

## Charges dropped for alleged spy

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Although Springfield native James Yee had charges against him dropped March 19, the six-month ordeal that branded him an alleged spy has neither completely come to an end nor cleared his name.

Charges that Yee was caught handling classified documents while assigned to counsel detainees at a prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba were dropped after military officials said they could not proceed with the case because the evidence, should it be presented in court, would raise national security concerns.

"The case should have been stopped right at the very beginning," said Joseph Yee, James Yee's father. James Yee's parents, Joseph and Fong Yee, both live in Springfield.

"I don't see how it could have progressed the way it did. They had no real evidence," said Joseph Yee.

Yee, who was shackled for 76 days at one point while being held as investigations continued, has also been charged with viewing pornography on his computer and committing adultery. According to Fong Yee, an appeal will be made to hopefully clear her son's name of the adultery charge, as well.

While an appeal is being prepared by Yee's lawyers, his parents remain distraught over not only the entire occurrence, but the way the United States military has handled it.

"They never came out and said the information was classified," said Joseph Yee of the documents his son was found carrying. "It just kept ballooning from there."

Joseph Yee, who called the reasoning military officials gave concerning why the charges were dropped a "crook," said, "I'm very angry. I think they should say he is innocent, and apologize."

Joseph Yee said he spoke with his son March 24 and asked him how he felt about the military, but didn't get a good answer.

"I don't think he's sure at this point," said Joseph Yee, adding that his son was extremely enthused to become a chaplain in the first place. "That's a decision he will have to make," said Yee of whether or not his son will remain in the military.

"It all started with a conspiracy," said Fong Yee, "locking him up without any proof."

James' mother readily offered comments regarding the lack of professionalism and fairness that the military



Springfield native James Yee had charges against him dropped March 19 by the U.S. government. In this family photo, he is with his father, Joseph, left, wife Fong, their four-year old daughter, and Yee's mother, Fong.

displayed, saying that it began with her son being shackled up, then came "more lies" that were "vindictive and an embarrassment" at the end.

"They dropped the charges, hiding behind national security," said Fong Yee.

In an attempt at being cleared of the charges and receiving an honorable discharge, Yee's lawyer offered negotiations that including his client taking a lie detector test. These offers, however, were met with responses that said other government agencies involved with the case would not

accept that.

"It doesn't make me feel very good about it," said Joseph Yee of the United States military. "I don't feel very lightly about it."

While no charges of spying were ever actually brought against the 1986 Jonathan Dayton High School graduate, Yee and his family have been spotlighted during the high-profile case and are still awaiting an apology and a mark of innocence to be placed upon the family name. Instead, Yee will remain in proceedings to appeal his other charges.

## Candidates sou on communicat

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As four Mountainside Board of Education candidates focus on the major issues surrounding the borough, including dissolution funds, math scores, quality of staff and past construction, the one topic that seems to resonate in the minds of anyone involved with the school district is communication.

No matter the problem, whether it be in the past, present or future, each candidate has stressed the importance of keeping open lines of communication between the public and the board. The basis for a community that stays up to date with the school board's actions is, in the minds of the candidates, one of the most necessary components of a functioning school district.

Carmine Venes, a newcomer to the race and a Mountainside resident for about three decades who has an extensive background in education, feels that one way to make the community aware of what's going on could be to use the marquee located near the intersection of New Providence Road and Route 22.

"We could use the marquee for announcements," said Venes, noting that Board of Education meetings and other events involving the school dis-

trict would be advertised. Michael Melango, another newcomer to the race, has been a Mountainside resident for almost 10 years. He found the school construction project to have been riddled with problems and felt that newsletters are an obvious way to get the public involved with the school issues.

"Newsletters is always your first choice," he said, adding that he would also promote making phone calls to people in order to attract them to meetings. Melango said that although people cannot see what is happening in executive session, attending the regular meetings and being aware of what's going on will help the public understand the problems and solutions surrounding the board and school system.

Incumbent Ray Haggar, who is hoping to get elected for his second three-year term, said he is pushing for Channel 35 to be put into effect at meetings.

"We can do more than just videotape meetings," he added, saying that events such as school plays and other important meetings could be videotaped, as well. Right now, Haggar said the sound system is the main piece of equipment lacking to make televised meetings a reality.

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## Passover continues Jewish traditions

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At sundown on Monday, the joyous celebration of Passover begins for the Jewish people all over the world — a time for celebration of freedom dating back 3,000 years.

It is a story with a happy ending, because back then, the Jews were in slavery under Pharaoh Ramses II, and were eventually led to freedom by Moses, directed by God.

The story is kept alive each year, and the very word, which is "Pesach" in Hebrew, means "protection." The story is recorded in the Book of Exodus, of a simple shepherd chosen by God to lead his people out of bondage and suffering.

Moses was told to go to Pharaoh and say "Let my people go," which he did 10 times. God sent 10 terrible plagues on Egypt whenever Pharaoh refused. The last plague, the most terrible of all, was the slaying of the first born male in every family, which according to legend, affected Pharaoh's own son.

To protect the Jews, God commanded them to put the blood of a lamb on their doorposts, so the Angel of Death would "pass over" their homes that night. Then when Pharaoh finally freed them, they followed Moses' orders, from God, to flee rapidly.

There was no time to bake bread for their journey, thus the unleavened bread, "matzoh", which is cracker-like and still eaten every Passover holiday to commemorate what happened centuries ago.

Always a family celebration, strangers must also be invited to share in these meals with the thankful Jews.

Through the ages, the story is told to the young children, and observed with joy and family gath-

erings and special services in the synagogues and temples.

There are three Jewish houses of worship in Springfield, who will be observing this holy day.

• Temple Sha-Sharey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., a Reform temple, with Rabbi Joshua Goldstein officiating, has a special theme this year.

"This Passover, we are especially attuned to the notion of freedom — for all people — and our prayers will go out to our men and women serving in Iraq, and to our Israeli brothers and sisters who are part of the war, and to those who are oppressed in one way or another," said Goldstein.

"We think especially of people who may be under limitations in our own country because of any form of discrimination, be it sexual, racial or physical. We pray for peace for everybody," he added.

A special Congregational Seder will be observed on the second night of Pesah, Tuesday at 6 p.m. They will be using the extraordinary Haggadah, "A Different Night" for the theme, in sharing the Seder together as a congregation.

Other Passover services at Sha-Arey Shalom will be on the First Day, at 10:30 a.m., the Erev Shabbat, the Fifth night of Passover, April 9, at 8 p.m.

There will also be Shabbat, Pesah morning study Minyan, on April 10 at 9:15 a.m.; the Bar Mitzvah of Alex Grabois at 10:30 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Service will be the Seventh Day of Passover on April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

• Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, is a Conservative synagogue, led by Rabbi Mark Mallach.

Services begin Monday, the Erev Passover, with two services: the first at 6:40 a.m. and the second at 6:30 p.m.



There's lots of matzoh to be made at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, where Rabbi Mark Mallach helps the temple's preschool children create the cracker-like bread, which is eaten on the Passover holiday, beginning Monday at sundown. Springfield's houses of worship will also be hosting many services to mark the holiday.

Passover 1 will be Tuesday, with both a 9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service and a 7:45 p.m. Mincha and Ma'ariv evening service. The final and Passover 8 service will be April 13 at 9:30 a.m. a Yizkor service, and a 7:45 p.m. evening service.

• Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., is the only Orthodox synagogue in the area. Led by Rabbi Chaim Marcus, they will observe Passover as follows:

Beginning Monday at 7:09 p.m. candlelighting, with Mincha at 7:15 p.m. services for the eight days of Pesach-Passover will begin. On Day 1 and Day 2, services will be at 7:30 and 9 a.m. and at 7:15 p.m. each evening, with candlelighting not before 8:19 p.m.

On Day 3, services will be at 6:45 a.m. service and a 7:45 p.m. evening service. Passover 4 will be at 6:45 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. evening shabbat service.

Passover 5 will be April 10, a 9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service for shabbat and a 7:54 p.m. service. Mincha and Ma'ariv for evening.

Passover 6 services will be April 11, at 8:55 a.m. and again at 7:15 p.m.

Passover 7 services will be April 12, 8:30 a.m., a Shabbat morning

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## Revised school budget, new high school roof approved

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The Springfield Board of Education held a public hearing on the 2004-05 school budget Monday night, approving a 5.85-percent rise from last year's amount that will put next year's spending plan at \$29,158,368.

The revised budget proposal includes an estimated \$150 annual school tax increase for the homeowner in Springfield with a home assessed at \$100,000.

Included in the presentation were the goals that have been set by the board based on budget expenses, including an anticipation of increased enrollment from 2,027 students this year to 2,089 next year.

"We start off any budget by setting goals," said interim Superintendent Tom Butler in his last board meeting.

"What is it you want the budget to do for you?" he asked rhetorically. "That's what drives the finances."

The largest increase in enrollment is seen at

the high school level, with a jump from 539 students to 565.

The board has also planned for additional staff to accommodate the educational programs throughout the district. A math teacher will be added to Jonathan Dayton High School, while a physical education and science teacher will join the staff of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

The school board anticipates a 10- to 15-percent increase in employee insurance costs, along with money set aside for pension contributions and business office operations.

Butler commended the board and the teachers' union for negotiations that led to teachers' picking up more costs of their benefits.

In the area of general administration, the board anticipates a decrease in administrative costs due to a reduction in staff, but a major increase will come from the dissolution funds that district will be forced to pay Mountainside and Garwood as a result of the breakup of the regional district. The case is still ongoing, with the

major debate surrounding the question of what exactly is owed to the two districts.

Another increase is coming due to six additional special education students entering the district. "They are in need and entitled to specialized services," said Butler, "and it's our obligation to make sure we provide that." Butler said that \$50,000 to \$60,000 can be expected to be spent on each individual student.

The board anticipates a reduction in the maintenance projects due to the school expansion referendum work being done, as well.

Overall, the district would see a 4.12-percent increase in instruction costs, a 29.57-percent increase in special education tuition and a 14.45-percent increase in business functions and employee benefits.

The most notable increase is in general administration, where a 58.69-percent jump is due to an inclusion of the dissolution funds that have been ordered to be planned for in the budget. If not for the regional high school dissolution, a drop of 9 percent, or \$55,193, would be seen in

administrative costs.

Decreases in the budget include athletics, with a 3.55-percent decline, facility projects and equipment, which dropped from \$718,346 to \$450,598, and state and federal programs, which fell close to 30 percent.

