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School board candidates present their platforms

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Striving to let each of their distinct voices, viewpoints and opinions be heard on a variety of issues, the six candidates running for election to the Springfield Board of Education were given a chance to do just that when the League of Women Voters of Springfield hosted a Candidates' Night in the Gaudineer Middle School cafeteria on March 28.

The six candidates include two incumbents, Linda Duke and Benito Stravato, as well as former Township Committeeman Harry Pappas, Irwin Sablosky, Benjamin Rulf and Patricia Venezia. Each candidate made an opening statement explaining why they were running, what they hoped to accomplish, and how they planned to address some of the challenges facing the board.

Duke, who is seeking her second term, spoke of the need to educate not only the student, but the person.

"I am not solely concerned with students' perfection of the three R's," said Duke. "I believe it is our responsibility as parents, community members, and educators to ensure that our students become good, humane beings."

As a teacher at Jonathan Dayton High School for 25 years, Duke currently teaches at the high school level in Clark. She said her service on the board allowed her to provide insight to her peers on the unique nature of high schools and the specific qualities and needs of their students.

Stressing the need for the Board of Education to be fiscally responsible, Pappas talked about the \$3.4-million referendum to renovate

athletic fields which was rejected twice by voters.

"I believe the voters this year will focus in on which candidate fully understands what fiscal responsibility is all about," said Pappas. "Many within our community simply do not believe that anyone really cares about who carries the burden for the spending generated by the Board of Education."

Pappas ran for the Board of Education in 1998 and currently serves as an assistant to the state commissioner of labor in Trenton, developing school districts' participation in the new \$12-billion school construction program signed into law last year.

Focusing on his scientific and technological background, Rulf said he could combine the objectivity of a scientist with the adapta-

bility of a team player when it came to tackling tough issues. "Springfield's public schools face some complex issues, and the budget cap and athletic facilities are just two of them. If elected, I promise to study them carefully and objectively."

With experience as a member of the Board of Education in Westfield and as a college and high school teacher of math and science, Rulf said he is prepared to bring his objective skills to any task.

Building a stronger school system while balancing the needs of being fiscally responsible was one challenge Sablosky zeroed in on.

Drawing upon his experience as an accountant, corporate officer, business owner, and parent of three school-age children, Sablosky said he is prepared to help the board achieve

their goals in a cost-effective manner.

"The way to effect change in this regard is to go to our legislators and impress upon them that the system needs immediate change," said Sablosky. "With a formidable school system, our community can thrive and compete at a level we would all want and expect."

Seeking re-election to a fifth term, Stravato said he would continue devoting his time toward upholding the best interests of both the community and the schools by drawing upon his years of educational experience. "Rest assured that if re-elected, that will continue to be my goal," he said. "I have no political agenda."

With 27 years as a teacher and administrator and 12 years of service to the board, Stravato said he is prepared to help the board achieve

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Classroom space sought with bond referendum

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Before beginning a site tour of both Beechwood School and Deerfield School, Mountainside Board of Education President Patricia Taeschler and Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller equally stressed the importance of the public being made aware of how much the school district needs the referendum passed.

"This is the information the voters in Mountainside must consider," said Taeschler, referring to the booklet marked "Referendum Presentation," which has been made available to all voters if requested. "This building, Beechwood, has been closed to our children since the early 1980s. We chose to keep it in case we needed it. That was a smart choice; now we need it and it requires renovation."

Schaller agreed. "We will show how every available inch of space in Deerfield has been used to accommodate the burgeoning school population." Now that the state has approved the referendum, all that remains is for the taxpayers to vote yes on April 17, for the school expansion, which will be on the ballot in addition to the annual school budget and three seats on the school board.

Present with the plans for both schools was Noel Musial, president of The Musial Group, the Mountainside architectural firm which prepared the plans. Pointing to mounted, enlarged drawings of both schools, Musial said Beechwood will be for preschool children, kindergarten, first and second grades, or a total of 299 students.

"New Jersey State guidelines are calculated by children per square footage," Musial said. "We are trying to increase the square footage in Beechwood to bring it up to those guidelines. We are moving bay windows out and partitions also."

A new media center will be created at Beechwood while the Board of Education offices will be moved to a new addition, with its own separate parking lot. The offices where school offices are presently located will

become the school offices for the principal, etc.; the main office, easily accessible and directly inside the main door.

Nearly 9,500 square feet will be added to Beechwood when the expansion is completed, Musial said.

The only class the district had to do away with at Deerfield was cooking and sewing, due to overcrowding. "There just was no room at all for that," said Taeschler.

The first step was to what used to be the all-purpose room necessary for special events and all other projects such as plays, shows, fund-raising. Taeschler showed the large spacious room, now being used for a kindergarten class with the maximum allowed number of children, 21, which had overflowed from the growing kindergarten population.

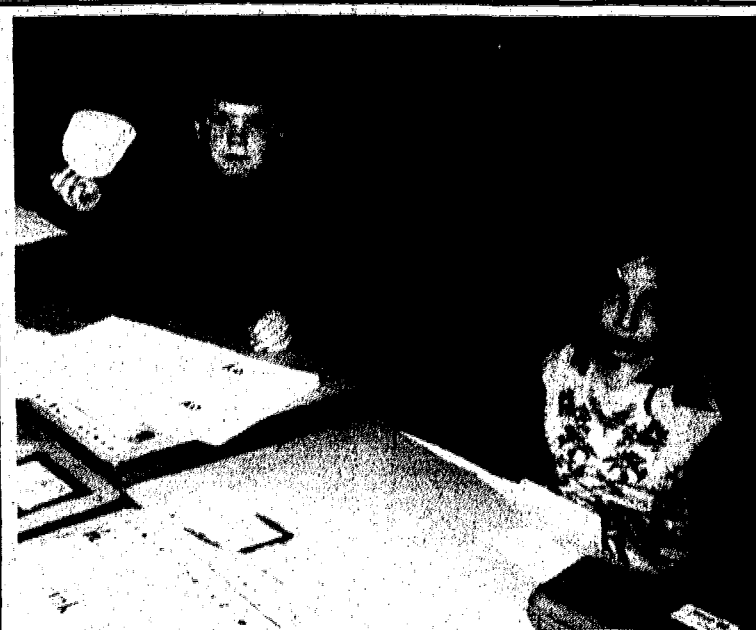
Shows or specialty events must be conducted in the hall. "The children are flexible, but we have no options," Taeschler said. "All events have been compressed and even the educational programs are driven by space — and you don't want that. Yet, we have been working with this."

The music program is held in two portable modules outside the school, in back, a short walk from the main building. One module houses the musical instruments programs and the other is where all the music classes are held. Inside, there was a class in progress.

"You can see we have tried desperately to be as creative as we can," Schaller said, referring to the module. There were two classes, 36 children, seated on the carpeted floor in a semi-circle, singing with music teacher Peggy Valenti, with a tape for the backup. It was cozy, and carpeted, but it was really crammed with children; there was no room for any chairs or desks. "We are almost at the maximum allowed in here, which is 40 children," Schaller said.

The module is used for a full school day, five days a week, as every class

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PHUN WITH PHONICS — Left, second-graders Stephen Jurczak and Jenna Pagnotta review vowel pair sounds before participating in a phonics lesson in Donna Schmitz's class at James Caldwell School in Springfield. Center, classmate Shria Nathan works on an



enrichment program that provides multiplication and division facts. Nicholas Conte and Daniela Kucher, right, work on the long sounds of 'a' by creating a sound book, which includes consonant clusters, vowel pairs and endings.

Seniors raising money for all-night party

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

The night of high school graduation is a cause for celebration and good times, but it can also be a time for potential danger and tragedy when teens are mixed with drinking and driving.

Once again, Project Graduation 2001 at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights aims to change the deadly cocktail of underage drinking by providing a safe haven for teens who want to have fun on their last night as a class together.

