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## Committee approves \$1.41 million bond ordinance

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee held a public hearing and approved a \$1.41 million bond ordinance during its public meeting Tuesday night.

The committee, in a 4-0 vote, will appropriate \$1.34 million toward various capital improvements and capital acquisitions. Another \$70,000 would be earmarked as a down payment as required by the state's local bond law.

Projects receiving the allocation include:  
• New public works compactor, Emergency Management and four-wheel-drive trucks for \$126,000.

• Library furnishings for the children's room and the Donald Palmer Museum for \$50,000.  
• Four computers and related equipment for

the Police, Fire and Tax Collector offices for \$62,000.

• Rehabilitating various curbs and sidewalks for \$250,000.

• Improving electrical parts of the Joanne Way and Marion Avenue pumping stations for \$62,000.

• Construction of a new firehouse, including buying all materials and labor for \$500,000.

• Sanitary sewer system improvements for \$200,000.

The lives of the various projects or objects, which range from five to 40 years, averages out to almost 24 years.

Although most such ordinances would be passed without the public rising to comment, resident Charles Jacques did during this public hearing. Jacques asked several questions

regarding the efficiencies of the bonded projects.

"When it comes to the firehouse," said Jacques, "the funds are being made while a site is either being negotiated or has not been announced. As the details of the new building becomes known, I hope the public will have some input."

"What we're doing is setting aside funds for the new station," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "There will be times for the public to speak on the matter."

Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke explained that the new yard waste compactor truck will replace one of two older models parked at the municipal pool and will reduce the number of runs. Jacques said, however, that both existing trucks were made unusable from a lack of preventative maintenance.

The committee, which voted with council member William Ruocco absent, approved a \$17,920 change order for the Chisholm Community Center renovation. Clarke also announced a change in opening the time capsule recently found there.

"As you may know, we were going to open the capsule as part of the Memorial Day ceremonies," said Clarke. "God has decreed otherwise. We have come up with a plan whose date is to be announced."

Clarke said the capsule opening would be in conjunction with transferring a World War I plaque to the proper site of the Municipal Building. When the plaque is transferred, the capsule will be opened. Its contents will be displayed at the library for a time before they are reentered in the Chisholm cornerstone.

### THIS WEEK

#### NEWS

##### Satellite problems

Satellite problems had a big impact this week — including knocking out service on our 24-hour Infocourse telephone line. Information that is normally updated on a daily basis could not be retrieved. The problem is expected to be resolved this week.

##### Building dedicated

Through the efforts of one county man during the course of three decades, thousands of Union County residents have received a better education. The vice president of a Fanwood bank has a building named after him at the Union County Magnet School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.  
See Page B1.

#### THE ARTS

##### The characters

Garage band "The Characters" hit the stage with Peter Turk and Shoe Suede Blues.  
See Page B3.

##### Mentor Theater

Twenty-year veteran of the arts makes mentoring tops on his agenda as a facilitator for up and coming students.  
See Page B3.

#### NEW MEDIA

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#### WEATHER

Friday: Partly sunny and warm. 86°

Saturday: Partly sunny and warm. 80°

Sunday: Partly cloudy. 75°

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**WALTON ACTIVITIES** — Above, Brett Beilbeberg and Alyssa Williams of Walton School in Springfield learned all about Stranger Safety in a program given by the Parent-Teacher Association. The program teaches children about this topic in a fun and non-fearful way. Left, Walton student Christian Worri-man anxiously awaits his turn to win at the PTA-sponsored Family Picture Bingo Night. Young and old can play and everyone is a winner.

## Rain ends parades on Memorial Day

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

An intense thunderstorm system forced Memorial Day service officials to revise or postpone events Monday morning. Mountainside's service was taken indoors at the Elks Lodge while Springfield's parade was cancelled.

Thirteen members of Mountainside's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10136 and the Elks continued their annual observance in the lodge's hall at about noon Monday. The group, led by Post Commander Robert Farley, honored those soldiers, sailors and aviators who had fought and died in our nation's wars.

"Wherever our sons and daughters have fallen, no matter how distant, that ground is consecrated," said Farley. "So long as there are two or more of us veterans left, we will honor our brothers and sisters."

Farley and other key post officials proceeded with the time-honored practice of laying flowers. A red, a white and a blue flower, representing sacrifice, purity and devotion, were placed at a flagpole base.

The pole was about 6 inches tall, however, holding a desktop-sized American flag. "Taps" and the "Star Spangled Banner" were played from a tape recording. Another reminder of having to come inside were the rain-soaked uniforms of some of the officials and the 14 witnesses were wearing.

"We finished decorating veterans graves in Westfield cemeteries and gathered at that town's soldiers memorial for services," said Farley. "I and several other people addressed the crowd and we stepped off for the parade."

"We got about two blocks before the heavens opened up," said veteran Claire Butler. "I ducked under an

awning, but most of us got soaked."

Westfield officials cancelled the parade on the spot. Farley asked the Mountainside delegation to meet at the Elks. He then laid wreaths at the borough's Mountman Place, by the library and firehouse, saluted, and posted a change of program sign.

"The Elks are happy to open our doors for the Memorial Day Service," said lodge leader Ed Melka Jr. "We're supportive of their efforts and they usually come here after ceremonies."

Springfield also had hit by the storm. Ceremonies at the firehouse and the Veterans Memorial Park went as planned, but the rain started as 20 groups were staging for the parade at the Walton School at about 10 a.m.

"We saw the dark clouds form and felt drizzle at about 9:30," said firefighter and parade organizer Carlo Palumbo. "I held out as long as I could, but the lightning and thunder struck. With the young children and veterans in the rain and those flagpoles serving as lightning rods, it had to be cancelled."

"It got to be a hard and fast rain," said Springfield Chief of Police William Chisholm. "As far as the time capsule, you have to talk to the township government."

Chisholm and his family were to present to open a time capsule found in the Raymond Chisholm School. The school, which is named after the tank gunner who died in World War I, had a sealed cornerstone container which was recently found during the building's renovation.

The Chisholm School time capsule was to be opened on the Municipal Building front lawn after the parade. A new date and occasion has not been announced.

## Borough to be linked on website

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

Mountainers will soon be able to find out whatever they want about the borough on the new Mountainside website. The project, which has been a topic of discussion at several council meetings, is scheduled to be completed by the middle of the summer. The project is being coordinated by Miriam Bein, director of the Mountainers Public Library.

"Out of the state's 526 towns, more than 150 communities have web-sites," Mayor Robert Vigilanti said. "There has been a high rate of success with these sites, we have heard," he said.

"Most of the users are professionals and other types of contractors looking to relocate into the area and get information on what the area has to offer,"

Vigilanti said. "This could be beneficial to the community in many ways. I am looking forward to the completion of the project."

"The website will most likely provide information on the borough's demographics, and show pictures of the area, including the schools and the homes," Vigilanti said.

The project, which had been discussed at council meetings in January, February, March and April, was met with much optimism by the council.

