story of the growth of the human rights movement. After earning a master's degree in Russian studies at Columbia, she was a part-time writer editor and a full-time wife and mother of three until the day in

Date changes for upcoming WRC gala

Carolyn Booth Gutierrez, executive director of the Women's Resource Center has announced that their annual Blue Moon Gala is being rescheduled from May 17 to May 11. The May 17 date originally appeared in their winter 2003 newsletter. "The date was changed when the Women's Resource Center found that Bridges, a local organization that distributes food and clothing to the homeless in New York City and

SAGE has elderly intervention advice

With the aging process, diminished capabilities, shows making it more difficult to judge. Medical aid programs such as Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center in Berkeley Heights provides all the features of the social model in

Old Guard meets Tuesday

The "Wonderful World of Elderhostel" will be subject of a talk to the Summit Area Old Guard by Paul A. Schultz on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building, 100 Elkwood Ave. Elderhostel is a non-profit educational organization that offers worldwide programs for adults older than 55 years.

They have more than 10,000 cost-effective programs in practically every country in the world. Educational opportunities vary from courses at colleges and universities to hiking, biking, environmental activities, and cruises around the globe.

Paul Schultz is a retired environmental manager for Union Carbide Corporation. He has participated in 20 Elderhostel Programs from bicycling in Europe, Hawaiian cruises and train trips in Europe. He is also an Elderhostel group leader for an organization specializing in Scandinavian programs.

All retired men are invited to attend the meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Building. Meetings feature timely, thought-provoking talks. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, and trips to various cultural events in the area. For information, call Herb Regan at 908-464-5329 or visit on the Web site www.summitold-guard.homestead.com.

Preventing crime against seniors is AARP topic

Senior citizen crime prevention will be the topic of guest speaker Peter Campanelli of the Union Coun-

SENIOR NEWS

Horizon capital campaign and plans for SAGE's new building. SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older adults. SAGE is promoting independence and a dignified quality of life. These programs include Spend-A-Day Adult Health Center, HomeCare, a Shop-n-Go, and Errand Service, Meals-on-Wheels, and InfoCare, and information and referral service.

SHS hosts annual senior citizens dance

Summit High School will open its doors to Senior Citizens on May 22 for its 17th annual Senior Citizen Luncheon and Dance. The event will begin in the school auditorium at noon with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by the Summit High School Choir.

SAGE advice can be found at Web site

SAGE, the Summit-based elder care organization that serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers, invites the public to access its Web site at www.sage.org.

Evangel Baptist offers upcoming April events

Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road in Springfield announces the following April events:

- April 4, 7 p.m., speaker Rick Dugan, missionary to the Middle East gives a talk.
- April 5, 9 a.m., at BG Fields, a presentation will be given on "The State of the Church in Today's World."
- April 5, a potluck dinner with an International Theme will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by guest speaker Daniel Su, People's Republic of China.
- April 6, Sunday School will take place at 9:30 a.m., with the Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Rosary Altar Society has spring hats, door decor

On April 7, Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society of the Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave. in Mount Laurel, offers a Rosary and Novena at 7 p.m. followed by a 7:30 p.m. service with Rev. J.J. Leonard. At 8 p.m. a craft meeting featuring Spring Hats and Door Decorations will be presented by Dawn Cusilli. The Rosary Society welcomes all to the program and says they are very honored and lucky to have Dawn back with them.

Walker to serve as associate pastor

St. John's Lutheran Church is pleased to announce that the congregation has extended a call to the Rev. Andrea Walker to serve as associate pastor.

Colaneri joins St. John's

St. John's Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan Colaneri as director of Parish Education.

RELIGION



Andrea Walker

Andrea Walker to serve as associate pastor. Pastor Walker did her initial theological studies in Atlanta and was awarded the Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Ordained in 1999, Pastor Walker served another St. John's Church in the Bronx before coming to St. John's in Summit. In addition to her pastoral role, she serves on the national board of the Division for Church and Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pastor Walker's reputation for having a strong commitment to young people has resulted in her invitation to present plenary bible studies at this summer's National Youth Gathering in Atlanta where 40,000 youth and adults are expected to be in attendance. About her ministry, Senior Pastor Wayne Dreyman reports "We are blessed to have Pastor Walker join our congregation's staff." She brings excellent preaching gifts and a passion for her ministry to this community. She has a great heart for young people and a deep compassion for persons in need. We thank God for her presence with us.



Susan Colaneri

St. Teresa thanks visitor for giving voice to Mexico's needy



Sr. Virginia Wagner, a nurse practitioner in Iztapalapa, Mexico, was presented a symbolic bouquet of prayers and a check for more than \$12,000 from the St. Teresa of Avila Parish. Sr. Wagner gratefully received these gifts on behalf of the many families in need that she serves in Iztapalapa. The gifts were presented at a prayer service hosted by St. Teresa of Avila Church to benefit its sister parish, San Martin de Caballeros, in Iztapalapa.

The prayers and financial aid were the result of the St. Teresa's Mission to Mexico program that raises spiritual and financial support for the community, which is in desperate need of food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education.

Iztapalapa is a community outside of Mexico City that came into being out of the garbage dump that serves the city. The poor residents cull scrap metal and other materials from the dump-to-use-for-housing. Used, discarded clothing is taken home to be cleaned and to be worn again. The children of Iztapalapa are often unable to attend school because, although school is free, there is a fee for registration, books and uniforms.

Sr. Wagner is a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity, who has spent 10 years in Mexico. The past three years, she has been helping the people of Iztapalapa.

St. Teresa's Mission to Mexico program organizes many fund-raising opportunities for the community. It also supports the "Somos Familia" program run by Catholic Charities, which allows individuals and families here to sponsor a child from Iztapalapa for \$50 a year. This money directly benefits the children and is enough for them to go to school, buy date sponsored. Once a year, Sr. Teresa hosts a missionary trip to Iztapalapa so that residents here have the opportunity to serve the needy in material ways. If you are interested in learning more or helping, call Dave O'Brien at 908-273-6975.