"It's important to have students together on graduation night in a safe environment that's also drug- and alcohol-free," said Grace Penabad, committee member for Project Graduation.

Held on the last day of school on June 21 at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, Project Graduation 2001 promises to give students a positive message before sending them off to realize their dreams and goals in the college and working world.

The tradition was started by the committee at Governor Livingston in 1989 to begin a program that would give graduating high school seniors a fun place to go that did not involve drinking, alcohol or drugs.

"It keeps our kids safe," said Sonya McLusky, committee member and secretary for the Guidance Office. "It shows them that they can have a good time without alcohol and drugs and that they can just enjoy being together."

To help build excitement, McLusky said the school offers monthly "spirit days" which started in February. These are special days where school administrators tell the students how many more days are left until graduation night to remind them of the upcoming event.

With the help of participating seniors, the committee begins to prepare for the event in February by creating a newsletter and conducting clothing drives throughout the following months to build awareness for Project Graduation, said Linda Cavallo, treasurer.

In June, the committee offers sign-ups for seniors interested in helping out with Project Graduation.

Eric Goldstein, senior class secretary of the Student Council, is looking forward to the special night.

"I think it's a great idea," said Goldstein. "It'll mean a lot more to the students once they attend the event. It's more meaningful than having something handed to you."

Although the format remains similar throughout the years, there will be some unique surprises this year, Cavallo said.

"Historically, graduation night has been thought of as a party night and a lot of bad choices were made," said Cavallo. "We started this celebration with the thought of keeping the students safe to ensure that they will have a tomorrow and a future."

After the graduation exercises, students board buses that take them directly to the facility where the Project Graduation will be. Once there, students can participate in a variety of activities including volleyball, racquetball, basketball, and swimming, plus enjoy live entertainment, games, giveaways, and plenty of food throughout the night.

The event runs from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., with breakfast served before the students board the buses to go back to Governor Livingston High School.

Last year, the committee raised approximately \$15,000, or \$100 per student, from various community organizations, businesses, grants and parents.

This year, Cavallo said the committee plans to raise the same amount with the help of interested contributors. All businesses and organizations that contribute to Project Graduation 2001 will be named as a sponsor in the committee's promotional brochure.

Contributions can be sent to: Project Graduation 2001, Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, 07922.

Auxiliary Officer of the Year



At its annual dinner, the Springfield Office of Emergency Management honored Police Auxiliary Sgt. Marc Marshall with the Harold H. Liebeskind Auxiliary Officer of the Year Award for 2000. Making the presentation are, from left, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage, Marshall, Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik and Mayor Sy Mullman.

Public library plans for future

Residents offer input on planning

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

It was a miserable rainy night but that did not keep at least 30-plus residents of Springfield away from the official meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library on March 29.

Interest was sparked by talk of expansion, and host Gil Cohen, president of the board, opened the meeting by saying to those gathered, "You are here to help us plan the future."

Consultant Noel Lushington of Lushington Associates of Hartford, Conn., was unable to be present, but Cohen spoke about Lushington's extensive report. "His report is not a prescription; it is a basis for discussion."

Cohen noted that the library was a nice building but it was built in 1969. "We used to have lots of parking, but you all know that is not true anymore." Computers were added, and the library has kept up with basic needs, such as a new roof, new carpeting, and the like, but nothing had been done about the space needs.

Library Director Susan Permahos

described results of a survey sent to residents last year. "In a nutshell, we are a very busy, well-used library, and parking was the main complaint by everyone," Permahos said.

The consultant's top recommendation was a lack of convenient parking; a major detriment to the use of the facility. A straw poll among the audience members revealed that parking is the biggest problem.

Among the other recommendations of the agency were about the signage being poorly placed, space needed in the lobby, some areas with poor lighting, and a relocation for the story hour for children area. Also noted was that the adult department was very overcrowded, and the need for more computer areas.

Since everyone had a summary sheet of the problems, Permahos asked everyone separate into five discussion groups, focusing on parking, utilization of space, services, storage and physical plant, before making recommendations.

"As far as I know, this is the first public meeting for a facility study," Cohen said. "The block grant that

funded Lushington's study was for \$10,000, and we now have in works a grant for \$27,500 to fund an architect," he said. "This is contingent upon the board's decision to fund an architect, of course."

Another public forum on the library is planned for April 19.

Also commenting on the summary was vice president of the Board of Trustees, Herbert Slot. "This is also very, very preliminary and whether or not the expansion to the building will be made."

Permahos said there is a \$45-million grant for library construction available from the state in the fall, and it could provide about 25 percent of any construction.

"A library is expected to last about 20 years before it needs expansion," the director said. "This library is now 32 years old and this is the first time we have looked towards expansion, and this is a very large, long-range plan."

The five focus groups offered their recommendations. The parking group suggested two rows of diagonal spaces along Mountain Avenue and

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Reading fun



The Edward V. Walton School PTA in Springfield sponsored author Katie Davis, who appeared at the school to read to students, including Lia Goldberg and Andrew Delia, for Read Across America earlier this month. Davis also helped students create a story of their own.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Cohen nominated

The appointment of Dr. Morris Cohen of Springfield to the Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities was filed with the State Senate earlier this month by Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco.

Masella honored as professional of the year

Mountainside Assistant Recreation Director Frank Masella is the recipient of the Young Professional of the Year Award given by the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association. The presentation was made at the NJRPA annual conference on March 13.

Masella has been employed by the Recreation Department since December 1998. He was hired as program supervisor, and was promoted to assistant recreation director in 2000.

A highly-organized self-starter with strong communication skills, Masella assumed a number of responsibilities in the department. He developed the policies, procedures and maintenance plan for the outdoor ice rink, and he was also in charge of developing and implementing the community game room for middle school students.

In addition to his responsibilities as assistant director, Masella is active in the maintenance of the department's facilities, including the community pool, fitness trail, tennis facilities and ballfields.

Masella's proposal for a senior citizens fitness center and computer learning center are an integral part of the Senior Focus Grant which the borough received from the Union County Board of Freeholders.

A 1995 graduate of Montclair State

University with a B.S. in recreation professions, Masella worked for the Fair Lawn Recreation Department in the youth center as well as in the maintenance department. From 1996 to 1998 he was the recreation supervisor at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Masella is a member of the NJRPA and the Union County Recreation & Parks Association, and was recently elected treasurer of the latter.

Small joins Great Swamp Watershed Association

The Great Swamp Watershed Association has named Missy Small of Springfield as its communications director.

Small will have responsibility for communicating with the association's members, targeted audiences and the public. In her new position she will oversee the organization's media relations, publication of its quarterly newsletter, web site, operation of its speakers bureau, and preparation of specialized publications and videotapes.

Small was most recently public information director at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. She also has coached business leaders in writing and public speaking, and worked with a variety of small businesses. She holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse University and an M.B.A. from Rutgers University.

The Great Swamp Watershed Association was formed in 1981 to encourage good management policies and practices on behalf of the 12,000 acres of exceptional public lands in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and its surrounding watershed.

Free rabies clinic scheduled Wednesday

The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. which will be offered for the inoculation of both cats and dogs. The clinic will be at the Springfield Public Works Building. No appointments are required.

The public should follow some simple preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies:

- Make sure all dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies.
- Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight or feed animal outdoors.

- Avoid contact with all wild animals.
- Discuss with children not to bring home, pet, or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal.

If bitten by any animal, consult your physician immediately and call the local Health Department at (908) 789-4070, to report the incident.

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 event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today

- The Foothill Club conducts a luncheon at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield, featuring a Tricky Tray, presented by the Ways and Means Committee. Members are also asked to bring donations for an Easter food basket to be given to a needy family in town. Guests are always welcome. For a reservation call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.
- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its international film festival with "All About My Mother" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free; space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Friday

Saturday

- Volunteers are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Meet at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Bring lunch, a mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves if you have them. For ages 14 and up. Pre-register at (908) 789-3670.