"I think it's a great way to keep people informed," said Councilman Tom Perrone. "I have gone into other towns and their websites have interesting information on a variety of things, including the town's history, the library, police department, and recreation," he said. "It can also be a way to for people to get information

on certain organizations and groups in town, or for new residents to become familiarized with the borough."

Bein said the project is still in the making, and that she is shooting for a mid-summer opening of the site. But the site address is not available at this time.

New Borough Administrator Greg Bonin may also be participating in the project. Bonin, who officially began work with the borough on May 19, has an extensive background in computers and actually developed a website for Hillsborough Township.

"I started the web page at Hillsborough, where I had previously worked," Bonin said. "I spoke with Miriam and offered my help with the project." Bonin said. "We have yet to actually sit down and discuss the plan, but I'm sure we will talk very soon."

## Race goes uncontested in next week's primary

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

The primary elections for the two vacant Mountainside Borough Council seats will be held June 2. Running uncontested for the Republicans will be newcomer Glen Mortimer and incumbent Werner Schon. The Democrats have announced that Michael Krassner and Steven Brociner will be running uncontested to try to end more than 100 years in the borough without a Democrat on the governing body.

The two Republicans and two Democrats will face each other in the November elections.

The Democrats are optimistic toward their potential representation on the council, but pessimistic about the way the Republicans run council meetings.

"As always, our theme for our platform is to have more openness and more questioning of the way things are run around here," said Brociner. "We want someone to hear and see what is really going on in there during those council work sessions," he said.

"The only way to do this is to get a second set of voices, a member that is not from what has recently become their 'club of nodding heads,'" said Brociner. "We'd like to get one head in there that may

nod the other way."

As for the Republicans, they only wish to continue providing what they see as fair, reasonable representation for the residents of Mountainside.

"We are looking forward to keeping the fine tradition of our community," said GOP incumbent Werner Schon. "I have been fortunate enough to have been associated with some really fine people on the council," he said.

"I don't claim to know all the answers to everyone's questions and concerns," Mortimer said. "But I plan to do the research and be readily accessible to the residents inside and outside of the public meetings," he said.

"I believe our current government is very fiscally responsible and this has led to our high property values, among other positive things," Mortimer said. "I hope to continue this and address other concerns as well — like making sure that we have activities for the community's youth and senior citizens."

Residents are urged to cast their votes at one of the following three polling sites: Borough Hall, Deerfield School, and The Presbyterian Church of Mountainside. Polls will be open on June 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Governor Livingston sets Project Graduation

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights will be sponsoring a Project Graduation for graduating seniors to be held June 21 at the Werbelin Athletic Center on the campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Coordinating the program is a committee of parents and other community members, which is headed by Sonya McLuskey and Karen Porzio.

"We kind of took the lead from the Project Graduation that we developed in Livingston," said McLuskey. Livingston, located in Essex County, was one of the first communities to offer seniors the drug-and-alcohol free environment; after one drug student was killed in an acci-

dent on the night of graduation.

"Students will have full use of the athletic center, including racquetball courts, pools and bingo. There will also be a disc jockey," McLuskey said. "The kids should keep busy and have lots of fun on a very emotional night," she said. This is the 10th year Governor Livingston High School has offered "Project Graduation."

"We have had close to a 90 percent response rate in the past, although we haven't gotten all of our responses for this year yet," said McLuskey. "We don't usually have staff attend the event, but this year we are looking to broaden the community participation, as our DARE police officers have been invited to chaperone the event," she said.

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## NEWS CLIPS

### Society elects officers

At its annual meeting, the Springfield Historical Society elected the following officers, executive council members, and board of governors. The newly elected officers are: Margaret Boudrowski, president; Elaine Auer, vice president; Marilyn Stigler, recording secretary; Janice Bongiovanni, corresponding secretary; Jerry Bongiovanni, treasurer. The seven Executive Council members are: Janice Boogiovanni, Howard Casselman, Dennis DeVono, Hazel Hurdvoge, Janet Hartman, Catherine Seiss and Howard Wiseman. Those serving on the Board of Governors are Eleanor Gural, William Gural, Mary Frances Niguel, Richard Sofia, Louis Stiglitz and Michael Yessenko.

The election was held last week prior to hearing a talk by journalist and author Jean-Rae Turner on the subject, "The History of American Newspapers," to an overflow audience at the Society's May meeting. Another highlight of the evening was the premiere recitation by James Napier of Springfield of an original poem which he composed about the famous Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780, including the events that preceded it.

Tentative previews of historical events for the coming years were given together with the progress on the restoration and refurbishing of its headquarters known as the Historic Cannon Ball House. Additional information and membership data may be had by calling (973) 376-3348.

### VFW seeks members

"Mountainside Memorial Post 10136 is seeking new members. Army veterans who are eligible may join. The organization is particularly looking for Vietnam and Post Vietnam era veterans. The VFW does not forget those who served. Members visit veterans in hospitals, and their families. The VFW Post also participates in various local functions as well. The VFW Post, with its Honor Guard, honors all veterans through its various services. One important benefit gained from joining the VFW is important knowledge of information that is of particular interest to veterans. Another benefit is the friendships that develop among members who have something in common to share.

Anyone interested in seeing what the VFW Post is about is invited to the regular monthly meeting, which is held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Mountainside Elks Club on Route 22 East. Interested parties may also contact Post Commander Robert Farley at 232-0197.

### Friends want magazines

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library would like donations of magazines within a year's date. The Springfield Library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday until summer, the library is open from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Theater series with the second and final part of the documentary "Titanic" on June 9 at noon.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

### Summer session begins

If you're looking for challenge, adventure and creativity this summer, the Springfield Summer School is the place to be. The summer session will run from June 28 to July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The program includes courses in wood-working, arts and crafts, ceramics, gymnastics, computer technology, creative writing and publishing, cooking, science, basketball, rockery, tennis, study skills, baby-sitting, reading, mathematics, music and fitness, to name a few. Many classes fill early, so register for your summer adventure soon. The brochure and registration forms will be available in early May. The registration fee of \$60 per one hour course for the four weeks makes this an inexpensive way to learn and have fun each morning in July.

For enrollment information or further questions, call Nicholas Corby at Sandmeier School at (973) 376-1025, Ext. 3420.

### Literacy group meets

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding Literacy Library Day at the Mountainside Library, Constitution Plaza, on June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is for all interested potential or current students and tutors. Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having. Potential tutors can find out about the program.

Interested students can be assessed if they call the LVA office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for that day.

Literacy Volunteers is the most active adult tutoring organization in Union County.

### Host families sought

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking host families for boys and girls ages 15 to 18 from overseas who are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year.

These personable and academically select exchange students speak English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about our country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, an organization founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education.

The Exchange Students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and remain at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own spending money and expects to bear his or her share of the household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities.

The students are screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngsters of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE Exchange Students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of Europe, Asia, South America, Canada, Australia or New Zealand. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or an Exchange Student should contact ASSE's local representative, Jay Turner, at (908) 364-7884 or 1-800-677-2773.

