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## THIS WEEK

### NEWS

#### Taxes due

Residents are reminded that taxes are due May 10.

#### GOP squabble

A challenge is in the offing for the chairmanship of the Union County Republican Committee. Chairman Frank McDermott is expected to have his position challenged by Union Township Republican Chairman Anthony DiGiovanni. See Page B1.

#### Eight arrested

Eight people are arrested in Union County and officials are saying the charges are racketeering, loansharking and extortion while operating illegal gambling dens. See Page B1.

### THE ARTS

#### Captured

Photo display will capture the world of culture at Children's Specialized Hospital. See Page B3.



Benito Stravato



Linda Duke



Richard Falkin

## Police disciplinary notice targets Shapow

### Attorney to hold press conference today

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Attorney Theodore Romankow, who represents Springfield Police Lt. Ivan Shapow, has called a press conference for 1 p.m. today. The conference, to be held at Romankow's office in Westfield, is in regards to a disciplinary notice filed by Township Chief of Police William Chisholm. "We have reached out to as many of the local media as we can yesterday," said a spokesman at Romankow's office. "It will be about the disciplinary charges facing his client." Romankow had filed a lawsuit on Shapow's behalf against the department on discrimination charges last month. Romankow charges that remarks supposedly made by one of Shapow's superiors March 10 have created a hostile work environment. The March 10 remarks, which Romankow presented to the media as an audio tape recording April 2, sup-

posedly had Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen making anti-Semitic remarks of Shapow during Pedersen's call to headquarters. Shapow, who took the call, is Jewish.

It is common procedure for police departments to record all incoming calls to headquarters on a master audio tape. The recorder is continuously on 24 hours daily.

The conference may refer to a Notice of Disciplinary Action document supposedly filed by Chisholm Monday. The *Echo Leader* received a copy of the apparent document late Tuesday.

The document asserts that Shapow had made an unauthorized copy of the recording and revealed it to a third party. The document further charges that Shapow was less than candid with Chisholm about the conversation and the recording.

The document states that Shapow made five offenses against depart-

mental rules and regulations. They are insubordination, neglect of duty, willful damage or neglect of equipment, conduct unbecoming an officer and revealing a proposed police action or other outside of the force.

The document recommends a 90-day suspension without pay and demotion to patrolman. It concludes with a disciplinary hearing slated at the Municipal Building for May 15.

Attention had been focused by area media and Springfield officials about an internal police investigation — but supposedly against Pedersen. Township Mayor Sy Mullan declared that such an investigation is being conducted and that an officer had been meanwhile suspended without pay. The Township Committee later voted to rein Robert Czech as an independent hearing officer. Pedersen's attorney, John Young, expressed concern over a breach of police confidentiality by the apparent audio recording

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— Mayor Sy Mullan

copies released to the press.

Township officials called by the *Echo Leader* expressed surprise about Romankow's conference announcement and/or referred to their lawyers for comment.

"I know why you are calling," said Mayor Sy Mullan Tuesday. "I and the Township Committee are referring all personnel questions at this time to our labor attorney, Mark Ruderman."

"Ruderman, in a sense, represents the police chief in matters of internal disciplinary matters and during administrative hearings," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. "When it

comes to matters concerning the Township Committee, I represent them by statute. In my capacity, I cannot confirm or deny whether there are any disciplinary procedures being conducted by the Police Department."

"So the lawyer is holding a press conference?" said Ruderman. "That's the first I've heard of it. I do represent the township in personnel and labor-related matters, which includes the Police Department."

A message was also left with attorney Kirk Rhodes of Scotch Plains the same morning. His secretary took the message but told the *Echo Leader* that she noted the notice. Page 2

## Budget passes in Mountainside

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

Board members Pat Tieschler, Sally Rivetecio and Richard Kress were re-elected Tuesday to their positions on the Mountainside Board of Education. All the three candidates ran unopposed.

The 1998-99 school budget also passed by an overwhelming two to one margin. Of the 658 residents who voted, 474 voted to approve the budget, while 214 voted in opposition.

The budget, which totals \$8,696,740, reflects less than a 1 percent increase from last year's spending plan. The tax levy for borough residents will be \$7,757,199, a figure that depicts less than a \$30,000 increase from 1997-98.

"I am ecstatic," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller. "This passage reflects a vote of confidence from the community to the board," he said. "It shows the value of education in the community and that the students will come first."

Several Mountainside residents exemplified this attitude.

"It's a most impressive win," said resident Ronnie Landis. "This margin of victory is unprecedented and we are happy to make sure that the students are the most important issue here."

"I see it as a definite vote of confidence for Dr. Schaller," said resident Debbie Foster. "The board is very dedicated to providing for the students."

Included in the budget is a \$12,500 tuition per student that will be paid to Berkeley Heights for high school students. But Tieschler said she believes this number will decrease in the future.

"We will pay \$12,500 now, but this is not a flat cost. We also must pay for transportation and special educa-

**'This passage reflects a vote of confidence from the community.'**

— Gerard Schaller

tion," Tieschler said. "In past years, we have paid anywhere from \$16,500 to \$18,000 per student, but due to some liquid assets, we believe this number will go down," she said. "Overall, the cost to educate all of Mountainside's students is less than when we were part of the regional system."

Tieschler, who will begin her second term as board president, said Schaller's inaugural year has been an easy adjustment for board members and that having someone that is easy to work with made adopting a budget much easier.

"Things have been going very well and running smoothly," Tieschler said. "Dr. Schaller had an early plan where he assessed the needs of the district along with his goals. He has also been very involved with the strategic planning committee," she said. "I am looking forward to the future."

Rivetecio will begin her second term as board vice president and Kress will be starting his fourth term.

Kress, who said he was happy to have been re-elected, said the board's hard work would start immediately.

"Now that we've accomplished our major goal for last term, the deregionalization of the schools, it defines the most important goal should be to outline and upgrade the district's curriculum for the next century," he said.

## Stravato, Duke, Falkin elected to school board

### \$16.8-M budget gets voters' approval

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Springfield voters turned out in record numbers to approve the Board of Education's proposed \$16.8 million budget Tuesday night.

The township electorate for the second straight year produced a split vote in board seat contests, bringing in Linda Duke while returning Richard Falkin and Ben Stravato.

The \$16,796,852 budget for the 1998-99 school year passed 955-791. The tally, as of press time, was with all 14 polling districts reporting and absentee votes counted. It was defeated only in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center district, 101-95, and by absentee voters, 30-25.

"The election returns are unofficial," said Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland. "The figures are to go to the County Election Board for review. They are to make the results official by Monday."

Friedland estimated that 1,796 of 9,200 registered voters participated. The turnout therefore comes out to 18.9 percent, a high water mark for Springfield school elections. Many of the 40 people who watched the returns in the board con-

ference room in the Gaudinier Middle School administrative wing expressed satisfaction and relief in the budget's approval. Among those so pleased was top board seat vote getter Stravato.

"The important thing is that the budget passed," said Stravato. "We now don't have to worry about what to cut or have changes made by people who we have no control over. At the same time, I'm surprised by the 1,400 votes received and said that one of my colleagues wasn't re-elected."

Duke, a teacher at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, attained the second board seat at 1,301 votes. Her victory, like that of Larry Levee last year, prevented a re-election of all three incumbents.

"This is my first seeking of elected office," said Duke from her home. "I'm quite excited at the adventure that lies before me."

Falkin retained the third and final board seat with 1,015 votes. His retention meant edging board President Gary Tins, however, who had 985 votes.

"I'm fine," said Falkin at the board room. "Other than that, I have no comment."

Union County Utilities Authority Deputy Director Harry Pappas rounded out the field with 766 votes. He and Duke were this year's challengers.

"It's good that the budget was approved," said Springfield Education Association President Bob Burkhardt. "It is tough, however, to see people who have given freely to this board and system for so long not to get re-elected. I hope that Tins will be recognized for his contributions before he leaves."

Burkhardt also expressed relief that the school board ratified the contract with the SEA at a meeting the night before. The approval, which needs two signatures to make it binding, replaces a temporary one which was agreed to on Sept. 12.

"I'm happy that the board's budget passed," said Mayor Sy Mullan. "That means less work for the Township Committee to do if it had failed. I'm sure that the board members will work for the best interests of the children."

The new board is to be sworn in during the annual reorganization meeting Monday. It is to be held at the board conference room of Gaudinier School at 7 p.m.

## Club, church set for annual fairs

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Springtime, for many Springfielders, means flowering plants and outdoor fairs. Two of the largest fairs are the Rotary Club Flea Market and the St. James Carnival.

The Rotary Club Flea Market is to set their tables and food stands at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot Saturday at 10 a.m. Event Publicist Lee Kawinier said the vendor spaces have sold out in advance — again.

"We have over 150 vendor spaces," said Kawinier, "and we have sold out for the third straight year. That figure doesn't include some of our own food stands, the Fire Department's stand-

trailer and the Lions Club's Eymobile."