Sunday

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts an artist's reception for the photography exhibit "International Images of Struggle and Dignity, 1977 to 2000" by nationally-renowned artist Helen Stummer at 1:30 p.m. For information call (973) 376-4930.
- Help staff at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, inventory the amphibians of the Watchung Reservation at 2 p.m. Listen for the calls of mating frogs and look for turtles or snakes emerging from hibernation. Meet at Trailside for a slide show and car pool to Lake Surprise.

Monday

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents Ellen Parker of Youth Stages in Miss Spider's Tea Party as part of a Creative Dramatics program from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The program is intended for children ages 4 to 6. The performance is free, but pre-registration is required. Call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 33, or stop by the library to reserve your spot.
- The free monthly vision loss discussion group, Program for Partners, begins from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Guests must register to attend the free discussion group. For more information and to register, call Markita Vogt, Alliance for Disabled in Action Inc., at (732) 738-4388.
- The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday

- The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, offers a babysitters training course for youth ages 11 to 15 years old from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Participation is limited and registration closes on Saturday. For information call (908) 232-7090.
- The Mountainside Active Retirees meet at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East, for a slide presentation, "The Military expertise of general George Washington in the Battle Campaigns of 1775-1777," by Michael Yessenko of Union.
- The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, presents award-winning travel writer Arline Zatz with New Jersey's "Great Gardens Explore the botanical wonders of the Garden State" lecture and slide show at 7:30 p.m.
- The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Mountainside Borough Council meets for work

session at 8 p.m. in the conference room at Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East.

- The Mountainside Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

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- The Springfield Garden Club meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church House, 37 Church Mall. The guest speaker is Linda Mainker who organized a project to create an organic garden at a local school. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information call (973) 376-3436.

Upcoming

April 12

- The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East.

April 13

- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present its lunchtime video program beginning with "Great Tenor Performances" and "Opera Hits," at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

April 14

- The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor an egg hunt for children ages 2 to 7 at 11 a.m. at Chisholm Park, behind the community center, at 100 S. Springfield Ave. For more information call (973) 912-2227.

April 16

- The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

April 17

- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present as part of its lunchtime video program the films, "The Glory of the Bolshoi" and "The Glory of the Kirov," at noon. For information call (973) 376-4930.
- The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Mountainside Borough Council will conduct a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East.

April 18

- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will sponsor a program from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for middle school students to create a communal Earth Day mural. The program is intended for children in fifth through seventh grades. The program is free, and pre-registration is appreciated but not required. Afterschool treats will be served courtesy of the library. To reserve a spot call (973) 376-4930.

- The Union County chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will meet at 6 p.m. in L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22 East, Mountainside.

- The Springfield Development Review Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

April 19

- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Great Books Discussion Group will meet at 10 a.m. to discuss "Shaw: Caesar and Cleopatra." For information call (973) 376-4930.

- The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will conduct a combined conference and regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Columbia Multipurpose Room.

April 22

- The Springfield Environmental Commission invites volunteers to sign up for its ninth annual Clean Communities Day, rain or shine, from noon to 4 p.m.

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School board prepares for interviews

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

With 33 completed applications in hand, the Springfield Board of Education is ready to interview candidates for the position of the superintendent to replace the retiring Gary Friedland.

The board began looking at each of the applications at a closed executive session Monday night.

Some of the preferred criteria set forth by the board in an ad for the position included the need for candidates to have had previous experience as a superintendent with a K-12 school district. The ideal applicant would have experience as a teacher and principal and be someone who showed evidence of continued professional growth, with a commitment to improving their skills.

Another important criterion was for the preferred candidate to have New Jersey certification or a certificate of eligibility, a doctorate, and good interpersonal skills.

As board member Robert Fish explained, the Board of Education gave its criteria for the superintendent search to

Carol Larsen, field service representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association. Larsen coordinated the search by separating the analysis into three parts, with the most likely candidates at the top, followed by the group that met some, and then the group that met the least criteria.

"This way, we can take a look at the candidates who are most likely to be interviewed first," said Fish.

According to board President Jacqueline Shanes, the mix of applicants included several former superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, and curriculum advisors.

Friedland announced his retirement in December and it goes into effect Sept. 1. Fish explained that his leave would be a period of transition. "It will be a very amicable parting. We will time it with some degree of overlap."

Although it may be premature to tell, the board appeared to be pleased with the search results.

"I'm glad we had so many responses," Shanes said. "It really says something about our school district."

Churches offer Easter services

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Easter Sunday, the day Christians believe Jesus Christ rose from the dead, is one of the most sacred festivals on the Christian calendar, and will be celebrated this year on April 15. Easter, also called the Feast of the Resurrection, is the happy ending to a somber Holy Week, leading up to the cross and Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday.

Various denominations observe this holy day in varying degree, but all believe in the fulfillment of the prediction of a Messiah who would save His people with an atoning death on the cross, in their place, and who would rise again in three days.

At dawn on the first Easter over 2,000 years ago, this is what happened, according to believers, and the Easter pageant is re-enacted in thousands of churches all over the world. It begins with Palm Sunday, the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and people placed palm branches in His path in homage.

The following week, called Holy Week, there is the "Way to the Cross," starting with Jesus' prayers in the Garden of Gethemane and then betrayal by a trusted disciple, Judas, for 30 pieces of silver. That was Maundy Thursday, the same night in which Jesus had eaten His last Passover supper with the disciples.

The next day, Good Friday, after ridicule, torture and a mock trial, Jesus was crucified between two thieves and buried in a borrowed grave. The story is told every year and acted out in plays in many of the churches. The reason it is called "Good" Friday is because Christians believe without this event and the Cross, they would not be saved.

Some churches are in darkness, altars draped in black, and silence prevails from 3 p.m. Good Friday until Easter morning, when, at dawn, it is reported the resurrection took place. Jesus is said to have appeared to Mary Magdalene first, as she came weeping to the tomb, which she found empty.

As she was distraught, the story goes, she heard a familiar voice say one word: "Mary!" and she then saw the risen Christ. He told her to go and tell the others. She did so, but no one believed her until Jesus later appeared to His followers on several occasions, and upward of 5,000 were witness to His appearance before His ascension to heaven within 40 days.

The account of the Easter story is reported in all of the Gospels of the New Testament, some with more detail than others. The Easter story has inspired beautiful music, such as Handel's "Messiah," which is performed in churches and in concerts at this time of year. All of the clergy who preach the Easter story use these Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — as basis for services at this time of year.

Area churches are observing the Easter season, as follows, starting with this coming Palm Sunday.

Mountainside

• Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and will celebrate Palm Sunday with the regular Mass schedule at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. On Holy Thursday, Mass will be at 7:30 p.m., and on Good Friday at 3 p.m., with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. An Easter Vigil will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by the regular Mass schedule on Easter Sunday.

• The Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside will have a Palm Sunday service at 10:30 a.m., and for Holy Week, will offer a 6 p.m. Seder service on Maundy Thursday, followed by Holy Communion at 7:15 p.m. On Good Friday, there will be a special Tenebrae Service at 8 p.m., and on Easter Sunday the worship service will be at 10:30 a.m.

Springfield

• St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church will have all Palm Sunday Masses beginning outdoors with procession with palms, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Masses are 7:30, 9 and 10:30

a.m., and noon, with the adult choir.

For Holy Week, on Holy Thursday, there will be morning prayer at 8 a.m. and a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m., with a night prayer at 10 p.m.. For Good Friday, there will be a prayer service at 8 a.m., outdoor Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. This service is geared for families with children who have made the crosses for each station, but all are welcome. There also will be a Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m., and a service of Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m., presented by the C.Y.O. youth group.

On Holy Saturday, there will be an 8 a.m. prayer service, and the Great Easter Vigil begins at 7:30 p.m. outdoors with the blessing of the Easter Fire.

For Easter Sunday, Masses will be at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon.

• Holy Cross Lutheran Church will have a Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, a special Tenebrae Service will be at 7:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast, as well as the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship service.