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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 give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

**Today**  
The Springfield chapter of the Union County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8 a.m. in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Church Hall, Springfield. This month, the business spotlight will feature Dan Marazut of Ace Printing.

**Saturday**  
The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church at 40 Church Mall, Springfield will be sponsoring a Spring Flea Market on May 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flea market vendors are being sought for this event. A double car width space is \$20. Limited tables and chairs are also available. Reserve your space now. Various civic groups will also be on hand to provide information. For more information, call Tom Ernst at (908) 587-0779, Esther Reimlinger at (908) 276-4968 or call the church office at (973) 376-1695.

**Monday**  
The Springfield Board of Education will meet in conference session at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.  
Overlook Hospital, in conjunction with the American Chronic Pain Association, is sponsoring a free support group for people living with chronic pain. The group meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month in the Bernice and Joseph J. Neagley Education and Conference Center at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave.  
The group is a non-profit, self-help organization providing help and hope those suffering from chronic pain — pain that lasts six months or longer. Spouses are welcome to attend.  
For more information, call Summit Pain Management at (908) 598-0196.

**Coming events**  
**June 9**  
The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School Drive.  
"Success Coaching," will be the subject for discussion at the Resource Center for Women 7:30 to 9 p.m. The registration deadline is June 5. If you need help strategizing about personal and professional goals, this workshop will help break down the steps of the process and begin to create an action plan for getting where you want to go. The fee is \$12 for center members; \$15 for non-members. To register, call the center at (908) 273-7253.

**June 15**  
The Springfield Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

**June 23**  
The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

**June 29**  
The Springfield Board of Education will meet in special session at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

**Ongoing**  
The Springfield Garden Club is sponsoring a contest to find the tree in town with the largest circumference (measured 3 feet off the ground). Send entries to Springfield Garden Club, P.O. Box 970, Springfield, 07081. In case of duplicate entries, the earliest postmark will win the floral prize.  
Pool membership registration is being accepted for all previous members and new members. Registration is taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall.

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Dan Kalem



Gloria Simpson

## Kalem, Simpson cited for services to town

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

It is said there is a time and a season for everything under the sun. For Springfield Dan Kalem and Gloria Simpson, the season for receiving commendations appears to be here now.

Kalem and Simpson were so honored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post Saturday night. About 175 people watched the pair receive certificates of appreciation at the Elks Lodge hall.

"We honored Gloria and Dan for their respective work in first aid and senior citizens awareness," said VFW Post 7683 Commander Stan Weck.

"The VFW likes to recognize those who have shown dedicated service to Springfield as part of our annual installation meeting."

Simpson is a 35-year member and current president of the Springfield First Aid Squad. Kalem is a coordinator of the Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees out of Overlook Hospital and president of the local Mended Hearts information group.

"I've worked with Gloria on the first aid squad and she's been on about as long as I have," said Kalem. "It's great to see her get recognition for the work she has done."

"I don't know where all this is coming from," said Simpson. "I received an award of excellence in emergency service and for Mary Hurwitz at Overlook May 18."

The Overlook awards banquet, said hospital official Lillian McKie, is the second annual affair to recognize local emergency medical teams. Simpson and Hurwitz, who died last July after 10 years' service, were nominated for the Overlook award by their squad peers.

Kalem also received kudos from another source. Congressman Bob Franks, R-Union, bestowed a Special Congressional Award to Kalem for his work with CHIME. He was one of several Union County residents with Franks April 25 as part of Volunteer Awareness Week.

Both Kalem and Simpson said they never got into their volunteer work for the awards.

## Bagger offers surplus to school buildings

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger is proposing that the \$78 million surplus in the Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools be used to provide interest-free loans for public school construction.

Bagger, R-Union, introduced legislation this week that would allow the fund surplus to be used for zero interest loans to school districts. Currently, the fund only guarantees bonds sold by school districts. The bill would allow up to one-third of a construction project to be financed with zero interest loans, thus reducing the district's interest payments by one-third.

"The state Department of Education estimates that billions of dollars is required to address school construction and renovation needs statewide," Bagger said. "Many areas are experiencing sharp increases in the school age population. Yet, many voters are rejecting local bond referendums to build new schools or repair old ones out of concern for high property taxes."

"This bill would make school construction less taxing by using a state funding pool that has a healthy balance," Bagger said.

"Best of all, this funding will be

open to all school districts," he said. "Up to one-third of any project could be funded through the zero percent interest loan, with payments made back into the fund to ensure that money will still be there years from now for new projects."

The Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools is financed through the sale of riparian lands. The reserves are used to guarantee bonds issued by school districts for school construction, thus reducing the district's interest rate on the bonds.

At present, only \$45 million of the \$123 million balance is obligated as

security for existing bonds, leaving \$78 million that is available, according to the fund trustees. Under Bagger's proposal, the fund would be used to buy bonds directly from school districts for specific projects, which would then be paid back with no interest.

"With the tremendous needs for school facilities throughout our state, it does not make sense to leave dedicated revenue sources untapped," Bagger said. "While this bill will never address all of our facilities' needs, it will help leverage \$234 million in school construction and renovation."

## School board presents recognition awards

By Jim Foglio  
Staff Writer

The Mountaineer Board of Education presented two annual awards during its meeting last week.

The 1998 Rosestethl Scholarship was awarded to Michael Britz, a student at Governor Livingston High School, and the 1998 Union County Teacher Recognition Award was presented to Jana MacMillan of Deerfield School.

Britz, a senior who will be attending St. Bonaventura College in the fall, will receive a \$1,000 stipend per year for the next four years.

In order to receive the scholarship, the recipient must be a Mountaineer student who graduated from Deerfield School, and maintained a grade point average of a C plus or higher upon graduation from high school.

"I think it is fair criteria that is used when judging for this award," said Board President Pat Tasscher. "The grade-point average requirements make it so that the award is not restricted to the 'A' students, so it can still be awarded

to someone who is well-balanced," she said.

MacMillan, who has been teaching at Deerfield since 1986, will receive a \$500 stipend, and will be honored at a breakfast to be held this month. The breakfast will be sponsored by Union County.

MacMillan, who graduated from Amherst College in Massachusetts, is currently working on her second master's degree. The Teacher Recognition Award is given annually to a teacher in Union County in recognition of continued teaching excellence.

"Mrs. MacMillan has been teaching at Deerfield for 12 years and she has been received very well by her students," said Tasscher.

In other business, the board approved the applications for summer school staffing at Deerfield, and discussed some potential changes to the school's mass curriculum and the progress the board plans to make by the fall of 1998.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said that class scheduling at Deerfield may also be changing, noting that the current scheduling is flexible.

## Area YMCA offers summer camp program

The Summit YMCA is offering a great choice of camper experiences for the first-time camper ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Tiny Tikes and Discovery are two camps where children learn new skills, meet new friends and expand their horizons in safe and comfortable environments.