Eco-minded families celebrate Earth, Arbor days

Ecologically-minded families can observe a combination of Earth Day and Arbor Day at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

At Celebrate the Earth on April 12 there will be activities for the whole family, and a chance to learn about nature and how to improve the environment. Information on recycling, seed balls, nature crafts and gardening with native plants will also be included.

"We'll have information about insects, the good, the bad and the ugly," said Director of Children's Education, Michelle Ulfia Wussner. She mentioned Asian long-horned beetles, honey bees and Monarch butterflies.

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Millburn Psychologist, Dr. Mark Siegert, PhD Says Americans Should Prepare For Many Different Faces of Anxiety from the War in Iraq

MILLBURN, NJ - March 27 - Psychologist Dr. Mark Siegert, PhD, a psychotherapist specializing in the treatment of adults and adolescents, says as Americans have seen the war start in Iraq, many people of different ages are trying to prepare themselves to cope with extremely disturbing feelings: Is the world becoming more dangerous? Will America's become more hated across the world? Will there be a new round of terrorism? Are we safer? Do American feel alone with their fellow citizens, some of whom support and some oppose the war? Do they feel ok that their country is leading this war?

Fear in the young is often experienced very differently than it is experienced by adults - often much less directly. They may not know why they have become more irritable, have more trouble sitting down to do homework, and more trouble falling asleep. They may become ruder, or have more arguments with friends, siblings and parents.

And seniors can be frightened as it reminds them of how fragile and short life can be. They can worry about losing their children and grandchildren, losing the sense of security and safety that they had - losing, in general, their sense of well-being which even more than younger adults, is more fragile and easily replaced with anxiety, insomnia, irritability or depression.

According to Dr. Siegert, maintaining, or building, a realistically optimistic perspective is crucial to our peace-of-mind, as well as our self-esteem and sense of well-being. If one is struggling with insecurities such as those engendered by the war, these feelings need to be discussed and dealt with so that one's sense of well-being can be restored. Discuss your concerns with friends and family members, with social or religious groups, or professionally when one senses that more is needed to restore one's balance. The best psychological advice is to keep active, both professionally and socially - don't stop the activities one enjoys, don't start drinking more or taking drugs, and exercise even more than usual. By keeping active, the destructive effects of anxious fear are lessened. But when these steps aren't enough, seek professional help. Counseling or medication can be of immense help in troubling times.

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Volunteers sought for annual Taste of the Towns fund-raiser

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's New Northern New Jersey Chapter in Springfield will host its fourth annual Taste of the Towns on May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave. Summit. Taste of the Towns is a unique dining experience that allows the area's chefs and restaurateurs to showcase their diverse displays of sumptuous cuisines.

In addition to delectable food, fine wines and a variety of desserts, Taste of the Towns features live entertainment, silent and live auctions and raffles.

Throughout the years, Taste of the Towns has become one of the society's most successful events. In 2002, the event attracted nearly \$200,000 to help fulfill its mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

But Taste of the Towns cannot be a success without local help. Currently, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is seeking volunteers for the Taste of the Towns event committee.

Volunteers assist the society in a variety of areas including ticket sales, restaurant participation, sponsorship requests and, as available, assistance in advertising. Volunteers will encourage their family, friends and co-workers to come out and join the society to help raise much-needed funds.

More than 100,000 individuals will be diagnosed this year with blood-related cancers leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

For more information, contact the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at 973-379-4320 or visit their Web site at www.leukemia-lymphoma.org.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Mountainside Newcomers assembling baskets

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following activities: One way to say "Easter" is with a fun Easter basket given to a needy child in Elizabeth. St. Elizabeth's shelter again asks for members for their continued generosity in filling those baskets with the same items they would gather for their own child — candy, a small toy, a picture, a book, a small gift. Please include a note with each basket such as "Easter basket" or "Easter Bunny" and a return address. Baskets will be distributed on April 13. Baskets will be accepted until April 13. The cost is \$10 per child. The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization dedicated to providing a friendly greeting to new members, to help them meet others and to extend a welcome to the community.

Evening Group hosts annual pasta dinner

The Ladies Living Outpost of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will host its annual pasta dinner on April 25 at 6 p.m. at the church, 500 N. 10th St. The dinner will feature baked stuffed ziti, meat sauce, optional salad, bread, dessert and beverage for \$10 adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be available from the church office at 973-379-4320.

Football Club meets

The Football Club luncheon will be held on April 2, 5 p.m. at B & G's Restaurant. The program will be "Come, Travel With Us" presented by Elizabeth Zanders. For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-212-2626. Guests are always welcome.

Reservations are also being taken for "John Loves Mary" a comedy at Huntington Hills. Playhouse runs on April 11-12. Reservations will be available. For information call Rose Seizek at 908-212-4043. The cost is \$41 per person. Members are reminded to bring a donation of non-perishable foods for the holiday baskets to be distributed to needy families in Mountainside.

Students make debut in math competition

Individual students answered eight multiple-choice problems. The competition was held at the University of Delaware. The students who scored the highest then competed on a lightning speed written test. The competition was held at the University of Delaware. The students who scored the highest then competed on a lightning speed written test. The competition was held at the University of Delaware. The students who scored the highest then competed on a lightning speed written test.

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A piece of history



Taking a look at a piece of Springfield's history are the Rev. Dan Russell of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield (left), Janice Bongiovanni, the church's clerk of session, and Ken Bogdon, the church's president of trustees. The church's staff examines the 1828 Parish Blotter after receiving it from Susan Permahos, director of the Springfield Free Public Library, right.

AT THE LIBRARY

Lunchtime-Video-Series continues with Woods

The Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime-Video-Series "Biographies" on Tuesdays with "Tiger Woods: Heart of a Champion" and "Rakish W. Gooden."