Butler, who was honored for his time spent in Springfield and will be replaced by Michael Davino today, explained that the board only makes one-year projections because looking too far into the future would make numbers less definitive. The public will get the chance to vote on the budget in the April 20 election.

Also at the meeting, a bid of \$916,000 was awarded to Mike's Roofing, Inc. for the entire roof replacement of Jonathan Dayton High School.

A brief debate at last week's meeting over what material should be used for the roofing ended when it was decided that slate composite's 50-year life span would be worth paying slightly over \$100,000 more for, compared to the 20-year life span of asphalt shingle roofing.

## Funds applied to school tax

By Joan M. Devlin  
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A special budget hearing of the Mountainside Board of Education at Borough Hall Friday night revealed that the estimated school tax increase will be \$174 per household, a 5.2 percent increase. This is based on the average home assessment of \$159,300.

"This was because we used some of the dissolution funds," said Business Administrator Paul Vizzuso.

Four towns from the former regional high school district have been ordered to pay Mountainside and Garwood approximately \$8 million over the next five years, because they were the only two towns not to receive high school buildings. The four towns — Berkeley Heights, Clark, Kenilworth and Springfield — are to have their first payments by April 15, but are appealing a judge's ruling.

Last year, the school tax hike was considerably more, at \$411 per household, based on the average home assessed value of \$158,000.

The latest kindergarten enrollment number was announced by Chief School Administrator Edward Schaller.

"We had projected for 83, but the kindergarten enrollment is at 93 since then," he said. "We are watching it carefully through May, and if it goes higher, we might include another section."

A film was shown at the meeting, reflecting the enrollment increase, with total enrollment projected at 690 students. At the high school, the total was 275 students, and 14 in special education, making an increase of 43 students.

The 2004-05 proposed budget presents a total operating fund of \$11,569,245, up 3.8 percent.

President of the Board of Education, Peter Goggi, called this "a very modest increase."

"Last year the state said they would be going up 14 to 15 percent on the health benefits, but this year it was a 30 percent increase," Vizzuso said.

The total surplus to be used for 2004-05 will be \$252,504 from the general fund and \$438,680 from dissolution funds, for a total of \$691,184.

Resident Scott Schmedel asked if this budget provided for the broadcast of meetings via Channel 35.

"We will be able to use funds for this," said Goggi. "I think the budget figure is \$36,000."

Other questions were about the dissolution monies, and how fast they would be coming in. Goggi referred to a schedule of payments included in the budget package, and added, "I understand some of the other districts are trying to put a hold on the payments, and we must wait to see what happens. The funds we have received have already been applied to the budget."

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# Communication is key for BOE

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Haggart also said that town-wide meetings would benefit the public in getting everyone know what's happening, and the district's Web site, if maintained and updated, would be a significant source of information too.

"It's important because it affects everyone," said Venes of keeping the public involved, "from people's children to property owners who pay taxes and want to be informed as to where their money is going. Just for the well-being of the town."

Venes Nagel, the third newcomer in the race, has been a Mountainside resident for 16 years who has two children in the school system. He said that Channel 35 is the most important and easiest way to get the public involved.

Nagel suggested changing the board's meeting date to use Council Chambers at Borough Hall, thereby allowing the use of Channel 35 equipment.

"It's not a major portion of the budget," he said. "I would look to set a tone that welcomes people into that process and invites them to ask questions," said Nagel of how he would reach out to the community.

"It's not complicated," he said. "We need to make people feel invited to ask questions."

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# Rose Ave. burglary leads to stolen camera, window damage

Springfield

## POLICE BLOTTER

The burglary of a Rose Avenue residence on March 23 at 4:45 p.m. led to the theft of a digital camera and camera case, along with the smashing of a front window.

On March 23 at 4:50 p.m., a four-foot high fence was damaged, when a Meckes Street neighbor had a tree removed, and the branches fell against the fence.

A victim reported the theft of her black and tan purse from an unattended lobby at Mountain Avenue.

The purse contained \$200 and personal information.

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The passenger side window of a car parked on Milltown Road was smashed and a cellphone and charger were stolen at 6:40 a.m. March 25.

A burglary of a Riverside Drive residence was reported Friday at 4:30 p.m.

The front door was damaged and a list of stolen inventory will arrive later.

A security guard from Autoland on Route 22 East reported the metal fence around the dealership broken in several areas Sunday, along with a car radio, valued at \$500, missing.

The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.

The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.

The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at Deerfield School, 502 Central Ave., at 8 p.m.

The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Mall in Springfield. The program is "Gardens of the Eastern United States" and the guest speaker is Joan Mellon. For information, call Faith or Ted at 973-376-1436.

The Springfield Board of Health will meet in the Annex Building adjacent to the Municipal Building, 20 S. Trivet Ave., at 6:30 p.m.

The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

A Lincoln Navigator parked on Milltown Road was burglarized between 10 p.m. on March 24 and 7:37 a.m. March 25, leading to the theft of a carton of cigarettes, compact discs, four gold pieces of jewelry and a radar detector.

A vehicle parked on Hemlock Terrace was burglarized overnight between March 24 and 25.

A laptop computer, Palm Pilot, gold chain, gold ring and various paperwork were stolen.

More than \$3,000 worth of items was reported stolen from a Route 22 East residence March 25 at 11:47 a.m., including Kodak, Canon, Fuji and Olympus equipment.

A set of rims and tires was stolen off of a Honda Civic parked on Morris Avenue Friday at 12:50 a.m.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Todays**

- The Festival Club Luncheon will be at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield at noon with Karen Embley from Union County, Rutgers Extension, who will talk about "Wild Yucca and the Yellow Pie Plate," sharing suggestions and ideas on how to distribute more family heirlooms and treasures.
- The club serves the community. Guests are always welcome.
- For reservations, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

**Fridays**

- Lisa Athan will be presenting a workshop titled, "Empowering Women: Healing Your Past Using Your Faith and Creativity Your Future" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield.
- For information, call her at 973-376-1436.

**Saturdays**

- A "Sensory Sunset Walk" will be offered by Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event is for families with children ages 5 and older.
- For information, call 908-789-3670.
- A program on nesting birds will be conducted from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Call 908-789-3670 for space availability.
- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will celebrate Earth Awareness Week through April 9 with "Diversity: The Nature of the Watering Reservation," featuring a variety of ecology-themed activities.
- For information and to register, call 908-789-3670.

**Sundays**

- To raise funds for Project Graduation 2004 at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, an Atlantic City Trip to Trump Plaza Casino is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The bus leaves from the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot at 11 a.m. and returns to the high school at 9 p.m. For tickets, call Loretta Sharpe at 973-376-7592.
- Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its "Box Office Hits" series with a Blockbuster late date of pirate adventures at noon.
- For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Wednesdays**

- The Westfield Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Chapter house, 321 Elm St., Westfield.
- There will be complimentary cholesterol screenings for all who donate. Walk-ins are welcomed.
- For information, call the Red Cross chapter at 908-232-7090 or go to the Web site at [www.westfieldmountainside-redcross.org](http://www.westfieldmountainside-redcross.org), or call 1-800-NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140.

**Upcoming**

- Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will offer "Lenape Crafts," from 1:30 to 3 p.m. — a program about the original people who inhabited North America for thousands of years — featuring authentic artifacts, tools, plants and medicines of their culture. The program is for children with families ages 5 and older.
- For information, call 908-789-3670.

**April 10**

- Springfield children ages 2 to 7 can participate in the annual Easter egg hunt at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. The Recreation Department asks that participants show up shortly after 11 a.m. so that the event can begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.

**April 13**

- The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.
- The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at Deerfield School, 502 Central Ave., at 8 p.m.

**April 14**

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# Show benefits research for incurable disease

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

The third annual comedy show to benefit the Weldon FOP research fund was held Saturday night, filling the Mountainside F.O.P. Club with more than 200 people.

Whitney Weldon, an 11-year-old who is just one out of twelve New Jersey children burdened with Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, lives in Mountainside and is the basis for the year's event that helps raise money to research the non-fatal, yet incurable disease.

Gary Whyte of Mountainside, a member of the F.O.P. club who runs the event independently from the organization, contacted the University of Pennsylvania to ask the doctor in charge of FOP research for a list of items that could use help through donations.

Six months, a check for \$12,000 was produced from the help of the community. This, along with \$15,000 raised by the comedy show, will be given to the University of Pennsylvania for research purposes.

According to Whyte, the entire evening cost only the amount charged by "Gonzo's Comedy Extravaganza," as decorations, tickets and posters were donated.

The audience included parents of other kids suffering from FOP in New Jersey, along with at least one other affected victim, as well as Sen. Tom Kean, Assemblyman John Bramnick, and other notables from the state and Mountainside community.

This year, the event also included two post-humorous honors that were given out to former Mountainside Police Capt. Todd Turner, who died last summer after a fatal car accident while he was off duty, and Dawn O'Connell, who died January 20 from liver disease at the age of 39.

Both of the former Mountainside residents had helped organize the event in previous years.

A plaque was given to the O'Connell family, marked as the 2004 Outstanding Humanitarian Award, and Police Chief James DeBrie accepted the honors for Turner, whose brother was unable to attend the event.

"I think it's a tribute to who my brother was," said Keith Turner, who is also a Borough Councilman, "and now he felt about the community." Turner added that the borough's honoring of Todd Turner is comparable to how his brother would not hesitate to help anyone in the community.

Senator Tom Kean also donated a grant he had received for \$2,200 toward the research fund, and letters of appreciation that were sent from

with special music will be held at 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, at 77 Church Mall, will hold a 10:15 a.m. Palm Sunday service.

On Maundy Thursday, the service will offer Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. The church will share in an ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service with the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church at 8 a.m.

On Easter a Pastoral Service of Resurrection will be at 10:15 a.m.

**Mountainside**

- Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, 300 Central Ave., begins Holy Week with a Palm Sunday Vigil Mass on April 5 at 5 p.m. On Palm Sunday, there will be three Masses, 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
- On Holy Thursday, there will be an 8 a.m. Holy Thursday Morning Prayer service, and a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.
- On Good Friday, April 9, there will be a 7:30 p.m. service. Easter Sunday service will be at 10 a.m.
- The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, at 30 Church Mall, will offer a 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service, with the theme, "The Road to Jerusalem" — retracing the footsteps of Jesus and his disciples as they enter Jerusalem. Following this service will be an Easter egg hunt and light brunch.
- Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. will be the worship service for the Last Supper. This will be a meal of the community.
- The Church of Mountainside will celebrate Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m. April 4. Child care is provided.
- Maundy Thursday services will feature a Christian Seder at 7 p.m. For Good Friday, April 9, there will be the Tenebrae Service, which means a "service in shadows," at 8 p.m.
- Easter Sunday services will begin at 10:30 a.m.