• Evangel Baptist Church will have a Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m., with Holy Communion. Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., with a special musical presentation by the Evangel Choir.

• The First Congregation of the Presbyterian Church will have Palm Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. with special music by liturgist Bob Halsey sharing the passion story. There will be a 10 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer service on Monday of Holy Week, with a contemplative focus for Easter.

Maundy Thursday services, beginning at 7:30 p.m. will re-enact Jesus' foot washing as leaders wash the hands of others and then partake of the Last Supper.

Easter services will begin with a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service on the cul-de-sac with brass accompaniment presented by the churches on the Mall.

Consumer Bowl competitors



Governor Livingston High School competed in the Union County Consumer Bowl last month. Team members included, from left, Steve Bergeski, Marck Felezzola, Marc Maccarelli, Rob Popovich, Tom Robina and teacher advisor Joe Hubert Jr. For more see Page B1.

Parking signage labeled confusing

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Changing the restricted time periods on the jitney bus parking signs in Duffy's Corner was a move made by the Township Committee that was supposed to satisfy both merchants and the riders. So far, many merchants have yet to feel good about the results, but that may change with the passing of a new ordinance. Township Committee members explained that the new ordinance would be a first step toward possibly altering the jitney parking signs to make them clearer.

"There is an issue of parking, but I think it works hand in hand between the employees and the townspeople," said Township Administrator Richard Sheola. "That's why the Township Committee addressed the situation." The lot was chosen at the time because it was the only lot with enough spaces to accommodate the people who use it for jitney parking. "If it's warranted, we will change the signs," said Sheola.

Some business owners have complained they cannot find enough parking for their customers since the jitney service came into being. They also have said the current signage in the lot has only confused customers.

"I have customers who come in and say they can't find parking," said Robert Bruce, owner of Robert Dominick Salon on Morris Avenue. "I

don't think it's clear because people pull into the lot and think they can't park there."

Bruce referred to the six jitney parking signs which are spread throughout the parking area of Duffy's Corner lot. The Township Committee recently added a new change to the restricted time periods at the bottom of some of the signs. Instead of remaining open only to jitney riders from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., the parking spots are open from 6 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., allowing for anyone to park there after 9:30 a.m.

But for some, the confusion arises because not every sign has a restricted time on it; only four of the six. To complicate matters, the signs state "Jitney permit parking only, park in assigned space only."

"There's a lot of spots still open periodically," said Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld. "The jitney takes up 56 spots, but for public parking, there's still plenty of spots."

The problem is that not many customers seem to know it. Adding to customer confusion is the fact that each space for jitney parking is numbered, 56 in all, making some customers think that all 56 spaces are reserved exclusively for the jitney bus riders. Sheola said the spots were numbered years before the service began.

For the merchants closest to Duf-

fy's Corner, the jitney has meant less parking for their customers, and for some, less business.

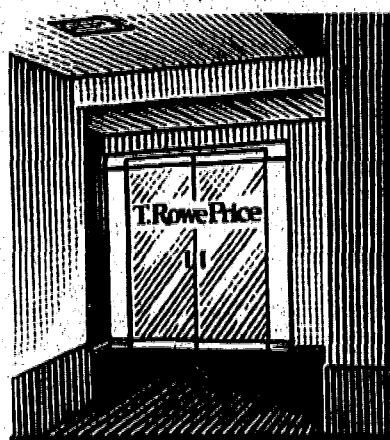
"My regular customers still don't have parking," said Yogendra Shah, manager of Springfield Wines & Liquors at 276 Morris Ave., one of the closest stores to the parking lot. "They try to have more business here and they end up selling part of the lot to private car owners."

The solution, most of the merchants say, is to either expand the lot, or to find another location for the jitney bus.

Duffy's Corner cannot be expanded because the area north of it is wetlands, according to Sheola. "We haven't discussed any other option. We will not look at anything until we get our initial report back from the consultants." Consultants are examining the parking issue throughout the whole downtown area.

"They should move it to a different location where the town has more space," said Navin Shetty, manager of Raga Palace at 272 Morris Ave. "It was better before they did the bus service." As Shetty waited for the lunch crowd to come in, he explained that several of his regular customers had difficulty because of parking.

"It does hurt business," Shetty said. "I've had customers say they can't get a spot so they couldn't come in for lunch."



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EDITORIALS

If you build it they will come

The Springfield Township Committee hopes to draw more people to the municipal pool this summer. The committee passed an ordinance to reduce fees at the pool, particularly for non-residents. Non-resident fees will be \$395 for family memberships, \$185 for individuals, \$80 for individual senior citizens, \$150 for senior citizen couples and \$50 for nanny/caregivers. Non-residents, regardless of whether a family, individual, senior or senior couple, used to pay \$515. The number of out-of-town memberships also was increased to include a maximum of 250 families.

The new rates are more reasonable not so much from the overall dollar standpoint, but previously, out-of-town residents had to pay the same \$515 fee, regardless of whether it was a family or an individual.

The pool has sustained some complaints the last few summers. The Township Committee has been faced with residents airing concerns about cleanliness of the pool and the pool area during committee meetings last summer and the year before.

A municipal pool can serve as a center of attention in any town, much like a recreation center or a library. Especially during the summer, a pool can be the focus for residents, whether it's to wade and cool off in the water, enjoy recreational activities at the facility or simply socialize with neighbors and friends.

The pool is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day, only weekends through June, when it opens full time. The Springfield pool is its own being. As a utility, the pool stands separately from the township and its municipal budget. Marketed well, the pool should be a self-sustaining entity to operate on its own as well as provide for capital improvements.

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Season of faith gives us hope

A season of hope will begin as two major religious holidays — Easter and Passover — are observed by the faithful around the world.

The first day of Passover is Sunday. The traditional seder meal is an observance of their liberation from bondage in Egypt by Moses in the 13th century. In a broader sense, Passover serves as an important aspect of the endurance of the Jewish people in the face of countless centuries of prejudice, intolerance, persecution and mass murder. It is a clear example of how the power of faith and hope can help overcome the greatest obstacles.

Christian denominations will culminate Holy Week services by celebrating Easter April 15. The crucifixion, death for the sins of mankind and resurrection of Jesus Christ are major tenets of Christianity. His triumph against death also relates to the power of faith and the need for renewal in everyday lives.

Many devout Christians believe too much emphasis is placed on the secular aspects of the Easter holiday — the Easter bunny, egg hunts, holiday baskets, school vacations, fancy bonnets and parades. There is some truth that these parts of the holiday may detract from the religious significance.

Easter is a benchmark of the arrival of spring, which is a time of rebirth and renewal in nature. The cold winter winds subside and the sunshine is brighter and warmer. Spirits are lifted by blossoming flowers and budding trees and it revives an appreciation for the splendor of nature. Plants, birds and other animals return after months of severe cold, ice and snow. Life begins anew.

The importance of hope and faith is a significant aspect of Passover and Easter. Hope keeps us going, striving against the challenges of everyday life and looking toward a better and brighter future.

The triumph over despair and evil are key parts of Passover and Easter, and this lesson is something that can be applied to all of our lives. The sense of peace and harmony it brings makes us better people.

"Once we start down the path of restricting speech we don't like, there is no easy stopping place."
Suzanna Sherry
law professor
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CANDIDATES

Linda Duke

These are challenging and exciting times for the Springfield School District. We will be selecting a new superintendent, someone with expertise, enthusiasm and dedication to education. I fervently hope we can find an individual who will be student-centered, willing to work in the trenches to maintain our current programs and to raise the bar of expectations for our students.

I hope we can employ a superintendent who is people-oriented but who will stand by his/her convictions for excellence and not be swayed by public pressures. I want a superintendent who will be fair to all students and help each of them achieve. I look

forward to the challenge of finding such an educational leader and role model.