The biographies series will continue April 15 with "Henry Ford: Hollywood's Quickest Hero" and "Paul Newman: Hollywood's Charming Rebel" and April 29 with "Princess Diana: In Search of Happiness" and "Katherine Hepburn."

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Springfield Free Public Library.

Dean Orchestra to salute Sinatra, Goodman

The James L. Dean Orchestra will have the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library swimming and singing on April 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

Known as the "King of Swing," Benny Goodman revolutionized dance music for the boogie-woogie of the '40s and '50s. Frank Sinatra summed his style into the hearts of many young girls of the same generation.

Program seeks to share the joys of reading

The Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., will offer several programs this spring, including a 3-star award effort to bring people together through literature. The program called the "Book Club" will be held on April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library, 60 Mountain Ave., will meet on the second Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in one of the library's meeting rooms.

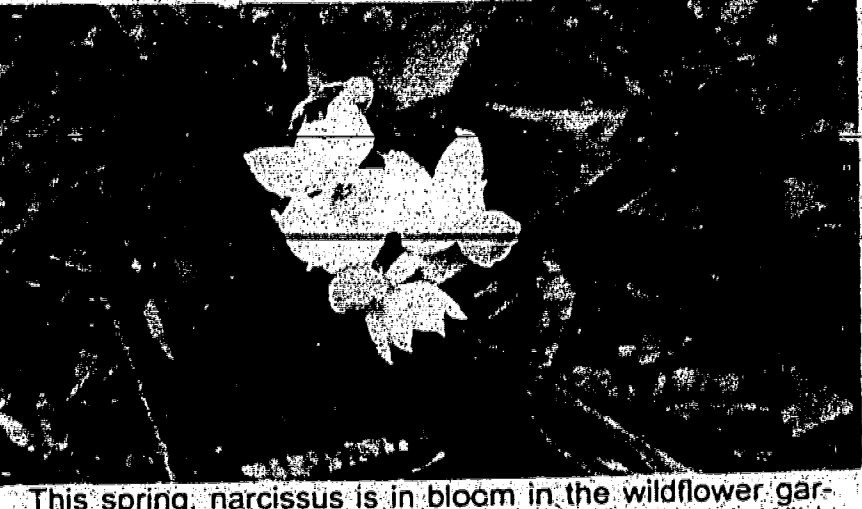
Beauty is now in bloom

Robins and turkeys are looking for mates at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. Soil is warming, and the first heralds of spring have been poking up even while the snow lay on the ground.

"Winter aconites and tulips are the first flowers in the spring," said Reeves-Reed Arboretum Assistant Horticulturist Karen Moore. "Woodland wildflowers typically bloom early, before the leaves on the trees block their sunlight."

This year, the aconites in the Irene Reich Memorial Wildflower garden bloomed for St. Patrick's Day, as soon as the weather warmed up. "Narcissus and anemones can't be far behind," Moore said.

The Irene Reich Wildflower Garden is a trail in the Arboretum's woodlands bordering Hobart Avenue. The flowers in the garden are native and naturalized species including thin-leaved conifer, goldenstar, white wood



This spring, narcissus is in bloom in the wildflower garden at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. The Irene Reich Wildflower Garden is a trail in the Arboretum's woodlands bordering Hobart Avenue.

geranium and jack-in-the-pulpit. Coming up next: tiny narcissus, wild daffodils, which will bloom in April. In the Arboretum's daffodil bowl, 30,000 snowier daffodils will herald the spring at the same time.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is open every day of the year from dawn to dusk. The arboretum has recently installed gates on its driveway, but the public is still welcome. Automobiles should drive right up to the gates, they will slide open. Pedestrians will find the pedestrian gate to the left of the entrance.

There is no charge for admission to the arboretum. People who enjoy the arboretum's woodlands and formal gardens are encouraged to join as members, since Reeves-Reed Arboretum is supported solely by memberships, fund-raisers and contributions. For information, call 908-273-8787.

Spring means new arboretum programs

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, has a host of upcoming events and programs in preparation for spring. For information or to register, call 908-273-8787, ext. 14.

As field trips grow more complicated and expensive, Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit offers to bring the field to the school. Upcoming field trips include: "Child seat laws make buses more expensive and carpooling is sometimes prohibitive," said Michelle Wiesner, director of Children's Education for the arboretum. "At the arboretum, we think learning about nature is important, so we are taking the nature to the children."

The arboretum's "Branching Out" program for children in grades one to four teaches about the life of the monarch butterfly, including a look at live caterpillars at work. They also learn about the importance of close observation and journal writing. Reading-eyes-with-livestock are available for the classroom for an additional fee.

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The fourth annual Our House 5-Miler is returning to Summit on May 4 with a start time of 1 p.m. This year's race will feature a Men's and Women's Master's Championship component.

The Summit 5-Miler is expected to attract between 600 and 800 runners. Prize money awarded will be \$2,000, and runner's club members are eligible for random prize drawings. Joe's American Bar & Grill and Papa-Razzi of Short Hills will provide pre- and post-race refreshments to the runners.

If you're a runner, you'd like to volunteer the day of the race, sponsor a portion of the event, or provide raffle prizes, call Karen at 908-464-8008, ext. 122.

The fee to register until April 30, is \$17 for USA Triathlon members and \$20 for non-members. After April 30, the fee is \$21. Visit the Our House race Web site on www.ourhouse.com. To register online, log on to www.active.com.

Proceeds raised at the event will provide funding for services and programs for adolescents and adults with developmental and learning disabilities.

Hiscano photography is on display

The Garden State's rolling hills, vivid autumn leaves, fields of flowers and picturesque bustling city scenes have inspired generations of artists and photographers. Among them are those whose distinguished work will be spotlighted in a special exhibit called "Landscapes & Cityscapes of New Jersey" throughout the month of April at the Mendham Art Gallery in historic Mendham.

