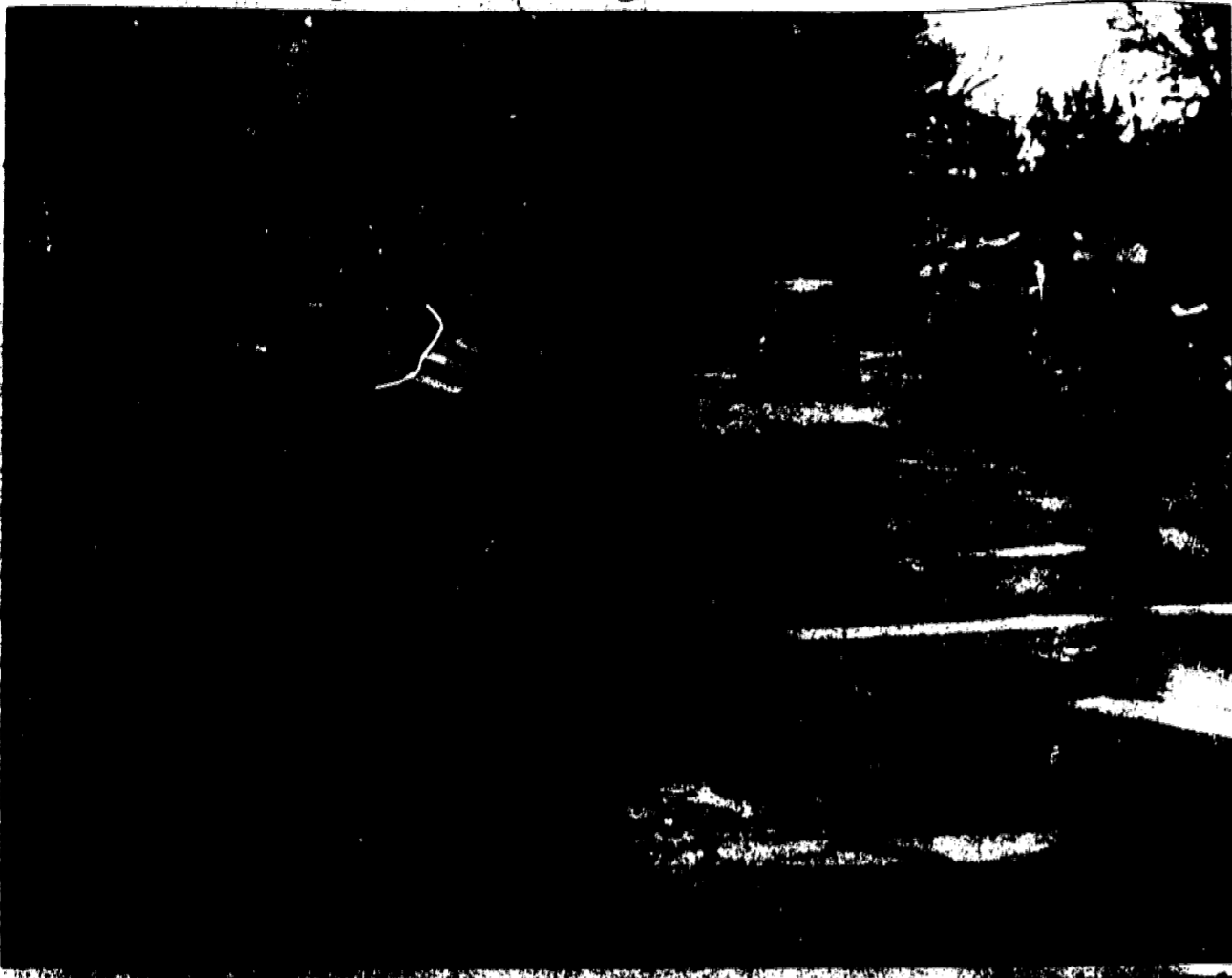


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President passes by



Springfield President George W. Bush's Social Security plan move to the president as he passes by in Westfield on the way to his morning appearance at the Armory on Friday. For complete coverage of the event, see page 11.

Budget calls for \$110 h

By Rick Kitch
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education sent a 2005-06 budget proposal to the Union County superintendent of schools that totals \$30,697,872, an increase of 5.39 percent on the local tax levy.

This proposal calls for an estimated \$110 annual school tax increase for a homeowner in Springfield with a home assessed at \$100,000, down about \$25 from last year.

The 5.39 percent increase on the local tax levy is the lowest increase in seven years.

On Monday night, the final four areas included in the budget proposal were presented, consisting of the departments of instruction, special education, technology and non-instruction. Notable increases in the budget include a rise in salaries of about \$2,400, along with more than \$5,000 extra that will be spent on Terra-Nova testing services, something which went unbudgeted for the current school year. The testing service helps analyze standardized testing scores more closely and effectively.

Over the summer, changes in curriculum will include rewritten plans for eighth-grade social studies, a new writing course for the freshman class at Jonathan Dayton High School and a revised plan for biology courses throughout the high school, among

other changes. Three electives — digital photography, computer essentials and graphic design — will be added to the high school's course options, as well.

Special education services saw a decrease of \$108,000 in the area of Child Study Teams, due to the absence of two students now out of the system. Tuition also saw a \$49,000 decrease, with four special education students graduating overall. The current school year marked 275 students as classified, including 36 who are preschool disabled.

Much of the board meeting focused on the technology budget, as the proposal more than doubles last year's total.

This year, the technology budget is projected at \$804,018, including an increase of \$330,000 in the area of instructional technology equipment. The main reason for the increase is the idea of a "one-to-one" laptop project that would allow each student at Florence M. Gaudinor the chance to work with his or her own laptop on a daily basis.

The plan would be to expand this program from the middle school to the high school and, eventually, into the elementary schools. Superintendent Michael Davino saw the benefits of a school system that provides laptops to each and every student to be limitless.

"Literally," he said, "every corner

of the school would environment."

Davino, who held the idea in his former New York school system, said the project marks an acceptance by staff that, for the first time in the history of education, students are ahead of teachers in a specific subject area.

"For the first time," he said, "teachers are not significantly more advanced than the student. This brings to children in the classroom their world. It's always been ours. To not recognize this would be shortsighted."

Staff would be the first to become educated about the capabilities and specific educational projects that can be incorporated with the laptop project. Springfield has been approved to receive \$46,755.36 in telecommunications discounts from E-Rate, a Federal Communications Commission Funding mechanism, for 05-06.

For the upcoming school year, the district hopes to lower capital budget costs if approved to receive discounts for wiring needs for the Edward V. Walton School and Jonathan Dayton High School, up to \$73,707.20, in addition to the telecommunications discounts totaling \$49,869.02.

Overall, the general fund budget is \$28,885,085. The special revenue budget is set at \$527,077, while the debt service is budgeted for \$1,283,710.

Borough's report scores revealed

By Rick Kitch
Staff Writer

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Walter Russek, interim chief school administrator, said percentages are easily skewed and it is important to keep in mind certain factors when assessing these numbers. With a low number of students, it doesn't take more than a few figures to force percentages to rise or drop, he explained.

On top of this factor, students can miss the proficiency or advanced proficiency mark by just one or two wrong answers, changing percentages, but not allowing for the possibility of those students not taking the test.

"This was just one teacher," Russek said of the 3.5 percent math score.

While the goal is to have as many students as possible at the proficient level, Russek said that the long-term goal remains clear. "We're preparing the students for the High School Proficiency Test," he said. Russek explained that each year is used to develop upon curriculum and formal test preparation with the NJPST always in sight.

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State		2003-04	2002-03	10663	25.2%	67.2%	6.8%

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DPO	2003-04	2002-03	2048	17.7%	48.1%	34.2%	
	2003-04	2002-03	2080	21.6%	49.2%	30.2%	
State		2003-04	2002-03	10663	36.5%	41.7%	20.0%
State		2003-04	2002-03	10707	43.2%	40.8%	16.0%

Source: New Jersey School Report Card

Lesson stays close to heart

By Rick Kitch
Staff Writer

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Ross, 17, is part of a Gifted and Talented class, taught by Barbara Truener, that called on students to develop an idea they care about and participate in a research and hands-on project that would run throughout the entire school year.

For Ross, the subject of interest was breast cancer.

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Each morning, Ross wears a pink awareness bracelet. She has been talking to friends and family, and recently finished speaking with the junior during the past couple of weeks.

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Scores stay steady above state averages

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The 2003-04 New Jersey School Report Card shows Springfield elementary schools remaining steady above state averages, with the state's Assessment of Skills and Knowledge testing in the third and fourth grades boasting improved scores, overall.

At Thelma L. Sandanger school, more than 80 percent of the students tested in third grade were on the proficient level for language arts literacy, while 6.2 percent were found to be advanced proficient. The levels also include a partial proficiency category that 13.6 percent of students were placed in for the subject area, which is 7 percent less than the state average.

In mathematics, 86.4 percent of the students were split evenly between the proficient and advanced proficient levels. With the advanced category more than 20 percent above the state average, the proficiency level stood below the state average.

Principal Michael Antolino commended the math program at the school, saying it's been phased in and has been an obvious success.

"I think it's a good program that aligns well with testing," he said. "The teachers have focused in on the five math clusters that are tested."

Math scores also dropped 9 percent since last year in the fourth-grade partial proficiency level and rose eight percent in the advanced proficiency level. Language arts improved in the fourth grade over last year in all three levels, including about 3 percent in the proficient level.

Antolino said the overall results are studied and the areas of strength and weakness help improve on the curriculum. The information is shared with teachers and the appropriate staff meets with Hillary Corburn, assistant superintendent of schools, to further analyze necessary changes in curriculum.

At James Caldwell School, scores were comparable to those of Sandanger. In the third grade, 83.1 percent of students were proficient in the area of language arts literacy, while 55.4 percent were proficient in mathematics. A total of 36.9 percent were advanced proficient.

"We never look at test scores in a vacuum," explained Caldwell Principal Ken Bernabe. Focusing on a single year's scores is not as effective as looking at a profile of scores over a longer period of time, he said. "We're always looking for areas that show tendencies," he said.

In the fourth grade, proficient scores were down almost 3 percent since last year in the subject area of language arts literacy. However, the advanced proficiency percentages rose by more than 5 percent, and the partial proficiency dropped by 2.4 percent.

When problems are noticed over a period of time, Bernabe said, individual students and classes can be more closely studied for reasons regarding success or weaknesses. Curriculum and instructional strategies would be adjusted when necessary.

In math, fourth-graders improved slightly in all levels of proficiency.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today: The Westfield Regional Health Department will present a lecture on "Childhood Obesity and Good Eating Habits" at the Mountaintide Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Mountaintide, at 11 a.m.

To register for the program, call 908-233-0115. This is a free informational session provided for people living in the towns of Garwood, Langwood, Mountaintide, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

For information prior to this event, call the Public Health Nurse at 908-789-4070 ext. 4073.

Friday: The Project Graduation Committee of Governor Livingston High School is sponsoring a pasta dinner, in the high school cafeteria at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Proceeds will help fund this June's all-night drug and alcohol free graduation celebration for the entire senior class.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children younger than age 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reservations can be arranged by calling 908-771-0186. The committee invites everyone to enjoy the pasta dinner and then attend the drama club's spring musical production of "Pippin."