Tiny Tikes is a morning camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 3 1/2-year-olds. Camp is held indoors at the Y located at 67 Maple St., in Summit. Tiny Tikes provides these curious campers the freedom to express themselves through age-appropriate activities that

explore creativity and develop social skills. Camp includes bi-weekly cookouts at Memorial Field. Camper to counselor ratio is 6:1.

Discovery Camp is for the more mature preschooler who will enter kindergarten in the fall. This full-day camp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. is held in the outdoor setting of the Watchung Reservation. Campers are challenged with activities that include mini-trail bikes, exploring nature, demonstrations by forest rangers at the Trailside

Museum and traditional activities like arts and crafts and indoor swimming at the Y.

Discovery Camp is under the direction of Michelle Buerosse, YMCA Associate Child Care director and head teacher of Y's Owl Nursery School. The staff has designed eight fun and creative weeks of "environmentally themed" activities for this very active age group.

"We are excited about the variety of program activities that we will be

offering this year," said Buerosse. "Theme weeks intend to keep children challenged and allow them to be creative. Our goal is to make camp a fun, first-time experience."

Examples of theme weeks include "Back to Nature: Discovering Pond Life, Insects and Trees" and "Under the Sea: Discovering Underwater Creatures and Vegetation."

For more information about Y camps and fees, call the Summit YMCA at (908) 273-3330.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## Leave us out of the politics

Union County Republican Chairman Frank McDermott has embarked on a plan to alter the county so that freeholders no longer would be elected at-large, but district by district. He has gotten as far as the Assembly, where Republican Assemblymen Richard Bagger and Alan Augustine are co-sponsoring a bill supporting the Republican chairman's efforts.

Not only is this idea being championed purely for political reasons, it is a wrong move for Union County residents. We're actually disappointed that Bagger and Augustine, both hailing from Union County, would jump on the proverbial bandwagon and support something like this.

We'd prefer to see any efforts at the county level go toward eliminating county government rather than simply changing its face.

Residents must be reminded that McDermott is being challenged in June for control of the Union County Republican Committee. With Republican losses at the freeholder level during the last few years, McDermott's leadership has basically given Democrats full control of the nine-member Board of Freeholders, and Republicans countywide are wondering what's been happening. There's support behind Union Township Republican Chairman Anthony DiGiovanni to wrest control of the county chairman's position from McDermott, and, once hearing that, McDermott devised a plan that, we believe, serves himself more than the taxpayers and voters of Union County.

Union County is a swing county when it comes to elections. The voting populace doesn't always vote along party lines whether it's at the local, county or state levels. While there always will be the party faithful, a good many people vote for the candidate rather than the party. Republicans and Democrats in Union County can both attest to this because during the last 10 years, the Board of Freeholders has shifted from Democratic to Republican to Democratic control. And if you're into politics, this pattern of voting makes it interesting for all residents of the county.

We're especially disappointed in Bagger, who has proven himself to be one of the most level-headed and progressive legislators in the state. It's disheartening to find him, in the middle of a blatant political move.

The election for the Union County Republican chairmanship will occur one week after the June primary election. Politics will be played out between McDermott's faction and DiGiovanni's faction between now and then, and that's the way it should be. But leave the majority of voters out of it.

## Crimestoppers needs your help

It's one of the quietest groups in the county, but it's one that could make one of the biggest impacts on every resident in all 21 municipalities. It acts in secrecy, in the shadows, so to speak, but it has no choice.

We're talking about Crimestoppers of Union County, an organization that seeks the input of every resident in the county to help law enforcement officials solve crimes and convict perpetrators to get them off the streets so they can't hurt again — for a number of years, anyway. The organization also seeks justice, hoping that one tip from an eyewitness will lead to the conviction of a crime suspect and result in justice for the crime victim.

Now, it's an organization that actually needs the help of residents to continue its efforts of offering rewards to those whose information tips seal the conviction of crime suspects. We encourage residents to offer their help in return.

The organization offers rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals. It can't do that if it doesn't have the funds, and one of the ways it is trying to raise the money is through a luncheon on June 4 at the Westwood in Garwood.

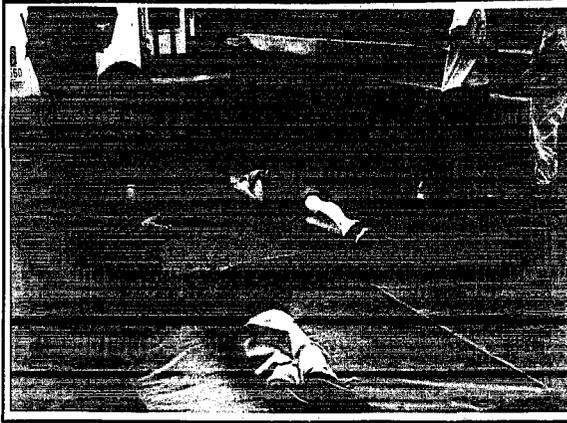
There, Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan will be the guest of honor and will speak to attendees about the need for this important group in the county.

Luncheon tickets are \$60 per person with reserved tables of 10 for \$600. To order tickets or to make a tax deductible contribution to Crimestoppers, write to Crimestoppers of Union County, 1342 Hidden Circle, Mountainside, 07092.

And remember, anyone with information about a crime can call a 24-hour telephone hot line, (908) 654-TIPS, to make a report. Calls will be kept confidential. They're there when you need them. Now they need you.

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**STOP AND DROP** — Firefighter Carlos teaches students Jackie Estrin and Nick Holdorf how to 'stop, drop and roll' at a program held at James Caldwell School in Springfield.

## Superintendent's efforts pay for his salary

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a two-part series.

The Board of Education has had the responsibility of balancing the concerns of special interest groups against the total good of the school district. Countless times, the board has been faced with decisions that can be easily criticized by individuals who do not know the complexities of the operation of our schools or the laws governing them. This past Monday was no exception.

The newspaper and some individuals in our community would like the taxpayer to believe that our schools are not providing a quality education, that our board is unresponsive to the taxpayer, and that we are literally taking the "food off the table" of our senior citizens. All of this is in the midst of a most partisan school board election that we have recently experienced. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We as a board have been faced with a sea of rhetoric by some individuals who have captured the media, which in turn has attempted to devalue our schools and project images of our administrators as common thieves. This has been extremely harmful to the image of the schools and destructive to the morale and function of all of our staff. Undoubtedly, if this continues, it will have serious impact to our community and the quality of the personnel we can attract to assume leadership positions.

On May 12, there was an article in the *New York Times* metro section citing the difficulty of retaining quality superintendents and the difficulty of that position in today's public climate. The article gave a perspective of the



complexities of the issues faced by superintendents in suburban school districts through one case study of the Glen Rock superintendent.