# Christian services mark start of Holy Week

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Once again, the beautiful and sacred Christian Holy Day of Easter is approaching, with Palm Sunday being celebrated this coming Sunday. This begins Holy Week, culminating in Easter Sunday, April 11.

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem, according to Scripture, riding on a donkey, signifying humility, as prophesied in the Old Testament people hailed him as "King of the Jews," with palm branches and hosannas, and much rejoicing that day.

Before the week was out, many of the same crowd would be shouting "Crucify him, crucify him," as events turned against him, also as predicted. That final week, he ate the Passover Seder — his "Last Supper" — with his 12 disciples and was betrayed by one of them, Judas, for 30 pieces of silver.

Friday of that week, now called Good Friday, was the crucifixion. On Easter Sunday, three days later, Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead, appearing to Mary Magdalene early that Easter morning.

The story is told that the Lord greeted her with just one tender word "Mary?" as she was weeping at the grave thinking someone had stolen his body. After she recognized the risen Savior, he told her to go and "tell the others."

Holy Week is a series of many emotions, sad and painful, as the historical path is followed each year by Christians everywhere, and then joyful. Special services mark all of these events during Holy Week, in varying degrees of observation.

Many crosses in the churches will be draped in black or purple, come Good Friday, signifying the crucifixion.

On that morning, Most Christian churches are open that day for quiet prayers and meditation.

Very moving and ancient services are also held on Good Friday evening in some Christian churches. One such service is called "Tenebrae" which follows the seven last words of Christ as he died. It closes in darkness with only the sound of the Bible being snuffed shut, signifying his death. Everyone leaves in silence.

Area churches in Springfield and Mountainside are holding these services, as follows:

**Springfield**

- The Rev. Robert Stagg, pastor of St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, at 45 South Springfield Ave., reflected on the meaning of Easter.
- "On that first Easter Sunday morning, the disciples of Jesus journeyed from grief, despair and confusion, to faith, hope and then an inexpressible joy. It is a journey we often make in our own lives." With that he invited all his flock to take the journey for Holy Week, and bring a friend.
- Services for Holy Week, are as follows: On April 5, 6 and 7, daily Mass will be at 7 a.m. and at 8 a.m.
- On Holy Thursday, April 8, morning prayer begins at 9 a.m., and there will be a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m., followed by a Night Prayer at 10 p.m.
- On Good Friday, April 9, after the morning prayer at 9 a.m., a Stations of the Cross Bike Tour will leave at 9:30 a.m., please bring a bagged lunch. There will be Outdoor Stations at 2 p.m., followed by a Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. Living Stations will be held at 7:30 p.m. by the Youth Group.
- On Holy Saturday the Great Easter Vigil begins at 7:30 p.m. The vigil begins outside with the Blessing of the Easter Fire.
- Easter Sunday, Masses will be held at 7:30



# Red Cross plans to raise funds

The Summit Area Red Cross has announced that former Summit Mayor Walter Long will be chairman of the Men's Committee for its Rhapsody in Red Ball which will take place April 16 at the Hilton Hotel at Short Hills.

"We are so pleased that Walter Long agreed to chair the ball's Men's Committee," said Suzanne Currie, the event chairwoman. "As Summit's mayor, Walter Long worked tirelessly to help the city accomplish its goals. His support of our Rhapsody in Red Ball will undoubtedly help the Summit Area Red Cross achieve its goal of raising the funds needed for its many worthwhile programs."

According to Long, ever since he began talking with Currie about the Red Cross and the Rhapsody in Red Ball, it has been a real learning experience for him.

"I simply had no idea of the assistance that the Summit Area Red Cross had given the area families who were directly impacted by 9/11," said Long. "In addition to facilitating financial support and memorial services, the Red Cross assisted with family grief counseling, support groups and special programs to help the affected children and teens get through that horrendous time."

Long also pointed out that the mission of the Red Cross is not only to help victims of disaster, but also to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. A Long noted, the Summit Area Red Cross gives a wide variety of health and safety services including first aid, CPR and emergency preparedness.

And these are only some of the many programs the Summit Area Red Cross has to help people in need or working in our area. During when Suzanne Currie agreed to chair the Men's Committee of the Rhapsody in Red Ball, I was very happy to lend my support.

Not only will we help the elegant and fun-filled event help the Summit Area Red Cross raise the funds it needs to carry on these programs, I am proud to be a part of this organization.

As previously announced, U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine and U.S. Congressman Michael Ferguson are the honorary co-chairmen of the Rhapsody in Red Ball.

It is the first black event held by the Summit Area Red Cross.

In addition to dancing to the Beat of the Drums, there will be a gourmet dinner as well as live and silent auctions. Individual tickets cost \$300 per person and are now available. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

For information about the Rhapsody in Red Ball, visit the chapter's Web site at [www.summitrc.org](http://www.summitrc.org) or call 908-273-2076.

## Learn how to 'Make Your Memory Work for You'

Are you misplacing your keys more often these days? Forget a doctor's appointment or someone's name? Have you opened the pantry and then forgot what you were looking for?

If so, then plan to attend "Making Your Memory Work for You," a free program sponsored by SAOL. Free topics and the Bookstore Health Day Alliance. The program will be conducted at 11 a.m. April 13 at Mount Carmel Hall, 11 River Road in Berkeley Heights.

The seminar will feature Rosemary Foglia, RN, BSN, a Community Nurse Educator of Saint Barnabas School Health Center, learn how your memory works, what "normal" memory changes are as you approach dementia and some tips on how to boost memory.

The program is open to all seniors and will include refreshments. For information, call Suzanne Levin at 908-273-5550, ext. 22.

SAOL Solutions serves as a main community resource for the recruitment and delivery of in-home care services for older adults and their caregivers, providing them with dignity and choice.

These services allow the elderly to remain independent and living in their own homes. Present SAOL programs include Home Care, Meal on Wheels, SHIP - State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Lifespan County, Choices and Balances, a shopping service, In-home and Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, currently located in Berkeley Heights. SAOL services support older people and their families, including the Summit area as well as Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties.

## AARP meets for organ, tissue transplant topic

The Summit Area AARP will hold its monthly meeting April 26 at St. James Lutheran Church, 557 Springfield Ave., Summit. Coffee and social begin at 10 a.m.

The April topic will be "Organ and Tissue Transplants." The Summit Area AARP will feature a panel of speakers including Michael Ferguson, U.S. Congressman, and Michael Ferguson, U.S. Congressman, who are the honorary co-chairmen of the Rhapsody in Red Ball.

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## SENIOR NEWS

### Caregivers' support group offered free of charge

PREP is a caregivers' support group offered free of charge to anyone who assumes the responsibility of caring for another individual at SAOL. Spend A Day Visit This Health Center, 550 Springfield Ave.

People attend the meetings to meet others with similar concerns about their aging loved ones and share common problems and solutions.

The group will be led by Stewart A. Ritter, SAOL Vice President and Investments' financial Advisor of Prudential Securities, Incorporated in Westfield. Ritter will discuss how to gain control of finances, make smarter investments, and protect yourself from fraud and scams.

### Seminar shows seniors how to invest wisely

SAOL Solutions, a main community resource for the elderly, will be hosting a free "Women Investors" seminar in conjunction with the Summit Municipal Alliance at 11 a.m. Friday at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave. in Summit.

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### Senior art workshops encourage creativity

Senior residents of Summit Senior Housing in the Arts & Crafts Room at 124 Hedden Ave., Summit, as they express their creativity in the "Creating Relationships Between the"

workshop lead by Evelyn Hiscott.

Classes meet from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, including this Tuesday, April 13, 20 and 27. There will be an exception open to the public at 2:30 p.m. April 30 to view this session's accomplishments.

Call 908-273-4820 to reserve a spot.

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RELIGION

Lectures examine issues of Jewish life

The H. L. A. Chapter of Temple Beth Shalom of Springfield, Springfield, is receiving a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the national Endowment for the Humanities, to support a three-part lecture series titled "Jewish Ideas that Shaped Jewish Life in Our Times." The distinguished lecturers are members of the faculty of Kean University in Union.

Rosary and Novena conducted at Lourdes

The Rosary Altar Society Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 301 Central Ave., Mountainside, invites the public to attend a meeting at 10:30 p.m. Monday.

Temple presents spring programs

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, invites the community and prospective members to attend several scheduled activities this spring.

something to every age group and interest level.

For information about Temple Sha'arey Shalom or to register for any of the programs call the temple office at 973-379-5557. Information is also available on the temple Web site: www.shaarey.org.

Tuesday at 6 p.m. there will be a Community seder to celebrate the second night of Passover sponsored by the Temple with El "Lead to Enrich the Jewish Life of the Community." Reservations are required. The cost \$20 per adult, \$10 child.

Saturday, April 17, Temple Sha'arey Shalom Sisterhood will sponsor square dancing and country line dancing at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

The "New Jersey Cantos Concert Ensemble" will perform a "Salute to Israel Concert" at 7 p.m. April 28.

Tickets are \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$30 patrons.

The membership committee will host a "Nosh & Shabbat" for potential members at 6:30 p.m. April 30. Individuals and families interested in affiliating with a congregation and interested in learning more about Temple Sha'arey Shalom are invited to attend. Services will follow at 8 p.m.

Temple officers, committee chairpersons, religious school teachers, members of the Membership Committee, Cantor Amy Daniels, and Rabbi

Joshua Goldstein will be present to speak about Sha'arey Shalom and its mountainside and 12-answer questions about the congregation. A light dinner will be provided. RSVP by phone by April 23.

Children can enjoy monthly Mishpachah minyanim, interactive Sabbath morning services.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, Church, club and social events - Friday at noon. Entertainment - Friday at noon. Sports news and game results - Monday at noon. Letter to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General news and information - Monday 5 p.m.

Women of Calvary plan spring house tour

Springtime in Summit has many highlights. The forsythia blooms. The Municipal Golf Course opens. Summit pool signs-up begins. And the Calvary house tour once again offers inside access to what has been described by participants as some of the most beautiful and notable homes in town.

This year's tour, organized by the Women of Calvary — of Calvary Episcopal Church of Summit — will feature six distinctive residences. The tour is set for May 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

From the new tole-and-pink graphics to the first-ever cocktail party, this year's committee has "freshened up" the tour for its 32nd year.