With the present system of state taxation and aid, Springfield's budget is required to remain below cap restrictions. We must continue to provide a well-rounded program for all our students, however. As a career educator I am not solely concerned with a student's ability to read and write.

I believe it is our responsibility to ensure that students become human beings, willing to accept responsibility and to serve others. Therefore we must maintain our academic, technical, vocational and extracurricular activities to help our students achieve these goals. It is not sufficient to rest upon our laurels; even as we maintain our current programs, we must raise

our expectations of what students and staff can do.

My first term on the board has been one of enlightenment; I have learned a great deal, but I have also helped my peers to better understand the unique characteristics of high schools and their students. Springfield has made a smooth transition incorporating Jonathan Dayton into our school system. Now we must improve the flow of communication between and among our staff and administrators, our students and parents, and our board and the community.

These are exciting and challenging times. I encourage all to participate in the growth process and to begin by exercising their privilege to vote on April 17.



Benjamin Rulf

My name is Benjamin Rulf. I would like to serve my community on the Board of Education because I believe that with my experience and professional background I can make a contribution to our public school system.

Before settling in Springfield, my family and I lived in neighboring Westfield, where I was twice elected to the Board of Education. I gained valuable experience there, which will be put to good use if I am elected here.

My professional background is in technology and science. I earned a Ph.D. in applied physics at the Polytechnic University in Brooklyn and I am employed in the telecommunications industry. One of my goals is

to influence the Springfield school system to further improve our children's academic skills in math and science.

I am also an experienced college and high school teacher of math and science. I gained my New Jersey teacher's certification in those subjects and know, from personal experience, how hard it is to be a good teacher.

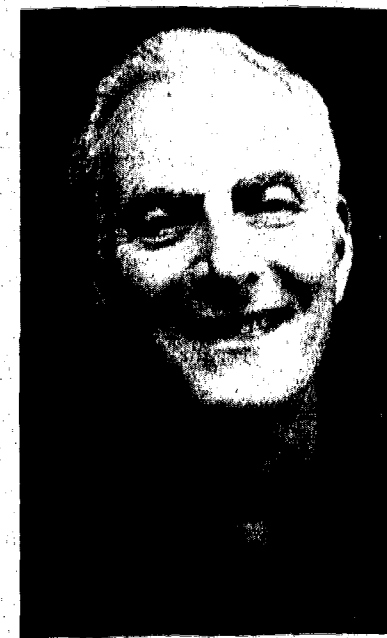
Springfield's public schools face some complex issues. The budget cap and the athletic facilities are just two examples. I don't believe that they have simple solutions. If elected, I promise to study the problems carefully and objectively and hope to be able to help the board in finding acceptable solutions.

Another issue that Springfield

shares with many other communities is the rift between young families with children and older families who still share the tax burden. My wife and I raised four lovely daughters who are grown up and live in other states now.

I understand both sides and would like to help close that rift. Supporting our schools is in everybody's interest. Good management may keep the cost under control. The new board will have to select a superintendent with the requisite managerial skills.

From my experience, I know that a single member of the board can be influential only through team work and respect for his or her colleagues. If elected, I will be a constructive team player, with the objectivity of a scientist and the experience of a lifetime.



Patricia Venezia

My name is Patricia Venezia and I aspire to be elected to our Board of Education. I have two children in our school district, one at Gaudineer, the other at Caldwell.

I received my education at William Paterson University, a bachelor of arts in psychology and a teaching certification in elementary education.

I have been a teacher for 16 years. The past 14 I have worked for the Independent Child Study Teams, a division of Sylvan Learning Systems. I teach reading and supplementary instruction to mainstream special education students. The work is challenging and I am well qualified.

I have a dedication to the pursuit of

superior education. It is my day job; it is a very large part of my life. I have first-hand knowledge of the components of an excellent school system. They are the following: sound leadership by a competent, motivated superintendent; exceptional administration and teaching staff; a cutting edge curriculum, and safe, competitive athletic programs and facilities. In this way we educate the whole child both academically and physically.

We, in Springfield, are entering an exciting yet challenging time. We have an intense "to do" list before us. We must search for a new superintendent who will guide us to where we need to be academically as well as maintain the milestones we have already achieved. We must work dili-

gently to keep our exemplary curriculum alive with safe, competitive athletic programs and facilities.

We must continue to improve the perception of our high school.

I have lived in Springfield for four years and have attended almost every Board of Education meeting. I have watched our system grow and I see genuine progress.

I have also served on the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee which will determine how and where we will allocate space for our children's education in the future.

I feel my willingness to work toward the common good of all our children and my life experience make me a viable asset to the Board of Education.



Irwin Sablosky

I would like to share with you some of my reasons for becoming a candidate and some of my vision for building a stronger and more secure school system.

I decided to become a candidate for the Springfield Board of Education based on my belief that with a formidable school system our community can thrive and compete at a level we all would want and expect. It is my ardent desire that the children of Springfield be afforded the best and most complete educational program available while balancing the need to be fiscally responsible in accomplishing that goal.

My experience and qualifications as an accountant, corporate officer, business owner and most importantly as a parent of three school age child-

ren lends itself directly to assisting the board and the administration in its goal to provide the most comprehensive and cost effective educational system.

Unfortunately, given the finite resources with which the system is provided, the Board of Education is given a difficult task of balancing all the needs of the schools and the community while keeping the tax rates under control. Presently, our town receives approximately \$1 million, which is minimal considering our \$23-million budget.

It is my experience as an officer of two trade associations that the way to effect change in this regard is to go to our legislators and impress upon them that the system needs immediate change. As it stands now, their efforts have been focused on providing monies for weaker districts while so-

called wealthier districts are faced with further cuts in funding. What comes as a result is parity in the middle as opposed to parity in excellence.

Springfield is also faced with the task of finding a new superintendent. I believe the new superintendent must be an individual who can come in and continue building on our existing strengths while offering new and innovative ideas.

My desire to be a candidate was also influenced greatly by the lesson I believe we learned after the referendum went down to defeat last month. We need to get all interested parties together and come to a consensus on what issues need to be addressed so we can complete the task of providing the best facilities for our community and our children.



I would welcome your support on April 17. If elected, I will work with you to provide excellence in education for all our children.

Benito Stravato

Twelve years ago I made a commitment to the Springfield community to serve and represent their interests on the Board of Education. This was to ensure them of elevating the education of their children to the highest level while remaining fiscally responsible. This goal, I have achieved.

Continuity is essential to a strong educational foundation. Today I come before you to ask your continued support to ensure this goal continues to be upheld. As a resident for 25 years, parent and educator I have a vested interest in making sure this commitment continues.

During my tenure on the board we have been very successful in improving the quality of education. Some of the achievements we accomplished while seeing our student body double are: reopened Walton school and

instituted one of the first Pre-K programs in the state; recognition of our students for outstanding achievements as well as being accepted to some of the nation's best universities; improvement of the average SAT scores from 897 to 1055; recognition by New Jersey Monthly magazine as an elite district moving from 126 to 76; technology was introduced and implemented to all our schools.

Looking ahead to the near future, we face a multitude of challenges and issues:

- Recruitment of quality teachers to replace the many that are reaching retirement age, especially in the areas of math and science.
- Funding. The board must continue to be innovative and find new ways of generating revenues to contain the ever-increasing costs of programs mandated but not funded by the state, as well as the spiraling double-

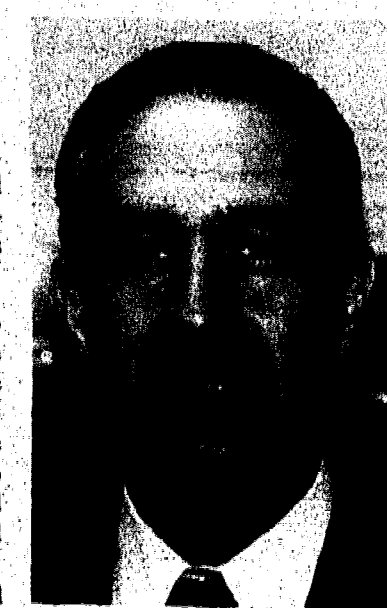
digit costs of health insurance benefits.