The Springfield Rotary Club has held the fair for 25 years, including the last 17. It is perhaps the most visible activity held by the club and is a major fundraiser.

"Our Senior Scholarships are funded by the flea market's proceeds," said Kawinier. "The Rotary, on recommendation by the high school, awards up to six scholarships to graduating seniors for college or a vocational education. Some of the funds also goes to needy children in the area."

About 100 club members and families operate the market, which attracts fairgoers by the thousands. Kawinier See CLUB, Page 2



This is an aerial view of one of the fairs from last year. This year's fairs are expected to again draw thousands.

### In memory

A concert will honor the memory of musician Jack Trager, and will be held at Burnet Middle School in Union. See Page B3.

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# Pharmacy plan mirrors supermarket bid

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The I.D. Mack/CVS Pharmacy site plan application may have a common tie with Royal Ahold's bid for a Stop & Shop Supermarket in another part of Springfield.

Mack is scheduled to be heard before the township Planning Board May 6. The developer is trying to get approval to modify the old CoreStates bank on 225 Mountain Ave. and bring in CVS as sole tenant.

The Mack/CVS application has been sent to the board thanks to several rulings made by Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky. One of Pisansky's rulings involved whether the CoreStates parking lot needed a zoning variance.

"I have read the site plans and the original application made before the board back in 1976," said Pisansky March 13. "Since the lot plan has remained unchanged, there is no need to ask for a variance on the lot."

The 55-space lot, located behind the building, crosses a boundary set by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Then, as now, the lot is partly in a commercial zone and partly in a residential zone.

The lot's situation and variance question have been a contentious point between the developer and residents in the Five Corners neighborhood. Opponents have contended the lot's construction would increase traffic flow through Mountain, Waverly and Oakland avenues.

Pisansky set a precedent in the Royal Ahold/Stop & Shop dispute. The judge ruled last September that variances can be passed automatically to new property owners. His ruling overturned a 1996 decision by the Springfield zoning board.

The Stop & Shop site's lot, between Millburn and Morris Avenues, also covers part of a residential zone. It is further complicated, however, in that the first 20 feet of the

property in from Millburn Avenue is in Millburn Township, Essex County. Royal Ahold, which also owns parts of the Foodtown and Edwards supermarkets chains, wants to build a Stop & Shop in the old Saks Fifth Avenue store. It has been opposed by residents of both towns, however, on similar safety and quality of life charges asserted in the CVS matter.

Springfield, the Colonial Association block group, Millburn and Royal Ahold have filed briefs before an appellate court in Trenton. When the case will be heard, however, is anyone's guess.

"The procedure is to file a brief and wait for the appellate court to call you," said Springfield Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. "We can be heard three or 300 days from now."

Royal Ahold filed another appeal at Springfield's Tax Assessor's office. Assessor Ed Galante said the property is asking for a re-evaluation of the property.

"They filed a tax appeal, as is their right to do so, by April 1," said Galante. "It will be heard in a state tax court in Morris-town."

Galante said Royal Ahold bought the Saks site for \$10 million at a time when the property was assessed at \$6 million.

Springfield is also watching a separate lawsuit between Royal Ahold and Millburn. Royal Ahold filed a \$5 million suit against Millburn in 1996, charging that an ordinance setting a traffic volume rate condition on Millburn Avenue was made after a site planning board hearing.

"Our group has been talking with the Colonial Association," said Five Corners Association leader Tom Gorgia. "Residents sometimes think a zoning matter only concerns their own neighborhood. What affects one part of town, however, affects all parts of town."



Katerina Pappas of Briar Hills Circle in Springfield joins Greek Minister George Charlita, left, and Athens Mayor Dimitrios Aurampoulos at the Greek Independence Parade held on 5th Avenue in New York. Mrs. Pappas is the wife of Harry Pappas, former Township Committeeman and department director of the Union County Utilities Authority. The mayor of Athens was the honorable grand marshal.

# Former publisher of Springfield newspaper dies

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Former Springfield historian and publisher Milton Keshen, with the help of family and friends, came home April 13.

Keshen died in Wilton Manors, Fla. three days before. Although he retired in Florida 17 years ago, he made a funeral in Union Township and interment at the Ohio Shalom Cemetery in Hillsdale among his last requests.

"The more I was with Mill, the more I realized he had to go back to New Jersey," said cousin Joan Felsner during the funeral service at Memorial Chapel. "So much of his life and his relationships with friends and family are here."

Originally from Brooklyn, Keshen and his wife, Betty, moved to Maplewood and started the Springfield Sun in 1929. As editor and publisher, Keshen would chronicle

the times and events of Springfield into 1965.

"I met and first worked with Milton 50 years ago," said fellow Springfield businessman Charles Remlinger, "when he was starting the Rotary Club. He had such a great recollection of events that he can tell you who said what at a meeting."

"My uncle was a newsman for his last day," said Felsner. "When I was young, he interviewed me for a story. He was so thorough in his questioning, you'd know you've been interviewed by him."

From the Sun building on Morris Avenue and Church Mill, Milton and Betty Keshen ran the Beacon Hill Co. stationery store. He also founded the Springfield Rotary in 1948 and was a charter member of the original Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

"I remember working at the Beacon Hill store one summer," said Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman. "Milton

knew where every item in the store was."

"We did the right thing in making Mill our founding president," said Remlinger. "He believed in Rotary's 'Service Above Self,' motto. Mill kept a perfect attendance streak for the first 36 years."

Keshen sold the Sun, which was a predecessor to the Echo Leader, to concentrate on the stationery store. Keshen, in the meantime, founded the Springfield Historical Society in 1953 and joined the Elks Lodge.

"My grandfather gave me a love of history," said Randy Felsner. "He can recall things that happened in the 1930s and 1940s so well, it was like you were there."

Keshen applied his historical interest full time once he closed the Beacon Hill store in 1982. He wrote anniversary books on Springfield's 1994 bicentennial and the Rotary Club as well as histories of Rosmor

and Wyndmoor villages in Florida.

The Rotary bestowed Award in Paul Harris Fellowship Keshen in 1981 and a lifetime membership in 1996. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce named him Man of the Year in 1966.

Keshen kept writing although declining health dogging his retirement years. He battled painful heart and kidney problems to the end.

"He always thought of others," said Joan Felsner. "Before he went to sleep the last time, Uncle Mill asked how we were doing."

"I don't think there was a bad bone in Mill's body," said Remlinger. "He always found a good quality in people and never said ill of anyone."

"Milton Keshen had a profound knowledge of Springfield's past," said Historical Society President Janice Bongiovanni. "He will be missed."

# Devino under house arrest

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Ralph DeVino was returned home by Easter, courtesy of the State Superior Court of Union County.

DeVino is not free, however, from his confinement by the law. The court, according to County Prosecutor's Office spokesman Robert O'Leary, ruled that DeVino be placed under house arrest due to his ill health.

"DeVino's new attorney, Mike Murphy, approached Judge Ross Anzaldi about April 3," said O'Leary.

"He argued that DeVino would be better served if he was under house arrest. Apparently the judge agreed."

DeVino had been convicted of official misconduct, bribery by extortion and theft by extortion March 17. Anzaldi, citing DeVino's second conviction on a similar charge, revoked his \$30,000 bail and had him immediately remanded to the Union County Jail.

Murphy, of Morris-town, was retained by DeVino during his detention. He reaffirmed predecessor attorney David Biunno's intention to appeal the conviction.

DeVino has suffered from neck and head tumors for the last 14 months. He has lost his thyroid and hearing in his right ear from cancer and is being treated lately for a tumor in his brain. The illnesses have twice postponed his trial and has spent his Mondays undergoing treatment at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center for at least three months.

Anzaldi, who presided over DeVino's trial, ordered him to wear a tracking monitor on his wrist and to post \$50,000 bail. Other conditions include house confinement except for lawyer and doctor visits and trips to the hospital or court.

DeVino was a member of the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority until December.

# Newark men arrested in Mountainside robberies

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

On April 14, Mountainside police arrested two Newark men who were allegedly involved in a string of six armed robberies throughout Nutley, Montclair, Bloomfield, Belleville and Hillsdale.

The two men who are cousins, Theron and Melvin Chappell, were found to be wanted by a task force in Nutley for the robberies in which they allegedly targeted women. The men allegedly robbed their victims at gunpoint, while producing a plastic toy gun, and taking possessions that ranged from cash to cellular phones.

While on routine patrol, Officer Tom Murphy stopped a vehicle heading west on Route 22 that had its front license plate positioned in the windshield. After following the vehicle for several minutes, Murphy noticed the back brake light was working properly, and proceeded to stop the vehicle on a routine check.

Detective Sergeant Rich Osiejka, Officer Rich Huber and Detective

Sergeant Todd Turner arrived as back-up.