Renowned photographer Dwight Hiscano of Summit, whose evocative landscape photographs will be part of the special "Landscapes & Cityscapes of New Jersey" exhibit, strives to reconnect viewers to nature. His recently published coffee-table book, "The Natural State," published by Rutgers University

Press, showcases more than 100 photos of New Jersey landscapes, many of which will be on display at the Mendham Art Gallery.

"Caught up as we are in the confines of our man-made environment, we often seem to forget where we came from," Hiscano said.

"We tend to lose touch with the appeal of Mother Nature, its soul-soothing beauty, the genius of its design. In creating these images, I have made a humble attempt to reflect the balance, the symmetry, and the overall perfection with which the Earth was created. For me, the process serves as a form of worship—a tribute to whomever or whatever created this wonderful planet, and an appeal to those who would harm it."

Hiscano's work is part of the corporate collections at American Home Products, AT&T, Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co., Merrill Lynch, Oppenheimer, and PSE&G. Among the private collectors of his work are former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and former Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco.

Hiscano's images have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *Photographic Magazine*, and *Nature Conservancy Magazine*. His work has also been featured in solo exhibits at the Liberty Science Center and the Noyes Museum of Art.

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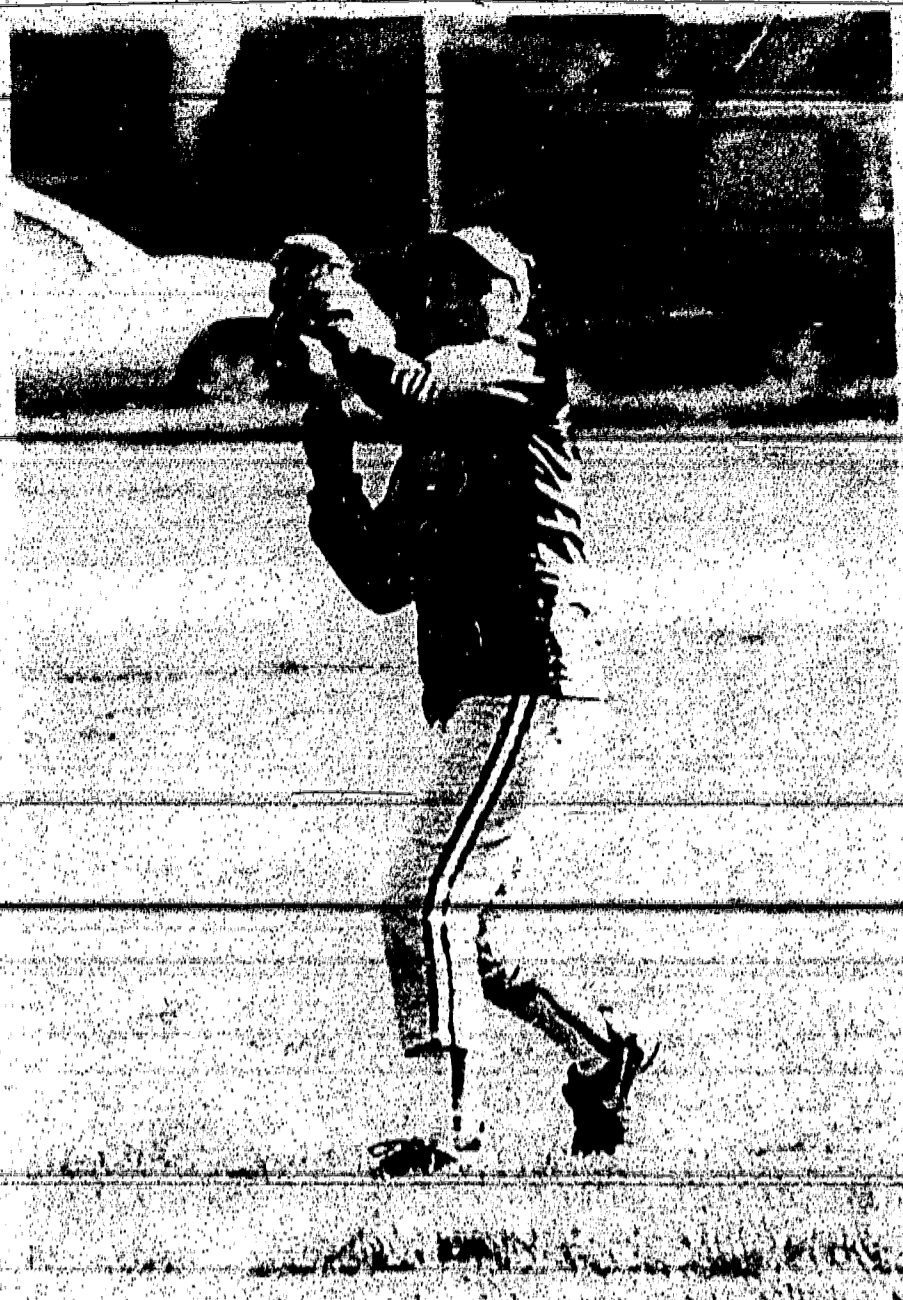
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MYBL Opening Day
events are April 5
Parade is the first activity