The article emphasized the vulnerable position that the superintendent is in when he or she becomes the lightning rod for a district and is blamed for every problem and social issue that takes place in the schools. This is especially true when there are budgetary problems, personnel issues and other controversial actions of the school district, "good" or "bad." This one example was showcased as part of a dilemma in New Jersey that has created a 25 percent turnover in superintendents in New Jersey's 600 school districts. Naturally, this turnover rate inhibits long-term planning, focused and consistent work on board goals and affects the continuity of education in a district. Our board has been fortunate to retain the same superintendent for 12 years. We have been able to do that by providing a competitive compensation plan that matches some of the top districts in the state.

Dr. Gary Friedland has worked with many boards during the past 12 years. As a matter of fact, Ken Falgenbaum is the only original board member who was on the board when Dr. Friedland was appointed in March

1986. Even at that time, there was some controversy regarding the appointment of our superintendent and his compensation plan. Some members of the board and public were upset and saw the decision as a misuse of the discretionary authority of the board. However, the decision was to hire Dr. Friedland with the hope of rebuilding our school system, which has failed monitoring, and had a series of personnel problems, and was faced with deteriorating facilities and financial liabilities beyond the fiscal limit of the budget.

Dr. Friedland has done an outstanding job during the past 12 years. He has written three master plans for our district that have provided long-range plans for our facilities and programs. His tireless work ethic and diligence has enabled us to remodel and reopen the Walton School through the use of revenue, generated by rental of a portion of the school, while establishing an additional service to the community: day care and extended child care services. In his planning, he has been creative enough to establish programs that generate more than \$500,000 a year in revenue, which is used to offset the cost of education to every taxpayer.

During the early 1990s, Dr. Friedland helped the board to understand the need for a public preschool program and provide insight on how such a program could be implemented, with a tax savings under the old regional school district formula. This amounted to years of savings and the program actually reduced the tax levy impact from an antiquated regional formula. During his tenure, he has been instrumental in ensuring that our

district passed state evaluation two times, that our middle school was accredited by the Middle State's Association — one of the few public middle schools accredited in this state — and numerous contracts with our employees have been negotiated and finalized without serious labor disputes.

The general public has little understanding about how a creative and talented superintendent can actually produce revenue and save a district, our size, and hundreds of thousands of dollars. And the public is probably unaware that our superintendent is one of the few people on staff who actually generates enough revenue each year to more than pay his salary for the term of any of his multi-year contracts.

Dr. Friedland had 17 years of experience as a superintendent and almost 30 years of experience in the field of education. He has achieved his doctorate from Columbia University and has three master's degrees from equally impressive universities. He is at the height of his career at the age of 52 and can go anywhere in this state as a superintendent and receive compensation plans similar to Springfield.

It is equally important to match our board's needs with that of a quality superintendent. At this time, it is our need to retain continuity of leadership and a superintendent, especially during these transition years of opening and operating a high school. Our superintendent works extremely well with our Board of Education.

Robert Fish is president of the Springfield Board of Education.

## The 'courage' to raise taxes is cowardice

I read an editorial recently in a daily newspaper that set me thinking whether any hope exists for meaningful reform without the entire house of cards falling first.

The editorial urged our elected officials in Trenton to have the "courage" to raise taxes for our highway upkeep.

If raising taxes is courageous, let's give out Medals of Honor to the last 30 years of state legislators.

The truly courageous among New Jersey residents are those who are beginning to speak up about overtaxation and government waste, and I do not mean the Republican Party. A few brave souls have endured the labels of "lunatic," "fanatic" and "hateful" as they patiently press the issue of high taxation.

If you do not think this is a major issue, please remember our governor last week was urging a soft-core gas tax hike to add on top of the already high state and federal gas taxes. What a lack of political savvy to announce her view right before the pump prices got hiked to gouge motorists during the Memorial Day weekend.

But a few brave souls do fight the automatic tax mentality, like Sam Perelli of United Tax Payees of New Jersey, for example.

I had occasion to convert by example a powerter recently. I did no preaching or evangelizing toward the

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By Paul O'Keefe  
Staff Writer

anti-tax cause. I merely let a Passaic teacher talk.

When the woman told me she was a teacher, and mentioned Paterson teachers and their contract struggle, I asked about her salary and lifetime pension. The reaction was bitter, nasty, insulting and thoroughly educational. Try it some time. Just mention public employee salaries around a public employee and you will get either absolute silence or a personal attack.

I asked her, nicely, why teachers and other public employees merit a lifetime pension when those in the private sector must contribute to Social Security and invest for the future. Her response was a ridiculing attitude of I got mine, too bad.

When the parasite moved on, my companion at the time mentioned how surprised he was at the woman's reaction. I have seen this before. People do not realize how defensive some of these people are when confronted

with the anachronism of their contracts.

My friend said he had no idea that was the way the public employees respond to such questions: it is part of the problem: Nobody believes you when you tell them those things. They assume a political or personal agenda on a writer's part if he mentions such things in print.

I first noticed this when covering a police contract meeting in an Essex County municipality. One officer stood up and pointed to all the residents complaining. He told that council the residents could not blame officers because they chose the wrong careers. It was spoken with a sarcastic sneer.

Imagine saying something that calls out to your boss, which these residents are in theory. Out the door you would go.

Another time, I spoke of high salaries and benefits to a ranking officer of a difficult fire department located in an urban area. I noted the skyrocketing number of tax liens at auctions in the area, up more than 10 times the number just five years ago.

His response was that these old people should just sell their houses and move out if they could not afford them. I suggested these houses were the equivalent of public employee pensions: They were an investment

for old age that was being raided by high taxes.

He said, literally, "tough." Services cost money, and they have to pay.

I am one of many men my age group who cannot afford a home, car or family. We make salaries that a scant two decades ago would have allowed for such things, but our elected officials thought themselves wise.

They decided to approve laws that force one sector of society to ensure to the grave gravity for another. Those people can spend each paycheck secure in the knowledge they need not invest for the future because their security is guaranteed.

Those people will be able to afford their homes, because the government loves them. In the meantime, the elected give lip service to the rest of us. They abhor high property taxes, but do nothing to allow a local school district to cut salaries and benefits, fully two-thirds of the expense in any given school district.

But no one believes a columnist who writes this simple reality in the newspaper, until treated to the spectacle of the arrogant public employee loving his or her salary and benefits over you. Try it sometime. Ask a state, county or municipal employee about high taxes and salaries. See what reaction you get.

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# Two arrested on prostitution charges

**Springfield**  
The Springfield Detective Bureau arrested two owners of a Morris Avenue massage parlor on charges of and related to prostitution May 14. One owner, identified as Anna Kim, 49, of the Bronx, was arrested on a count each of promoting and operating a house of prostitution. Kim was released from the Union County Jail after posting \$5,000 bail without the 10 percent allowance.

The co-owner, identified as Mangrye Orlando, 44, of Clifton, was charged on the same counts as Kim. Orlando was also booked for prostitution and possessing less than 50 grams of a controlled substance. She faces the same \$5,000 bail without the 10 percent allowance.

Kim and Orlando operated Dawn's Stress Reduction Center at 55 Morris Ave. No one answered the phone and a visit to the address found all references to Dawn's, remaining May 20.