"We wanted this year's tour to be special, because it's the 15th anniversary of Calvary Church," said tour Co-Chairwoman Catherine Lyness. "We are excited that one of this year's host homes was built by the Reverend Thomas Cook, Calvary's

Author to appear



Lillian Cochran, manager of the Garden Shop at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, meets with Arthur T. Vanderbilt II, author of 'Gardening in Eden,' published last year by Simon & Schuster. He will sign copies of his book from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. April 17 at the Garden Shop and will donate royalties to the arboretum.

Churches and social clubs encouraged to send news. This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

Programs promote spirituality, creativity

Can you "play your way" toward new goals, wishes and intentions? Find out at "The Art of Play," a workshop led by improvisational theatre coach Sharon Klotz Labar from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Intervale's Center for Whole-life Living, 31 Woodland Ave. in Summit.

Founder and leader of Flow, a long-term dramatic improvisation group in New York City, Klotz will use collaborative games and new creative formats to help give voice, form, and momentum to your dreams.

The workshop is \$45, \$40 for members of Intervale, a community learning center teaching skills for holistic living that strengthen wellness, deepen spirituality, and promote the common good.

Explore what science can teach us about the ways of the spirit at "Modern Physics and the Spiritual Journey Facing the Obstacles," Doug McKenzie will focus on knowledge as an obstacle to progress on the spiritual path, duality and contradiction, and

the relationship between doing and being. This class is three Tuesdays beginning April 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee is \$45, \$35 members. Robert Curtin Morris begins his next Wednesday forum April 14 with guest presenter, artist Lisa Brown "How to Find Your Place in the Earth's Story" from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Participants will reflect on the call to appreciate the sacredness of the earth and seek ways to live more satisfying, more compassionate lives. The cost for this special workshop is \$50, \$40 Intervale members. Student and group rates are available. Intervale courses are offered in several venues in Essex, Union and Morris counties. Customized programs are available for schools, churches, senior centers, business groups and other local and regional organizations. Call 908-277-2120 or visit www.intervale.org for more information about any of these events.

WORSHIP SERVICES

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 8. 8:00 PM Worship Service. With Holy Communion. Special Choral Selections. EASTER DAY - APRIL 11. 7:00 AM Sunrise Service. 9:30 AM Preludes for Easter Celebration. 10:00 AM Worship Service. Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters following the service.

Celebrate Easter in our beautifully restored sanctuary 11am Historic First Presbyterian Church. Broad St., next to the Court House Elizabeth, NJ 908-353-1518. Worshipping here for 340 years.

Come Worship with Us HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. PALM SUNDAY, April 4. Holy Thursday, April 8. GOOD FRIDAY, April 9. Easter Sunday, April 11. THE REV. LEAH L. LAVELLE. HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 TUCKER AVE., UNION 908-688-0714.

WORSHIP SERVICES

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Maundy Thursday April 8, 2004. Ash Wednesday February 25, 2004. Good Friday - Tenebrae Service April 9, 2004. Easter Egg Hunt April 10, 2004. Palm Sunday April 4, 2004. SERVICES 10:30 am COME SEE THE LILY CROSS.

Christ Church Summit Easter Services - 2004. Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 8th. Holy Thursday, 7:30 pm "Last Supper". Good Friday, 7:30 pm "Candlelight & Shadows". Easter Sunday, April 11th. An Open & Affirming Congregation 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit • 908-273-5549.

EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE! Jazz & Sacred Music + Scripture + Prayer. Palm Sunday, 10:30 am "Road to Jerusalem". Holy Thursday, 7:30 pm "Last Supper". Good Friday, 7:30 pm "Candlelight & Shadows". Easter Sunday 8:00 am Informal, Surprises! 8:45 am-Breakfast. 10:00 am Traditional, Sunday School. Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church 40 Church Mall (far end of the street!) Near Morris & Mountain Aves. 973-376-1695.

VISIT YOUR LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP. Christ is Risen! Redeemer Lutheran Church. Maundy Thursday Noon & 7:30 pm. Good Friday 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm. Easter Saturday Vigil 7:29 pm. Easter Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 am.

Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church. Pastor: Rev. Bohdan Lukic, C.S.R. Liberty Ave. & Bloy St. P.O. Box 701 Hillside, NJ 07205 • 908-354-0472. Table with services: April 4, 2004 Palm Sunday, Sunrise 10:45 am. Good Friday Vespers & Exposition of Holy Shroud 2:00 pm. Holy Saturday Mass & Blessing of Easter Baskets 6:00 pm. Easter Sunday Resurrection Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets 8:00 am.

The Antioch Baptist Church. 640 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 379-1465. Easter Sunday Services. The pastor and congregation of Antioch Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to the community and others to worship and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Evangelical Baptist Church. 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield 973-379-4351. Want to check us out before you visit? Check out our Web Sites www.evangelbaptistsp.com www.evangelouth.org.

Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter. Corner of East Third Avenue & Walnut Street, Roselle • (908) 241-1250. Holy Thursday, April 8, 2004 • 7 PM. Good Friday, April 9, 2004 • 3 PM - Passion Service. 7 PM - Stations of the Cross (Youth Group). Holy Saturday, April 10, 2004 • 8 PM - Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday, April 11, 2004. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon.

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL. PALM SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE Sunday - April 4, 2004 - 11:00 AM. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE "Christ in the Passover" Friday - April 9, 2004 - 7:00 PM. EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION Sunday - April 11, 2004 - 11:00 AM. 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside 908-232-3456 http://mountainsidechapel.org

ST. LUKE AND ALL SAINTS. 398 Chestnut Street • Union • 908-688-7253. Rev. James Kollin • Rev. Peter Nelson. Palm Sunday Service - April 4 • 9am. Maundy Thursday Service - April 8 • 7pm. Good Friday Service - April 9 • 7pm. Easter Sunday Service - April 11 • 9am. Easter Vigil Sat. - April 10 • 6pm.

St. Mary's Church of Rahway. 232 Central Ave. • Rev. Michael J. Fekette, Pastor. HOLY WEEK SERVICES. MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK. TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK. WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK. THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK. FRIDAY OF HOLY WEEK. SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK. EASTER SUNDAY.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. First Congregational Church (U.C.C.) 1340 Burnet Avenue, Union. 10:30 am Palm Sunday. 7:30 am Maundy Thursday - Service of Tenebrae. 12 Noon Good Friday - Service of Reflection. 10:30 am Festival Easter Service and Holy Communion.

PALM SUNDAY. Guest Preacher: The Bishop of New Jersey April 4 at 10:00 AM. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. (Founded in 1706) • The Reverend Joe Parrish, Rector. 61 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH • Tel: (908) 352-1218. Free Sunday parking behind church in Municipal Lot on Jefferson Avenue. Come experience the Procession of the Palms! The Passion of Christ, Confirmation and Communion. The delicious Great Palm Sunday Potluck follows Communion.

Celebrate the Victory of Easter. St. John's Lutheran Church. Services at 8:45 & 11:00. The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dreyman, Pastor. The Rev. Andrea Walker, Pastor. 587 Springfield Ave., Summit 908-918-2500 www.stjohnsummit.org

A PLACE FOR YOU! The First Baptist Church of Westfield. HOLY WEEK SERVICES. Thursday, April 8, 7:30 pm—remember the Last Supper. Friday, April 9, 12 Noon—meditate on the crucifixion. Sunday, April 11, 10:20 am—celebrate the resurrection! (childcare available for all services) 170 Elm St., Westfield/908-233-2278/www.fbcwestfield.org

EASTER WEEK AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH. Join us for this time of reflection and celebration. Palm Sunday - April 4 • 10am. Maundy Thursday - April 8 • 7:30pm. Good Friday - April 9 • 7:30pm. Easter Sunday - April 11 • 10am.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD. Is your idea of Easter getting a little fuzzier? Holy Week Services. April 4th-Palm Sunday. April 8th-Maundy Thurs. April 11th-Easter Sunday. Sunday Worship 10:15am (Corner of Morris Ave & Church Mall) Springfield, 973-379-4320 "All Embracing and Caring Since 1745"

Kenilworth Gospel Chapel. PALM SUNDAY April 4, 11:00 am Service. Guest Speaker Kingsley Baehr. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE April 9, 7:30 pm Service. "The Significance of Christ's Death" Guest Speaker - Don Dankerton. EASTER SUNDAY April 11, 11:00 am Service. "The Significance of Christ's Resurrection" Guest Speaker - Dr. David Reid.

Friday, April 2, at 8:00 pm. Saturday, April 3, at 6:30 & 8:00 pm. Sunday, April 4, at 8:00 pm. Held outdoors • Live animals. Cast of 100 • Multiple scenes. COME: It's Free & Bring Your Friends! CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 2815 Morris Avenue, Union. For more info call: 908-687-9440. On the web: www.ccfou.org

ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. 332 Madison Hill Road, Clark • 732-388-7852. April 2 Living Stations of the Cross - CYO - 7pm. April 3 & 4 Palm Sunday: Saturday 5:30pm - Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & Noon. April 8 Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper-7:30pm (followed by Adoration). Night Prayer - 10pm. April 9 Good Friday: Seven Last Words Service - Noon to 3pm. MAIN PASSION LITURGY - 7:30pm. April 10 Easter Saturday: Blessing of Food - 11am. EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8pm. April 11 Easter Sunday: MASSES OF RESURRECTION 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & Noon.



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'In Memorium' exhibit opens April 23
In Memorium, an exhibit of paintings...

Art exhibit opens this month



Plainfield resident Julio Cesar Ortiz's painting of a Honduran village will be included in the Children's Specialized Hospital's April art exhibit.

Healthy Kids Day kicks off Sunday
Join the Springfield YMCA on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. and celebrate the Y's annual Healthy Kids Day...

RECREATION
Fund-raiser aims to improve fields, programs
The Opening Day Auction sponsored by Mountaintop Youth Baseball is scheduled for April 17...

YMCA adds 'Pre-K Wrap'
The Springfield YMCA announces the addition of a "Pre-K Wrap" program to its popular After-school Child Care programs...

SPORTS

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Tournament champions



The 5th-6th grade division of Springfield Girls Netles Basketball captured the St. Francis Cabrini Tournament championship. Coaches include Al Nittolo, Joe Diamante, Christina Tomasino and Paul Gerber.

Zavocki seeks aid for tournaments

Dayton High School girls' basketball standout Cristin Zavocki already had many college coaches scouting her during the winter season. However, to maximize her exposure to those coaches...