After running a check of the driver's credentials, Turner realized that the driver and the registered owner of the car, were not a match. After the driver, later identified as Theron Chappell, 33, produced conflicting information — his birth date did not match the age that was given and his height was several inches taller than that stated on the document — Turner placed him under arrest for giving false information.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield will sponsor a community Sunday at 7:30 p.m., on the topic, "What Unites Us — What Divides Us?"

Speaking at the symposium will be Rabbi Joshua Goldstein from Temple Sha'arey Shalom (Reform), Rabbi Perry Rank from Temple Beth Ashm (Conservative), and Rabbi Alan Yuter from Congregation Israel (Orthodox). Each Rabbi will speak for 15 minutes. The presentations will then be followed by a period of questions and comments from the audience.

The passenger, later identified as Melvin Chappell, 31, was also arrested when Officer Huber found a plastic gun at the foot of the passenger seat.

Also found in the arrest was a small plastic bag containing several small white pills from a prescription bottle that was found to be marked with the name of one of the victims. Police also found a straw cut in the manner that is often used by people wishing to inhale cocaine or other controlled dangerous substances.

The suspects were charged in

Mountainside with receiving stolen property, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, and hindering apprehension.

Other charges from the Nutley, Bloomfield, Montclair and Hillsdale police include robbery and armed robbery. The suspects allegedly were involved in six incidents of robbery, but the exact number could increase as the investigation continues.

The suspects are each being held on \$75,000 bail in the Essex County Jail Cell, located in Newark.

The program, sponsored by Sha'arey Shalom's Scholarship-Residence Committee, will attempt to raise community consciousness on the complex issue of religious pluralism both in Israel and in the United States. Through dialogue, it is hoped that there will be a greater degree of understanding of differences between the groups and a renewed commitment to Jewish unity will be achieved.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Dietary laws will be observed. Admission is free. Advance reservations are required.

# Litter Day is scheduled for Watching Reservation

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

This Saturday, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be sponsoring "Litter Day," a program that will feature environmental cleanup along road sides and in the wooded areas of the Watching Reservation, which is located in Mountainside.

Volunteers for the event, which will cover over 100 acres of the reservation, will receive maps and be placed into groups.

"We separate people into random groups that will cover different areas, ranging from county roadways, such as Glenside Avenue, to the loop area and the woodlands," said JoAnn Gemenaden, chief of the Union County Bureau of Environmental Affairs.

"We will be covering a vast area and intend to make a huge dent in it," Gemenaden said. Between 100 and 150 people are expected, in this the seventh year of the program's existence. Refreshments, gloves, and t-shirts will be provided for all participants.

"We are very pleased to be offering this program again," said Gemenaden. "It is a good cause and it is a step in the right direction towards cleaning up the environment."

"Some of the freeholders will be in attendance," Gemenaden said. "But at this time, things are still tentative and we are not sure who will be participating."

Anyone interested should contact JoAnn Gemenaden at (908) 654-9890.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Mishandled

There are times when it's appropriate for a governing body to withhold comment about personnel matters and even discuss those matters behind closed doors. We can even accept the governing body telling us that those discussions will be revealed to the public at a later date.

However, in the case of the inappropriate remarks made by a Springfield officer about a fellow officer, we cannot condone the behavior of the entire Springfield Township Committee, and we call on each member to be more forthcoming to the people they represent.

Some of the comments made by Mayor Sy Mullman border on the ludicrous, even for an elected official. We absolutely believe that a person is innocent until proven guilty, but to react to the situation as if the entire past month has been an episode of "The Twilight Zone" and all based on rumor is disturbing to say the least.

Fact: There's a tape on which an officer, alleged to be Capt. Vernon Pederson, makes a disparaging remark against a Jewish colleague.

Fact: The officer on the tape, again alleged to be Capt. Pederson, calls police headquarters and tells the officer on the telephone that he approves a paid day off for another officer. Since "just anyone" can't approve time off, that limits the number of people who can make the request.

Fact: Mullman and the rest of the Township Committee have been acting as if they don't want to address the issue, perhaps hoping it will go away. Sure, the mayor rescheduled a press conference for a week earlier than he had planned, but the original date of April 15 was more than one month after the conversation was recorded at headquarters.

That's wrong of the Township Committee, especially when we're dealing with someone who has sworn to protect and serve the residents of Springfield.

That's why we agree with the Springfield Clergy Council and ask for Pedersen's resignation. Springfield is comprised of a diverse population, and if any resident, regardless of race or religion, feels that an officer has given them enough reason to doubt their safety in his hands, that officer should not be on the force "to protect and serve."

The comments on the tape are enough reason for anyone in Springfield to feel this way.

A resignation would avoid the media blitz that would occur with any other kind of disciplinary action against the officer. It would be in Springfield's best interest — and just the right thing to do — if Pedersen would acknowledge his error and leave the department.

## Strengthen the bond

Many people blame television for the state of education today. They also blame television for the breakdown in the family structure. If the average American spends four hours per day watching television, it's not difficult to understand why our society is failing.

Imagine, though, what would happen if television did not exist. Without their daily doses of soap operas, cartoons, sports, and movies of the week, families may just be able to come together and address the real essentials of life — bonding with and educating each other.

We've just begun National TV-Turnoff Week, the fourth annual event designed to get kids and parents away from the TVs for one week to spend their time doing something productive. National TV-Turnoff Week began yesterday, April 22, and will run until April 28.

During that time, we urge families to unplug their televisions and suggest that parents do the following for their children:

- Teach them to keep a daily journal. Journals not only document what will become history, they are a great way for kids to learn to write.
- Read to them. Reading to your children, especially those younger than kindergarten age, will help them become more literate at a younger age and may make them more enthusiastic about reading when they begin attending school.
- Establish a family "time-out." Time-out, albeit a cliché by now, is an opportunity for the entire family to stop what they're doing for a period of time to interact with each other. Parents can find out what their children learned in school, while children can find out what their parents did at work. Dialogue and time spent together in any relationship can only make that relationship stronger.
- Get out the calendar and establish times throughout each week for the rest of the year to unplug the televisions in the house and use the time to become a family.

National TV-Turnoff Week does not have to occur one week in the year. It can be every week. Imagine how strong the family bond would then become.

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Stewart R. Datzell  
jurist

## Excessive speed is mania to many drivers

### As I See It

By Norman Rauscher  
Correspondent

It never ceases to amaze me when motorists zoom into an empty downtown parking lot as though they were on the Indianapolis speedway, and come to a screeching halt in front of an empty meter. They drive as though they had found the last parking spot in Summit.

They are the same drivers who will back out of a parking space without checking if another moving car is in back of them and zip out of the lot.

This kind of driving gives driving a bad name.

It's not unusual that these same people, with a car boom box blaring loud enough to wake the dead, are popping their fingers impatiently on the car still ready to take off the second the opposing light turns yellow, much less red.

I'd call that irresponsible driving and a reason for that particular driv-

er to think the term "road rage" came from? It was not coined overnight but is the result of too many night drivers cutting off other drivers, following too closely, constantly shifting from one lane to another without signaling and speeding or driving too slowly. The offending driver is no doubt thinking what a brilliant driver he or she is and probably has no inkling of the potential danger both drivers are in. Personal catastrophe could be lurking at the next turn of the wheel.

It is always amazing to me that so few people realize that an automobile is in itself a dangerous weapon that if not handled with care, disaster can be the tragic consequence.

There are so many ways to get killed in our society that you'd think special care would be exercised in operating a car. In recent weeks, people have been injured or

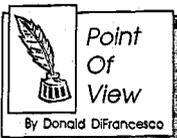
killed when bricks from the side of a building can topple onto your head to give yourself something worse than a headache.

Those who chafe at the bit waiting for the state's speed limit to go to 60 miles per hour defend the move by saying everybody goes 60 or 70 anyway. My answer, opposing the 60-mile-per-hour limit, is drivers pushing their cars to 70, 80 and 90. Can you imagine what a person would look like if he or she met another car going the same speed head-on? Not pretty.

But with all the warnings about speeding, careless driving and tailgating, it seems, for many, to go into one car and out the other at supersonic speed.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

## Insurance reforms will result in lower rates



New Jersey drivers enjoy the best automobile insurance in the nation, with coverage in more areas with more dollars than virtually any other state. The problem, of course, is that our citizens pay dearly for that privilege with average premiums that rank New Jersey first in the nation in insurance costs. New Jersey's dense population and busy highways mean that our rates will never be as cheap as in other states, but there is no reason that we can't have one of the best insurance systems in the country without it being the most expensive.

On April 2, after months of tireless hearings, rigorous debate and bipartisan compromise, the Senate passed legislation that I sponsored with Senator John Adler that finally delivers real reform to New Jersey motorists by using the politics and special interests out of car insurance. By cutting back on unnecessary litigation, cracking down on fraud, and forcing insurance companies to reduce rates, we will deliver a 15 percent guaranteed cut in premiums. We accomplished this by asking all who profit from the system — lawyers, insurers, the medical profession — to contribute in some manner to lower rates. Not surprisingly, trial attorneys and insurance companies say they are not happy with the bill. Maybe that's good. It means we did our job working in the public's best interest rather than for the special interest.