- Our facilities must be evaluated and improved to meet the needs of an ever-increasing student body.

- Replacement of our educational leader Dr. Gary Friedland with someone who will lead us into the future is a great priority.

The retirement of Friedland, who has led us for the last 15 years to the elite status we enjoy today, will create a huge void as well as afford our community an opportunity to evaluate the needs and changes that we need to make, to forge ahead to keep and enhance our status as a leader and innovative district in education.

I will continue to strive for and demand nothing short of excellence from the board, administration and staff to improve the quality and delivery of our programs to our children



and also remain receptive to the fiscal concerns of our community.

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Harry Pappas

I am seeking the Board of Education to bring a new voice with new and fresh ideas.

Our next superintendent must have the qualifications and compassion to put our students, parents and taxpayers together as a team and as a number one priority. This will require a person who will understand the delicate balance between the superintendent and the elected board members.

I believe the board members must not involve themselves in the day-to-day operation of the running of our schools, leaving that to our professionals. However, policy for our professionals to follow is the direct responsibility of the board.

In addition, I would believe the board would set a salary range for the new superintendent that is in sync with the size of Springfield and the student population. In speaking with one board member, I was advised that such salaries are standard, however, I do not subscribe to that theory. Springfield has been plagued with outrageous raises, cars, annuities and other benefits given to our current superintendent and this must top once he leaves.

Voting yes or no on this year's \$23.3-million budget is a personal choice that each taxpayer and parent must make on an individual basis. I have reviewed the budget and I was disappointed to see that not one single dollar was put into the \$23.3 million to help repair our deteriorating play

fields. I must question the wisdom of the current members of the board for ignoring our fields, especially in light of the fact they tried to push through a recent \$3.4 million referendum — twice — and failed twice costing the taxpayers approximately \$30,000 on the two elections: \$11,200, board workers, \$1,030, township clerk; \$2,572, county clerk; \$1,350, postage; \$4,580, printing of ballots, and \$7,306, county Board of Elections.

I currently serve as special assistant to the state commissioner of labor in Trenton. Other positions I have held include purchasing director for Essex and Union counties and deputy executive director of the Union County Utilities Authority. I served on the Springfield Township Committee and was in my own business for 27 years.



Raymond Haggard

My name is Raymond Haggard and I am running for the Mountainside Board of Education. My wife and I have been Mountainside residents for nine years. My daughter is in first grade and my son will be attending kindergarten in the fall.

I have bachelor's degree in engineering, an MBA in management and I am a proud product of the public school system. As a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Long-Range Planning I saw first hand the challenges and opportunities that the board and our school face. As a concerned parent of two young children, I felt that I had no choice but to get involved and offer my help.

We are blessed with some wonderful kids, teachers and a board that should be commended for looking toward the future. We must continue to:

- Improve the education our children receive.
- Help our educators and administrators to do their jobs, and keep them accountable.
- Keep parents actively involved — without concerned and involved parents little is possible.
- Maintain our school facilities as active community focal points for use by everyone: parents, children and seniors.

We need to continue the board's effort to involve all of our community in the lives of our children. Our school

district directly affects our children. The well being of our children affects us as parents, community members and homeowners.

If I am given an opportunity to be a member of the board I will weigh all of our decisions against:

- Is it the best for our children?
- Does it meet the laws and mandates of the state?
- Is it fiscally responsible?

The growth in our student population and the increased demands of the state make it important that we approve the upcoming school budget and the bond referendum. We need to work hard to ensure our children get the education they deserve, our community assets are preserved and enhanced and we do it all via responsible management.



Richard Kress

As I look back at the close of my 12th year on the Mountainside Board of Education, I am proud of the many achievements of the students and the school district. I have observed the district change from one of declining enrollment to our current growth experience necessitating the reopening of Beechwood School.

Mountainside is a unique district where the families in the borough experience the environment of a private school in a public setting. It has always been my opinion that the vitality and strength of a community are measured by the quality and desirability of its schools.

In that regard, I have always put the

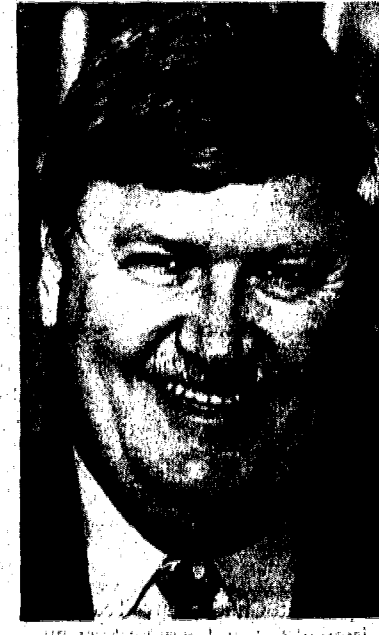
needs of the students before all other considerations. I did not intend to run for another term, but felt that my job was not complete until we pass the bond referendum and deliver the type of facilities that our students require to support the commitment the Board of Education has to the students of Mountainside.

Since my first term, our district has successfully dissolved the Regional School District and has made the transition to develop a technology-based curriculum that has put Mountainside in the forefront of computer technology. During this last term the district addressed the challenge of developing new curriculum and under the guidance of a very talented administration met the challenge and has addressed the needs of the students.

I am very proud of the staff we employ in Mountainside. I have been involved with many other districts on a professional level and the staff we have are among the best. Our teachers and support staff are extremely professional and dedicated.

Although both of my children have graduated from Deerfield, my desire to support education in Mountainside has not been diminished. I had hoped that qualified members of the public would have stepped forward to run for my position, but I have agreed to remain on the board as long as I have the full support of the other board members.

We all have an obligation to give our time and efforts on behalf of our children to the betterment of the community.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Improvement association says no

To the Editor:

After studying the Springfield Board of Education's newly-proposed budget for the 2001-02 school year, the Springfield Improvement Association has taken a stand to recommend a no vote for the school board election on April 17.

This organization also encourages voters to vote for candidates of their choices to fill the three openings on the Springfield school board. There are six candidates on the ballot.

Of the total budget for \$23,279,878 including state and federal revenues, the amount coming from Springfield taxpayers is \$20,810,309. The increase in school taxes will be \$204 on a house assessed at \$154,000. Higher-valued homes will pay more. There will also be increased municipal and county taxes yet to be known.

However, it is felt that there are some school budget areas where items could be reduced. As an example, starting July 1, the cost per pupil will be \$10,555, one of the highest in any school system in this area. The salary for the Springfield superintendent of schools is also one of the highest in the state. School administrators receive high salaries in comparison with similar jobs in Union County. With a total Springfield population hovering around 14,000, the current school population is now about 1,850 with the projection for the coming school year to be 1,932.

Among the questioned items is the account for "Computer Technology" in the amount of \$240,737. This was to be a separate item on the ballot for the voters to decide. Now it is spread throughout the budget in various accounts. Basically, it is mainly for the purchase of new computers — including laptops

— software, updating and instruction. However, what is the role of the school board's Computer Technology Department as opposed to the use of outside sources in relation to computer applications. The knowledge of computer skills is an absolute necessity in today's world. However, could there be a saving on this five-year plan of about \$200,000 which is appearing in the budget each year for "computer technology?"

The amount of \$269,702 was also originally proposed as a separate item on the ballot to provide for the education of 4-year-olds. Some of the budgeted accounts are mandated by the state Department of Education for local school districts; however, this item is not so designated for our town. Nationwide, children are offered an education starting at age 5 or 6. It is felt by many voters and our association that pre-kindergarten education is very important, but that the cost should be paid by the parents. If some parents could not afford the tuition, possibly donations or grants would cover it. It is felt that to charge the cost to taxpayers, particularly those on fixed incomes, is not prudent. In today's economy, some younger as well as older homeowners are living on slim incomes.