Lisa Athan and Scott Strickland will be presenting a workshop titled "Make It Happen!" at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall in Springfield from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The workshop is designed to show people how to create and experience what they want to happen in their lives.

The cost of the workshop is \$12, payable at the door. For information, call Lisa Athan at 973-912-0790 or send a message by e-mail to LAthan208@aol.com.

Saturday: Trailside Nature & Science Center will offer a naturalist-guided, early spring hike at 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintide from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants will explore the Watchung Reservation for young leavers, spring peeper frogs, groundhogs and other signs that spring is around the corner.

Call 908-789-3670 for information. Admission is a suggested donation of \$1 per person. No pre-registration required.

Sunday: Under the culinary guidance of Andrea Cook Nadel, participants can learn how to make hamantashen in a program at Temple Beth Ahm at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield from noon to 2 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person. Children can bring an adult, adults can bring a child. R.S.V.P. to the Temple office at 973-376-0539.

Monday: New Jersey native Heather Mulvey will present a special music concert celebrating St. Patrick's Day at the Mountaintide Public Library, Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m. A Celtic Music Journey will feature familiar folk songs celebrating Ireland and Irish heritage including "Danny Boy," "Wild Mountain Thyme" and "The Fields of Athlone."

The Friends of the Mountaintide Public Library are sponsoring this program which is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served following the program.

To register or for information, call 908-233-0115.

Tuesday: The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m.

The Mountaintide Borough Council will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east at 8 p.m.

March 17: The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its spring International Film Festival with "Everybody's Fine" at noon and 7 p.m.

In the tradition of Tomatore's earlier Cinema Paradiso, this lyrical tale explores the themes of aging, memories, and the inevitability of change. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

March 19: A program on maple sugaring will be conducted at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintide from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. View a brief slide presentation exploring the history of maple sugaring from early Americans to present day collection methods.

Participants can also enjoy breakfast by an open campfire to celebrate and appreciate the sugaring season with pancakes and 100 percent real maple syrup.

The program is for adults, ages 18 and older. Admission is \$10 per person for Union County residents, \$15 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required.

Call 908-789-3670 for information.

March 21: The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

The Mountaintide Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in the meeting room of the library, Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m.

Duo arrested for criminal mischief

Mountaintide: Manuel Castro, 25, of Newark, and Christopher Herrera, 23, of Irvington, were arrested by Mountaintide Police on Feb. 22 east. Herrera was charged with aggravated assault and two counts of criminal mischief. Castro was charged with aggravated assault.

Christopher Hlad, 38, of Cranford, was arrested Saturday at 9:16 a.m. after being brought into police headquarters by the Cranford Police Department on a warrant out of the borough for \$412.

Keith Johnson, 21, of Somerset, was stopped Friday at 8:51 p.m. on Route 22 west for having a loud muffler. Johnson was arrested after presenting a counterfeit insurance card, driver's license and fictitious name.

Joao DaSilva, 38, of Delanco, was arrested on March 2 at 10:58 a.m. for tampering with records and use of counterfeit identity documents. An illegal alien from Brazil, DaSilva was arrested at the Springfield Motor Vehicle Commission Agency.

On Sunday at 1:54 p.m., it was reported that a headlight was stolen from a car parked on Mountain Avenue. Damage was also done to the front passenger side of the vehicle.

On Saturday at 10:39 a.m., it was reported that the owner of a Route 22 east motel had his car stolen from the parking lot. Inside the car were a cell phone and television.

On Friday at 5:30 p.m., a resident of a Morris Avenue apartment complex reported that someone with a key came into her apartment and stole her video cassette recorder.

A Route 22 east resident reported on March 1 at 10:25 a.m. that a service worth \$500 was provided, but was not paid in full.

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Yellow brick road leads to Dayton High

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

On March 17, 18 and 19, the yellow brick road will lead directly into Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School, as a cast of nearly 60 students will perform in a musical production of "The Wizard of Oz."

After auditions that began just prior to winter vacation, students returned in January and began rehearsing non-stop for the classic theater production that calls for seven lead roles.

"It's been really crazy here," junior Anna D'Achilles said. "It's a really stressful time. We're all just trying to adjust to the lead aspects."

D'Achilles, who has been a part of two musicals and two dramas thus far at the high school, will be playing the wicked witch.

Alongside D'Achilles, fellow junior Katie MacDonnell will be playing Glinda, the good witch.

"A lot goes into this," explained MacDonnell, who is enjoying a role in the second musical she's been in at the high school, "because it's a fun show, but, if we don't play it serious, it can become cheesy."

Senior Joe Marra, who is playing the part of the lion, is glad that he will be finishing off his career with a lead in the musical.

"I got to go out with a bang," said Marra. "I just want it to be remembered."

Marra said he will be pursuing a career in musical theater when he enters college next year.

Sophomores Ashley Maas, who is playing the scarecrow, and Noah Peyer, the tin man, both agreed that it's important to stay focused on the roles they are playing and not get caught up in how the show may have seemed to them while growing up.

"It's not a kid's show," said Peyer. "The characters are actually very dramatic."

Laura Frenkle, a senior who has performed in the school's musicals during her entire Dayton career, will be playing the part of Dorothy.

"It's said," she said, "but it's also exciting. This is my first lead, so it's good to leave like that."

Junior Rob Efrus, who is playing the role of the wizard, said he is trying to perfect the development of the character.

"For me, it's finding the character that's difficult. Trying not to be loud, but more personal," he said.

This year's musical also features two additions to the cast that are not normally part of the production. Not only will about 10 students from Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School be making up the ever-important cast of munchkins, but Toto, the musical's beloved pooch, will be played by a professional acting dog. Named "Snickers," the calm and controllable canine was part of the Madison Square Garden production of the show in 1997.

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Musical Director Tanya Boehme said the play actually demands less of the students in a musical aspect, but calls on the actors to focus on a different level of acting.

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Ready for the 'Basket Bonanza'



Jonathan Dayton High School students perform during the 'Basket Bonanza' event. The event was held on Feb. 25 after the fish and chips dinner. The theme for this year's event was 'New Jersey — The Garden State.'

Clarification

The article "7 Seek Seats on the Springfield BOE," published in the March 3 edition of the Echo Leader, should have stated that Board of Education candidates Fran Sandler would not be forced to relinquish her seat on the Parent-Teacher Association if she won a seat on the board.

Currently in her second year as president of the PTA at Thelma L. Sandmeier School, Sandler is not allowed to serve another consecutive year as president. However, whether she earns a seat on the Board of Education or not, Sandler said she intends to remain active with the PTA.

Editorial deadlines for news: Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social — Friday, noon. Entertainment — Friday, noon. Sports — Monday, noon. Letter to the Editor — Monday, 9 a.m.

The Mountaintide Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in the meeting room of the library, Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m.

The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m.

The Mountaintide Borough Council will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east at 8 p.m.

March 17: The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its spring International Film Festival with "Everybody's Fine" at noon and 7 p.m.

In the tradition of Tomatore's earlier Cinema Paradiso, this lyrical tale explores the themes of aging, memories, and the inevitability of change. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

March 19: A program on maple sugaring will be conducted at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintide from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. View a brief slide presentation exploring the history of maple sugaring from early Americans to present day collection methods.

Participants can also enjoy breakfast by an open campfire to celebrate and appreciate the sugaring season with pancakes and 100 percent real maple syrup.

The program is for adults, ages 18 and older. Admission is \$10 per person for Union County residents, \$15 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required.

Call 908-789-3670 for information.

March 21: The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

The Mountaintide Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in the meeting room of the library, Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m.



Laura Frenkle, a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield sings 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' during a dress rehearsal for 'The Wizard of Oz.' Frenkle plays Dorothy in the spring musical, which opens March 17.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Give details

What's the total amount of the Springfield School District's budget? At this point, it's anybody's guess, and for members of the public who attended the special Board of Education meeting Feb. 22, finding any actual information about the 2005-06 spending plan was next to impossible.

Even though the school budget is preliminary at this time, and this was a public meeting, no handouts or written details were provided to the public. No pie charts, no graphs, no estimations. Nothing. How can there be a budget meeting with no numbers, especially when tentative budgets were due 10 business days later?

While it's understandable that the board may not want to publicly release information regarding a working budget, the board still needed to provide some specific details for the public. The board may be going through some difficulty determining the budget due to the shift in grades coming in the 2005-06 school year. Still, that's no excuse.

This unstructured meeting does a disservice to taxpayers who came to this expecting some details about a spending plan they will be considering.

Compared with the Mountaineer School District, which regularly releases detailed multi-page Phase One and Phase Two handouts on its preliminary budget by mid-February, the Springfield school board is sorely lacking in this regard. By the time the Mountaineer school board is ready to adopt its budget each year, it has a complete packet available to the public that lists every budget figure, including the estimated school tax increase.

Providing this information to the public goes a long way toward helping people become knowledgeable about something that is integral to their livelihoods, particularly when it comes time to vote.

Unacceptable

The state budget presented two weeks ago by Acting Gov. Richard Codey is one few governors would have the political courage to present because it is one of the leanest state budgets to be proposed by a governor in many years. Nevertheless, it is a budget that our Legislature must refuse because the plan relies too much on the sympathy of the state's taxpayers as far as any proposed cuts.

Quite frankly, we the taxpayers are tired of being sympathetic to the governors and Legislatures that fed themselves and their cronies recklessly during at least the last decade while taxpayers were forced to pay the brunt in increased local property taxes.

Codey's \$27 billion plan cuts spending by nearly \$600 million, and anticipates revenue by the sale of more than \$500 million in land and other state assets, as well as through raising certain taxes and fees.

The most devastating cut, however, comes in an area in which all of our legislators agree is the most important issue facing state homeowners. Codey wants to suspend the NJ Saver program, which, for the last several years, has been the only form of "property tax relief" to which residents have been introduced. As minuscule as the annual average \$600 rebate is in pockets picked negligently by our state leaders, it at least offsets, in kind, the tax increases imposed on property owners because of cuts and freezes during the last several years to municipal and school aid packages.

Codey claims the state is close to bankruptcy and acknowledges that he, as Senate president during the last several years, has played a part in decisions that should not have been made. He states his colleagues in the legislatures of the present and past also are guilty for bringing the state this close to bankruptcy. He is telling us nothing new because we residents have been standing on the sidelines watching it unfold before our very eyes, being ignored as we pleaded with officials to cut reckless, pork barrel spending. We were ignored when we asked our state leaders to stop playing with our hard-earned dollars when they were voting to offer contracts to incompetents only because they were friends or campaign contributors.

We also find it incredible that at the same time Codey wants to suspend the rebate program and ask taxpayers to suffer, he wants to spend \$40 million for something personal — mental health programs. We know the wife of the governor has had a history of mental health problems because she and the governor have been very public about them. In a year of belt-tightening, Codey should have been setting an example, not revealing the true colors of our state leadership.

For all this, we decline to give the governor our sympathy and demand that he revisit his spending plan and restore the suspension of the rebate program and find other areas of the budget from which to cut. We also demand that members of the Legislature stop playing their own games to save themselves politically this year and offer real, substantial cuts when it reviews the state budget and save the rebate program.