The changes the Senate proposed came after the Special Committee on

Auto Insurance Reform spoke with experts from every field involved in the business, as well as from everyday motorists who could barely afford to own a car because of the high cost of insurance. After hearing from this cross-section of New Jersey, we found out a little more about why our rates are so high.

Part of it is that we're too litigious a society, and too many people sue for minor or non-existent injuries sustained in harmless fender benders. Fraud occurs on a regular basis with unscrupulous drivers, lawyers and doctors taking advantage of the system for their own personal gain. It's a flawed system that encourages nearly honest people to seek unnecessary medical services to collect judgments against insurance companies. We also took a hard look at the insurance companies to ensure that cost savings proposed under the bill go toward fattening the pocketbooks of motorists rather than fattening the insurance industry's bottom line.

The special committee looked at all of these issues to determine how to

deliver long anticipated relief to New Jersey motorists who currently pay an average of \$1,194 per vehicle.

Our proposal tightens the current limitation on lawsuits for pain and suffering, maintaining the right to sue only for death, dismemberment, significant disfigurement, displaced fractures, loss of a fetus or a permanent injury. This would cut down the number of frivolous lawsuits filed due to stiff necks and bad backs in minor accidents, resulting in a 22 percent reduction on the bodily injury portion of the policy. Currently, 88 percent of New Jersey drivers choose to limit their right to sue for pain and suffering.

The bill establishes an insurance fraud prosecutor who would establish data bases on fraudulent activity and share it with the law enforcement community. This is the first time efforts would be coordinated, a higher degree of priority to the fight against insurance scams and cheats. We've all read accounts of how individuals and organized scam artists dupe the system and law-abiding rate-payers out of millions of dollars a year through staged accidents and phony medical claims. It's time to stop the subsidizing of fraudulent claims by honest drivers by attacking fraud head-on and returning the savings to motorists in the form of lower premiums.

Of course, even a mandated 15 percent reduction in insurance rates isn't enough to enable many younger, less

affluent drivers to afford insurance. It's one of the reasons New Jersey has about 400,000 motorists driving without insurance of any kind. This proposal calls for a basic policy of \$15,000 in personal injury protection and \$250,000 in property recovery up to \$250,000. This basic policy, as opposed to the standard policy, is designed to be affordable for those with few assets to protect and are currently unable to afford insurance. Drivers with full coverage who are involved in an accident with a driver who has elected basic coverage would be covered by his or her own policy.

The legislation also addresses the fairness of the current territorial rate caps, instituted 50 years ago. These caps restrict rates in New Jersey's high cost insurance areas to 115 percent of the rest of the state. There is a provision in the bill to establish a committee to collect data for the purpose of redrawing these territories for a more accurate and up-to-date picture of New Jersey.

Collectively, these reforms will result in rates that are at least 15 percent lower than they are today for most drivers. It's time we moved forward with these reforms to get them passed into law for the benefit of New Jersey motorists who have sought real reform for so long.

Senate President Donald DiFrancesco represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountaindale.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Remarks have no place in society

To the Editor:

The recent publicity surrounding the disclosures of an obscenely biased taped recording by Springfield Police Captain Vernon Pederson should give all residents cause for alarm.

Anyone in a position of authority and trust who is obviously as bigoted and ignorant as he is should not be entrusted to guarantee the safety of the people. It is extremely disturbing that this type of behavior continues despite previous demonstrations of bigotry by township officials.

Whether by complicity or ignorance, Mayor Sy Mullman and Chief of Police William Chisholm have in the past exacerbated a man who has demonstrated a callous disregard for the public. The Police Department presently has several pending lawsuits against it for racial and religious bias and yet these people continue to collect salaries provided by the taxpayers they obviously have so little respect for.

The time is now overdue for action to be taken against these men. Epithets such as "Niggers, Spies and Jews" and referring to a police lieutenant as he did have no place in law enforcement.

In a community in which 40 percent of the residents are Jewish and a sizeable percentage are black, how is it that these incidents continue without public protest or redress? These people have demonstrated a clear disregard for you. It's about time to return the favor.

Lorraine Ravis  
Toms River

### Thanks for all the support

To the Editor:

On the eve of the Board of Education election, I want to take the opportunity to thank the community of Springfield for the outpouring of support and encouragement they have offered me as I sought to serve them on the Board of Education. The last several months have served as a learning adventure and a heart-warming experience as friends, parents and strangers alike stepped forward to offer their support for my candidacy.

I have sought to run an independent campaign, a campaign as an educator concerned about the students of Springfield. I have run a personal campaign, reaching out to students and their parents, fellow educators and friends. I have sought to run a campaign based upon the issues of quality education, fiscal responsibility, and community awareness of these issues. I thank all the people who supported my vision for the educational system in Springfield.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the students who have offered their sup-

port and found time in their busy schedules to help distribute fliers, talk to their parents and neighbors, and to install signs on their lawns. It is most heart-warming to realize I have touched their lives in such a way that they are willing to stand up for what they believe is right. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Secondly, I want to acknowledge and thank all those people who have become involved in the election process. I thank my committees for its never-ending support and encouragement. I thank the voting community who read fliers, attended candidates night and asked questions to learn more about the educational system in Springfield.

Finally, I thank the Board of Education for its support. I pledge to continue to pursue quality education in Springfield, either as a concerned citizen or a member of the Board of Education. Thank you for your support.

Linda A. Duke  
Springfield

### Slap in the face to taxpayers

To the Editor:

Government at its worst came to the fore Monday night at the Board of Education meeting. Your Board of Education voted on 11th hour salaries and refused to tell the public who and how much of our tax dollars went to pay raises.

The following item appeared on the board's agenda: "2. Suggested Motion: I move to authorize the business administrator to adjust the personnel salaries as listed on Attachment H as discussed in executive session, and record the 1997-98 salaries in the board minutes."

At the public session, I asked the board to put on the record who was to receive the raises, their position and the amount of the raises. The board refused to give me an answer. I asked if I could receive the answer following their executive session and was told "perhaps."

When the board returned from executive session, it pushed through a resolution without advising the public of who they were voting on or the salaries they had just given. The public was told that the information would be made public only after the board approved the minutes of the executive session.

What a total disgrace and a slap in the face to every resident of Springfield. They raised the public treasury and at the same time refused to tell the public what they had just done. I can understand why some people want to recall those members of the board who have been running our Board of Education from the back room.

Harry P. Peppas  
Springfield

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# We're asking

## Will gambling be a downfall of society?

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

Eight reputed members of the Genovese crime family were arrested Tuesday for allegedly controlling a gambling operation throughout Port Newark, Fort Elizabeth and the Down Neck area of Newark.

Among those indicted were Joseph Queli of Union, 51, who police say worked alongside suspected Genovese crime boss "Quiet Dom" Cirillo. Also arrested was Stephen "Beach" DePino, 42, of Kenilworth.

The operation was said to have generated thousands of dollars daily, through video gambling, sports betting, loansharking, and extortion. And its clientele allegedly included everyone from area doctors and lawyers, to school teachers and local news broadcasters.

But gambling has been a part of society since the birth of our nation, when different ethnic groups would wager on who could first push a heavy boulder past a boundary, a European tradition revisited in the United States.

Since the late 1800s, Americans have bet on horse racing and prize-fighting, better known today as boxing. But at present, as the



Brombley

amount of money wagered legally in Las Vegas escalates to unprecedented figures, it makes one wonder if everyone isn't gambling?

We asked Springfield and Mountaintide residents if they thought gambling was a problem in today's society.

Stephanie Baker of Mountaintide thinks so.

"I know that gambling is one of the largest problems of addition we have in our nation," she said.



Khesin

"But it will never be stopped, or even contained, because the business is so tremendous and powerful and it has been so solid for so long."

Baker also hinted that anyone who challenged the gambling industry could be in for a rude awakening.

"There are forces that control gambling that are larger than politics," she said. "It is an ugly institution."

Marc Brombley of Springfield agrees.

"I think it's a major problem when people lose their homes and their families to gambling," he said. "It happens all the time and often goes overlooked. But not everyone is addicted."

"It's like most things you give people, there's a potential for abuse," said Summit High School senior Cynthia Perreco. "My aunt and uncle go to Atlantic City, but they do it for entertainment. They don't risk their fortunes at the tables," she said. "I think it is safer when it is regulated."

Eugene Khesin of Springfield disagreed, but used a generalization as the basis for his argument.

"I don't see gambling as a problem, although I know it exists," Khesin said. "It's like anything else. When done in moderation, people can control it."

But what about the people who cannot act in moderation?