Sal Gibaldi Jr., co-chairman
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Editor's note

Mountainside candidate Sally Riveccio did not submit a candidate's corner for this section by presstime.

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Permits made be needed for improvements

Before starting any home improvements this spring, Summit residents should call or visit the Code Administration Division of the Department of Community Services on the second floor of City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., to find out if a construction permit is required.

Permits are needed for major projects such as new structures, additions, major renovations and foundation work. While a resident may coordinate obtaining a permit with a contractor, the owner remains ultimately responsible.

"What many people don't realize is that the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code also requires permits for many projects a homeowner may regard as minor repairs," said Gary C. Lewis, chief inspector for the Code Administration Division. Types of work for which permits are required are:

- Plumbing and electrical projects.
- Construction or alteration of rooms, including finishing a basement, porches, fences and decks.
- Some window replacement of clothes dryers, ranges, and ovens if new electrical or gas lines.
- Installation or replacement of clothes dryers, ranges, and ovens if new electrical or gas lines.
- Installation of lighting fixtures and permanently wired fire, burglary or intercom systems.
- Construction or replacement of curbs and sidewalks, and driveway widening or resurfacing.
- Swimming pool construction, alteration, or repair.

The city recently introduced a streamlined mechanical permit process for hot water heaters, heating and air conditioning work in one and two family dwellings, representing a cost savings and fewer required inspections for most homeowners.

"The purpose of a permit is to ensure that the job conforms to the safety regulations set up by the Uniform Construction Code. The ultimate winner in this process is the homeowner who is now assured that the work was done correctly and poses no safety hazard," said Lewis.

All fees charged for permits are used to run the Summit Code Administration Division which, by state law, is only allowed to charge enough to cover expenses. Be sure to ask your contractor if his cost includes permit fees.

Call the division at (908) 273-6408 to find out if a permit is required. You will avoid the risk of: if a permit is not obtained and the work has started or is completed, a homeowner will still have to go through the permit and inspection process; a fine may be levied; the issuing of a zoning certificate of occupancy may be delayed; and if a determined that any completed work does not meet state specifications, it will have to be redone.

The division recommends that the appropriate city officials complete final inspections before final payments are made to contractors. "Please remember that the Code Administration Division exists to help" residents, said Lewis.

RELIGION

Brown Bag Series at Central Presbyterian

The final concert in the Lenten Series of Brown Bag Concerts at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., will be Friday with classical guitarist Christopher Kenniff at 12:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

The concert will be broadcast live on TV-36, Summit's community cable channel. It is free and open to the public and attendees are invited to bring lunch to eat during the concert. Sandwiches with drinks are also available for \$3 in the church kitchen. Performances end around 12:45 p.m.

Jewish children topic of Shabbat services

Rabbi Stuart Gershon of Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., will discuss the thousands of Jewish children who were forced to separate from their parents and go into hiding to survive the Holocaust, at Temple Sinai's Shabbat service on Friday at 8 p.m. At the service, righteous gentiles — those non-Jewish ordinary working people who risked their lives to protect these children — also will be honored. Selma Rossen, a former president and member of the congregation will share her reminiscences as one of these "hidden children."

The service will be led by the fifth-grade Religious School Class. The public is invited to attend.

Temple Sinai is a Reform Congregation.

Monthly Tot Shabbat

Temple Sinai will conduct its monthly Tot Shabbat and Family Service on April 13. The Tot Shabbat Service begins at 6:30 p.m. and is a participatory service for preschoolers through early grade school. It features a half-hour service of singing, Torah, and stories followed by a craft or special art project. A snack/kiddush fol-

lows the service. All those who wish to be on the Tot Shabbat mailing list should call the temple at 273-4921.

The Family Service begins at 7:30 p.m. and is geared for children 6 to 13 years of age. Its service features recognition for all children who have birthdays that month, as well as a special children's story as told by the rabbi.

Temple Sinai is a Reform Jewish congregation located at 208 Summit Ave. It welcomes all people interested in associating with the Jewish faith, including interfaith families and those interested in becoming Jews.

Healing service April 16

A healing service will be at Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., on April 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. co-sponsored by the Ritual and Caring Committees, and led by Cantor Florence Merel.

The one-hour service will be in Temple Sinai's smaller chapel. During the service, participants will sing, pray, meditate and learn ways of renewing their minds, bodies and spirits from the aftermath of personal losses. These losses may include the physical or emotional loss of a loved one, but may also include the losses and disappointments we face in everyday life.

There are distinctly Jewish practices and blessing of r'fuah sh'lema — translated to the renewal of body and spirit — that are needed in busy and stressful times.

Light refreshments will follow the service.

Former minister the topic at Unitarian Church

The series at the Unitarian Church in Summit will be enriched on April 18 by the singing of Wendy Shermert, cantor of Temple Shalom, Plainfield. Shermert will be singing in Hebrew and English with support of the music

director of the church, Mitchell Vines, piano and the church's choir.

The sermon title for the day is "The Mind and Faith of A. Powell Davies." Interim Minister Oren "Pete" Peterson will tell of the charismatic minister, who served the Summit Unitarian Church from 1933 through 1944. Davis is remembered in Summit for his sermons and his involvement with children's education. He became minister of a Unitarian Church in Washington until his death in 1957. Known for his outspoken activism, he was once called by the *Washington Post* "The conscience of Washington."

Services are at Unitarian House, 165 Summit Ave., at the corner of Whittridge Road at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

For more information call (908) 273-3245.

Rabbi to visit Sinai

Faith in the modern age. Congregational change. Clergy shortage. Pastoral care. Gender issues. Social justice. Liturgical traditions. These are the major themes facing contemporary religious communities. At the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion these topics are addressed through critical understanding balanced by compassionate engagement.

Rabbi Andrea Weiss, instructor of Bible, at HUC-JIR/NY, will be visiting Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., on April 27. She will be speaking about significant issues which are facing religion in America today. She is among the scores of scholars, rabbis, cantors, students, and staff affiliated with the institution traveling across North America in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of HUC-JIR.

This Shabbat/Sabbat program is open to the public.

LIFESTYLE

Leyrer and Brosius wed

Sarah Leyrer, daughter of Steve and Kay Leyrer of Mountainside, was married to Chris Brosius, son of Bill and Dianne Brosius, of Clarion, Pa., on Dec. 30.

The matron of honor was Laura Miller, sister of bride. Her bridesmaids were Shelley Lewis, bride's friend; Alison Hammock, bride's friend; Stacey Stewart, groom's sister, and Julie Hassid, bride's friend.

The best man was Greg Greksa. His ushers were Bill Brosius, groom's brother; Mike Brosius, groom's brother; Curt Brosius, groom's brother; Mark Leyrer, bride's brother, and Mark Powell, groom's friend.

The bride wore a winter white gown with beaded bodice and chapel-length train. Bridesmaids wore silver two-piece dresses with a cut bouquet of shades of purple flowers.

The bride is a graduate of Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va., and is employed by Kinderprep Westfield as a kindergarten teacher. The groom is a graduate of Clarion University, Clarion, Pa., and is employed by Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, as an assistant golf professional. Following the ceremony at Redeemer Lutheran,



Sarah Leyrer and Chris Brosius

where Pastor Paul Kristich officiated, the couple celebrated with a reception at Canoe Brook Country Club. They spent their honeymoon on a cruise to the Caribbean for seven days. The couple will reside in Summit.