For a change, state residents need to be recognized as the true bosses of the people elected to serve us.



THE BEST DEFENSE — Sledding down the snowy hills at Echo Lake Park in Mountaineer is not without its dangers, particularly with the many trees that dot the landscape. As children sled down the slopes, these helpful mothers stand guard to keep young sledders from crashing into the trees.

Photo by Joseph A. Sorrentino

Should the country mind its own business?

There has been a great deal of misconception among those in the press, in politics and elsewhere concerning a non-interventionist foreign policy.

These individuals claim that non-interventionism is nothing more than a fancy word for isolationism. It is nothing of the sort. Isolationists seek alliances with no other nations, whereas non-interventionists seek temporary alliances in case of emergencies such as war. Non-interventionism is the policy of not getting involved in the quarrels of other nations. That a government should seek peace, free trade, open markets with all and not get involved in the disputes of other countries.

It is also the belief that if a nation should ever enter into a war, it must do so when a) it is attacked, and b) when its vital and national interests are at stake.

Non-interventionism was the foreign policy of the United States for 109 years.

All this changed in 1898, when then-President William McKinley annexed the Philippines, got involved in the Spanish-American war in Cuba and got the United States involved, also in Hawaii, then not a state. Since then, the United States has followed

Point of View

By Alex Pugliese

an interventionist foreign policy line. Throughout the 20th century, the United States had involved itself in conflicts that many non-interventionists believe have not been in America's interests. The examples they cite are World War I, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the first Gulf War, Liberia, Lebanon, Haiti, Bosnia, Panama and Grenada. Some non-interventionists such as Alan Colmes, Pat Buchanan, Ron Paul, R-Texas, Joseph Sobran and Robert Novak claim that the present war in Iraq is not in the United States' best interests, however, I disagree.

They have also claimed that because of these conflicts, the United States has overextended its armed forces all over the globe. They point out, for example, that there are 40,000 troops in Japan, 75,603 troops in Germany, 11,801 troops in Great Britain, including an enormous concentration of troops in 137 other countries where there is not three to United States

interests. They also claim that, since the United States has signed multilateral and bilateral agreements, it has put itself on a permanent war footing for the purposes of defending 50 or more nations. These agreements range from NATO, the Rio Pact, the Japanese Defense Treaty and others. Non-interventionists point out that while the United States is obligated to defend these nations, equal consideration is not given. These countries can choose not to come to America's assistance. Therefore, according to non-interventionists, in many instances, the United States may have to face an enemy alone.

Non-interventionists also seek their wisdom from the U.S. Constitution. In that document, they point out that while the president is commander and chief of the armed forces and is responsible for the conduct of foreign affairs, it also gave a great foreign policy role to Congress as well. Congress, under the Constitution, is authorized to vote on treaties, allocate funds for the military and obtains the power to declare war.

Non-interventionists also seek their wisdom from the words of the founding fathers and others. The founders particularly learned a great deal from the fall of the Roman Empire. For example, George Washington stated "The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is to extend our commercial relations and to have with them as little political connection as possible." Thomas Jefferson believed in "peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none." And John Quincy Adams stated that the United States "goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy."

The United States today is engaged in a war on terror. A war against Islamofascism. This enemy had not only declared war against the United States, but against Western Civilization as a whole. I have doubt that these forces will be defeated and scuttled. When they are, that will be the time when the United States will engage in imperialism. To evaluate its overall foreign policy and its relations with other countries, I hope then that the United States will take a second look at the words of the founding fathers and the works of the founding documents and take it into consideration.

Alex Pugliese is a frequent contributor to this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report shows how Springfield fared

This year, as usual, the *Star-Ledger* newspaper published its school report card which is a 24-page special insert in its issue of Feb. 4, 2005. It contains a monumental amount of data compiled from all New Jersey school districts consisting of 2,384 public schools regarding test scores, pupil seats, class size, average teachers' salaries, average administrative salaries, etc.

A school district usually comprises all of the schools in one community. If you have not seen it, it would be worth a trip to any New Jersey public library to review this detailed information in its reference department's newspaper files. In the year of 2004, it records that the Springfield school district had a total of 2,019 pupils. Since that time, there has been a minimal increase spread over kindergarten through 12th-grade classes and the average cost to educate one student was \$11,246 in 2004. The state average is \$10,247 per pupil. Some other Union County schools have lower cost per pupil figures, along with some higher test score ratings, such as Berkeley Heights — \$10,253, Summit — \$10,025, New Providence — \$9,638, Scotch Plains — \$10,000, and Westfield — \$10,228. Overall, in Union County, Plainfield ranked highest with a total cost per pupil of \$13,095, and the Hillside cost was the lowest at \$8,488.

The average class size in Springfield shows 19 students per classroom. At the James Caldwell and Thelma Sandmeier schools, the average is 19, with 17 at Edward Walton School, 22 at Florence M. Gaundinger School, and 21 at Jonathan Dayton High School. Facts and figures for vocational schools are also on this school report card.

All of the Springfield public schools complied with the Department of Education's No Child Left Behind Law. However, none of our schools was in the column "Top 10 Percent Achievement Statewide" for the year 2004. New Jersey state tests taken by students in the third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade in every public school.

The students in several other Union County schools achieved higher test grades than those in Springfield even though their cost-per-pupil amounts were lower than ours. Even before the school renovation and new construction project began as the result of the Jan. 28, 2003 referendum, which won by 81 votes, the Springfield cost-per-pupil was quite high.

The Springfield Board of Education is now working on its budget for the year of 2005-2006, and residents may vote "yes" or "no" on it in the public election on April 19. Residents may also attend Board of Education meetings and ask questions about this budget. For exact times and locations, one may call 973-376-1025 ext. 1214.

Hazel Handglove
Springfield

Coach proved to be a bad sport

To the Editor:
I was at a basketball game on Wednesday evening where the coach sent a message to his team that being disrespectful is acceptable, even condoned. It is absolutely appalling that a high school coach, in a state tournament, should allow his team to walk off the court without shaking hands with the opposing team. It is irrelevant that it was the home team who won by a large margin, in fact, that might make it worse. Both teams played to win, and after a hard-fought

game, one would imagine that the two teams would shake hands, acknowledging the intensity of the match. Someone ought to teach the coach of Hillside High School that it is far more important, for his players to learn how to be respectful. Winning isn't everything. And winning gracefully just shows a lack of class. I can only partially blame the players; a good coach would have insisted that his team shake hands on the court and do the right thing. Hopefully the comments made to school officials on the way out will get back to the coach, and he will learn from this disgraceful mistake.

The Governor Livingston High School community should be proud of the GL team. They played a great game, never giving up. And they showed class and respect at the end, lining up to shake hands with the victorious Hillside team. I know I am proud of each and every player on the team, and I am glad our coaches do the right thing.

Laura Kaplan
Mountaineer

Don't allow Social Security to weaken

To the Editor:
I strongly oppose the creation of private accounts that take money out of Social Security. Taking some of the money that works to pay the system and diverting it into newly created private accounts would weaken Social Security and put benefits for current and future generations at risk. While Social Security is strong now, it is true that the program needs some changes so it will always be able to pay full benefits for all generations.

As it stands today, Social Security will be able to pay every penny of promised benefits until the year 2042. The only guarantee you can count on with private accounts is that they can lose money just as fast as they can make it. Whenever your income level, a safety net is vital to protecting your retirement security. Social Security should be one of the pillars of your retirement plan. I'm 62 years old. According to the administration's proposals, only those younger than 55 would be affected by a new private account system. I'm not writing this letter for my own benefit. I'm writing it because of our children and grandchildren. Social Security is a promise our country makes to working Americans and that promise should not be broken.

Dave Mollen
Union

Thanks for offering help and support

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Park Union Guild of the Deborah Hospital Foundation, we would like to express our gratitude and a big thank you to all who supported our annual luncheon and fashion show. The event was at L'Affaire restaurant in Mountaineer in November.

Whether you donated a gift, bought a ticket or helped at the luncheon, we appreciate all your help and kindness to make this a success for the Deborah Hospital Foundation. Once again, thank you.

Anyone wishing to join our chapter — you can be from any town — contact our president, Jane Wintzer, at 908-687-1423.

Rosemary Palster
Deborah Hospital Foundation

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Sponsors sought for re-enactment

"Our township is honored to have been the site the last British military encounter in New Jersey during the Revolution," said Scott Seidel, chairman of the committee that has undertaken to appropriately observe the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield.

"This is a multi-faceted event involving an impressive battle re-enactment by the well-respected, nationally-known Brigade of the American Revolution and hosted by the 3rd New Jersey Regiment," said Seidel.

He added that the committee also plans to display the famous painting, "Give 'Em Watts," which will be

moved from Frances Tavern in New York City to the Springfield Public Library for three weeks during June. He also noted that other highlights include a presentation by Thomas Fleming, author of "The Forgotten Victory" on June 5.

The two-day schedule includes a re-enactment that affords attendees an opportunity to understand America's social, cultural and military history as well as an extensive parade, complete with marching bands and games. The event will conclude with special fireworks.

A commemorative journal and souvenirs will be available and refreshments will be for sale.

Seidel concluded that the township is particularly grateful to the event's platinum sponsors: Commerce Bank, Kearny Federal Savings Bank and The Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Additional sponsors include: Cardinal Land Properties Inc., Schering Plough Corporation and Union County National Bank.

"Our town will be in the spotlight and we need to have sufficient sponsorship to be able to do justice to Springfield's heritage," said Seidel.

Additional sponsors are needed and he urged them to either call 973-912-2200, 973-912-2300 or send a message by e-mail to www.springfieldbattle.com.

EVENTS

Find out what's cooking at Temple Beth Ahm

What's triangular, has four hands and a jelly in the center? An adult and child making hamantaschen.

Under the culinary guidance of Andrea Cook Nadol, participants can learn how to make hamantaschen at Temple Beth Ahm on Sunday at 60 Temple Drive in Springfield from noon to 2 p.m.

Admission is \$5 per person. Children can bring an adult, adults can bring a child. R.S.V.P. to the Temple office at 973-376-0539.

Hike investigates Lake Surprise wildlife

A Headwaters Hike will be offered by Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountaineer on March 26 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Adults and children of all ages are invited to take a hike with a Trailside Park naturalist to investigate the variety of life found around Lake Surprise. Listeners for spring peepers, look for wildflowers and discover the wonders of wetlands. Pre-registration is not required for this program and the fee is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

Meet at the Lake Surprise parking lot, Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. Call 908-789-3670 for information.

Maple sugaring program on tap

Over a short time to come, we will be holding a Maple Sugaring program at Temple Beth Ahm.

Pasta dinner benefits Project Graduation

The Project Graduation Committee of Governor Livingston High School is sponsoring a pasta dinner in the high school cafeteria.

Governor Livingston High School is located at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights. The pasta dinner will be conducted on Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Proceeds will help fund this June's all-night drug and alcohol free graduation celebration for the entire senior class.

The menu will include pasta with meatballs or marinara sauce or cavatelli and broccoli, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children younger than age 12.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or reservations can be arranged by calling 908-771-0186.