A Honda, while attempting to exit a parking space, collided with a parked and unoccupied Honda, was arrested May 20. Both vehicles happened to be in the back lot of an Acum dealership on Route 22 at the time.

The driver of a Honda said he was searching for his eyeglasses while driving north on Meisel Avenue May 19. He lost control approaching the Maple Avenue turnoff and crossed the grass median at about 5:17 p.m. The Honda struck a holly bush and a fence before resting on a Maple Avenue residence's driveway. The driver was cited for careless driving and a fire engine was called to swab a fluid spill.

The driver of a Ford Windstar ran into the back of a Nissan Sentra on the Fadem Road ramp to Route 22. East May 19 — and literally ran away at about 6:09 p.m. A vehicle identification check discovered that the Ford van was stolen from Norfolk, Va., and were either stolen or counterfeited temporary New Jersey license plates. The Sentra driver was not injured and the Windstar was towed away.

\* A Dodge coming from south-

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bound Springfield Avenue was struck by a westbound Toyota at the intersection at about 9:13 a.m. May 19. The Toyota driver said she ran the red light while distracted.

The Toyota driver received two tickets, including one for failing to observe a traffic signal. Both vehicles were towed. One driver was recorded as injured without further details.

The passenger side window of a car on Morris Avenue was broken by an object jacked up by a passing lawnmower at about 7:30 p.m. May 18.

A Newark man was arrested by the Springfield Detective Bureau for attempting to obtain a driver's license with falsified documents May 18. The detective was called in by the Springfield Motor Vehicle Agency at about 3 p.m. when an employee noticed the Ecuadorian passport had counterfeit U.S. immigration stamps.

The subsequent investigation found a false Social Security card number and that the suspect was an illegal, undocumented alien. The suspect, identified as Juan Manuel Salas, 24, was booked and released on his own recognizance for a June 8 municipal court appearance.

The arrest was the second that day as a Montclair man was picked up on an outstanding warrant at about 1 a.m. The suspect, identified as Ivor Bryan, 40, was found with a warrant out from the Essex County Court - Civil Part.

A driver left a Morris Avenue restaurant at about 9:40 p.m. May 17 to find his 1991 Nissan, including a compact disc player system, stolen. Another driver noticed her driver's side door and lock were damaged in a Morris Avenue bathroom supply store at about 6:12 p.m.

A patrol officer on Route 22 West early reported his 1992 Honda stolen at about 2 a.m. May 16. It is not known whether the three incidents are related.

The owner of a Mountain Avenue store was called to his establishment concerning a broken front door at about 3 a.m. May 17. An inventory check revealed, however, that \$1,000 in cash and \$2,000 in lottery tickets were taken.

A patron of Bally's Health Club on Route 22 East reported that his pocket was picked while he changed into exercise clothes at about noon May 14. The wallet contained \$143 cash and various identification and credit cards.

What started as a motor vehicle check became a trip to the booking desk on drug charges for a Union man May 12. A patrol officer pulled over a car at South Springfield and Hillside avenues and discovered less than 50 grams of marijuana in the vehicle at about 9:41 p.m.

The driver, identified as Daren House, 22, was arrested and charged with the possession charge. He was released on his own recognizance. A 15-year-old girl, who was in the car at the time, was processed as a juvenile and released to a parent or guardian.

A Newark juvenile was found operating a motor vehicle in Mountainside while unlicensed.

On May 24 at approximately 9 a.m., while traveling west on Route 22, Officer Tom Murphy stopped a hispanic male for driving without brake lights. After running a check, Murphy found that the driver, a 17-year-old male, did not have a driver's license. The driver was taken into custody and released to his mother.

A Piscaaway man was arrested for driving while suspended on May 25. At approximately 2:30 a.m., Officer Stephen DeVito stopped a motorist for speeding on Route 22 West. The driver, later identified as Ming Lu, 21, was found to have been driving while suspended. Lu was released on \$469 bail and awaits a June court date.

A Plainfield man was arrested for driving while suspended on May 22. Officer Michael Jackson was travel-

ing west on Route 22 at approximately midnight, when he stopped a motorist for speeding. It was later revealed that the driver, Bruce Sterling, 28, had been driving while suspended. Sterling, who was released on \$775 bail, awaits a court date of June 11.

A Mountainside woman was arrested for a January charge of impersonation on May 21. At approximately 9 a.m., Detective Sergeant Rich Ojeda stopped a motorist on Route 22 East for a routine motor vehicle violation. The driver, Maria Diehl, 48, had impersonated her sister on Jan. 14 by giving false information to a police officer, reports stated. A warrant had been issued for Diehl's arrest and she was released on \$1,000 bail.

A Brentwood, N.Y. man was arrested for driving while suspended on May 18. Officer Andrew Rich Huber stopped a motorist, who was later identified as 30-year-old Jean Diouedone, for driving with a broken left tail light lens. Further investigation revealed that the driver was suspended, uninsured and had been driving with an expired registration.

On May 17 at approximately 10:15 p.m., Officer Rich Lataglia arrested an Elizabeth woman for driving with an expired registration. The driver, Patricia Laguna, 39, was also found to be driving while suspended and uninsured. The suspect awaits a June court date.

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# Officials respond to overturned car on Shunpike

**Springfield**  
The Springfield Fire Department helped right an overturned Suzuki automobile on Shunpike Road May 20. The driver said she was headed east when she applied the brakes approaching Brown Avenue at about 7:10 p.m. She told township police that the car started slide, hit the curb and overturned into a church parking lot.

Firefighters uprighted the Suzuki and cleared debris while the police ordered a tow truck. Although the driver was unhurt, she was charged with careless driving.

A rescue unit went onto Interstate 78 East at about 11:40 a.m. May 17 — but for a medical call. The Springfield First Aid Squad assisted transporting the ailing motorist. All hands responded to an activated fire alarm at an Adams Terrace residence at about 4:57 a.m. that day.

A brush fire kept the department occupied in the area of Mountain and Hillside avenues at about 12:14 p.m. May 18. A unit also assisted regarding a police matter at a Baltusor Avenue home at about 1:16 p.m. May 19.

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Union County College recently hosted a Public Service Announcement writing contest for high school students as part of an effort by the Union County Tech Prep/School-to-Careers Opportunities Initiative.

The effort involved a fun-filled learning opportunity for students, enabling them to try their hand at a public relations skill and gain insight into the field as a potential career choice.

The winners were: First place, a PSA on Anti-Smoking, prepared by Elizabeth High School team members Alexander Suagus, Susana Lopez, Anita Czajkowski, Evelyn Martinez, Maria Afonso and Stefanie Meyer.

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# Area Center to offer three to conclude spring's series

On June 1 at 7:30 p.m., "Poetry of Home and Heritage: Readings by Three Poets" will be the final spring offering at Summit's Resource Center for Women's ongoing poetry series, "Giving Voice."