Dayton softball team is out to better last year's standing

Clark is the team's No. 4 batter and will be looked upon for run production. The middle infield consists of junior Cristin Zavocki at second base and senior Sara Steinman at shortstop.

Summit Boys' Lacrosse

April 1 at Roxbury, 4 p.m.
April 3 at Morristown, 11 a.m.
April 5 at Ridgewood, 1 p.m.

Summit Girls' Lacrosse

April 1 at Columbia, 4 p.m.
April 3 at West Essex, 10 a.m.
April 8 at Randolph, 4 p.m.

Summit Track and Field

April 1 Girls' at Weequeah, 4 p.m.
April 1 Boys' at Weequeah, Dover, 4 p.m.

Union County Women's Slow-Pitch seeks teams for upcoming season

Softball teams needed. The Union County Women's Slow-Pitch League has openings for teams to play this season. The league, which has existed for over 25 years, has four established teams from the area, but is seeking to add at least two more teams.

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The Ohio Wesleyan men's lacrosse team is sparked by the play of Duane Ward of Summit. A sophomore defenseman, Ward received his first letter last season as a back-up player on defense.



Dayton High School girls' basketball standout Cristin Zavocki, the 2002-2004 Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division player of the year, is seeking sponsors to help defray costs for upcoming tournament competition.

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PALM SUNDAY
A Family Service at 10:30 a.m.

EVENING VESPERS
Palm Sunday Eve at 7 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Scriptures & Communion at 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
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EASTER
Family Service at 10:30 a.m.

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# Springfield manufacturer earns state labor grant to aid workers

The state Department of Labor has awarded three new grants to aid Union County businesses in helping their workers compete in the new economy and create or retrain jobs, the state Department of Labor recently announced.

Department Chief of Staff Douglas A. Plaza noted company executives and workers last Thursday's announcement.

The companies receiving grants include Danline Inc., a Springfield manufacturer.

"There is no more important thing we can do for our economy than to ensure our workers and businesses have the skills they need to compete," said Gov. James I. McGreevey.

Commissioner Albert G. Krill said the department is working with higher education institutions, business, labor and local community organizations to make good investments in businesses and workers.

"The McGreevey administration is focusing on training today's workers by providing the skills that will be in demand tomorrow, so that our state is poised to be a leader in providing a

highly skilled and highly trained workforce to the business community," Krill said.

Customized training grants are made up of creation and workforce development grants. The plan is to make New Jersey's economy the strongest in the nation. Gov. McGreevey recently announced plans to consolidate all workforce development programs under a newly named Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Additionally, McGreevey announced in his State of the State address that 20 percent of all state-funded training grant dollars will be directed to small businesses. Coupled with business resource centers that will be built throughout the state, these initiatives represent an investment in New Jersey's economic future, officials said.

In 2003, New Jersey created 25,500 new jobs while the nation has lost jobs.

Information about customized training and literacy grants is available by calling 609-292-2239 or on the Internet on the Department of Labor Web site, <http://www.nj.gov/labor>.

# Scouts earn awards



Mountainside Pack 177 Cub Scouts participated in the Archdiocese of Newark Scout Sunday celebration of Catholic Scout Awards on Feb. 1, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Seven Wolf Scouts received their Light of Christ medal awards and six fourth-grade Webelos received their Parvuli Dei medal awards. The Rev. John Joseph Myers, Archbishop of Newark, award the medals.

# Writers plan to tell Springfield's story with new historical book

Jean Rae Turner of Newark, Class of 1942 at Trenton State Teachers College, and her partner, Richard I. Koles, are completing their seventh book for Arcadia Publishing Company, publishers of regional history.

This one is for the "Images of America" series and will focus on Springfield.

They also have done "Images of America" books on Elizabeth, Newark and Hillsdale, a postcard book in the Images series on "The Golden Age of Newark" and two books in the "Making of America" series on Newark and Elizabeth.

Both were employed by "The Elizabeth Daily Journal" for many years. Turner as a reporter and Koles as a photographer.

He is past president of the Union County Historical Society and the New Jersey Press Photographers Association. She is secretary of the society and a past president of the Hillside Business and Professional Women. Both have received numerous awards for their work.

Turner taught briefly at Hillside High School and Jersey City State Teachers College. She also earned a Master of Arts degree in history at

Teachers College, Columbia University.

She has studied at Kean University, where she also was associated with the public information office, Columbia School of Journalism and the New School for Social Research.

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Entertainment, Friday, noon. Sports, Monday, noon. Letter to the Editor, Monday, 9 a.m.

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A team of students from Governor Livingston High School placed first in division five in the Junior Engineering Technical Society competition, and has a chance to be judged first overall out of the 22 schools competing at NJIT this year. From left are Craig Goin, GLHS Team Advisor Meredith Morgan, Ellen Huckelthoven, Alexandra Denby, Bryan Gardner, Jay Tamm, Albert Tsai, Veena Venkatachalam and Ian Vo.

# GL student team scores big in junior engineering competition

On March 15, a team of students from Governor Livingston High School took part in the Junior Engineering Technical Society competition held at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

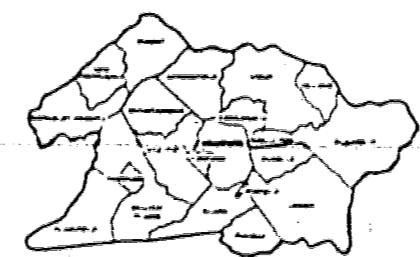
Each spring the JEITS coordinates Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science at locations around the United States. In this all-day event,

teams of high school students are challenged to work together to apply their skills and knowledge in math, chemistry and physics to solve engineering problems.

The students get an introduction to engineering, which is not typically available as a course at the high school level, a day on the campus of a nearby engineering institution, and a chance

to mingle with other students with common interests and aptitudes. Governor Livingston's team placed first in division five and has an excellent chance to be judged first overall out of the 22 schools competing at NJIT this year.

The team's entry will pass to the national level competition that will be scored and announced this month.



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# Equal to the billing

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

The county Bureau of Environmental Enforcement operates out of a non-descript, brick building on North Avenue in Westfield. It turns out they are about to get a new grant to continue enforcement of the Air Pollution Control Program.

Sure, the inventory and inspection of fuel dealers' operations and boilers isn't exactly *la dolce vita*, unless, of course, there is an emergency.

# Left Out

By Frank Capozzi

The enforcement of state air code violations is often the only hammer the little guy has when faced with offensive air pollution by a commercial establishment. It can, and sometimes actually results in notice of violations against the polluter until the remediation process.

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# PERC decision goes in favor of county

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

A new contract for Union County corrections officers may soon be signed as the state's Public Employee Relations Commission has sided with the county and upheld a previous arbitrator's decision that mandates medical co-payments by officers according to the county's medical package and adhere to the county's pay raise scale.

However, Police Benevolent Association 199, the union that represents the county's corrections officers, may appeal PERC's ruling.

"We have a couple of options available to us and I'm not certain which one we're going to entertain," PBA Local 109 President Jim Roche said.

The PBA could appeal the decision to the state's appellate court.

Roche said he has not received anything in writing from PERC yet, though the state's agency did rule in the county's favor on March 25. The county received written documentation from PERC on Monday.

"The county is pleased because this is consistent with all our other labor union negotiations," Union County Manager George Devanney said.

PERC ruled to uphold an October decision that sided with the county.

"What PERC did was essentially say that the arbitrator did her job," said Joseph Salemme, director of the county's labor and management relations.

Virtually all contracts the county has settled with labor unions in recent years have included some type of monthly co-payment for doctor's office visits, prescription drugs and medical benefits.

Most unions agreed to four-year contracts with monthly co-payments of \$10 to \$20 for health benefits, depending on the union and the employee's annual salary.

Employees typically pay anywhere between \$120 and \$480 a year toward their health care.

However, it is the PBA's contention that they should not be paying anything into their healthcare package because of the health risks they must deal with.

"We are exposed to things that nobody else in this county is exposed to," said Roche.

Salemme said the county is working on getting the new contract written, although an actual date on when the contract will be signed has not been determined.

"We're getting the salary increases and

they're getting the healthcare benefits payments," said Roche.

PBA Local 109 has spent more than \$600,000 in legal fees in its quest to settle a new contract.

"We're in the fortunate position where we do have the money to fight these things but we can't keep throwing good money into a bad situation," said Roche.

PBA 109 has been without a new contract since Dec. 31, 2000. The contract has been in arbitration since November 2001 and will be set to expire on Dec. 31.

The PBA won the initial award more than two years ago, which the county then appealed. PERC sent the appeal to an arbitrator, who ruled an additional award in the PBA's favor, which included a 4-percent pay increase in each of the four years of the contract, 2001 to 2004.

The county then appealed that decision, which went back to PERC, who this time ruled to have a second arbitrator look at the contract, who eventually ruled in favor of the county.

"I'm very, very disgusted and disappointed with the whole PERC process," said Roche. "It's supposed to be in place to protect employees, not necessarily from abusive employers but to make sure that things are done fairly."

According to PERC's ruling, PBA members

will get a 1.5 percent salary increase for January 2004 plus an additional 1.5 percent increase for July 2004. For each of the remaining three years of the contract, PBA members will receive a 3.5 percent increase depending on the employee's salary.

Of the 216 corrections officers, only nine do not make the maximum salary of \$69,500. Officers making the maximum salary will receive the 4-percent annual increase.

"It's unfortunate that it had to go all the way to PERC for a decision," said Devanney. "However, the county has always kept the lines of communication open and we'll continue to do so as we move into what will be a new contract period."

Salemme said the county has not begun negotiations with PBA Local 109 in regards to a contract after Dec. 31.

The last contract for corrections officers covered 1998 through 2000, and was approved in May 2000 in the mediation phase of arbitration, following several talks with an arbitrator.

The last pact called for increases of 2 percent in each of the first two years and 2.5 percent in the third year for employees not at the maximum on the salary guide. For those at the maximum, raises were 3.5 percent.

# Magnet school rises to challenge

Students finish third at competition

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

In 1994, which French military officer was persecuted because of anti-Semitism?

Which continent is the home of the Canary Islands?

Who wrote "A Bohemian"?

These were just some of the questions students at the Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains had to answer during the final round of the Rutgers Academic Challenge Monday night.

"I had questions for every thing," said Alexander Clark, a senior from Lanwood, who served as the magnet school's team captain. "Think of a trivia question and they probably asked it."