The committee invites everyone to enjoy the pasta dinner and then attend the drama club's spring musical production of "Pippin."

St. James plans trip to PA shopping outlets

St. James Roman Catholic Church in Springfield offers a shopping spree at Valley Fair Reading Outlets on March 28. The bus leaves Knights of Columbus parking at 8 a.m. and returns approximately at 5 p.m.

The cost is \$21 per person. The price includes deluxe bus transportation, bus driver tip, lunch voucher, shopping bag and discount coupons.

For reservations, call (709) 973-376-0539.

Temple plans Megillah Madness Marathon

Get ready for the great Megillah Madness Marathon. Temple Beth Ahm Preschool and Religious School children of all ages are invited to participate in the Megillah Trivia Game Show on March 24 in the Sanctuary at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield at 7 p.m.

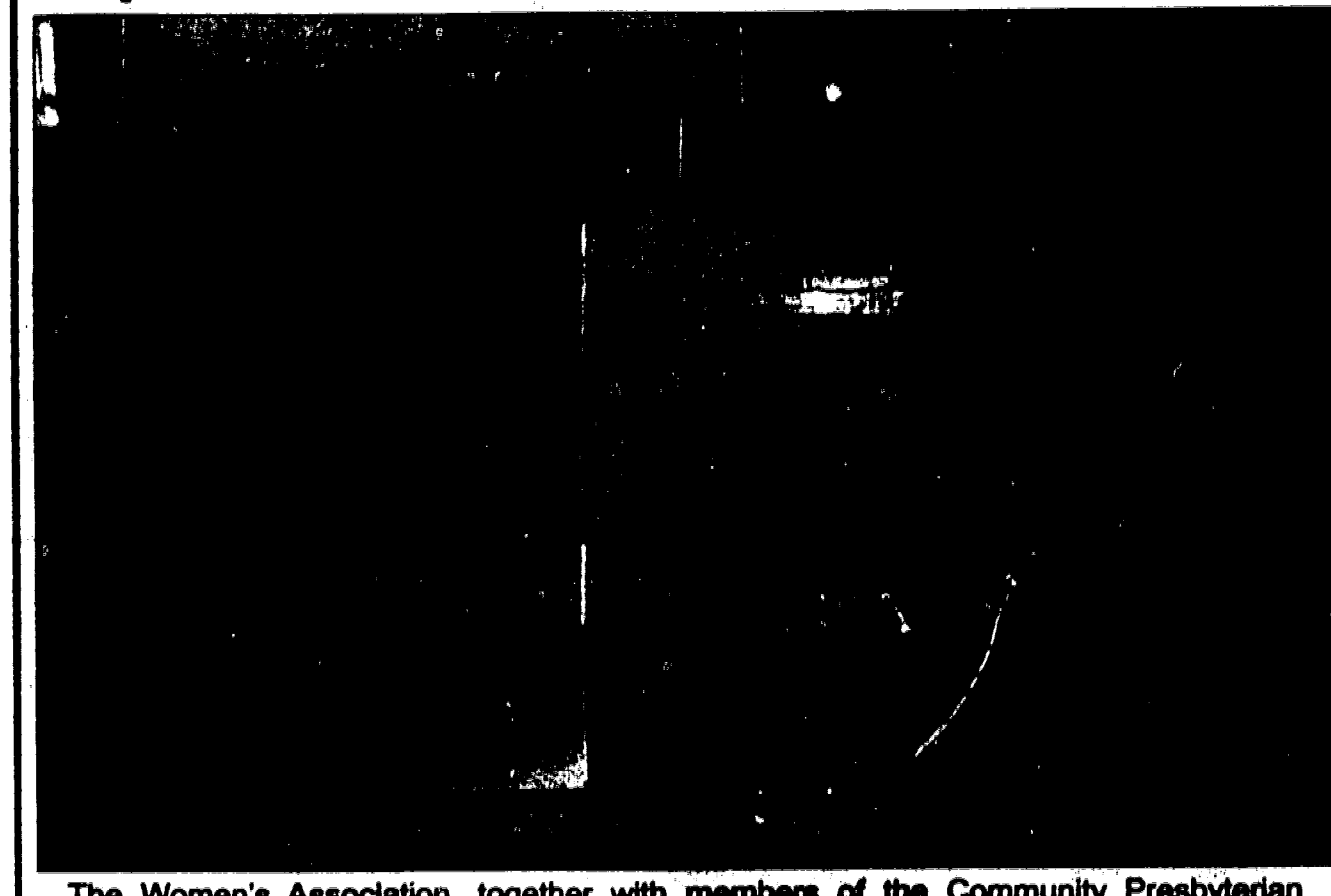
For preschoolers, the Megillah Madness includes the annual parade of costumes. For all grown-ups, a Megillah Madness trivia game and quiz in the Chapel at Temple Beth Ahm.

A complete reading of the Book of Ester, geared towards adults will be followed by the 8 p.m. Hamantaschen Sock Hop, complete with a DJ and refreshments.

Relive the 50s. Geeks, groovers and beauty school drop-outs are encouraged to attend — in costume, of course.

For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539.

Hope in a box



The Women's Association, together with members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountaineer, has taken the opportunity to help young survivors of the tsunami. They have assembled and mailed a total of 32 'Hope in a Box' kits for young children. The boxes were filled with 15 items consisting of necessities, learning tools and toys.

Seder Meal marks Holy Week

The public is invited to participate in a re-enactment of a Seder meal on March 24 at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall at 7:30 p.m.

A Seder meal is a Jewish tradition that was set out in the Book of Exodus — found in the Hebrew writings of the Holy Bible — as a means of remembering the original Passover when the Hebrews were freed from the pharaoh.

A Christian Seder takes the same basic preparation and elements of the Jewish meal and ritual and modifies some of the parts to affirm how Jesus has fulfilled many of the prayers and symbols of the ritual. This event, to be celebrated by the children, their immediate and church family, and the general public, will culminate with a series of lessons related to the Seder Meal and Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Those interested in attending the Seder Meal on March 24 are asked to call the church office at 973-376-1940 by March 20 to ensure that enough food is prepared. The meal will include roasted lamb, unleavened bread, charoseth and other foods. The symbolism of each food item will be explained as each is eaten and scripture is read.

Holy Week begins with a joyful service for all ages at 10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 20. Following family worship and a sermonette, about 20 minutes, the children will leave for Sunday school to continue learning about Holy Communion.

Springfield Emanuel is located at the far back end of Church Mall near the intersection of Morris and Mountain Avenues in Springfield.

On Good Friday, the day that Jesus is believed to have been crucified, a Tenebrae service of candlelight and shadows will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. This service is designed for older children through adults.

Two services will be offered on Easter Sunday, March 27. An informal interactive service will begin at 8 a.m. This service, in the Springfield Emanuel sanctuary, will be led by Pastors Elaine Wing of Emanuel and Charles Baier of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, located across the street. A light breakfast will follow at 8:45 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., a more traditional service will take place in the Emanuel Sanctuary. Special music will highlight the service which will include the weekly children's message for younger disciples.

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Colorectal cancer screenings offered

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Early detection is the key to saving lives and it is through community screening that colorectal cancer can be prevented.

This March, the Regional Cancer Center of JEK Medical Center, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, in conjunction with Solaris Health Systems, and the Westfield Regional Health Department will be conducting its annual colorectal screening campaign.

Westfield Regional Health Department will be a pick-up site for the colorectal screening kits. Anyone that lives in the towns of Fairwood, Garwood, Mountaineer, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield or Westfield that would like to pick up a screening kit can do so at 425 East Broad St. in Westfield, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except from noon to 1 p.m. because the office will be closed for lunch.

When you pick up your kits, read the directions carefully and follow the instructions closely in order to assure that you properly prepare your sample to be processed by the lab.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding colorectal cancer or need information regarding this topic, call the public health nurse at 908-789-4070 ext. 4073.

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Learning dental do's and don'ts



The 3-year-old students at the Community Presbyterian Nursery School in Mountainside learn about dental hygiene from Dr. John Kozar of Mountainside.

AT THE LIBRARY

Concert celebrates St. Patrick's Day

New Jersey native Heather Mulvey will present a special music concert celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountainside Public Library.

Program promotes proper dental hygiene

The Westfield Regional Health Department presents, "Hygiene Practices and Dental Habits of your Child" at the Mountainside Free Public Library.

Lecture addresses childhood obesity

Is your child a picky eater? Does he or she run straight for the television after school? Are your kids overweight? Are you worried that your child will be an obese adult?

Donations sought

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels.

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Digital camera class set

Learn to upload your digital photos, create and save them to folders, and attach them to messages by e-mail in the new digital camera class offered by the Mountainside Recreation Department.

'Kids' Night Out offers hours of fun

The Springfield Recreation Department will offer a "Kids' Night Out" at the Chisholm Community Center on Saturday and April from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration opens for Swim Team 2005

Springfield Recreation Department offers Swim Team 2005 registration. To register, call 973-912-2227 or mail to Sarah Bailey, Coordinator, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081.

Parents can enjoy a few hours off while their children enjoy a few hours of fun.

Staff consists of first aid and CPR-certified counselors. The program is for ages 3-10. Children must be toilet-trained. The cost is \$5 per child, per night.

Travel plans announced

Three travel adventures are on the 2005 calendar. From March 30 to April 6, an eight-day Southern tour is planned, with stops at Monticello, Jekyll Island, and Savannah.

Child care registration opens at YMCA

Springfield YMCA child care registration for the 2005-06 school year has begun at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

Meet the snow bathers

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Betty Ruffley
Betty I. Ruffley, 78, of Summit died Feb. 26 in Bay Shore Hospital, Holmdel.

Barbara Gilland
Barbara Gilland, 85, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Feb. 28 at home.

Dr. Leo Kelly Jr.
Dr. Leo J. Kelly Jr., 74, of Springfield and Honesdale, Pa., an orthopedic surgeon and Seton Hall physician, died Feb. 27 at home in Honesdale.

Albert D'Amanda
Albert W. D'Amanda, 77, of Mountaineide died March 1 at home.

Christopher Maguire
Christopher Paul Maguire, 32, of Mountaineide died Feb. 27 at home.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Serving Christ in the 21st Century
30 Montpelier Rd., Springfield, NJ. Frederick St. at 5th Ave. Sundays 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages. Nursery through Sunday School 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

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JEWISH-REFORM
TEMPLE SHALOM SHALOM 78 S. Temple Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387.

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The United Methodist Church of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue.

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JEWISH-ORTHODOX
CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-8868.

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THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountaineide, 908-232-1162.

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ECHO LEADER

Region 3 Wrestling: Union High School

As many as 11 area wrestlers qualified for this weekend's state tourney. Nine came out of Region 3 at Union, while two Union residents came out of Region 4 at Passaic Valley.

Joanne Franzoni

Joanne Franzoni, 34, of West Orange, formerly of Mountaineide, died March 2 in the Mountaineide home of her parents, Pascal and Linda Esamples.