Susan Jackson, Barbara Wind Moreheles and Wanda Pransner will read from their recent works addressing the many ways we define ourselves through our sense of home and heritage. If home is a place, where is "it"? If it is an interior quality, rather than a house or a geographic location, what does it mean to be "at home" or "away from home"? How is "heritage" different from "home"? Do we simply inherit a heritage like a lamp, or do we acquire it slowly, interacting with it over time? And to what degree are home and heritage "sacred"? These and other related themes will be explored by the following area poets:

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# Officials oppose 15 percent water rate hike

# RELIGION

By Mark Hyrman  
Staff Writer

Residents and officials expressed opposition to a proposed 15 percent increase in water and sewer charges by New Jersey American Water Company, which serves Springfield, at a public hearing on May 20 in the Maplewood Municipal Building.

The case is in the discovery phase with a decision possible in October. New Jersey-American Water Company filed a water and sewer rate request Jan. 12 with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to reflect the increased cost of serving more than 1 million people statewide, according to a company press release.

The increase is a 15 percent hike associated with new construction," said William D. Lavery, an attorney representing the company at the public hearing. The company also realized increased costs in labor, taxes and waste disposal charges, he said. Since 1996, company operating expenses have increased 1.8 percent.

A breakdown of the \$145 million in investments includes: \$75 million for tanks and pipelines; \$24 million for

*'The increase is driven by costs associated with new construction.'*

— William D. Lavery  
Company Attorney

upgrading meters and services; \$22 million for treatment and pumping improvements; \$6 million for source of supply projects; \$5 million for improving sewer systems and \$2 million for dam improvements.

Drew Bauman, an attorney representing the Maplewood Township Committee at the hearing, expressed the committee's opposition to the increase as well as the increase in public fire service. There is a concern, he said, that much of the construction costs are in other areas of the state that does not affect Maplewood, said Bauman.

On behalf of the Millburn Township Committee, Committeeman Sal Baie said there would be a "serious adverse negative impact to our town

and all towns" if an increase was approved. From 1990 to 1998, there has been an annual 5 percent increase in public fire service protection, he said. According to Baie, Millburn paid \$187,000 for public fire protection service in 1990 and in 1998 it paid \$256,000 for 653 hydrants.

"We have never seen any justification" for \$392 per hydrant. He asked the BPU and New Jersey Ratepayer Advocate to look at how the figure is calculated. "The increase is not fair, just or reasonable," said Baie.

"I can't believe they're asking this with a straight face," said John Ryan of West Orange. "Seniors can't afford it anymore. It will get to the point where we'll have to take communal baths."

## Volunteers needed at state Parents Anonymous

Parents Anonymous of New Jersey Inc., is seeking volunteers to staff its 24-hour Parent Stressline. This is an opportunity for people interested in child abuse prevention to help parents who are stressed, isolated, and in need someone to talk to.

Stressline training begins June 6. Volunteers work from their homes, using a call diverter. During training, they learn listening skills, crisis interven-

tion, and how to make referrals. After completion of the training program, volunteers may work as few as four hours per week.

PA of NJ Inc. also offers on-site volunteer training to interested congregations, service clubs and corporations throughout the state.

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## WORSHIP CALENDAR

### BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH • CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE • 242 Springfield Rd., Springfield, Pa. Frederick Mackay, Sr., Pastor. Sunday 9:30 AM. Sunday School for all ages • Nursery through Senior. 10:30 AM. Winesap Service and Nursery care • 1:30-2:00 PM. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service and Nursery • 7:00 PM. Wednesday 7:15 PM. Prayer and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Ministry. Music Department. Wednesday 7:15 AM. followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Child Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

### EPISCOPAL

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH 119 Main Street, Millburn, (973) 376-0884. A block from Springfield Center. The Episcopal Church for Springfield since 1854. St. Stephen's Church is a welcoming community committed to education, outreach, and worship with theologically literacy. The Rev. Cork Tapley, Rector. The Rev. Jerry Baldwin, Associate Rector. Eberhardt, Semminian Assistant. Robert Demmer, Music Director. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion in traditional language; the Rector preaching 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Eucharist first Sunday of every month. 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in contemporary language, music by the choir. Church School for children K-6 and nursery care also 10:00 a.m. Youth Group for grades 9-12. Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. Education for Ministry, an adult Bible study linking faith and everyday life. Monthly book discussions. Many opportunities for service. For more information, see INFORMATION PACKET CALL (973) 376-0884.

### JEWISH CONTEMPORARY

TEMPLE BETH ANNE 66 Temple Drive, Springfield 376-0559. Perry Raphael Rabin, Richard Nadel, Carol Simon Rosenbach, President. Beth Anne is a Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services including Sunday evening and Friday morning are conducted from 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening 8:30 PM; Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset. Sunday, Family and children services 9:00-9:30 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (three-month grade levels) meets on Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged

children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through eighth graders, and a Teen Adult Education program. A Senior's League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office. 376-0884.

### SUMMIT

CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ. 208-761-1111. Rabbi David J. Krupnick, Cantor, Janice Wilton, 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 8:00 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Wednesday, Monday and Tuesday 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 Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM; and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is a separate preschool children's SJCC, all ages provide instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7. For more information, please contact (973) 789-1212. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School. We Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/teacher and a Parents and Enrichment program for information-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Saturday, Men's Club, Youth Complex and Young Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 278-8130.

### JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHAR'AYEV SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 376-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Grossman, Pre-School Director; Blaine Pittman, President. Temple Sh'arey is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choirs, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM. The Sabbath is observed starting at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study classes begin at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Sunday mornings for grades K-3, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The ser-

mon are uplifting, biblically sound and guaranteed to give you awe. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how too you can have a "good week." Call the church office at 973-376-0884. Weaver for more information at 908-277-1000.

### LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07881. 201-379-4255. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yace, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. 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, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

729 Coopersville Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krüger, Pastor. (908) 222-1511. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is 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 9:15 AM, and for worship at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in love, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the rest 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 here! If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markler. 311-276-6695.

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT

is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest 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 always, "have a 'good week'" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The ser-

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### PRESBYTERIAN

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### ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07881. 201-376-3044. SUN- DAY EUCARISTY: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM; 9:30 PM; Sunday, 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM; 12:00 Noon, 1:45 (Spanish); 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass 9:30 AM. Memorial Hall will resume September 14th. Wednesday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM. Saturday Masses: 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:00 PM Eucharist at 7:00 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

Visit Your House of Worship This Weekend

### Baptist women unite

The American Baptist Women of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., will attend the state organization's annual conference at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center, Long Beach Island, June 11-13.

The conference, "Soaring to New Heights," will offer Bible study, special music, a missionary speaker from Costa Rica, and workshops.

Rev. Caroline Gann of Westfield and Donna Beardsley of Piscataway are among those leading workshops. Anne Lowe of Mountaineers is conference chairperson, and Jean Kellogg of Scotch Plains is conference registrar.