"I have a friend of a friend who cannot gamble for fun. It has to be on the edge of total paradise and disaster," said Tony Celi, a Springfield worker. "Some people can't do things in moderation. More people than you think."

## Police arrest juvenile carjacking suspects

Springfield

Members of the Hillside and Springfield police departments arrested three juvenile carjacking suspects on Schley Street April 1.

The story began at a Route 22 East auto dealership when an employee noticed a 17-year-old male sitting in a black 1994 BMW 15 parked in the front lot. The employee was approaching the car when two other youths got out of a nearby Acura, brandished pistols and ordered a robbery at about 3:47 p.m.

The BMW and Acura fled on 22 East and Springfield police put out an all points bulletin minutes later. A Hillside patrolman noticed the car parked in the Monroe Gardens back lot after noon April 1. Hillside detectives called Springfield Detectives Michael Mickles and Judd Levenson and organized a stake out.

The three suspects were arrested at about 4 p.m. after denting the BMW into a parked car and attempting to flee on foot. The 17-year-old faces was booked for possession of stolen property and the two 16-year-olds were each charged with carjacking and robbery. The trio was taken to the county County Juvenile detention center in Elizabeth and the \$25,000 BMW recovered.

A Springfield man, identified as Kevin Drechsler, 38, was pulled over on Route 22 East and was found to be driving on a revoked driver's license April 18. A computer check discovered he was wanted on outstanding warrants from Newark and the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office, however, and he was turned over to those authorities at about 9:30 p.m.

### POLICE BLOTTER

The driver of a GMC Jimmy parked at the Bally's Health Club lot April 18 discovered his lower right rear corner damaged by an unknown car at about 3:30 p.m. A white but otherwise unknown pickup truck cut in front of a Jeep Cherokee on east-bound Meisel Avenue at about 3:23 p.m. the same day, causing a rear end accident with a Ford Explorer.

A tree branch on Mountain Avenue was found responsible for damaging a parked GMC wagon April 17. The GMC was parked before a residence on the 100 block of the avenue when the limb fell at about 5 p.m. Damages were confined to a smashed windshield and a dented hood.

Another unknown vehicle was being trailed by an eastbound Jeep on Main Street when the mystery motorist suddenly turned on to northbound Meisel Avenue at about 10:31 a.m.

April 17. The started Jeep driver swerved across the intersection's center line and into an oncoming Ford. The ford had to be towed away.

A Nissan Maxima driver from Westfield, after an incident on 22 West April 15, may not want to encounter any more Jeeps. The Nissan motorist said a Jeep Grand Cherokee cut in front of him at about 9:39 p.m., causing him to veer right towards the Benjamin's parking lot — and into a parked Jeep Cherokee from Tarrytown, New York. The Nissan driver reported being injured but refused medical attention while the first Jeep never stopped.

### Mountaintide

Mountaintide police arrested a Middletown man for driving while intoxicated on Thursday.

At approximately 2 a.m., while traveling east on Route 22, Officer Andrew Sullivan stopped a driver for speeding and weaving in and out of lanes. The driver, later identified as Christopher Lemley, 26, was found to

have a blood alcohol level of 0.19, police said.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated and released the following morning on \$250 bail.

A Plainfield man was arrested for driving while suspended on April 15.

At approximately 9 p.m., Officer Donald Amberg stopped a driver, who was later identified as Benjamin Sexton, 25, for a routine motor vehicle violation. Sexton was found to have been driving while suspended, and to have other warrants for his arrest in Mountaintide and Highland Park. He was released on \$1,000 bail and will have a court date this week.

A Middletown man was arrested for driving while suspended on April 17. At approximately midnight, while traveling west on Route 22, Officer Stephen DeVito stopped a driver for speeding. The driver, later identified as Galo Gutierrez, 34, was found to have been driving while suspended. Galo was released on \$250 bail.

## Springfield kids offered summer camp

Summit Child Care Centers has announced plans to offer a summer camp program in Springfield for children 4 to 10 years of age.

Discovery Camp and Kindersummer are summer camp programs offered for children Pre-K through Grade five. The camp programs are open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from June 29 to Aug. 14. Enrollment plans include weekly and full-summer options.

Discovery Camp and Kindersummer feature science and nature exploration, creative dramatics, sports and games, swim lessons, and crafts. Weekly trips and special visitors enhance the program. Meals and all trip costs are included in the program fee.

All programs will be located at Caldwell School in Springfield. To register, families may contact Katrina Horlacher at (973) 912-9940. Deadline for summer registration is May 22.

During the school year, Summit Child Care Centers provides before- and after-school programs in four local school districts: Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Springfield. The Springfield programs are housed in the public schools in Springfield. Participating families may also use Sniffles, a child care program for mildly ill children at a reduced fee.

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# Community Presbyterian set for 'Creation'

The Community Presbyterian Church of Mountaineer is in the final stages of preparation for its presentation featuring Hayden's "The Creation," Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the church, 1459 Deer Path.

"We are pleased to launch our new, ambitious music program with this solo work," said Eric Jorgenson, conductor. "It's a way to extend our outreach to the community and increase our contribution through the wonder of music. We are gratified with the responses received since we announced this program a month ago."

Hayden's oratorio for chorus, orchestra and soloists will be presented by the Mountaineer Chorale and Chamber Players and the Chamber Choir. Among the featured soloists are Gregg Lauterbach, baritone, Judith Meier, soprano, and Dan Montez, tenor.

Lauterbach has performed in more than 50 major operatic and musical theater roles. He has sung with L'Opera Francica in New York, Lupo Opera, Opera Carolina, Regina Opera, Iowa Theatre Works and Opera Columbus.

Meier has been featured by numerous opera companies here and in Europe. She has just released her first solo album and has sung featured roles in the most popular operatic presentations. She was a soloist in Bach's B-Minor Mass and the Christmas Oratorio.

Montez has sung with the San Francisco opera, Sacramento opera, and throughout Europe. He is the founder of the Pacific opera in Westchester, New York.

Eric Jorgenson is choir director of the Mountaineer Community Church and conductor of the upcoming event.

He holds a master's degree in cello performance from West Virginia University and a master's in voice and opera performance from Temple University.

Among a series of year-long presentations, he conducted "The Creation," last year in Ambler, Pa.

Members of the chorale, chamber players and choir are mainstays of the Presbyterian church music program, some of whom have been singing and performing there for over 30 years.

Hayden's "The Creation" is the first in a new concert series which will include both choral concerts and chamber music recitals. The other programs will be announced later.

General admission is \$15, students \$10. Tickets are available at the Community Presbyterian Church office, 1459 Deer Path, Mountaineer. For more information call (908) 232-9490.

## OBITUARIES

### Joseph A.C. Komich

Joseph A.C. Komich, 91, of Mountaineer, former mayor, died April 17 at home.

Born in Boston, Mass., Mr. Komich lived in Mountaineer since 1939. Before his retirement, he was a civil engineer with American Oil Co. Mr. Komich was a graduate of Northeastern College of Boston in 1929. He served as Union County engineer. He also served as mayor of Mountaineer.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E.; a daughter, Mary Patricia Komich; two brothers, John and Albert Komich, and a sister, Nellie Leiby.

### Jane Galisewski

Jane Galisewski, 61, of Springfield, formerly of Mountaineer, died April 16 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Krakow, Poland, Mrs. Galisewski lived in Mountaineer before moving to Springfield 11 years ago.

### Frank T. Soell

Frank T. Soell, 68, of Mountaineer died April 17 at home.

Mr. Soell was the maintenance manager of Lincoln Federal Savings Bank, Westfield, for 10 years before retiring. Prior to that, he owned and operated Mercury TV Service, HILLSIDE, for many years.

### Boyd E. Wilson Jr.

Boyd E. Wilson Jr., 72, of Mountaineer died April 17 at the Manor Care Nursing Home, Mountaineer.

### Born in Jersey City, Mr. Wilson

lived in South Orange and Westfield before moving to Mountaineer in 1995. He was a salesman for many years for Griggs Motors, South Orange, before retiring. Mr. Wilson attended Columbia University, New York City, and was a graduate of Kean College of New Jersey, Union, now Kean University. He was a volunteer for Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, and a member of the Secular Order of Carmel, Morristown chapter, for 40 years.

### Ruth Kimmerle

Ruth Kimmerle, 86, of Springfield died April 18 in Overlook Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kimmerle lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 56 years ago.

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Boys 8/1/88-7/31/89	5/14/98	4:00 - 5:30
Boys 8/1/89-7/31/90	5/12/98	4:00 - 5:30
Boys 8/1/90-7/31/91	5/05/98	4:00 - 5:30
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Girls 8/1/85-7/31/86	5/15/98	5:00 - 7:00*
Girls 8/1/86-7/31/87	5/15/98	4:00 - 5:00
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# SPORTS

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Photo by Milton Mills

Summit High School varsity baseball first baseman Jon Campagna attempts to tag out a Mount Olive runner in a game held earlier this year in Summit. The Hilltoppers began the week with a 6-2 record and were ranked among the top teams in Union County.