The Mountaineer Youth Baseball League's Opening Day festivities are set for April 5, weather permitting.
The day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. with the parade. The annual auction will be held at Deerfield School, culminating the day's events.
Dinner will be served from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and catered by The Mountaineer Deli. Auction doors will open at 4:30 p.m. to purchase tickets and preview gifts.
The auction will feature sports memorabilia, gift baskets, restaurant and retail gift certificates, theatre and sports tickets.
A combination "live Auction" of sports memorabilia, "Trucks 'n' Toys" and grand prize raffles will take place.
Mountaineer Youth Baseball is a non-profit organization that runs baseball leagues in the town of Mountaineer for children ages 6-14.
This year, over 274 children signed up to play and learn baseball.
The program participants are as follows:
Mountaineer Youth Baseball Intro: Sponsor: Children's Specialized Hospital and Barone Construction. Players: Kyle Bandier, Frank Barone, Andrew Barreto, Ryan Blackman, Eric Bodencheck, Connor Briggs, Andrew Ciallo, Joshua Coley, Niketai Dhana, Michael DiConato, Gregory Ellenberger, Nicholas Fenn, Alexander Friesone, Michael Friel, R.J. Groves, Christopher Hillenbrand, Marko Iacominos, Thomas Keane, Jacob Khan, Jesse Klien, Joey Leo, Marko, Sean McAlvay, James McGee, Jeffrey McManis, Kevin Moran, Nicholas Nigro, James O'Brien, Matthew Perper, Michael Rhodes, Daniel Ricca, Charles Richard, Jake Robbins, Danny Sheldorio, Brian Schaumburg, Vikram Seethapalli, Matthew Sepe, Joseph Sichel, Max Sichel, Jack Skinner, Janmy Streeter, Jeffrey Whyte, Connor Williams, John Willis, Timmy Youmans, Harrison Zorran, Daniela Zamatucci, Felice Campbell, Beatrice Collins, Morgan DiPalma, Tarah Dremann, Alexandra Foley, Max Kenos, Lane, Avery Lau, Eli Leick, Kate Martin, Rachel Matera, Isha Melhrotra, Shree Melhrotra, Melissa Mirabeli, Sophia Morton, Lauren Nagal, Courtney Dwyer, Maria Papanico, Kelly Rice, Emily Timmerli, Francesca Visconti and Katelyn Wells.
Mountaineer Youth Baseball T-Ball: Sponsor: Valley National Bank and Amato. Players: Nicole Altanasio, Trevor Barber, Matthew Barbo, Joshua Boyle, Vito Braichetta, Jensen Butler, Nicholas Cahill, Daniel Conde, Kevin Connolly, Rebecca Cristiano, Cameron DeFronzo, Ivan DiPietro, Amanda Fisher, Erica Frezza, John Friel, Elyssa Gornstein, Michelle Guenzaga, Matthew Hagger, Thomas Haydane, Andrew Hildebrand, Ryan Hov, Luke Huchel, Alaina Jennings, Ben Kinney, Dustin Krenke, Connor Lawrence, Jacob Matganello, Michael Mataredona, T.J. McGowan, Kane McGlaughlin, Carolyn Pines, Melissa Quinn, Aaron Slepek, Lee Sport, Brian Stearns, Jonathan Buckley, Ryan Vargo, Gerald Visconti, Kaci Workwick and Thomas Young.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Angels: Sponsor: All American Auto Salvage. Manager: Keith Turner. Players: Christopher Cardone, Kelly Goense, Sean Hahner, Sean Keane, Jessica Matera, Peter Messler, Francesca Nadjiz, Craig Nicholas, Logan Turner, Anthony Werchanski and Nick Youmans.
Athletics: Sponsor: Contlamer Manufacturing. Manager: David Jennings. Players: Victoria Greco, Adam Greene, Tremaine Holtz, David Jennings, Kevin McCarthy, Michael McGee, Max Menaker, T.J. Nichols, Jonathan Schmehl and Frank Seryello.
Blue Jays: Sponsor: Nick's Diner. Manager: Paul Mirabeli. Players: Rebecca Broda, Austin Brickman, Matthew Dwyer, Peter Groggi, Jeremy Kline, Michael Melango, Luke Mirabeli, David Perraso, Chris Rentoulis, Robert Stearns and Justin Stearn.
Giants: Sponsor: Trimarco Jewelers Inc. Manager: John Amalie. Players: Stephen Amalfie, Neer Dharia, Andrew Friesone, Frank Huppster, Kenny Hattman, Logan Kelley, Douglas Maslo, T.J. Nicholson, Jason Fox and Scotland.
Prestige: Sponsor: Paragon Construction. Manager: Anthony Carannate. Players: Dylan Benet, Anthony Carannate, Carmen Fretto, Kristian Iacometti, A. McKenna Zukoski, Patrick Papanicco, Steven Ruggieri, John Sokol, Patrick Tolson, Justin Thraud and Nick Trimarco.
Cardinals: Sponsor: Lease & LaBau. Manager: Brian LaBau. Players: Maurizio Arpino, Vinny Bennett, Alex Choma, Olivia LaBau, Jaime Montalvo, Justin Ness, Stephanie Scofield, Erin Shen, Connor Stevenson and Matthew Tinnella.
Twins: Sponsor: Mountaineer PBA Local #126. Manager: Carol Wroblewski. Players: Anthony Amalfio, Jonathan Butler, Stephanie Catalani, Christopher DeLuca, Jackie Ingrascia, Frank Papanicco, James Patterson, Ryan Quinn, Brandon Ulizio, Jackie Wells and Billy Workwick.
MAJOR LEAGUE
Dodgers: Sponsor: Headquarters. Manager: Jose Camargo. Players: Linton Benitez, Nicholas Burdi, Ben Camargo, Dylan Cunningham, Ian Cunningham, Patrick Eichner, R.J. Granziel, Joey Hoy, Trevor McPherson, Michael Miller, Jack Papanicco and Eric Whyte.
Blue Stars: Sponsor: Charles Ferruccio Co. Manager: Chuck Ferruccio. Players: Damian Averette, Cory Murrak, Cory Murrak, Cory Murrak, Cory Murrak, Nicholas Kutson, Billy Sforza and Chris Wojcik.
Devil Rays: Sponsor: Town Bank. Manager: Nick Frungillo. Players: Tom Black, Tim Black, Andrew Candelino, Ean Drew, Samantha Frungillo, Stephen Hart, Daniel Keltz, Jake LaTourrette, Tophir O'Sullivan, Frank Rubino, Zach Workwick and J.P. Zavadny.
Phillies: Sponsor: Meadowland Ford Trucks. Manager: Bob Hiltgen. Players: Matt Arrigoni, Scott Crane, Alex DeRose, Brendan DiLandro, Matt DiLandro, Tyler Frezza, David Garber, Scott Greene, Bobby Hillenog, Paul Mirabeli, Gabriel Rodriguez and Bobby Vargo.
Pirates: Sponsor: World Music. Cory Murrak. Manager: Mike Schlegel. Players: Anthony Apigo, Geoffrey Barnes, Ryan Conde, Dylan Hain, Garrett Hain, Max Ingrascia, MacKenzie Liss, Danny Morgan, Max Nagel, Michael Saldida, Joseph Schlegel and Dylan Turner.
Mets: Sponsor: Walter Hecker & Son. Manager: Doug Timmer. Players: Mike Adashev, David Almeida, B.J. Giannone, Robbie Krienke, Matthew LaBau, Jimmy Murdoch, Stephen Perez-Santalla, Steven Schaumburg, Josh Thompson, Chris Trimmer, Nick Visconti and Max Winter.
PONY LEAGUE
Mustangs: Sponsor: The Suburban Group. Manager: Bill Schell. Players: Anthony Jakobow, Anthony Cori, Justin Quaglia, Matt Zimmerman, Greg Chilson, Rob Gilreese, Dan Camargo, Steven Schul, Trevor Han, Darity Demola, Sammy Vitale, Andrew DeRose, Daniel Perper and Brenton Rehm.
Mavericks: Sponsor: LaMonica Memorial Home. Manager: Lori Wheaton. Players: Reid Kelly, Brian Wyrvatt, Kevin Wheaton, Thomas Amalie, Jimmy Winter, Brian VanderMeer, Joe D'Annunzio, Nick Frungillo, Michael Nigro, Jeremy Hemk, Tommy Carannate, Ryan Murphy and John Remondini.