Arthur Thieberger

Arthur M. Thieberger, 89, of Springfield died March 2 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

SPORTS



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Helping to build 'strong kids'



The Summit Area YMCA has announced the volunteer leadership for the Y's 2005 Strong Kids Campaign. The division chairmen are members of the Summit Area YMCA's Board of Trustees and branch Boards of Managers. They include, from left, Ed Shaffery of Springfield, Springfield branch Y, Mary Livingston of Short Hills, Summit branch Y, and Bob Moriarty of Summit, Summit Area YMCA Board of Trustees.

Lectures explore nutrition topics

The Summit Area YMCA will run a series of lectures throughout the month of March covering several areas of nutrition topics. The Wednesday lecture, Portion Distortion, will focus on how much we eat rather than what we eat. Correct portion size will be discussed and demonstrated both for home prepared meals and restaurant dining. How to Eat Healthy on Your Schedule, scheduled for March 30, will cover how to adjust and plan so you can eat healthy even on the go. Lecture times are as follows for Wednesday and March 30: • Berkeley Heights YMCA, 9 to 10 a.m., 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. • Summit YMCA, from 1 to 2 p.m., 67 Maple St. • Springfield YMCA, 7:30 to 8:30

HEALTH

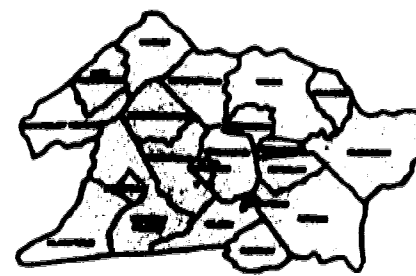
Learn about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death overall in this country. Parking is free in the H lot. The presenters will be Craig Rezac, MD, and Jacqueline Frederick, MSRD, dietitian.

Overlook offers March health programs

Overlook Hospital, 99 Beaverly Ave. in Summit will offer the following programs this month. Registration is required for all programs. To register, call 1-800-247-9580. • "Colorectal Disease: An Educational Lecture," will be offered on Saturday, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Wallace Auditorium. According to the American Cancer Society, more than 145,000 people in the United States are expected to get colorectal cancer this year, and more than 56,000 will likely die from it.

Learn about all aspects of bariatric surgery in "Surgery for Weight Loss" today from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4. • With "Hypnosis for Weight Loss" learn why many people overeat and discover how to lose weight permanently. The fee is \$60 and the program takes place March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Barbara Van Duyn, a certified hypnotherapist will present the program.

A free foot screening for diabetics who have not seen a podiatrist in the past year will be offered on March 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., in Conference Room 2.



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Crowd formation

Members of the Union County SWAT team got a first-hand view of an angry crowd formation. Sitting last Friday for a late lunch at the Rustic Mill Diner in Cranford, they had held watch on the crowds pro and con over President George W. Bush's visit to Westfield to explore Social Security.

The SWAT team left behind nine people charged with disorderly conduct and a very unhappy local Chief of Police Bernard Treacy over the conduct of the crowd. The SWAT team had best keep their helmets ready.

Left Out

By Frank Capace

Acting Gov. Richard Codey unveiled a budget which will make Bush's Social Security plan seem like a walk in Mindowaskin Park. Codey said in the past elected officials were "saying yes when we should have said no."

Codey called for an increase in the realty tax on sales between \$130,000 and \$350,000. Claiming this would hurt the middle-income earners, a State Realtors Association already organized "Action Control" to have their group convince legislators to oppose this increase.

Meeting on Saturday, the New Jersey School Boards Association Legislative Conference began organizing to get the word out that "we're not buying into the Bush plan."

Not opposing the median salary of \$94,767 for school administrators. One proposal regarding the use of the tax money that might be used to place video lottery terminals at the Meadowlands. A south Jersey group of legislators and citizens already announced they have organized and will oppose the plan to protect Atlantic City slots.

Among the most controversial is the plan of Codey to eliminate the New Jersey Sever Check: Senate Minority Leader Leonard Lance, a Republican, immediately announced his opposition to any cut in this program.

Against the only support for cutting the previous rebate came Sen. Jim Florio, a Democrat, who as president of New Jersey Policy Perspective said, "Rebates are a political device to tie the income tax to the property tax."

On the other side of the aisle state Sen. Shirley Turner from Mercer said, "last year's budget should have been this year's budget. Last year's budget was to rehabilitate Jim McGreevey."

Mind you all the legislators who voted for the 17-percent increase, and the citizens who willingly took the benefits have the perfect defense. It was all McGreevey's fault. If you think the crowds are getting angry, just wait until the increased sales tax increases for travel agents, SAT coaches, the dry-cleaners, shoemaker and cable TV bill come up for consideration.

Also wait until the average voter finds out that the so-called special meeting three-quarters of the state budget are governed by contract, court order and the federal government on-off status.

At the end of his budget address, Codey challenged, "If individuals on either side of the aisle want to oppose the small revenue raises or clamor for more cuts, then come forward with your specific ideas, not your generic criticisms."

Crowd line forms to the left. An attorney, Frank Capace is a resident of Cranford.

Bush stumps for Social Security

By A. E. Gaalkieri Staff Writer

For the first time since 1912, a sitting president visited Westfield, to a crowd and a clamor unlike the town had ever seen. President George W. Bush stopped at the Westfield Armory as the 10th visit on his 60-city tour to promote his plan for Social Security reform, where he spoke to 1,500 invited audience members eager to hear his ideas.

While the audience waited for the president to arrive, a spontaneous round of "God Bless America" broke from the rear of the building. When he entered, he was greeted with a round of applause, cheers, and a myriad of flashes from audience members' cameras.

After some lighthearted introductory remarks, the president turned to a more serious issue: Social Security reform.

Long referred to as "the third rail of politics," Social Security is a divisive issue, and the president attempted to dispel fears about its immediate future, surrounded by Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-7, and several panelists from the area.

"You're going to get your check, just like the government said," Bush said adding that the longer-term picture, however, is not as hopeful. "Social Security has provided a safety net for many retirees but the net has a hole in it," he said. "We've got more people living longer with more benefits."

Bush outlined a scenario where if no changes were made in the system, by 2018, the benefits paid out would exceed the amount being paid into the system. "If you're a younger worker, you've got a problem," he said.

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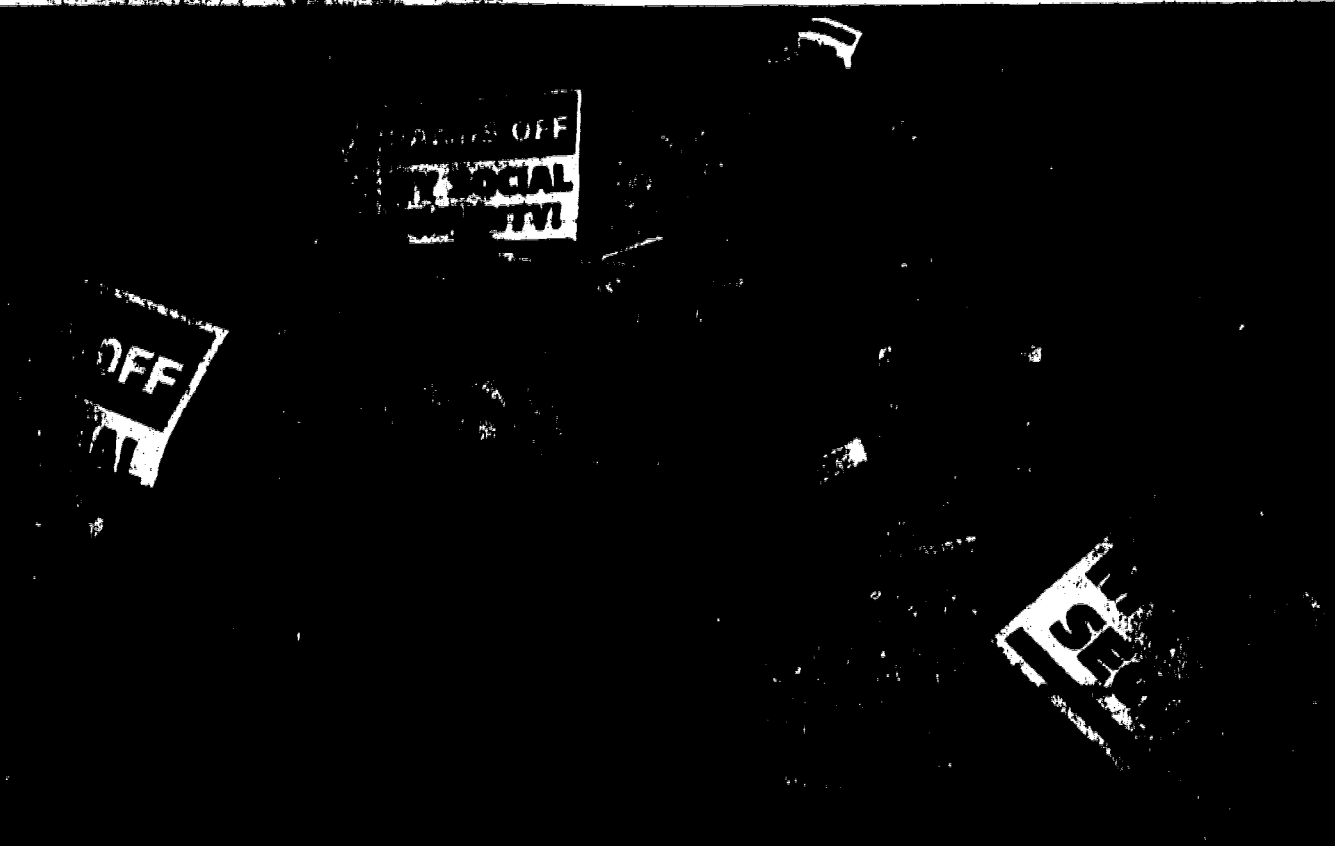
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Westfield resident Jackie Engler said she found many reasons to attend the protests. "I feel like so many things about this president are wrong," she said. "This privatization is more to benefit his cronies than people."

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President pushes for individual investment

(Continued from Page B1)
 Much of the speech was aimed at winning over younger workers and parents while reassuring retirees that their benefits were safe. Not all were convinced, however.
 "I was hoping that there would be more open discourse," said Brennan Coughlin, a Garwood resident who teaches in Westfield. "A lot of my students have expressed concern about the personal accounts."
 "The economics and finances of the program are in dire straits," Mitchell said. "Personal Savings Accounts should be and must be a part of the plan."

Coughlin's students were seated near the front, but no questions were taken from the audience.
 The AARP of New Jersey released a statement last week criticizing the president's plan. AARP member Bill Mayer called the solution "worse than the problem," and advocated "small fixes" without a complete overhaul.
 Some of those present came away with a more optimistic outlook on the

play, which some suggest could involve \$2 trillion in pension spending.
 Marlene Perez-Sanchez, a Westfield resident, said she has her own business and can't afford to set up a 401(k). While she has other investments, she said she was glad to "hear something as positive as this today."

A representative of Yes We Can Referral Service in Somerville will share information about how to establish criteria for selecting a caregiver, and how to interview and perform background checks. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to share ideas on how to find good sitters.
 The meeting, which is open to the public, will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.
 For more information, call Kim at 908-889-2286 or log on to www.geocities.com/mothersandmore10.