## Summit baseball was 6-2 after posting 2 hard-fought victories

### Girls' lacrosse team begins week undefeated

By Andrew McGann  
 Assistant Sports Editor

The following is a look at how the Summit High School spring sports teams performed during the week of April 14-20:

#### BASEBALL

Summit improved to 6-2 with two hard-fought victories on the road. The Hilltoppers edged out a 6-5 victory over Delbarton on April 14 and came back a day later with a 5-1 win over West Essex.

Senior outfielder Kyle Bennett became the hero for Summit in the victory over Delbarton when he smacked a two-run double in the top of the seventh inning.

Jason Flores continued his mastery on the mound this spring against West Essex by pitching a complete game two-hitter, striking out five and walking none. With the victory, Flores improved to 3-0 in three starts. He has allowed just four runs in 21 innings this season.

Ben Wheelace came with the big hit for Summit, driving in two runs with a single in a three-run first inning.

#### GIRLS' LACROSSE

The Hilltoppers improved to 7-0 on Saturday with an 18-7 thrashing of Montclair-Kimberley Academy in Montclair. Liz Britt produced a season-high eight points on five goals and three assists. Christina Curiale notched seven points on three goals and four assists and Liza Hillebrand

scored a hat trick as well in the romp.

Summit defeated Mendham 13-3 April 15 as Liz Hillebrand netted a hat trick and Erin Beaumont, Lydis Robinson and Laura Walden scored two goals apiece in Summit.

#### BOYS' LACROSSE

Summit rolled to its third consecutive victory on Saturday with an 15-1 victory over visiting Randolph. Jeffrey Weathers, Blake Grosch and Ned Britt all scored three goals in the victory while teammate Andrew Carton added a goal and a season-high five assists.

Three days earlier, the Hilltoppers defeated Columbia 10-4 in Maplewood as senior goalie Scott Schroeder registered yet another solid performance in net, stopping 23 shots. Weathers led the charge for the Hilltoppers with five goals.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Summit rebounded nicely from consecutive defeats by posting back-to-back wins over New Providence and Dayton, running its record on the season to 4-2.

The Hilltoppers, ranked eighth in the state among public schools, earned two double victories over New Providence by scores of 15-12 and 15-13 April 14 and made quick work of Dayton by scores of 15-1 and 15-2 last Thursday.

#### SOFTBALL

The Hilltoppers fell to 1-4 April 15 after an 11-0 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division defeat to West Essex.

## Soccer Club of Springfield holding tryouts

The Soccer Club of Springfield will be holding tryouts Saturday, May 2 for its fall 1998 and spring 1999 traveling teams.

The Soccer Club of Springfield will sponsor boys and girls teams in the 8-and-under division, those born after 8-1-90; 10-and-under division, those born between 8-1-88 and 7-31-90; 12-and-under division, those born between 8-1-86 and 7-31-88, 14-and-under division, those born between 8-1-84 and 7-31-86 and 16-and-under division, those born between 8-1-82 and 7-31-84.

The Soccer Club of Springfield is affiliated with the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association and plays in the Morris County Youth Soccer Association.

These tryouts are open to all area residents and pre-registration is required.

More information and registration forms may be obtained by calling the Soccer Club of Springfield at 908-273-5569.

## Summit's McVeigh first U.S. finisher in Boston Marathon

Standout road-racer Joe McVeigh of Summit completed Monday's Boston Marathon in an impressive time of 2:16:48 and was the first American to reach the finish line and the 17th runner overall.

This was not the first time the 34-year-old McVeigh pulled off the feat of becoming the first American to finish a major marathon. In November of 1996, McVeigh was the first American to cross the finish line at the New York City Marathon when he completed the race in 2:22:12.

A former star runner at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell and at Lehigh University, McVeigh rebounded quite nicely from a disappointing 12th-place finish among Americans and 47th overall in last November's New York City Marathon.

## UCT softball meeting Monday

The Union County Softball Tournament seeding meeting will take place Monday night, with the UCT to commence Saturday, May 2 with first-round games. The semi are May 15 and the final May 16 at Linden's Memorial Field.

## Dayton boys' tennis has a young, but talented squad

### Bulldogs learning under new coach Prisco

By Joe Ragazzino  
 Staff Writer

It's arguable that this year's Dayton High School boys' tennis team is not intimidating. After all, how much fear can a lineup of four sophomores, two freshmen and one junior strike in any opponent?

Yet just because the Bulldogs are young and inexperienced doesn't mean they aren't long on potential that, once fulfilled, could produce success.

"We're young, but we have some nice players," said Dayton first-year head coach Bill Prisco, whose team has a 1-2 record. "We'll take our lumps, but I think we're capable of winning some matches."

Junior Kyron Libot is the elder statesman. The Kentworth resident teams with sophomore Slavik Khorosheski at second doubles, but is hoping to earn one of the higher positions down the road.

"He realizes there are players stronger than him, but he feels he's a contributing part of the team and he is always trying to improve himself so he could move up the ladder," Prisco remarked. "Because during the season, if there is a player who isn't doing so well, I let another player challenge him."

Challenges aside, the Bulldogs understand that the overall goal is to help the team win.

The singles lineup consists of sophomores Ryan Freundlich at first, Dan Osti at second and Dan Dellolozano at third.

Freundlich, who lettered in basketball, has exceptional athletic ability and good speed.

"His athletic ability is going to help him," Prisco said. "He has a good all-around game. He's got a good forehand, backhand and serve. His movement and quickness is his strength. He's going to get better as the season goes along. He has the potential to be a very good player."

Osti has an advantage in being a left-hander and possesses great footwork and quickness.

"He'll have the opportunity to do some winning for us and maybe have one of the better individual records on the team," Prisco said. "If he could improve his volley and serve, he could do a lot of winning."

Dellolozano has perhaps the strongest ground strokes on the team, with an outstanding ability to place balls deep in corners, said Prisco. However, Dellolozano, who also has a powerful backhand, still needs to work on approaching the net more often.

"If he could develop his net game and work on his quickness, he could be very effective," Prisco said.

Freshmen Felix Mill and Chad Freundlich, Ryan's brother, have tremendous promise as the first doubles team, holding their own in a three-set setback to a pair of experienced juniors from Governor Livingston.

"They're very coachable," Prisco said. "What I've shown them, they've done it. They're doing what I want them to do. They're only freshmen and they'll take their lumps, but they're learning and they're eager."

In a nutshell, what the Bulldogs hope to see is improvement with each match. That, coupled with off-season training at various clinics, will go a long way toward elevating the program to a higher level.

"By the end of the season, they're going to be better tennis players," said Prisco, a former Keane College tennis coach who is a certified private instructor. "I'm hoping they'll click by mid-season and then we could do some serious winning."

"By next year, I think we could have a strong winning team."

This year's team, under the label of Dayton boys' tennis, is a co-op squad consisting of students who attend Dayton in Springfield and Brestley in Kentworth.

The Bulldogs, whose lone win came against North Plainfield, were scheduled to visit Roselle Park on Tuesday and host New Providence today and Oratory next Tuesday. Their incomplete match against Roselle Catholic, in which they were winning, has yet to be scheduled.

## Summit boys' tennis excels despite no seniors on team

### Hilltoppers won three of first four matches

By Andrew McGann  
 Assistant Sports Editor

When you look up and down the Summit High School boys' tennis roster you will notice something strange. Actually it's not what you see, but rather what you don't see.

The Hilltoppers don't have any seniors on the team. Not a one.

That, however, has not stopped Summit from winning three of its first four matches, including three in a row, and showing that the absence of seniors doesn't necessarily translate to the absence of talent.

Sophomore Fritz Staudymyre is 3-0 at first singles, junior Andrew Stranovsky is 2-1 at second singles and freshman Miles Moriarty is 3-0 at third singles.

The doubles teams have been equally impressive thus far as the first doubles tandem of sophomore Jesse Spyn and freshman Ryan Fuller is 3-0, as is the second doubles tandem of sophomores Andrew Fields and Nick Porter.

Stranovsky played first singles last year while Stern was used as second singles. No Hilltopper back year with Stern's squad is playing the same position.

The remaining members of the doubles teams are sophomore Chris Johnson, sophomore Bill Fuhrman, freshman Steve Diome and junior Neil Landwehr.

Summit opened the season on a positive note with a 4-1 victory over Morris Hills on April 3, followed by a 5-0

blanking of Boonton on April 6 and another 5-0 blanking over Mount Olive on April 8. Summit's only defeat of the season, 5-0 against West Essex April 15, came when the Hilltoppers played members of the junior varsity squad and back-up doubles teams in the match because of vacations.

Summit, which finished 12-9 last season and exited the state tournament in the first round in heart-breaking fashion by falling to Governor Livingston 3-2 after being defeated 7-5 in a third-set tie-breaker, is looking to make more of a run in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 this year.