### Temple sponsors trip

An all-inclusive trip to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary will be sponsored by the Renaissance Group of Temple Sh'arey Shalom, Springfield, on Nov. 8-15, 1998. The 14-day fully escorted deluxe tour of Israel will leave from Newark Airport on El Al Airline. The cost is \$2,795 per person, round trip, double occupancy. Single and triple rates are also available. All are invited to join the group. There will be no additional charge for non-Temple members.

The tour will begin in Jerusalem with accommodations at the new Dan Peled Hotel for four nights including extensive sightseeing and celebrating the Sabbath together with a dinner and service. The following day, the group will leave for Masada and an overnight stay at the Hyatt Spa at the Dead Sea. Next continuing south, there will be a visit to the Mines of Solomon, Mizpeh crater, and a stop at a working Kibbutz for lunch. The overnight stay will be at the Merot Hotel in Ellatif followed by a tour of the underwater aquarium, bird sanctuary and Biblical Zoo. Next on the Jordan through the Arava border, arriving at the city of Petra where the night will be spent. The following day there will be a tour of the ancient buildings of red sandstone, traveling north over the Jordanian mountains viewing Mount Nebo (where Moses first viewed the Promised Land) and stopping at Amman and Jerash, toward evening, the group will cross back into Israel over the Hussein Bridge and an overnight stay at the Moriah Hotel in Tiberias. There will be an early morning visit to S'fat, followed by the

Colin Heights, Meggido, Haifa, and Caesarea. The final destination will be Tel Aviv to view such attractions as the Diaspora Museum and Jaffe and a farewell middle eastern dinner at the hotel.

Included in the tour price is the extensive sightseeing; deluxe motels; full Israel breakfast; daily five dinners; all taxes and service charges; all tips to guides and drivers; private group visits and meetings with Israeli Government officials.

Space for the Sh'arey Shalom Renaissance Group Tour of Israel is limited. Reservations must be made by June 1. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Marge Grossbarth or Arlene Newman through the Temple office at (973) 379-5387.

### Members sought

On June 7 at 10 a.m., Temple Beth Ahm of Springfield will be holding a Prospective Member's Breakfast. Whether it be Religious School, Nursery School, Men's Club, Women's League, Social Union, Religious Affairs, USY, or Family Education, Temple Beth Ahm has something for everyone.

Anyone interested in joining Temple Beth Ahm, join us for breakfast and learn about the programs Temple Beth Ahm has to offer. For more information or to RSVP by June 1: call Debbie at (973) 912-0632 or the Temple office at (973) 376-0539. Children are welcome.

### Vacation Bible School

All are welcome to the "Come To The Storytelling Tree" Vacation Bible School program offered by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield. The program will include music, crafts, worship and recreation. This will be a fun, educational and spiritual experience for children ages 3 through entering grade six.

"Come to the Storytelling Tree" will be held from Aug. 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Church Hill in Springfield. The registration fee is \$5 per child, \$10 maximum per family. Register by June 10. For questions or registration, call (908) 245-6244 or (973) 379-6131.

## Safety program targets senior citizens in county

Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. has proposed a Home Safety Program for 90,000 senior citizens residing in Union County. The purpose of the program is to reduce the number of falls and home accidents injured by senior citizens.

Mingo said that federal and state estimates on the number of seniors injured due to falls in the home demonstrate the need to make a prevention a priority.

- Approximately 30,000 Union County senior citizens are likely to suffer a fall this year.
- More than 7,500 Union County elders will require hospitalization or medical attention due to a fall-related injury.
- More than 3,000 Union County senior citizens are likely to become severely injured via falls and other home accidents this year, suffering fractures or extended hospitalization.
- Fall-related injuries will be the leading cause of hospitalization for Union County seniors over 75 this year, and the sixth leading cause of death for all Union County seniors.

Of the 3,000 Union County seniors who will be hospitalized for fall-related injuries this year, half will die within 12 months of suffering from that fall and 50 percent of those surviving falls will require nursing home care.

"The U.S. Public Health Service estimates that between one-third and two-thirds of fall-related deaths among elders are preventable. This program will go a long way in helping Union County's seniors live with greater safety, independence and dignity," Mingo said.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said the freeholder board will hire the ElderCare Companies Inc., of Point Pleasant to undertake a six-point program customized to meet the needs of Union County seniors. ElderCare will do the following:

- Conduct more than 200 seminars and workshops on Senior Home Safety targeted to senior citizens residences in Union County.
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High school baseball standout Jeff Miller of Springfield, at the plate here against Essex Catholic, helped guide the Seton Hall Prep Pirates to another Greater Newark Tournament championship.

Miller's mound effort helps SHP win another GNT title
Springfield baseball standout earns save

One of the top batters for the Seton Hall Prep baseball team, Springfield resident Jeff Miller pitched in relief and earned a save in helping the Pirates defeat Essex Catholic 6-4 in last Saturday's Greater Newark Tournament championship game at Doc Goetz Field in Verona.

accomplish the feat since Columbia in 1978 and 1979. The Pirates beat defending champion Bloomfield 5-2 in last year's final. In nine appearances this spring on the hill, Miller is 1-0 with three saves and has allowed but one earned run in 12 frames.

Dayton boys' track outstanding

By Joe Ragozino
Staff Writer
The prom of the Union County Championships? For the seniors on the Dayton High School boys' track team, choosing between the two occasions was, indeed, a tough decision to make.

effort. "He was throwing in the 37s at the beginning of the year. He's improved greatly. He's coming on. I think he's going to be a force in the show." Dayton, which had a 3-3 dual-meet record, featured a solid core of underclassman who excelled at the Mountain Valley Conference Novice Meet.

Mountainside's Kobel excels in section track

Mountainside resident Lauren Kobel was among several Governor Livingston High School track and field athletes who excelled at last Saturday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 meet held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield.

Senior Chris Loeffler, Mike Lee and Giancarlo Sarracino were major point-scorers in the dual meet competition. Loeffler and Sarracino were also prominent members of the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division champion Dayton boys' basketball team, while Lee was the quarterback of the football team.

Summit girls' lacrosse was out to defeat state power Shawnee

By Andrew McGinn
Assistant Sports Editor
The Summit High School girls' lacrosse team has played like a team on a mission all season, spurred by a defeat in the Tri-County championship and an early exit from the NISIAA Tournament last season.

Summit advanced to the quarterfinal round against Collingswood by defeating Hunterdon Central 14-11 at home last Tuesday. Hillbrand led the charge for Summit by scoring three goals, while teammates Brit and Robinson scored two goals apiece.

Springfield Phillies top Orioles

The Phillies ran their record to 4-2 behind the pitching of Yury Pongal and Brett Berger and the hitting of Ryan Stromeyer and Michael Rodriguez in defeating the Orioles for the third time this season 15-4 in Springfield Junior Baseball Association Pony League action held last week.

Summit athletes star on track

Several Summit High School track and field athletes turned in outstanding performances at last Saturday's New Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 meet held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield.

Blue Stars win Mountainside LL contest

Jake Savette and Kevin Wyratt pitched well in leading the Blue Stars past the Braves 15-5 in Mountainside Little League competition held last week.

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