Protesters welcome Bush in Westfield

(Continued from Page B1)
 "We pulled them from some of their daily routines for this detail," said Green, adding that they were not over time staff. "The Westfield police chief asked us to lend him some manpower for the event."
 "One of the reasons we needed so many was for the motorcade," said Parizeau, stating that there were 34 intersections that needed to be secured for the event.
 While the police presence and location did draw some complaints from protesters, who were told by law enforcement to move away from the armory and residences, most were responsible, said Parizeau.
 Virginia Brown of South Orange stood at an intersection holding her sign as the event was ending

and both attendees and protesters climbed into their cars to leave, the streets rapidly clearing after the show.
 "Social Security as an insurance plan works," she said. "I think the problem with Bush's plan is that it will dismantle insurance and make it investment."

'Green Dance' set for Sunday
 The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation will host the ninth annual St. Patrick's Day "Green Dance" for people with disabilities Sunday at the Westfield Community Room from 3 to 5 p.m.
 Pre-registration is required in advance.

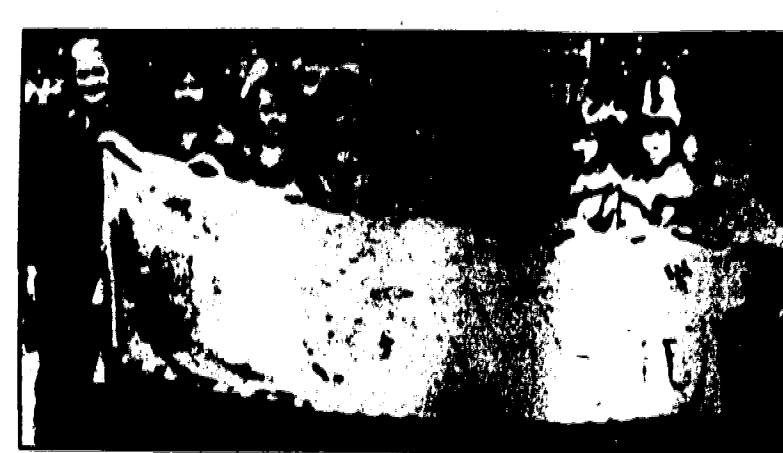
Parizeau's department oversaw the security effort, coordinating police from as far away as Rahway and Berkeley Heights. The Union County police and sheriff's departments, along with the county's SWAT and Community Emergency Response teams, were also involved.
 The Union County Police Department lent Westfield 15 officers to man intersections, as well as a few transport vehicles for those detained, according to Undersheriff Gerald B. Green Jr.

Find the right babysitter
 Rejoicing the workforce in the not too distant future or just not happy with your current form of childcare? Then join the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More for its March 16 meeting.

NARFE chapter is 'Irish for a day'
 The Union County National Association of Retired Federal Employees is Irish for a day at their monthly meeting. Each March NARFE Chapter 1066 meeting theme is "Irish for a day."
 This year the regular meeting coincides with St. Patrick's Day. The luncheon meeting will feature green bagels, green tea, soda bread and the traditional corned beef and cabbage.

Girl Scouts Celebrate 93rd Anniversary

Girl Scout History
 Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid.



Founder Juliette Gordon Low poses with some of the nation's first Girl Scouts.

Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of nearly four million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. In fact, more than 50 million women in the U.S. today are Girl Scout alumnae.

Washington Gordon and Eleanor Kinzie Gordon. Family members on her father's side were early settlers in Georgia, and her mother's family played an important role in the founding of Chicago, Illinois.

We invite you to learn about our robust organization and its rich history. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness—Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.

A sensitive and talented youngster, Daisy Gordon spent a happy childhood in her large Savannah home, which was purchased and restored by Girl Scouts of the USA in 1953. Now known as the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center, or often referred to as the Birthplace, the handsome English Regency house was designated a registered national Historic Landmark in 1965.

Juliette Gordon Low Biography
 Founder of Girl Scouts of the USA
 Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, was born Juliette Magill Kinzie Gordon on October 31, 1860, in Savannah, Georgia.

In her teens, Daisy attended boarding school in Virginia and later a French school in New York City.

"Daisy," as she was affectionately called by family and friends, was the second of six children of William

Juliette Gordon Low spent several years searching for something useful to do with her life. Her search ended in

1911, when she met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girls Guides, and became interested in the new youth movement. Afterwards, she channeled all her considerable energies into the fledgling movement.

Less than a year later, she made a historic telephone call to a friend, saying, "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight!" On March 12, 1912, Juliette Low gathered 18 girls to register the first troop of American Girl Guides. Margaret "Daisy Doots" Gordon, her niece and namesake, was the first registered member. The name of the organization was changed to Girl Scouts the following year.

On July 3, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed a bill authorizing a stamp in honor of Juliette Gordon Low. The stamp was one of the few dedicated to women.

During World War II, she had a "Liberty Strip" named in her honor.

In 1954, in Georgia, the city of Savannah honored her by naming a school for her. A Juliette Low School also exists in Anaheim, California.

On October 28, 1970, Juliette Low was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York.

On December 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill naming a new federal building in Savannah in honor of Juliette Low. It was the second federal building in history to be named after a woman.

In 1992, a Georgia non-profit group honored Juliette Low as one of the first Georgia Women of Achievement. A bust of Juliette Low is displayed in the State Capital.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Singer brings her sass to Springfield

By Jeff Casanovi
 Assistant Editor

From the outset, I found that I had something in common with Amy Space. We shared a common take on the New York-New Jersey issue.
 "New York City is really my home base, I rarely play in New Jersey," said Space. "I always tell people I'm from New York. Then, if people ask where I live in the city, I tell them I live in Jersey City. I tell them it's not as far as they think, it's kind of like living in Brooklyn."

True, indeed. Many New Jersey residents actually consider themselves "bridge and tunnel New Yorkers," which explains a lot about the lives we lead. It also explains a lot about the brand of music that Space practices. "It's half rooted in folk, half-rooted in country, with a little New York attitude, or rock 'n' roll," Space said. And, though it's true that doesn't play in New Jersey very often, she will appear in Springfield as part of the Coffee with Conscience concert series at 40 Church Mall on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Appearing on the bill with Space will be Jenny Bruce and the Canadian pop duo Easily Amused.

Space has been playing clubs for the past 10 years, and she's been making a living at it for the last three or four years. Like many musicians, she cites Bob Dylan as one of her biggest influences, but Dylan is far from her only influence. Cole Porter, Joni Mitchell, Elvis Costello, Amy Mann, Leonard Cohen and Steppenwolf provide a clear indication that Space has very diverse musical tastes, sampling a number of different genres and styles.

But it's not just the music. Space loves music, but she's also driven by lyrics, hence the reason she's also had a special appreciation for singer-songwriters.
 "I'm a voracious music fiend. I listen to everything, classical to world, to pop to rock to country," said Space, explaining what draws her to



Amy Space

And if Space's devotion to music wasn't enough, she enjoyed a cup of coffee in the movies, as well, briefly sharing film time with Angelina Jolie and Abe Vigoda.

"It was truly the worst film ever made, and I'm proud to have been in it and out from it," said Space. "I was working with Laine Kazan, and she was starting in this movie, and I worked as her assistant. She got me a small part as an Italian teenager in the film. I'm blond-haired and German-Irish, knew I was going to be cut from the scene." Still, there were some interesting tidbits that came out of Space's brief cinematic career.
 "Abe Vigoda said 'Hi' once. At one point I embarrassed myself totally by calling him 'Fish,'" said Space,

referring to Vigoda's role in the 1970s television series, "Barney Miller." Space's experience with Jolie, albeit very limited, might have been just as interesting. Space noted that the now-famous Jolie kept moody to herself.
 "She was really shy," Space said of Jolie. "She smiled, but she really didn't mingle."
 But Space's bread and butter is still song writing, which she teaches to children as well. For more on Space, visit her Web site, www.amyspace.com. Space's CDs, including "Fable," and "Tattooed Queen," can be found at www.MP3Tunes.com. To make reservations, send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com or call 908-522-1501.

'Witness' sparkles

By Bea Smith
 Staff Writer

There are more than a dozen talented actors who have been acting their hearts out to bring a shining production of the Agatha Christie's mystery, "Witness for the Prosecution" to Westfield.

The Westfield Community Players' interpretation of one of Christie's best works had Saturday night's audience in a dither, combining the playwright's method of unique, suspenseful drama with a touch of comedy and a confusing sense of mystery that rocks the entire theater with its surprise ending.

With a tight rein by director Maurice Moran, the actors re-enact the story of an unemployed young man, Leonard Vole, who is accused of murdering a wealthy, older woman, whom he had befriended. It seems that in gratitude to his friendship the woman had left him all her money—in her will. Vole manages to enlist the aid of one of England's finest solicitors, Sir Wilfrid Roberts, and is able to convince him and the chief clerk of his innocence.

But every solid bit of evidence begins to unravel when Vole's supposed wife, Romaine, changes her mind about the time Leonard arrived home on the evening of the murder.
 To say much more would spoil the plot and the outcome for those who plan to see this fine production at a benefit performance tomorrow or on Saturday, March 18 or 19.

"Witness for the Prosecution" is a difficult enough play to stage and enact, but with such an ambitious, dedicated, hard-working cast and crew, even with British accents, they really pulled it off.
 Patrick R. Field as Leonard Vole was especially effective, protesting that he was merely an innocent young man who was only being kind to an older woman, and he had no idea that she would leave him all her money.
 Heron was utterly convincing as Sir Wilfrid Roberts, who weighed all the pros and cons of the situation with calm and intelligence.
 Some of the others in the cast were equally outstanding, including Sir Wilfrid's flirtatious typist, Greta, played by Julie Zatkow; George Straley in two roles, one as Carter and one as Joe Goldstein as Janet Mackenzie, the murdered woman's long-time servant. However, it was Renee Litwin's Romaine, Leonard's so-called wife, who stunned the audience in a sharp, German accent and a performance that could reach out to Broadway.
 And it was the remainder of the marvelous supporting actors, who rounded out a really good show, including Michael Piperato, Allan Gershenson, George Straley, who played two roles; Evan Blank, Kirstin Michele Lutz, Frank P. Letters, Iris Fraser Foss and Irene Hernandez.
 Those who have seen the classical motion picture of "Witness for the Prosecution" should all but forget what took place on screen. Outside of some of the principal scenes, this was an entirely different production. But it was just as thrilling with all the goings-on on so small a stage. The Westfield Community Players should take great pride in tackling something so conflicting and unsettling, and come away with flying colors.