First things first, though. The Union County Tournament, scheduled for next Thursday and Friday, is rapidly approaching and the Hilltoppers are also looking to go further than after a ninth-place finish last season.

Coach Dave Buss, now in his 15th year as the head man at Summit, believes this year's squad is stronger than last season's and said his team would get a "major indication of how well we'll do in the counties" when it was to play at South Plains two days ago.

Weather permitting, Summit was scheduled to face Mendham at home yesterday before traveling to Parsippany to take on the Redskins tomorrow at 4. Because of all the recent rainouts, the Hilltoppers will be busy playing a match practically every day of the week (except weekends) until all have been made up.

## Strength and Conditioning Coaches Clinic on May 17

The New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association has announced the scheduling of a Strength and Conditioning Coaches Clinic to be held Sunday, May 17 at the Rutgers University Weight Room, Halls Center in Piscataway.

The clinic will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration commencing at 8. This clinic is designed to meet the needs of varsity, assistant and recreational coaches. Pre-registration fees are \$25, \$35 and \$55 depending on NJSCA membership status. On-site registration fees are \$35, \$45 and \$65.

Teaching techniques for most joint lifts from 9-10 a.m. will be Skip Fuller, strength and conditioning coach, Rutgers University. Rutgers head football coach Terry Shea will offer an introduction.

Speed development will be discussed from 10-11 a.m. by Bill Parisi of Sports Conditioning Institute.

Nutrition and supplementation for high school athletes will be the topic Heidi Blotnik, MS, CDN, will be talking about from 11 a.m. to noon. Blotnik is the nutritionist for the New York Giants football team and works for Nutrition Consulting Inc.

Training the multi-sport athlete will be discussed after lunch from 12-4:45, speaking on the topic will be Jackson High School strength coach Tony Bombard.

Head and assistant strength and conditioning coaches Tim Gushon and Tim Walsh of Shawnee High School will discuss developing the high school strength training program from 1:45-2:45.

A question and answer session and evaluations will take place at the conclusion of the day from 2:45-3 p.m.

More information about the NJSCA Strength and Conditioning Coaches Clinic may be obtained by calling Erika Finizio at the New Jersey State Intramural Athletic Association office in Robbinsville at 609-259-2776.

#### Wrestling Coaches Clinic May 15

The fourth annual NJSCA/NJIAA Wrestling Coaches Clinic will take place Friday, May 15 at the Rutgers University College Avenue Gymnasium.

Featured speakers include coaches Gene Mills of Syracuse, Dominic DiGiocchino of East Sproudbury, Mike Rosetti of Phillipsburg High School, Mike Lamb of Gloucester County College and Jerry Tabakowski of Southern Regional High School.

Techniques that will be discussed include: bread-loaf, single leg finishes, half-nelson series, turns and pins, high catch, duck under and overhead counters, short sit and stand-up series and defensive posturing and shift series.

The agenda, which will commence at 8 a.m. with registration, will conclude from 1:40 to 2 p.m. with a NJIAA Wrestling Update Summary followed by a review of rule changes.

Pre-registration prices range from \$25 to \$55, pending membership fees. On-site registration prices range from \$35 to \$65. The price includes all lectures, lunch and clinic materials.

The pre-registration deadline is Friday, May 8. All checks may be made payable to: NJSCA/NJIAA Wrestling Clinic and mailed to: NJSCA P.O. Box 987, Route 150 N., Robbinsville, N.J. 08691, attention: Erika Finizio.

Directions to College Avenue Gymnasium from North Jersey: Take the NJ Turnpike or Route 1 South to Route 18 North in New Brunswick and then take Route 18 through New Brunswick over the Raritan River and straight through the light at the bottom of the bridge (New Road) to the north light. Turn right at light and left at light to the gym.

## Dayton, GL baseball are both victorious

The Dayton and Governor Livingston high school baseball teams were both victorious last week in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division varsity action.

Dayton, which began the week at 2-4-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the Mountain, won its second game of the year when it edged Brearley 6-5 in Springfield April 14.

Winning pitcher Eric Fishman allowed 11 hits in seven innings and struck out seven and walked six. Only two of the five runs he yielded were earned. Fishman, a senior, was also the winning pitcher in Dayton's first game of the year, a 5-4 win at home over MVC-Valeley for Oratory April 2.

Fishman completed the win against Brearley by striking out the game's last batter with the go-ahead run on first.

Chris Fischer drove in two runs with a single and double for the Bulldogs. Governor Livingston swept Newark Central 15-0 and 12-0 in Berkeley Heights Thursday to improve to 5-4.

Game one winning pitcher Mark Loyer and teammate Mark Cantagallo combined on a one-hitter in the second game.

Jason Guidicicchio belted two doubles and scored three runs in the second game.

Loyer pitched the first inning of the second game and Cantagallo, a sophomore right-hander, pitched the final four to earn the mound victory.

#### Dayton Track and Field

April 23 at Bound Brook, 3:45  
 April 25 Millburn Relays, 9:00  
 April 30 County Relays, 7:00  
 May 9 MVC championships, 7:00  
 May 15 County Meet, 7:00

#### Dayton Volleyball

April 24 Roxbury, 3:45  
 April 27 at Union Catholic, 3:45  
 April 28 at Madison, 3:45  
 April 30 at Whippany Park, 3:45  
 May 4 Mount Olive, 3:45  
 May 6 at New Providence, 3:45  
 May 8 at Hanover Park, 3:45  
 May 12 Summit, 3:45  
 May 14 at Chatham, 3:45  
 May 18 Livingston, 3:45  
 May 20 at Roxbury, 3:45  
 May 22 Madison, 3:45

#### Dayton Golf

April 23 at West Orange, 3:45  
 April 27 at Brearley, 3:15  
 April 28 Roselle Park, 3:45  
 April 29 at Middlesex, 4:00  
 May 4 New Providence, 3:45

#### Dayton Baseball

April 23 at Oratory, 3:45  
 April 30 at Bernards, 3:45

#### Dayton Softball

April 23 Mt. St. Mary's, 3:45  
 April 28 at St. Mary's

#### Summit Volleyball

April 23 at Brearley, 4:00  
 April 24 Hanover Park, 4:00  
 April 28 Chatham, 4:00  
 April 30 at Madison, 4:00  
 May 4 Livingston, 4:00  
 May 6 at Roxbury, 4:00  
 May 8 New Providence, 4:00  
 May 12 at Dayton, 4:00  
 May 13 Elizabeth, 4:00  
 May 14 Mount Olive, 4:00  
 May 18 Whippany Park, 4:00  
 May 20 at Hanover Park, 4:00

#### Summit Boys' Tennis

April 24 at Parsippany, 4:00  
 April 27 Morris Hills, 4:00  
 April 28 at Hanover Park, 4:00  
 April 29 at Boonton, 4:00  
 May 1 at Mount Olive, 4:00  
 May 6 at West Essex, 4:00  
 May 7 at New Providence, 4:00  
 May 8 at Parsippany Hills, 4:00  
 May 11 Hanover Park, 4:00  
 May 12 at Caldwell, 4:00

#### Summit Boys' Lacrosse

April 24 at West Morris, 4:00  
 April 29 Roxbury, 4:00  
 May 2 at Livingston, 11:00

#### Summit Girls' Lacrosse

April 23 at Millburn, 4:00  
 April 25 Madison, 1:00  
 April 27 Chatham, 4:00

# STUDENT UPDATE

## Cordoni to soar

Sean T. Cordoni, an eighth-grader at Florence M. Gaudinzer School in Springfield, will be honored Sunday for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Cordoni, 13 years old, is the youngest Scout to achieve this award in the troop. Boy Scout Troop 73 of Springfield will hold the ceremony at St. James Church, which sponsors the troop.

To date, Cordoni has earned 28 merit badges, six more than are required for Eagle. He will also receive a bronze palm on his Eagle for his initiative in earning additional merit badges. He also attended the Junior Leadership Training Course and has held leadership positions within the troop. In 1985, he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

Before attaining the Eagle rank, a Scout must plan and supervise a major service project for his community. His project was to clean up his interest in the outdoors with a deep love of nature and the environment by removing non-native, invasive plants in a large section of the Watchung Reservation. The removed bushes were then located to areas where they would be used as natural habitats. His project also involved building and installing cages to protect selected plants from being eaten by animals.

Cordoni will join his brother, Ian, as an Eagle as well as two uncles, Pat Lynch and Tom Sherry, and cousins Brendan Gheslins and Frank Perier. Cordoni wrestles and plays baseball on his school team. He graduates this June and will attend Jonathan Dayton High School next year.

## Delbarton honors

The following Delbarton students from Springfield have been named to the Headmaster's List for the 1988 winter term.

Highest Honors: Grade 11, Dennis Tupper.