The magnet school won the bronze medal, finishing third out of 84 teams that entered the interscholastic tournament promoting academic excellence and teamwork among high school students.

"It is something that we had a lot of fun doing," said Magnet School Superintendent Thomas Bystochka. "It's a great opportunity for bright young kids to perform."

Although 84 teams entered this year's competition, only three remained for the finals which took place Monday night, the magnet school, High Technology High School of Elmora, which came in first, and Livingston High School which finished second.

Students participated in nine challenge activities such as "History Mysteries" and "Mathworks."

It was a job, but it was fun, and these kids do their stuff," said Union County Magnet High School Principal James Stefanekiewicz. "When they were given the tasks that they had to complete, everything that we do here in our school, the teamwork in terms of presentation, in terms of critical thinking, you see all these things in action when these kids get their hands on the problem and just go for it."

The competition also included a "Three-Way Quiz" where students responded to rapid-fire questions and demonstrated their knowledge in a wide range of areas.

Bystochka said the competition was very similar to the game show "Jeopardy," without having to answer the question in the form of a question.



Students at the Union County Magnet High School, from left, Eric Whitman, Jason Katz, Maxim Lobovsky, Crystal Gonzalez and Alexander Clark, talk about their experience competing in the Rutgers Academic Challenge. The eight-member team finished third among 84 schools.

"Not only did the children have to have the knowledge, they also had to have quick reaction time," said Bystochka.

Students used game-show-type buzzers when responding to a question.

"You know how on 'Jeopardy' there's always one guy who takes it away and no one can get a word in edgewise?" said Clark. "There was one guy like that."

Clark said the magnet school's team knew the vast majority of the

answers but they couldn't buzz in fast enough. "That one young man from High Tech High, he just went off," said Stefanekiewicz. "At one point he answered just a bunch of questions in a row."

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# Sheriff's officer proves he's a pistol

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

When some people tear the tendons in their right elbow, they teach themselves how to do daily tasks and sign their names using their left hand, but Union County Sheriff's Officer Bob deMyer taught himself how to shoot a pistol.

"Now I'm probably just as good with either hand," he said.

deMyer won the New Jersey Police Pistol State Championship in Tenally earlier this year. He tore the tendons in 2001 when he slipped on some ice and fell, rupturing 85 percent of his tendons. He didn't have use of the arm for almost two years and underwent two surgeries.

"I think the guy fixed it better than God gave it to me," quipped deMyer. "Once it all healed and I went to therapy and stuff, I'm shooting better now than I ever did before."

deMyer earned two first-place finishes in this year's state competition.

"Sadly, that's something that we don't see a lot of anymore, the interest from our local departments," said Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, who before he was elected to the sheriff's post used to participate in a county pistol league as a member of the Elizabeth Police Department.

"We fired 100 consecutive matches without a loss."

The shooting competition is broken into three different matches. A 1,500-point revolver match, a 1,500-point semi-automatic match and a two-man team match. Some of the matches require participants to shoot the weapon with each of their hands.

"When you shoot with your weak

hand, you're less likely to have bad habits because you don't use it as much," said deMyer, explaining that with his left hand he's less likely to jerk the trigger. "When you learn with your right hand, you go through this whole series of what you're doing wrong and what you need to correct. You just don't seem to have the same problems with your non-dominant hand."

deMyer placed first in the individual revolver competition with 1,479 points and first in the semi-automatic competition with a score of 1,449 points. The combined score of the two matches determines the overall state champion.

"In order to win any state championship or national championship in this discipline, you have to shoot two different firearms. It's not just one anymore," said deMyer.

deMyer also took first place with his partner, Lonnie Jones, in the team competition.

During the competition, deMyer faced off against 37 officers from around the state.

"I went with my father shooting a few times when I was younger but I more or less really got into it after getting out of the police academy," he said.

deMyer keeps his skills sharp by practicing two to three times a week at the Old Bridge Rifle and Pistol Club.

He goes to the range to shoot between two and three hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mondays, on Saturdays he either participates in a competition or continues with his practicing.

"It really takes a lot of personal



Bob deMyer

time and I have to give Bob credit for taking that time," said Froehlich. "He is really into it and he's excellent at it."

deMyer, who was also honored with the High County Shooter Award, which is given to the shooter with the highest score among county law enforcement officers, is currently serving his 14th year in the Sheriff's Office. This past January, he also won the New Jersey Police Indoor Championships. He is classified as a "Pistol Master" by the National Rifle Association.

"He's also a good officer. It's nice when you can have a top shot that you can utilize as an instructor," said Froehlich.

deMyer began competing in pistol contests in 1996 but has not done it every year since his tendon injury.

"I was pretty good when I got out of the police academy so I said, 'Let me try my luck in competitions,'" said deMyer, who won his first competition in 1996.

deMyer plans on attending the Police Olympics in Albany, N.Y. in June, where he will represent the Union County Sheriff's Office.

# Legislators mull 'millionaire's tax'

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Dubbed the "millionaire's tax," a tax increase for high-income residents to help relieve the property tax burden in this year's proposed state budget is being considered by some state legislators.

Upon presenting the \$26.3-billion plan on Feb. 24, Gov. James McGreevey said that it holds income and sales taxes steady. However, the budget proposal includes \$625 million in new or higher taxes and fees.

Although the budget proposes increases for school and municipal aid, higher education, senior citizens and abused and neglected children, it would increase the realty transfer tax, institute a surcharge on cell phone use and add a new \$1.50 levy on every tire sold in the state.

During McGreevey's first two years as governor, the average local property tax bills have increased 14 percent to an average of \$5,201. However, to help relieve an increase in taxes for the average tax payer, an idea that has been floated as a "millionaire's tax."

No legislator has come forward with a written proposal for the "millionaire's tax" yet.

"I could support it depending on the amount of money it would raise," said Lesniak. "If the proposed tax eventually went to reduce property taxes, he said he could support it. "I believe our property tax system hits unfairly on the middle-class and senior citizens."

It has been estimated that the "millionaire's tax" will only affect between 30,000 to 40,000 taxpayers.

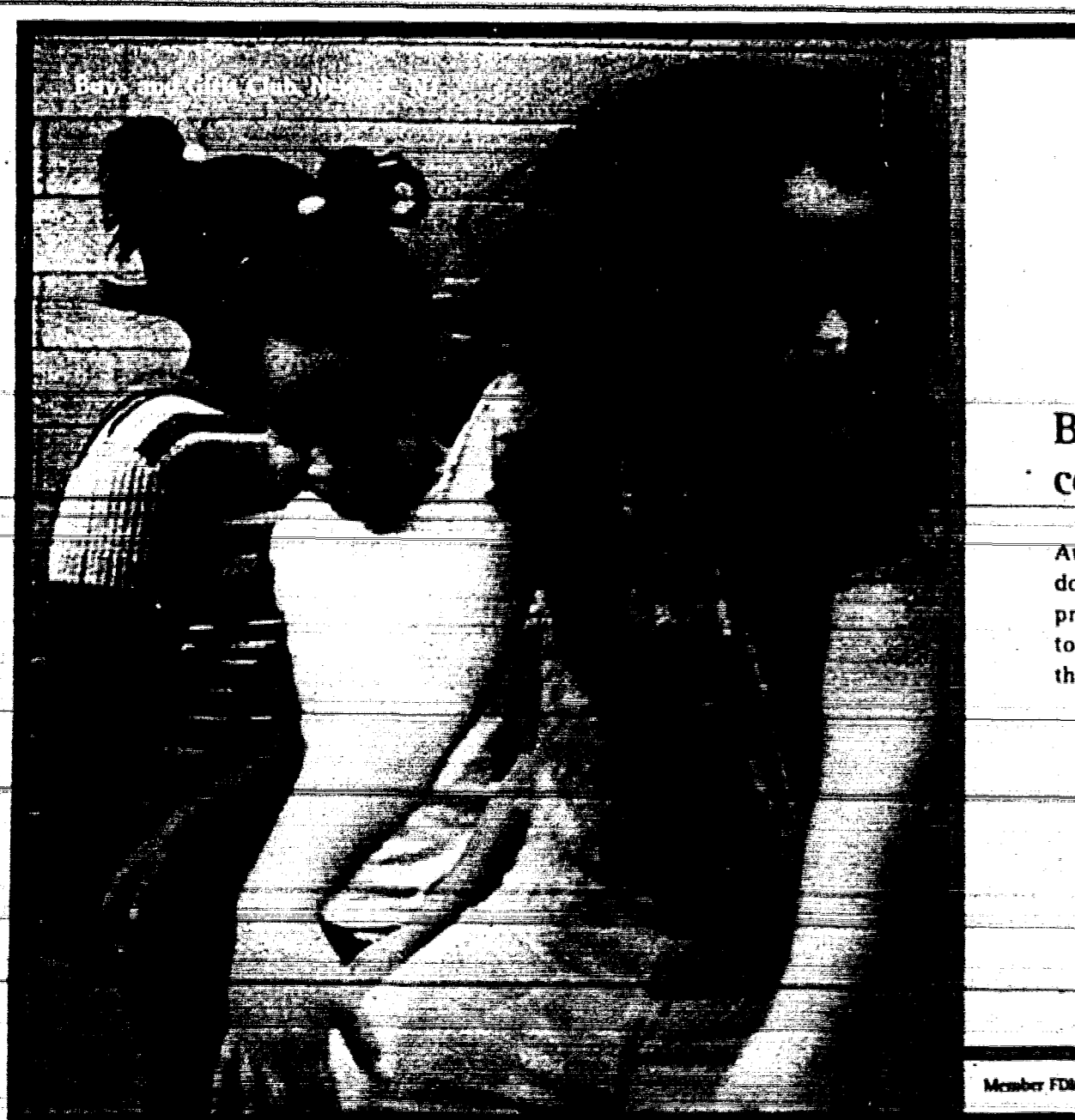
"I am opposed to increasing the income tax," said State Sen. Thomas Kean, R-Union. "Therefore, I would be opposed to increasing the so-called 'millionaire's tax.'" The governor's budget proposal does not include the "millionaire's tax."

Kean said some versions of the tax that have been discussed will tax households that earn \$300,000 annually. "That's not individual income," he said. "That's family income." The new state budget will go into effect on July 1.

One of Kean's biggest concerns about the governor's proposed budget is the deficit bonding financing. "It's the worst of all bonding proposals that could come before the legislature," said Kean. The governor is proposing to bond \$1.52 billion to help balance the state's budget.