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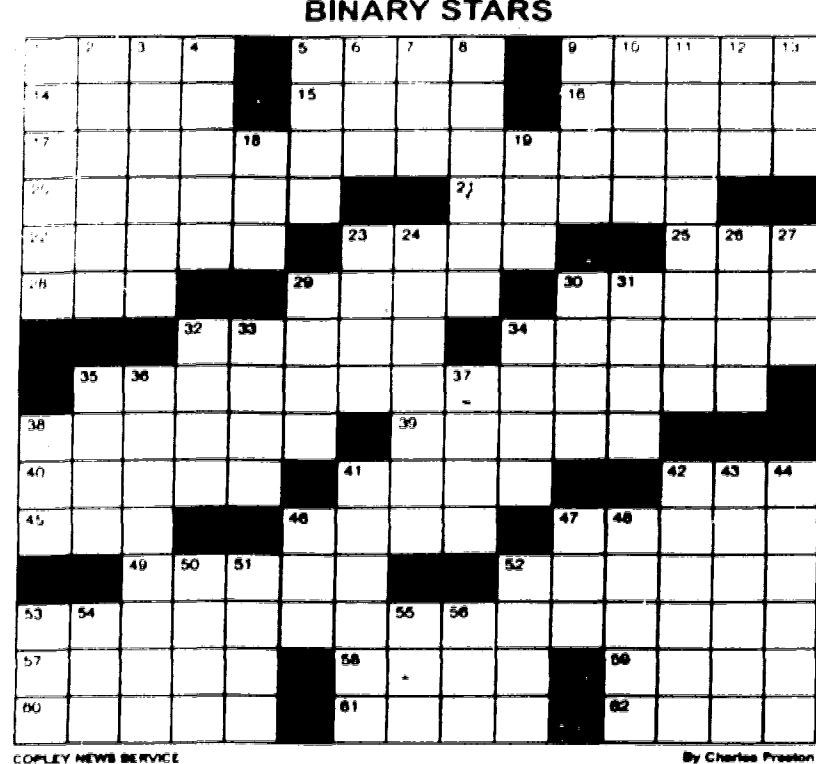
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Boston folk duo set for Watchung

An evening of traditional folk and country music is in the offing when Boston folk duo Fishken & Groves take the WAC stage on March 26, 8 p.m. at 18 Stirling Road, Watchung, along with country music traditionalist Mark Brine. While traditional in flavor, all three artists aspire to bring contemporary bite to their old-style form.

Fishken & Groves are an integral part of the folk scene in the Boston area. With superb song selections, uniquely edgy harmonies and witty commentary on every imaginable topic, their performances are deeply entertaining, oddly amusing and often informative. They sing traditional folk songs but really dig into western, cowboy-style material. Expect some old-time songs, songs about work, some Woody Guthrie songs, a couple of contemporary favorites, and songs with which audiences can sing and yodel along.

Brine's music is pure and rootsy brimming with an emotion that would have made Brine seem right at home with the Carter Family and Jimmie Rodgers; yet his modern approach to that old sound tells us only how well it ages. In fact, the

FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
March 19th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market Collectible Show
PLACE: Arthur L. Johnson High School, 385 Westfield Avenue (off Raritan Road), Clark
TIME: Indoors & Outdoors 9-5PM
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ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: St. John's Rosary Society

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March 19th, 2005
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Call for information 908-245-2350
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School

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March 14 to 20

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: It is OK if you should choose to play a behind-the-scenes role. Pay attention to your instincts and allow them to guide you through a gnawing dilemma.

TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Friends or associates are happy to provide you with the answers you seek. Find the right time and place to pose the appropriate questions.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: Career or professional concerns are an indication that the time is right for making changes. Do not be afraid to break free and transform your ambitions.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Embrace an opportunity to travel and expand your world. Look forward to gaining new knowledge or experiences and opening many exciting doors.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Investigate a proposal or deal that involves combining your funds with other people's money. Make sure that you understand it and are agreeable with the terms.

VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: It pays to be optimistic and upbeat when handling a relationship issue. Do not get caught up in a game of manipulation and power plays.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: A little extra discipline and added attention to your body may be necessary. Make healthy changes in your diet or exercise program.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21: Positive thinking helps you to eliminate inhibitions and allows you to excel in the social arena. Stay optimistic and expect magical results.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: This would be a great time to break hurtful ties from the past and make a decision to love again. Spend some quality time alone and regroup.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: You are mentally challenged to come up with solutions or answers to an intense or life-altering problem. Get centered and concentrate!

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Just when you thought you were back on track financially, you are hit with a costly surprise. Look out for unexpected expenses or charges.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Enjoy a moment in the spotlight this week. Put your best foot forward and handle the challenges that are placed in your path with a positive attitude.

If your birthday is this week, be prepared to take advantage of the very creative and highly inspirational cycle that will influence your life during the coming year. Embrace change as a way to transform a personal or financial situation. Information is delayed or difficult to comprehend. Be patient and take time to uncover the essential clues that are necessary for your happiness and peace of mind.

Also born this week: Wilson Pickett, Ursula Andress, Rob Lowe, Jerry Lewis, Harry James and Billy Crystal.

Attend art classes in Watchung

In an effort to ensure young people in the area experience the joys of the fine arts, a series of art classes for young children continues in March with the **Watchung Children's Art Class**. This class is held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the Watchung Center for the Arts, with a special class to meet the more developed skills of older children. Each class features a tuition discount for WAC members.

Drawing & more on Thursdays, March 17 to May 26, 4:30 to 6 p.m. This class includes pencil drawing, charcoal/pastels and watercolors. Tuition is \$110, including all materials.

An introduction to outlining, shading and how to use color properly will offer work with charcoal, pencil, India ink, pastels and watercolors. Create portraits, landscapes and still life. Ages 6 to 9. There will be no class March 31. Drawing II meets on Tuesdays, Tuesday to May 24, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Explore outlining, shading and use of color. Tuition is \$110. Ages 10 to 14. No class will be held on March 29.

Acrylic Painting meets on Wednesdays, Wednesday through May 25, 4:30 to 6 p.m., offering children an exciting experience using acrylics. Tuition is \$115, including all supplies. Ages 6 to 12. Learn the traditional method of painting using canvas boards. Paintings are created from still life and the imagination.

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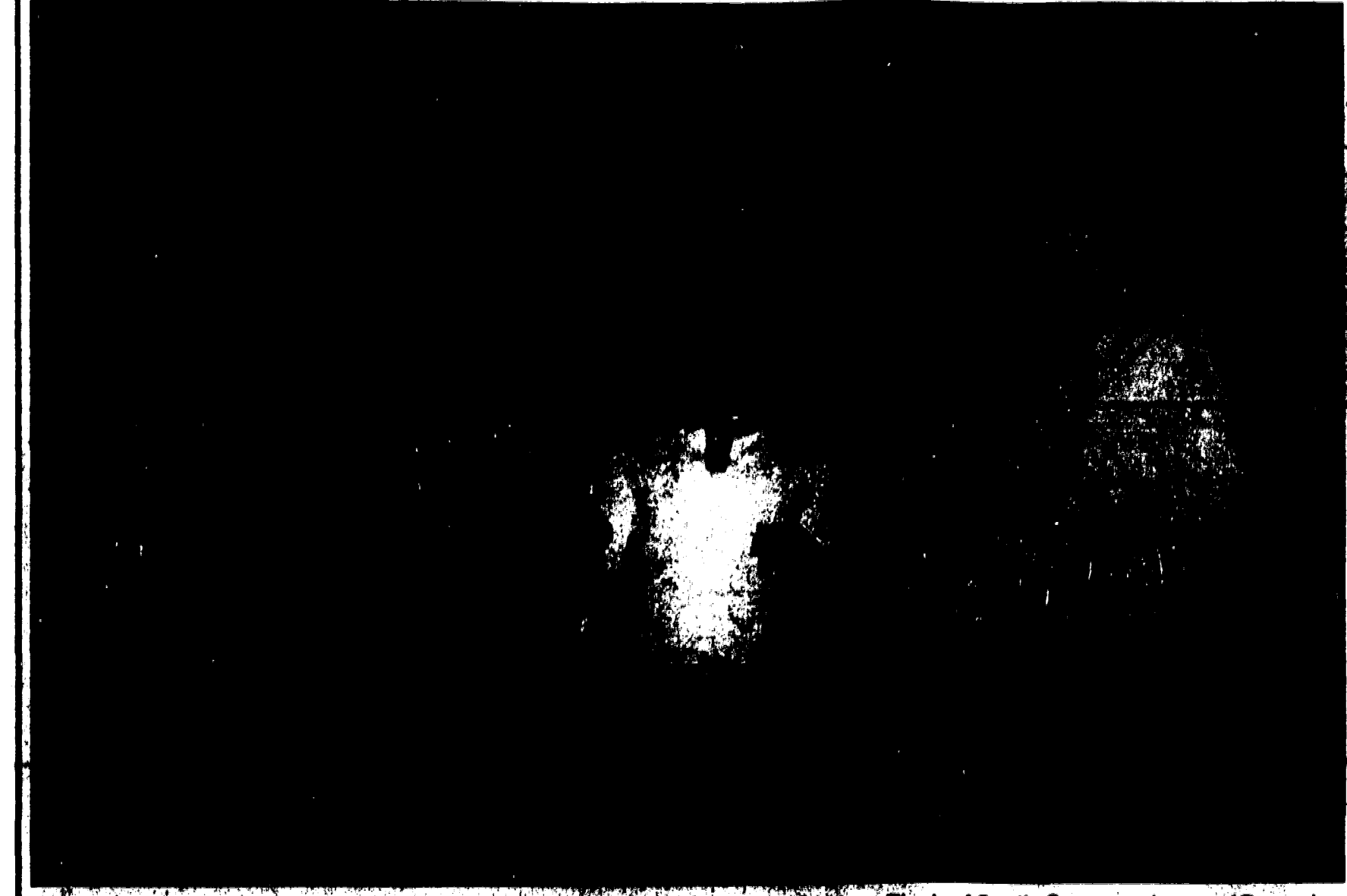
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Theater in school



From left, Seth Podell of Maplewood, Caitlin White of Maplewood, and Abbey Finch of South Orange rehearse 'Gypsy,' which will be performed at Morristown-Beard School on Friday and Saturday. For information, call Debby Plummer at 973-985-3574.

Art in Plainfield



Pictured above is 'The Tote,' by Elaine Lorenz, and below is 'Silver Bag,' by Howard Nathanson, on display at Swain Galleries in Plainfield from April 2 through 30. Call 908-758-1707 for information.

ART CLIPS

Kean will present a new professional equity theater program
Kean University announces Premier Stages, a new professional Actor's Equity Association theater program.

Actively engaging and enhancing the professional theater academic programs at Kean, Premier Stages will also serve a culturally diverse audience, children-at-risk, and a broad pool of artists.

Premiere Stages features four uniquely conceived projects that will nurture and encourage the work of students, introduce children to the arts, attract high-profile artists to the institution and provide a venue for the development of new works.

The Premiere Stages Play Festival will present a series of emerging dramatists living in the greater metropolitan area through readings, workshops, and fully-produced world-premiere productions. For more information on Premier Stages at Kean University, or to get on the mailing list, call 908-737-6397, ext. 4410, or send an e-mail to jwooten@kean.edu.

Season is under way for Westfield Players
The Westfield Community Players membership drive for its 2004-05 season is now under way. The Box Office is open at 908-232-1221.

President Naomi Yablonsky, who has directed and performed at WCP, has announced the season of drama, comedy, murder and song.

Two performances remain in the season.

All shows open on a Saturday night and run Friday and Saturday evenings for three or four weekends, making it easy to have a local night out to experience live theater.