High Honors: Grade 9, Jason Saylor.

Honors: Grade 10, Joseph Andrusko.

## Kravitz earns honors

Kevin Kravitz, a 12th-grader from Springfield, has been named to the honor roll at Morrisville-Board School for the first academic semester ending in mid-January. To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average with no grade below a B-. Founded in 1891, Morrisville-Board School is located on Whippany Road in Morrisville.

## Magnet School honors

Meghan Paglia and Jason Wasserman of Springfield were named to the honor roll for the second marking period at the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

Honor roll status is achieved by earning grades of A or B in all subjects.

## Mathews on list

Jordan Alce Mathews of Mountaintop has been named to the dean's list at Lehigh University for the fall semester. Certificates of achievement

were awarded to 863 Lehigh University students who were named to the dean's list for the semester. Undergraduates on the dean's list earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carried at least 12 hours of coursed graded A, B, C, D, F.

## Corbett graduates

Springfield resident Mary Kate Corbett graduated from Shenandoah University in December with a bachelor's degree from the Henry F. Byrd, Jr. School of Business.

## Mountaintop honorees

Two Mountaintop residents recently were named to the honor roll for the second trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Sophomore Nicole Kress received first honors, having earned no grade lower than an A. Sophomore Cynthia Fisher was named to the honor roll, receiving no grade lower than B.

## Oak Knoll honor roll

Two Springfield residents recently were named to the honor roll for the second trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Ninth grader Christina Caram earned first honors, awarded students who receive no grade lower than an A. Eleventh grader Christina Tine was named to the honor roll, having received no grade lower than B.

## Scott earns honors

Springfield resident Nicholas Scott received academic honors for the second marking period at St. Peter's Pre-

paratory School in Jersey City. Scott is a freshman at the Jesuit school.

## Newark Academy honors

The following students studying at Newark Academy in Livingston earned high honors and honors during the fall term.

High Honors  
Springfield: Erica Horvitz in grade nine and Jodie Sandel in grade 11.

Springfield: Andrea Conlon, Allison Gladstone, Jodi Luciani, and Charles Schuyler, all in grade 11 and Scott Hollander in grade eight.

Mountaintop: Douglas McNameara in grade 11 and Jacob Menikoff in grade 12.

## Zuzyblum on list

Yuzyblum of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Zuzyblum is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Rozenblum and attended Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn.

Zuzyblum, who is majoring in international studies, is expected to graduate in May 2000.

## Seton names honors

Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange announced that the following residents of Springfield have

achieved academic honors for the second trimester of the school year 1997-1998:

Receiving first honors for earning a grade point average of 4.0 are Joseph Fanning, Ryan Farrell and Michael Quirk.

Receiving second honors for earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are Michael Basile, Thomas Cappocchino and Adam Gebauer.

Students who are Commended for earning a grade point average of 3.0 or higher are Jeffrey Miller, Dorian Scott and Justin Stefanelli.



## Wurgaff installed as vice president

Jack Wurgaff, a partner in the Springfield law firm of Javerbaum, Wurgaff and Hicks, was recently installed as vice president of the American Board of Trial Advocates at Canoe Brook Country Club, Short Hills.

ABOTA is a national organization of trial attorneys dedicated to the education and training of trial lawyers and the preservation of the constitutional right to trial by jury, both civil and criminal.

Wurgaff limits his practice to complex medical malpractice, products liability and negligence matters. His law firm is the only firm in Union County in which all of the partners are certified civil trial attorneys.

## Fitzherbert makes list

Salisbury University in Maryland announced that Mountaintop resident Jacqueline Ann Fitzherbert has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must be a full-time degree candidate and achieve at least a 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 grade average.

## Asch is commended

Emily Asch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Asch of Meeting House Lane in Mountaintop, is on the Commended List at Blair Academy in Blairstown.

Asch achieved this by maintaining a 4.5 average on a 6.0 scale in her courses during the winter term at the independent secondary school.

# Paragano receives award for excellence in building

Dominick Paragano, president of D.L. Paragano Homes and a partner with Paragano Associates of Springfield, recently received The Community Builder's Association "Award of Excellence."

The recognition, for "Best Single Family Home in the \$500,000 to \$750,000 price range," cited a residence located on Melrose Lane in Mendham. For 15 years, D.L. Paragano Homes has been known for its quality, executive-style single family homes in the northern New Jersey market.

The Community Builders Association award program recognizes and promotes members of the New Jersey Builders Association for high levels of achievement in the industry. The award for the best single-family home was based on criteria such as exterior design, quality of construction, innovative uses of materials and value.

"I am honored to be the recipient of this prestigious award from the Community Builders Association," Paragano said. "The Paragano family name throughout the years has been associated with enduring value and lasting beauty. I am glad to be able to continue with this tradition."

The Paragano family's heritage and traditional values are reflected through six generations in the service, design and unparalleled attention to detail invested in each of its residences. Expanding on the talents learned from his father, master builder Larry Paragano Sr., Dominick Paragano has successfully integrated the finer points of old world craftsmanship with innovative ideas for today's discerning home buyer. Having just completed the highly successful Melrose Lane project in Mendham, D.L. Paragano Homes is readying its next site in Morris County for the summer of 1998.

# Jewish Women to install officers

Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will hold its annual installation and membership brunch at the Kenilworth Inn in Kenilworth on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

Presidents Barbara Fried and Terry Strauss will hand the gavel to the new president consisting of Ruth Grossman, Lois Kaish, Fay Miller, Ruth Piller and Michael Tenenbaum.

Other officers to be installed are Helen Rich, vice president of communications; Betie Rosen, financial secretary; Amalia Terry, corresponding secretary; Minna Schuler, social secretary; Edna Gorer, treasurer; Barbara Fried and Terry Strauss, counselors.

Alice Weinstein, a former president of the chapter and of Northern New Jersey Council, will install the officers. Entertainment will be provided by soprano Deborah Fennell, featuring the works of popular and classical composers.

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ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-271-7700. Sunday Mass: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass: 9:30 AM. Memorial Mass will resume September 12. Holy Days: Same as weekly masses with a 9:30 PM Mass anticipated for the Holy Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shurtleff Avenue, Springfield, 9:30 AM. St. Peter's Episcopal: 9:30 AM Bible School. St. Peter's: Nursery Through Seniors: 10:30 AM. Holy Service and Ministry: 6:00-7:00 PM. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Ministry. Senior Center: 11 AM. Followed by lunch. Annual Parking. Child Life provided with assistance. All are invited and welcome to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

## EPISCOPAL

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, 119 Main Street, Springfield, (973) 376-0208. St. Stephen's of Springfield Church. The Episcopal Church for Springfield since 1854. St. Stephen's Church is a welcoming community committed to education, outreach, and worship for all who are spiritually hungry. The Rev. Fr. Cole, Rector, Rector. The Rev. Judy Baldwin, Associate. Karen Edwards, Sacramental Assistant. Robert Demaree, Music Director. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Morning: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in traditional languages. The Rector preaches 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum: 9:00 a.m. Interdenominational First Free Sunday of every month. 10:00 a.m. to Holy Communion in contemporary language, every 3rd Sunday. Church loves children. 10:30 a.m. Sunday nursery care also at 10:30 a.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12. Teenagers: 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry, an adult Bible study linking faith and everyday life. Monthly book discussions. Many opportunities for service. PER NOSTRUM: A COMMUNICATION PACKET CALL (973) 376-0668.

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children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Wagon's League, Men's Club, and youth groups for through through twelfth, and a busy Adult Education program. A Senior's League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

SUMMIT METHODIST CHURCH CENTER, 617 East Plaza Boulevard, Summit, NJ 07981. William B. Horn, Rabbi. Jesse Roth, Kruppnick, Cantor. James Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearby 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 6:00 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Minchah and Havdalah are held at midnight. Wednesday services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Sunday from 10:30-11:30 AM, and every second and fourth Sunday from 11:30-11:30 AM. There is a service for pre-school children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7-13. The SJCC also offers a complete preschool program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School. We do not discriminate on the basis of race and a parent/guardian of a child. Parent and child participation program for Parents and Grandparents program for Kindergarten-aged children is offered at 10:30 AM. St. Stephen's, Mar's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call SJCC office at 973-435-8113.

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24 through 47. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5157.

## LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-379-4522. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yess, Pastor. Child Study Group. Sunday School classes for ages 10 to 18 at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

REDDEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cornwellville Pk., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kruppick, Pastor, (903) 232-5171. Beginning Sunday, April 24, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Services, 7:30 p.m. (140) Communion celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

## METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Christian Education Forum at 8:15 AM and for worship at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation in Christ who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. Know that all people are welcome! If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call Pastor, Rev. Jeff Maloney at 201-376-1697.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Plaza Boulevard and Delaware Avenue. The Sabbath is observed starting at 9:15 AM with Christian Education for all ages. Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 AM; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "to let us always work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The ser-

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