The Dayton High School softball team is sparked by the play of junior centerfielder Lyndsay Brahm. Dayton is scheduled to open its season Tuesday at 4 p.m. at New Providence. The Bulldogs are then scheduled to host St. Mary's of Elizabeth Thursday at 4 and then play at Lacordia Academy April 4 at 4.

Dayton softball squad has the proper attitude to start Bulldogs seek to improve in many areas

By Jeff Wolfram Staff Writer
A great attitude. That's what Dayton High School softball coach Dave Rennie feels is one of the most important areas of his team.
"Besides the improvement of the players, the girls' attitude has been the best in all the four years that I've been here," Rennie said. "I attribute that to the upperclassmen and the veterans on the team that lead by example."
Coming off a 4-14 campaign, Rennie seeks a vast upgrade on that mark.
"I think we can qualify for the state tournament this year," Rennie said. "I also think that we can contend for our division title."
Competing in the S.A. Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, Dayton will have a less demanding schedule than in years past.
"Our schedule is not as difficult as it was for last couple of years," Rennie said. "I'd like to see it up though, with scheduled games against Union, Millburn and Governor Livingston to give exposure to some of our players."
Dayton is scheduled to open its season Tuesday at 4 p.m. at New Providence. The Bulldogs are then scheduled to host St. Mary's of Elizabeth Thursday at 4 and then play at Lacordia Academy April 4 at 4.
Dayton is pretty much set, position-wise, except for right field and the bench.
"The right field position is up for grabs," Rennie said. "The door is also open for players to fill in as subs."
Pitchers include senior Kate Ciallo and sophomore Jennifer Karl.
"They both saw time last year on the varsity, so I'm expecting them to step it up this season," Rennie said. "They both went to a pitching coach during the off-season and have really improved, especially with their control."
Behind the plate, Val Zlotzky, who led the team in batting last season, will be joined by junior Lisa Clark, while sophomore Kristin Zavadny is at second.
"Lisa is a returning starter that is one of our better hitters," Rennie said. "Cristin started at a freshman and has really settled in at her position. We want her to become aggressive at the plate, so we can get her on base more to take advantage of her speed."
Junior Sara Steinman is the shortstop, while senior Julianna Stravato is at third.
"Sara is the backbone of the team," Rennie said. "She has really improved her hitting ability this season by lining up with the Charmers an AAU team out of Chilton. She and Julianna are the team captains. Julianna has been our third baseman for the past two seasons and has really been a vocal leader."
Senior Elissa Walters is in left field, while junior Lyndsay Brahm patrols center.
"Elissa has really improved," Rennie said. "Lyndsay is the fastest player on the team and can really go after the ball. She also has a very accurate arm."
Rennie feels that the team is going to have a lot of success this year.
"Being able to plate more runs and get hits in key situations is what we need for the ball to play more than we need to last year," Rennie said. "This season, we're working on the fundamentals of swinging the bat. We're breaking down the mechanics step by step on some of the girls' swings. So far, it has been paying off."
Another area Rennie feels must be worked on is the basic understanding of the game.
"The girls need to know what to do in certain situations," Rennie said. "That includes knowing what to do with the ball, cover a base or where to position themselves on a double."
Having just ended the basketball season, many of the girls that played on the team are ready and eager to start the softball season.
"Since Dayton is a small school, many of the girls play two or three sports," Rennie said. "Their mindset is in the right place, so I don't expect them having any trouble adjusting from one sport to the next."