Agatha Christie's courtroom classic, "Witness for the Prosecution" is the March show.

True to form, confusion, doubt and double-cross are skillfully presented by the author in this Tony Award-winning play.

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REUNIONS

- The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:
- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21.
 - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11.
 - Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion.
 - Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
 - Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
 - Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
 - Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
 - Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
 - Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
 - Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.
- For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726 or call 732-617-1000.
- Hillside High School, Class of 1965, is holding its 40th reunion on June 25.
- If anyone has information regarding former students or would like to join the committee, contact Barry Zins at BZins111@aol.com.
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Correction

In the Feb. 24 issue, a story about the Filmmakers' Symposium misidentified the name of a Web site. The correct Web site is www.filmfestivals.com.

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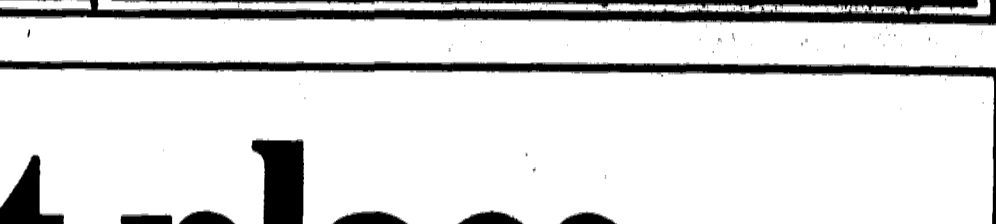
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General Motors introduces two new hybrid fuel pickups

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

General Motors has started the road to hydrogen-powered vehicles by introducing gasoline-electric hybrid versions of the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups. They will be the first hybrid pickups from any maker.

GM says it will build only 500 of the hybrids, and at first they will be available only to buyers in California, Florida, Nevada, Alaska, Oregon and Washington.

The extended cab short box pickups with 5.3-liter V8 engines, in two- or four-wheel drive, will be available with a gasoline-electric hybrid option costing \$2,500. Sales started in September.

The so-called mild hybrid system works three ways to improve fuel economy and emissions: by shutting off the engine at idle, by enabling early fuel cut-off to the engine during deceleration and by regenerative braking.

It's said the system can improve fuel economy by about 10 percent to 15 percent, compared with the conventional 5.3-liter V8.

California's air-quality regulators are embracing a plan to enlist every-day vehicles to gradually reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases by nearly one-third, starting with the 2009 model year.

Hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicles will be the ultimate weapon for General Motors, and hybrid power is just one way GM and other carmakers will reach that goal.

GM will debut other mild hybrid systems in the Saturn Vue SUV in 2006 and in the Chevrolet Malibu a year later. A full hybrid system, using gasoline, battery power or a combination of both, is expected to be available in 2007 on GM pickups and the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon SUVs.

Fuel savings on the full hybrid trucks might be about 30 percent.

General Motors sells about a million pickup trucks a year, and a 5 percent hybrid sales rate could put about 45,000 emissions-reducing and fuel-saving vehicles on the road.

First-year sales of less than 5 percent are anticipated, but for about the cost of a premium package upgrade, the hybrid option is not cost-prohibitive. Actual sales will depend on where fuel economy falls in a buyer's purchase decision.

The core of the advanced technologies in the hybrid pickup is its fly-wheel alternator starter system.

Instead of a conventional starter motor and alternator, the hybrid uses a compact electric motor integrated between the engine and transmission. The motor gives fast, quiet starting power and the ability to generate up to 14,000 watts of continuous electric power.

Energy is stored in a 42-volt, lead-acid battery pack, adding 350 pounds to the truck's curb weight.

That energy storage module provides all power functions when the truck is stopped and the engine shuts off. Air conditioning and other cabin functions are maintained and steering and braking are maintained by an electro-hydraulic system.

And when the batteries are shot, they will be recyclable like any other car battery.

The lag time between moving between battery power to auto start was slower than other full hybrids I've driven.

In those offerings, such as the Ford Escape hybrid, the start-up time is just milliseconds. The GM system seems more like a second.

The slight hesitation isn't an issue when resuming power from a stop at a traffic light, but it is more noticeable at four-way stops when the stop durations are brief, almost stop and go.

At those times, between the deceleration mode, auto stop and back to acceleration, the system had to do a lot of microprocessing, which translated to engine hesitation.

This mild hybrid system, which does not do any propulsion with the electric system, is unlike the full or heavy hybrid systems in the Ford Escape or Toyota Prius, which have larger electric motors and smaller internal combustion engines, says Tim Perzanowski, a GM hybrid engineer.

Therefore, when you lift off the brake pedal, the engine has to start before you begin moving. This would account for the lag in takeoff vs. medium or heavy hybrids," he says. "If it is a long stop, there may be a slight additional delay (milliseconds) while the sensors are verifying parameters."

Also, the transmission is a standard GM 4L60E automatic with a slightly smaller torque converter — seeks gears on moderate inclines, shifting back and forth to find the optimum speed and fuel economy.

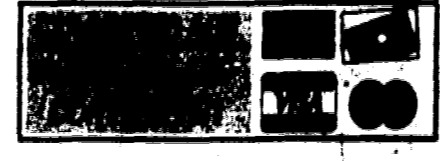
In frequent start-stop driving, heavy traffic or on long grades, the hybrid system can be switched off by activating the tow-haul mode switch,

on the end of the column shift lever. The auto-stop function resumes when canceling tow-haul or restarting the engine.

When it comes time to merge on the highway, this pickup has full power.

It isn't easy driving green, but every effort is one more mile toward energy independence.

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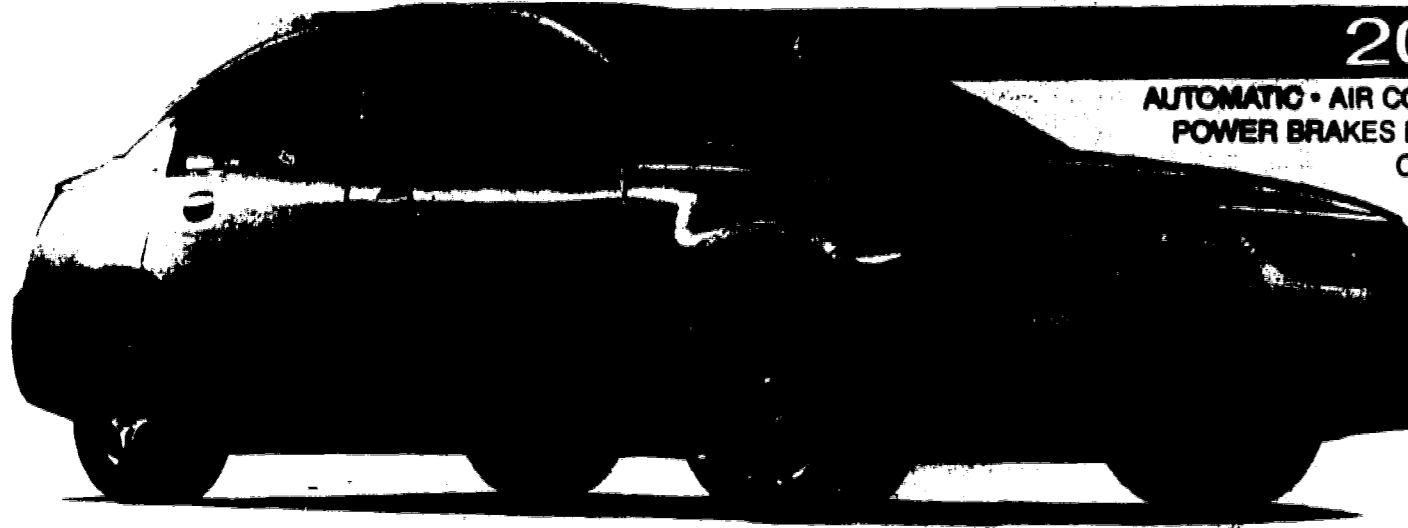
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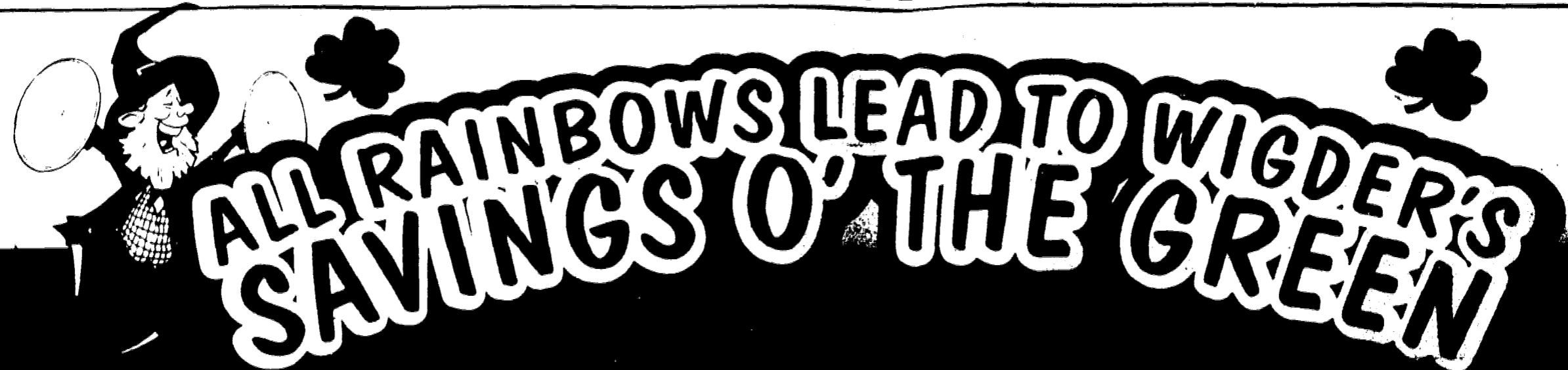


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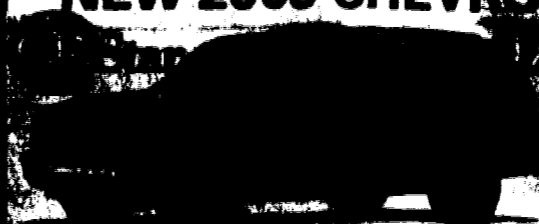


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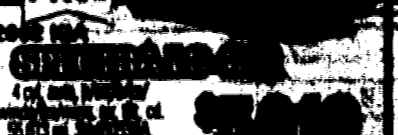
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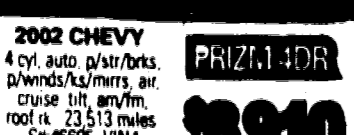
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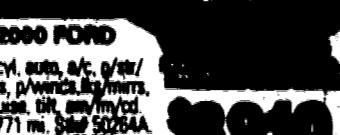
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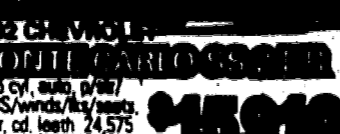
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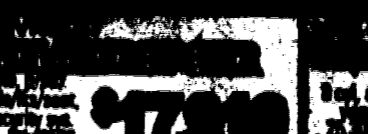
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