"People will be paying 20 years from now for current operating expenses today," said Kean. "People will be paying in 2024 for things that happened in 2004."

Kean said legislators need to have a "philosophical argument" regarding bonding in the state. "We bond too much. You can't say we're in very healthy economic times at the same time that you are bonding \$1.52 billion."



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### Swain exhibit takes viewers on journey

**Opening is this Saturday**  
 Frank Ferrante's new exhibit, "Painting the Mountains," is a journey through the life of a man who lived in the mountains of Pennsylvania. The exhibit is a collection of paintings that tell the story of a man who lived in the mountains of Pennsylvania. The exhibit is a collection of paintings that tell the story of a man who lived in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

### Guild group show combines media

The Arts Guild of Rahway will present "Text & Texture," an exhibit of fiber fabric by five New Jersey women, through April 16. "Text & Texture," curated by West Orange artist Rayna Gillman, brings together original, collage-style mixed-media works by Gillman and four New Jersey women. Fiber is the new "glass," an art form that is coming into its own and is being sought by museums, collectors, and galleries, and for display in public buildings.

### Paint a pansy planter

It's been a long hard winter, and a pansy planter on the front steps will welcome the spring. In its first-ever cooperative venture, Reeves Reed, Abington and Union Free Community Schools will present a workshop on Saturday. Participants will hand-stencil three pansy planter pots on an easy-to-use pattern. Then they will plant the pots with cheerful pansies, Johnny jump-ups, and marigold daisies.

### UCAC lists its lineup

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway has announced its Winter Spring 2003-04 25th Anniversary season. For information, call 732-999-8226 or visit the Web site at www.ucac.org.

### Arts clips

Qualified high school senior girls with good academic records and exceptional talent in vocal music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied for acceptance into a music program at a college or university.

### Famed peacemaker is topic of 'Haunted'

A unique professional live theater performance is coming to St. John the Apostle Parish, 1505 Pembroke Terrace in Linden on Sunday at 2 p.m. "Haunted By God," featuring Lisa Wagner of Chicago's Still Point Theatre Collective, is a story about Dorothy Day, the co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.

### Trip to Brazil offers comparisons

Jon Plant is an extensive traveler, and his latest trip to Brazil, involving and being amazed by the sights and culture. There are interesting contrasts. The raw Brazilian music is a wonderful amalgam of classic and pop. On the other hand, the Santa Catarina settlement I saw at Carnival in Rio was rinky-dink.



Brandishing an armload of *Catholic Worker* newspapers, Lisa Wagner tackles the role of Dorothy Day in 'Haunted by God,' which will be presented at St. John the Apostle in Linden on Sunday.

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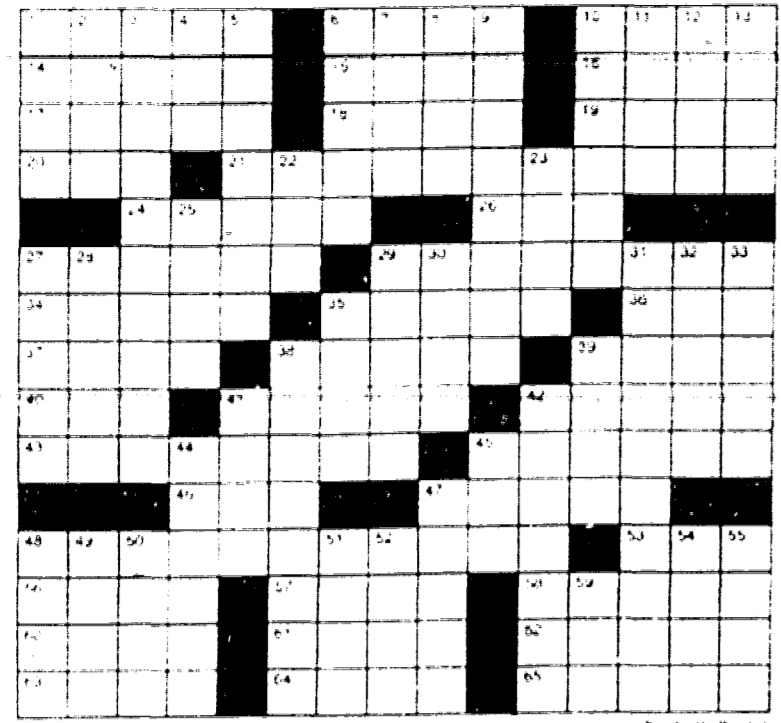
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# What's Going On?

## FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY April 3rd, 2004**  
**EVENT:** Mega Spring Flea  
**PLACE:** Knights Of Columbus, Union (Morns Avenue, to Joanne Ave)  
**TIME:** 9am-5pm  
**PRICE:** Free admission  
**DETAILS:** Sports Memorabilia, Leather Goods, Gifts, Baskets, Bunk Beds, Children's Toys, Books, Pampered Chef Housewares, Bicycles, Easter Items, Candles, Beanie Babies, Dolls, Nox Merchandise, Collectibles, Something For Everyone. Contact Dorothy 908-851-9342.  
**ORGANIZATION:** Union-Giants Suburb Club

## FLEA MARKET

**SATURDAY April 3rd, 2004**  
**EVENT:** Spring Indoor Outdoor Flea Market  
**PLACE:** St. Mary's High School, 237 South Broad Street, E. 42nd St  
**TIME:** 9am-5pm  
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**FRIDAY April 23, 2004**  
**EVENT:** OPEN HOUSE: Nat'l Your Grandparents Day  
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## Kushner will speak at Kean University

Kean University will present "An Evening With Tony Kushner" on April 1 at 8 p.m. in Wilkins Theater, 1000 Morris Ave. Kushner, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright best known for his plays "Angels in America," which Newsweek called "the broadest, deepest, most searching American play of our time." He recently reached millions of viewers as an HBO miniseries that won six Golden Globe Awards, including Best Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for Television, and received another six nominations for the Screen Actors Guild Awards. Kushner will read from a work in progress and talk about his more recent works, including his English language play "Bullshit," a Czech opera originally performed in the 1990s by children of Theresienstadt, a Nazi concentration camp. He will also express his views on racial responsibility in politically oppressive times, Jews in America, and the contentious debates over the Middle East. Leonard Lopate, host of WNYC public radio's popular midday talk show, will preside.

Kushner will be available after the program to sign pre-recorded copies of his books "Angels in America," "Bullshit," with Maurice Sendak, "The Art of Maurice Sendak," "Wrestling With Zion: Progressive Jewish-American Responses to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," and "Save Your Democratic Citizen Soul: Rants, Screeds and Other Public Utterances for Minding the Republic." This event wraps up the sixth annual Jewish Studies Lecture Artist Series, which is co-sponsored by the Kean University Jewish Studies Program and the Unity Club. Kushner's visit is also supported by Kean University's Contemporary Writers Series and the Council for Part-Time Students. Tickets are \$15 for the general public. Students, faculty and staff with valid Kean University identification may receive one free ticket per person. Call the Wilkins Theater box office at 908-851-7469 to receive a ticket or request more information.

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# Leisure Lifestyles The Cook's Nook

## Festive Easter recipes brighten springtime holiday dinner tables

Set your Easter table with decorations good enough to eat, with recipes from American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. Bunnies and ducks and jelly-beans, oh my! With all the treats children find in their Easter baskets, getting them to sit down to a healthy meal can prove difficult. Mary Marzec, of "Cooking With Mrs. M.," a seasoned culinary expert who specializes in teaching cooking to children has this advice: "Presentation is everything when it comes to picky eaters. Something as simple as topping soup with a fun-shaped creation, or making flowers out of cheese and fruit, can make all the difference in the world." She suggests involving children in food preparation whenever possible. "Kids take tremendous ownership when they put something on the table they helped to create."

Marzec, of East Amherst, N.Y., developed the following recipes exclusively for American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc.

**Sunshine Lemon Smoothies**  
 Yield: 5 cups  
 2 cups milk  
 3 cups lemon vanilla ice cream  
 6 scoops french vanilla ice cream  
 1 cup lemon yogurt  
 4 tablespoons lemon pectin mix  
 whipped cream for garnish  
 lemon peel for garnish  
 In blender, add all the above ingredients. Blend until the milk is smooth and creamy. Pour into a glass. If desired, decorate with whipped cream and a lemon wedge. Sprinkle with grated lemon peel.

**Strawberry Muffins with Strawberry Cream Cheese**  
 Yield: 24 Muffins  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon baking soda  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 tablespoon cinnamon  
 2 cups sugar  
 3 eggs  
 1 cup milk  
 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
 2 cups strawberry yogurt  
 2 cups fresh strawberries, chopped  
 Preheat oven to 350 F. Prepare muffin tins by spraying with cooking spray and lightly flouring them. Measure out all the dry ingredients (flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon) and pour into a mixing bowl. Measure out all the liquid ingredients (eggs, milk, vegetable oil, and strawberry yogurt) in another bowl. Incorporate the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, stirring as you add. Batter will be on the thick side. Add chopped strawberries and stir. Spoon mixture into prepared muffin tins about 3/4 of the way to the top. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean when inserted into muffin. Remove from oven and cool for 5 minutes in tins. Then remove tin to cooling rack.

**Cheese Flower Centerpiece**  
 Several varieties of cheeses  
 Gouda, Cheddar, Swiss, Colby Jack, etc.  
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 slices of cheese for flower base  
 melon baller  
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**honey dew melon for roses.**  
 In a mixing bowl, beat with hand mixer, the cream cheese and preserves until smooth. To make roses, place ingredients into a pastry bag with a fitted coupler and star tip. Pipe out roses and place honey dew melon by the roses to resemble leaves. Serve with muffins.

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# Easter tables feature food and decorations with holiday themes

(Continued from Page 8)  
 pot and simmer until the vegetables are soft. This could take about 25 minutes.  
 Working the soup in batches, puree in blender, adding milk as you puree. Return the soup mixture to the pot and gently reheat.  
 Serve topped with Dumplings. For added touch, sprinkle the soup with chopped chives or parsley.  
*Contributed by Christine DeWitt*

**Parmesan Bunny Crostons**  
 Yield: 20 crostons  
 10 slices of white bread  
 garlic powder  
 1 stick of butter, melted  
 5 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese, grated

**White Bread**  
 Yield: 2 loaves  
 2 packages dry active yeast  
 1 cup of warm water  
 2 teaspoons salt  
 2 1/2 cups warm water  
 2 tablespoons butter  
 2 cups sugar

**Bread Bowl**  
 Once bread dough has risen, place raised dough on board. Cut dough in half. Roll out one portion of dough into a 12 by 16 inch rectangle.  
 Wrap an empty 10 inch x 7 inch by 4 1/2 inches high with tin foil. Spray the tin foil with cooking spray. Cut dough into two portions. Shape 2 portions into loaves, and place into prepared pans. Brush with egg wash

**MVP's 'Line' to form**  
 Mystic Vision Players of Linden will conduct auditions for the long-running spectacular musical, "A Chorus Line" on April 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. with callbacks on April 24 at 2 p.m.