St. James CYO wins hoop title

The St. James of Springfield CYO varsity basketball team captured the Holy Trinity of Westfield Tournament of Basketball, a tournament of St. James of Springfield, in last Thursday night's championship game.
After trailing 17-5 in the second quarter, Steven Stracusa and Jimmy Guarno paced a St. James comeback by finishing with 20 and 14 points.
Joe Giamio connected on three long-range shots and Jose Carrillo contributed a key basket, while strong defense was provided by Andy Ghilino, Eric DuBeau and Chris Teranovich.
Also playing well were James Kukucka, who added a

Orman is next guest at Kent Place series

The ninth annual Speakers Series lecture at Kent Place School will feature best-selling author and certified financial planner, Suze Orman.
The presentation, titled "The Laws of Money, The Lessons of Life," will take place May 1 at 7:30 p.m. on the school's Summit campus. Orman will present a lecture followed by a brief question and answer session and book signing, hosted by Barnes and Noble.
Kent Place Head of School, Susan A. Husted said, "We are very pleased to bring Suze Orman to campus, both for the benefit of our students and families, and for the greater community."
Orman's three previous PBS specials, based on "The Road to Wealth: The Courage to Be Rich" and "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom," and the national bestseller "You've Earned It, Don't Lose It," Her newest book, "The Laws of Money: The Lessons of Life: Keep What You Have and Create What You Deserve," was just published in March. A new PBS-TV special based on the book premiered nationwide as part of its spring 2003 pledge drive.
Orman's three previous PBS specials, based on "The Road to Wealth: The Courage to Be Rich" and "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom," are among the most successful fund-raising in the history of Public Television. Orman served as writer, co-producer and host of all three specials.
Profiled on "Worth" magazine's 100th issue in October 2001 among the "America's most powerful women," Orman was recently selected as one of five distinguished recipients of the prestigious 2002 DIER Group Business News Luminaries Award, which honors lifetime achievement in business journalism.
In 1989, she was named one of



Suze Orman "Smart Money" magazine's top 30 "Power Brokers," defined as those who have most influenced the mutual fund industry by Books for a Better Life. As a tribute to Orman's ongoing involvement, in 2002, the organization established the Suze Orman First Books Award to honor a lifetime author of a self-improvement book in any category. In 2003, she was inducted into the Books for a Better Life Award's Hall of Fame in recognition of her ongoing contributions to self-improvement.
The Speakers Series lecture is open to the public. General admission for adults is \$25 and \$10 for students with student identification. For ticket sales, call 908-273-0900, ext. 240

Singer presents fairy tales at Oak Knoll

Hans Christian Andersen, as performed by Rolf Kristian Stang, will appear at the Oak Knoll School Auditorium, 44 Blackburn Road, Summit, on May 4 at 3 p.m.
The evening includes tales from the famous fairy tale collection and songs from the collector's life. Over 100 members of the audience can talk with the performer.
Proceeds of the presentation by the Summit College Club, local American Association of University Women affiliate, will support the Club's scholarship programs for local high school women.
Rolf Kristian Stang, a New Yorker, and son of Norwegian parents, performs as actor, musician and lecturer, also provide tickets.
Groups of 10 or more may request a special rate.
This is the club's principle fund-raising event this year in support of scholarships for local high school senior women in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Millburn, New Providence, and Summit High Schools in those towns have received application and been selected for scholarships for the several available scholarships to institutions of higher learning.
Those unable to attend the May 14 event may send donations to the post office box. All go to support peace and economic well-being for women and families worldwide.

OBITUARIES

Rita Baird
Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Doris, two sons, Paul and Frank, a daughter, Arnette DeSilva-Raab, two brothers, John and William, and six grandchildren.

Dorothy E. Dillon
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Leo Moskowitz
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BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

A large grid of advertisements for various services including air conditioning, cleaning, landscaping, painting, roofing, and more. Includes contact information for various businesses like ZAVOCKI, KREDER ELECTRIC, and MARGKETA PAINTING.

Advertisement for credit reporting services. Text: "Think about this... Lenders check your credit report every time you borrow. While inaccuracies are easy to correct, they can be costly to ignore. Review your report once a year with each of the three major reporting agencies, Equifax, TransUnion and Experian. For more borrowing information and guidance, visit your local Fleet branch." Includes the Fleet logo.

HEALTH

Resident evaluations offered for stroke risk

Residents living in and around the Springfield community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Presbyterian Church of Springfield on April 17. The site is located at 37 Church Mall in Springfield. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysm, which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

About half of the persons with significant carotid stenosis do not show any symptoms before they have a minor stroke. The stroke itself is the first symptom. We cannot wait for symptoms to occur before we diagnose and treat," said Dr. J. Clayton Pruitt.

Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete and costs \$45. A complete vascular screening package is \$99, which is a savings of \$36 and includes the Carotid Stroke Artery screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index screenings. Sign-up for a complete wellness package including an osteoporosis screening, and pay \$425, a savings of \$45.

Life Line Screening of America and Life Line Screening Radiology LLC are dedicated to providing the highest quality imaging technology at an affordable rate. Their goal is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow-up care with their physician.

For information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-643-6188. Preregistration is required.

Knights of Columbus sponsor blood drive

On Saturday, The Knights of Columbus Council 1711 will sponsor a blood drive in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaintop, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All donors are welcome to help increase the blood supply for those in need.

Sign up for new blood donor guidelines. Estimated 25 percent of our community's blood supply is currently imported from Europe. But social demand for blood has not decreased and, in fact, is on the rise. But you can make a difference.

Donors can donate several times throughout the year to increase our local blood supply and close the gap.

Spring Health Fair set

The Westfield Regional Health Department will be having their Spring Health Fair on April 26.

A number of free health screenings will be offered that day. Local residents are invited to come and get their cholesterol and glucose checked. Free asthma screening for children and adults will also be offered.

Participants can get bloodwork done, including a complete chemistry and CBC, for \$17.90. Bring school aged or high school children to get a free Hepatitis B vaccine. The fair will take place at The Westfield Municipal Building in the Community Room at 435 E. Broad St. from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Bloodwork requires pre-registration with the Health Department. Call 908-789-4070 from Friday to April 14 to register.

Residents of Hanover, Carlstadt, Mountaintop, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield are welcome to attend.