This auditioning should be in years of age or older and come prepared with sheet music and to sing in bars. Also be prepared to execute a dance combination that will be taught. Auditions will be held at the John I. Gregorio Recreation Center, 430 Helen St., Linden, directly behind Linden City Hall.

For more information or directions, call 908-925-0608. Show dates are July 23 to 31 in the Linden High School auditorium.

"A Chorus Line" is being directed by Jill Conrad.

**HEART Grants available**  
 The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists, and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART - History, Education, Arts, Reaching Thousands - Grant program.

Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts, and education. The HEART Grants are a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County.

The response to the HEART Grant program in past years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative people - poets and writers, historians, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers - plus arts, history, and other cultural organizations and civic groups."

"The services provided by these artists, scholars, and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county," said Freeholder Mary P. Riosello, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County."

To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202, call 908-588-2869. Relay users call 908-588-2869. Relay users call 908-588-2869.

**UCC seeks new plays**  
 There are still a few openings for the monthly playwrights workshop at the Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company.

The workshop meets once a month, in addition to a monthly script-in-hand public performance/discussion of one of the plays in development. Organizers are particularly interested in writers who can contribute to the process of the other participating playwrights.

Playwrights interested in developing their work through readings and critiques by actors, directors and other writers should submit scripts, self-addressed stamped envelopes with a cover letter, including a brief summary of writing background to Mark Spina, The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 07016.

**Chorale plans its season**  
 The Summit Chorale has announced its 2003-04 season.

Brahm's Requiem - Narr's gala farewell concert at 8 p.m. on May 1 at a location to be determined. The chorale will be accompanied by a full symphony orchestra.

Additional information and tickets can be obtained from the Web site at [www.summitchorale.org](http://www.summitchorale.org) or from 973-762-8486.

**Arts Clips**  
 will seek submission of archival material from local residents. Selected material will be on display for the 2003-04 season in the theater's inner lobby starting this fall.

**Theater explores history**  
 The Union County Arts Center located in downtown Rahway announced its plans to reach out into the local community for archival material related to the theater's rich history.

In preparation for its 75th anniversary season, the Union County Arts Center, formerly the Rahway Theater,

**Filmmakers are sought**  
 The New Jersey Movie Makers' Network is looking for state-based independent producers with

shorts or features that they would like to be seen.  
**Short movies** - 20 minutes or less. Can be aired on Cablevision's pay-per-view access show "Imagine." That is produced and hosted by Robin Reid's "Caribbean Connection."  
 Carpenter is on the Network's board of directors and would like to show the works of and possibly interview independent producers once a month.

The network would also like to hear from producers with features and shorts longer than 20 minutes. They are preparing to negotiate with a local movie theater that would allow state-based movie makers to take over the theater

one day month and screen their productions.  
 This will be a great opportunity for public screenings and to have the work reviewed by critics.  
 However, right now the New Jersey Movie Makers' Network has no idea how many people in the state have movies they'd like to show.

Producers should contact the Network by email at [njmoviemakers@aol.com](mailto:njmoviemakers@aol.com) or via snail mail at 149 Orange St., Bloomfield, 07003.  
 Filmmakers should send their name, address, phone, e-mail, company name, name and length of the project, format and a one-paragraph description.  
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# Come on the amazing journey



'Shore Shadows' is among the works by artist Frank Ferrante on exhibit in 'Maine to Mexico,' currently on display at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. For information on Ferrante's artistic traveltogue, see the 'Art Shows' listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B10. The exhibit opens with a reception Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Hayes will jazz things up at the Guild on Friday**  
 On Friday at 8 p.m., the Arts Guild at Rahway will present the Bradford Hayes Quartet performing the passionate jazz that has made Hayes a performer of note in the New York New Jersey jazz scene.

Hayes, a native of Petersburg, Va., has been a force on the jazz scene in the northeast for several years. Educated at North Carolina A&T State University, he has also studied privately with George Coleman and Charles Davis. He has performed at numerous clubs, colleges, and concert halls that include: Highland, Tavern on the Green, and the Beacon Theater, all in New York City. Hayes has performed in different musical settings with Jimmy Heath, Al Grey, Cecil Payne, Rufus Reid, Ray Bryant, Winard Harper, Ben Riley, Dr. Lomnie Smith, Cecil Brooks III, Jerry Butler, and The Delis. Hayes has also opened for Betty Ruiz among others.

Hayes' recordings include "Bianca's Dance" featuring Michael Cochran, Calvin Hall, George Scarsance, Gary Moore, and Freddie Hendrix, and "Our Father," which he dedicated to his father, the late Morris D. Hayes.

According to Dorothea Kirk at WBGO-FM Newark, "Bradford is a young man who deserves recognition." In addition to recording and performing at clubs, Hayes has been featured in TV commercials, cable shows, stage productions, and is a longtime music educator in New Jersey.

Tickets for this event are available at the Arts Guild of Rahway Advance sale ticket price is \$12. At the door, admission is \$15.  
 Call 732-381-7511 for information and tickets. Visit the Web site online at [www.RahwayArtsGuild.org](http://www.RahwayArtsGuild.org). Special rates are available for groups and multiple concert ticket purchases.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit multidisciplinary center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St. at Seminary Avenue in downtown Rahway. The Arts Guild presents an ongoing music series, art exhibits, and art classes primarily featuring New Jersey artists and performers. It is the Guild's mission to present high-quality arts programs for the northern and central New Jersey community.

**'Medicine Man' is prescribed**  
 The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, will feature a presentation on the "Native American Medicine Man" on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Sherry Lange of Cranford and Janet Murphy of Kenilworth will discuss the folk medicine practices of the Delaware Indians.  
 Visitors will learn about the medicine pouch on display, its contents, and uses in the colonies. The knowledge of herbs by the Lenape Indians, and their medicinal value will also be explained.

Tours of the historic farmhouse will take place throughout the afternoon, with the last tour starting at 4 p.m. Eighteenth-century cooking skills will be demonstrated in the Frazee Building by Laune and Amy Mills, members of the museum's Cooking Committee.  
 Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students, children younger than 6 are admitted free. Call 908-232-1776.

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Plays, dance performances, symphonies and classical concerts, jazz and pop performances, family events and more will be sold through the site. In addition to the professional theaters, many of the state's presenting organizations and dance companies have joined with NJTA membership to give customers access to as many types of performing events as possible.

Searching for events in theater, musical theater, dance, classical music, folk pop jazz, family events and free events is easy, and customers will have the ability to create their own accounts and receive e-mail alerts on a weekly basis. They will also find directions and information about parking and nearby restaurants for each venue.

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In 2003, 27 percent of the population was 50 or older. By 2020, this segment is expected to rise to 35 percent of the population and over the next 35 years, the senior market will more than double. This is what it is all about. These demographics shifts have resulted in increased activity in the senior segment of the real estate market.

Today's mature market has unique needs and resources. They want to have the same quality of life as their age, and many have financial security and

discretionary income. At this point in their lives, many mature adults begin to re-evaluate their housing situation and think about moving. For some, the move and yard are more than they want to maintain. For others, living alone in the old neighborhood is no longer an option.

"Mature adults differ from other segments in several ways. From our experience, they have significant equity in their primary residence. They are more likely to be 'buyers' on percent, and 'sellers' on price," according to Elaine Tsapinos, office manager vice president, ERA American Towne Realty. "While the goal of this group is generally to simplify their lives — downsizing their homes, going up and down and other maintenance — many mature buyers choose to move into upscale adult communities which resemble country clubs, with beautiful homes, golf courses, club houses, and activities to suit every interest."

To help associates understand the special needs and concerns of mature buyers and sellers, ERA offers the

Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation, a unique program which teaches agents about tax and estate implications in the real-estate process, financing options, counseling tools and more.

ERA also offers products and services to help make buying and/or selling a home more convenient for seniors. "Our mature clients appreciate that we offer the ERA Home Protection Plan which protects both sellers and buyers against unexpected costly repairs during the listing period and after closing," added Tsapinos. "They like the savings from using the security system and moving services providers that participate in ERA's Select Services client assistance program."

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# Home owners should not be home sellers

If you are thinking of selling your home without the assistance of a real estate agent, you may be surprised to learn that homes sold by an agent generally sell for less money than homes sold by an agent. In addition, the work involved in selling a home on your own can be complicated and time consuming.

According to a study conducted by the National Association of Realtors in 2003, 14 percent of sellers today conduct transactions without the assistance of a real-estate professional, a decline from 18 percent in 1997, and a trend that appears to have stabilized. Of 14 percent of those for sale by owner transactions, the buyer knew the home seller in advance.

It is telling that only half of recent owner-sellers said they would sell their current home without the assistance of an agent again. Why the change of heart? "Selling a home is a complicated process which involves much more than putting a 'for sale' sign in your yard and an advertisement in the local newspaper," states Hank Nalbandian, broker-owner, ERA Nalbandian Realty. "Without an agent, a homeowner must figure out how to set the proper price, prepare the necessary paperwork, such as disclosure forms, comply with the maze of real estate regulations, determine whether a

buyer is qualified to purchase a selling price and so much more. Agents take care of the day-to-day and keep the lines of communication open during stressful negotiations."

By working with a real estate professional, home sellers gain a tremendous amount of expertise for their home that they cannot generate on their own. To attract potential buyers, agents utilize multiple listing systems, broker open houses, newspaper, direct mail advertising and real estate Web sites such as ERA.com, Realtor.com and their own company Web sites.

While some homeowners believe that they can sell their home without professional assistance and save money, a NAR study conducted in 2000 revealed that the typical owner-seller home sold for \$113,000 compared to \$129,000 for a home sold by an agent.

In today's market with low interest rates and strong activity, sellers have no way of knowing without an agent's expertise the maximum price for which their home can sell. In addition, buyers who look for owner-seller homes are also looking for a bargain," added Nalbandian. Often times, after many weeks on the market, owner-seller homeowners eventually list their homes with an agent.

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