Long-time Springfield First Aid Squad member Linda Maas practices an obstructed airway maneuver on a mannequin while instructor Apu comments on her technique. Members honed their skills during the squad's annual update classes.

Classes give squad hands-on training

Number snowed out, freezing rain kept members of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad from CPR and AED Automatic External Defibrillation certification classes March 16.

Members honed their skills, practiced their techniques and took both written and practical examinations during the squad's annual update classes. Squad instructors Jeff Shines and Apu discussed the latest tech-

niques and reviewed CPR standards for all those present.

The Springfield First Aid Squad highly recommends that everyone become CPR certified, since the statistics show that early CPR and AED interventions in cardiac arrest situations save lives. They say the lives of your loved ones may depend upon it.

Call the Squad for information on CPR training at 973-376-2040.

The 'Play's the Thing' for seniors

The Jewish Seniors of Springfield will sponsor a winter spring lecture series "The Play's the Thing." The series will be using, shed professional theater world and performer Hannah Engel, DeVos. The lectures will be at 10 a.m. and blood pressure screenings are available at 9:40 a.m. at the congregation, Israel, 339 Mountain Ave.

The scheduled dates for the program are to be discussed on Mondays. The plays to be discussed are April 1, "Imaginary Friends" by Nora Ephron, and April 21, "You Can Take It With You," by George Kaufman and Moss Hart. The program is open to the public without fee.

Banki DeVos has taught script writing and theater history classes at Union County College, Drew University and Rutgers University. A passionate advocate for new plays development, she also directs, writes and performs and has worked for the Orange Street Playhouse, Playwrights

Theatre of New Jersey and The New York Theatre Workshop, among others.

The Jewish Seniors of Springfield are a coordinating council formed by Springfield's three synagogues: Temple Shalom, Temple Beth Ahm and Congregation Israel.

The purpose of the group is to avoid scheduling conflicts among the activities for seniors in the three congregations, to publish a joint schedule of activities to enable cross participation, and to sponsor a limited number of joint programs for all. Joining in this enterprise is the Congregation Nurse Program, also sponsored by the three synagogues.

The leaders of the component organizations are each synagogue's representatives on the Jewish Seniors of Springfield council. Funding is received from the Wallerstein Foundation which encourages joint Jewish senior activities among all branches of Judaism as a means of strengthening the Jewish Community Life.

Overlook Hospital workshop offers advanced care plans for lay persons

Tonight, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Atlantic Health System's Overlook Hospital will present a community workshop focused on advance care planning and directives in the hospital's Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Ave.

The workshop will address issues such as what will happen if you could not make medical decisions for yourself, who would you want to make those decisions for you, are there some medical treatments you would refuse in certain circumstances, would your loved ones be comfortable in knowing what your choices might be, what are the laws in New Jersey about medical decision making, how can you be better prepared to protect your loved ones from difficult decisions if something happens to you, are you sure that your Advance Directive will work for you and have

you reviewed it lately.

The Advanced Care Planning Workshop will address all these issues and describe for lay persons how to make an effective and useful Advance Directive for medical decision making. Barriers to good advance care planning will be discussed. Experts in the field of medicine and ethics will be on hand to give individual instructions to those who wish to prepare an Advance Directive.

The workshop is open to all adults.

18 years and older who care about making sure their wishes regarding future medical care are honored and wish to protect their families from the unnecessary burden of facing difficult decision making alone.

This program is free to the community and is sponsored by the Overlook Hospital Bioethics Committee and Coalition of Family Caregiving. Registration is required by calling Jeanne Kerwin, Ethics and Palliative Care Program, at 908-522-5129.

Chai teachers feted

The Preschool at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield will honor three "Chai Teachers," each with more than 18 years at the preschool, at a luncheon May 18.

The teachers are Adele Hochheiser, Sara Kurtzman and Sherla Schechter.

All former students and families from 1982 to the present are invited to attend. For information, call the preschool office at 973-376-0539, ext. 18.



NEWCOMERS FUN — Members of the Mountaintop Newcomers Club's Social Committee, from left, Laurie Maier, Kate Gorelick, Jodi Kelleher and Michelle Campbell, share a moment at the winter gala held this year in the Nicholson's home in Mountaintop. Relaxing with some conversation and food at the event are Renee Klerman, left, and Ann Proko.



PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE REARING NOTICE The Board of Ordinance Enforcement hereby certifies and publishes on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Ordinance Enforcement of the Borough of Mountaintop, on March 19, 2003, that the following proposed Ordinance is hereby published for public hearing and that the same shall be held on the 22nd day of March, 2003, at 8:00 o'clock P.M. at the Municipal Office, 227 Kings Court, Block 23, Lot 20, Mountaintop, New Jersey. The proposed Ordinance is as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE BURY OF ONE THOUSAND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) FROM THE HARBOUR LIGHT FUND FOR THE RESURFACING & IMPROVEMENTS TO WOOD ACRES DRIVE SECTION 22 AND 23.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said death.

WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountaintop have decided to resurface and improve Wood Acres Drive Section 22 and 23 and WHEREAS the sum of \$150,000.00 may be needed for the resurfacing and improvements to Wood Acres Drive Section 22 and 23 and WHEREAS the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountaintop concurs that the resurfacing and improvements are now therefore, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountaintop that the sum of \$150,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for the resurfacing and improvements to Wood Acres Drive Section 22 and 23.

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Do the dragon dance



Billy Kastner, Alex Torres, Brianna Korel, and Jeffrey Chen perform the dragon dance in celebration of Chinese New Year. The students attend Pre-K-4 at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield.

Advertisement for Union Center National Bank mortgages. Features 3/1 Year ARM rates of 3.375% and 3.785%, and 10 Year Fixed Rate mortgages of 4.49% and 4.55%. Includes details on zero points, loans up to \$1,000,000, and no prepayment penalties.