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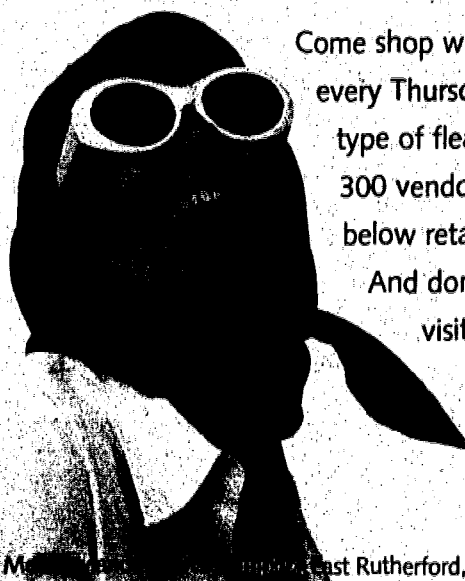
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RELIGION

Moratorium speakers at Temple Beth Ahm

On Friday at 8:30 p.m., as part of Shabbat worship services at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, Lorry and June Post from the organization, New Jerseyans for a Death Penalty Moratorium, a group seeking a moratorium on the use of the death penalty in New Jersey, will speak.

All are welcome and an Oneg Shabbat — collation — will follow the Shabbat services.

For more information call (973) 376-0539, Ext. 10, e-mail tbspringfield@aol.com, or visit www.njmoratorium.org.

Jewish heritage tour

An all-inclusive Jewish heritage tour of Spain and Portugal will be sponsored by the Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 14. The 15-day, fully-escorted deluxe tour includes three nights in Barcelona staying at the Hotel Calderon; two nights in Madrid at the Hotel Wellington; two nights in Granada at the Melia Granada; two nights in Seville at the Tryp Colon; one night in Evora at the Pousada dos Loios, and three nights in Lisbon at the Altis Park Hotel. Departure will be from Newark Airport to Madrid; returning from Lisbon on Continental Airlines. The cost is \$3,345 per person, round trip, double occupancy.

This Jewish Heritage Tour of Spain and Portugal is the fourth sponsored by Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Renaissance Group. The trip includes deluxe hotels throughout; round-trip

air; extensive sightseeing — general as well as Jewish sites; local courier in both Spain and Portugal; fully-licensed bilingual guides; buffet breakfast daily, and 10 dinners and five lunches. All hotel taxes, airline taxes and service charges are included. Sightseeing will be by private motorcoach.

Space for the Sha'arey Shalom Jewish heritage tour to Spain and Portugal is limited. An informational meeting will be Monday at 7 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marge Grossbarth or Arlene Newman through the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Free workshops

Jewish Family Service of MetroWest and Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield will present a series of free workshops entitled "Finding Solutions to Everyday Life Challenges," beginning today. All programs will take place at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The public is invited to attend. Advanced registration for each workshop is requested.

"We are happy to take a variety of our educational and supportive workshops out into the community," said Reuben Rotman, assistant director of JFS. "Whether the issue is dealing with your challenging child or caring for your aging parent, these JFS professional workshops can provide valuable tools for dealing with life's challenges."

Workshop topics and dates are as follows:

- "Caring for You...Caring for Me," on April 12 with Serlin, is designed for individuals who are car-

ing for their spouses. The workshop includes sharing of information and techniques, emotional support and community resources.

- "Dealing with Your Challenging Child," on May 3 with speaker Sheila Steinbach. The workshop will provide parenting strategies and informal resource sharing for parents of children with learning and behavioral concerns.

- "Singles.com: Living in a Coupled World," on May 17 with speaker Esta Dalsass. Participants can explore the challenges of enjoying single life in a family/couples culture.

For more information or to register for any of these free workshops call Sylvia Heller, JFS program associate, at (973) 765-9050, Ext. 262.

Hebrew graduation set

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will sponsor its first Religious School Pre-Hebrew II graduation on April 22 from 11 a.m. to noon. There will be a musical program and a graduation ceremony followed by a make-your-own-sundae event.

Admission is free. RSVP to the Religious School Office at (973) 376-0539, Ext. 29 by April 16.

Beth Ahm celebrates

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will celebrate Cantor Richard Nadel's 20th anniversary of his service to the temple on April 28 at 6:45 p.m. with Minha/Maariv/Havdalah. Dinner will follow.

For more information call the temple at (973) 376-0539 or e-mail to tbspringfield@aol.com.

Mountainside newcomers plan various events

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following member activities for the near future:

- Mommy & Me is anticipating spring with its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Loop Playground, Watchung Reservation. The cost is \$5 per child. RSVP to Margaret DiPalma by April 1. Rain date will be April 14. They are also planning a picnic at the Loop Playground on May 4 at noon. If weather is questionable call Jean Marie Morgan at (908) 518-9409 to see if the picnic has been cancelled.

The club also will be asking its members to donate Easter baskets,

which will be distributed to St. Joseph's in Elizabeth. Last year, more than 100 baskets were donated, and brought joy and smiles to many children. All baskets must be dropped off at Karen Sforza's home by April 19. If you have any questions feel free to call her at (908) 233-1671.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to its new members, to help them meet others, and to make them feel welcome and a part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a baby, or a change in employment of marital status.

For membership information call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

Foothill Club luncheon

The Foothill Club will conduct a luncheon today at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield.

The program will feature a Tricky Tray, presented by the Ways and Means Committee. Members are also asked to bring donations for an Easter food basket to be given to a needy family in town.

Guests are always welcome. For a reservation call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626. The Foothill Club is committed to serving the community of Mountainside.

STUDENT UPDATE

Seton Hall Prep honors

Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange has announced its second trimester honor roll, which includes students from Mountainside and Springfield.

Mountainside residents earning honors were sophomore Stephen Kress, second honors, and senior William Mulkeen, commendation.

From Springfield, sophomore Kevin Dash and senior Thomas Keller achieved first honors, while sophomores Dean Chencharik and Robert Maul earned second honors. Receiving commendation were junior Scott Eberenz and freshman Anthony Stivalo.

First honors comprises students whose grade point average is above 4.0; second honors, between 3.5 and

4.0; commended, between 3.0 and 3.5.

Margello and Walsh on Delbarton's list

Michael Margello of Mountainside and Ryan Walsh of Springfield were among the students at Delbarton School named to the headmaster's list for the 2001 winter term. Margello, grade 10, earned highest honors while Walsh, grade eight, achieved high honors.

Three achieve honors

Three Springfield residents were named to the academic honors list for fall 2000 at Montclair State University.

Achieving honors were Jana Franke, a business administration

major with a concentration in international business; Michel F. Indoe, also a business administration major with a concentration in accounting, and Lukasz Grzegorz Maciak, whose major is undeclared.

Babysitting course

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a babysitters training course for youth ages 11 to 15 years old.

The course is a two-day program and will be offered on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Participation is limited and registration closes on Saturday.

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MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
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TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.
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5:30 pm-Easter Vigil Liturgy
9:00 pm-Resurrection Matins

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 15
"Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord"
9:00 am-Divine Liturgy
11:30 am-Divine Liturgy

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Good Friday Preaching Service

Begins at 12:00 Noon Good Friday, April 13, at Second Presbyterian Church, 1161 East Jersey Street, and continues with 30 minute meditations with hymns and prayers every hour on the half hour until 3 PM

Easter Sunrise Service

Begins at 6:00 AM Easter Sunday, April 15, in the Garden of St. John's Episcopal Church, 61 Broad Street, with hymns, prayers, and sermon (Rain site: Sanctuary of St. John's Episcopal Church)

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Palm Sunday-April 7-8	
Masses at: 5:30 p.m. Saturday; 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon Sunday	
Holy Thursday-April 12	Holy Saturday-April 14 7:30 p.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil Blessing of the Easter Fire begins in the Lower Parking Lot
Easter Sunday-April 15	
Masses at: 7:30, 9:00 (with children's choir), 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon	

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Easter Celebration Service
April 15, 2001 Come WORSHIP with US
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Leaves will be collected through April

Grass, hedge clippings, brush, branches, and other yard waste must, by state law, be disposed of properly. They may be taken to the recycling areas on New Providence Avenue or composted on your own property. Landscapers who service Summit homes may purchase coupons at the Department of Community Services for yard waste recycling coupon hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Leaves only may be left at the curb by 6 a.m. on garbage collection days through April 27, provided they are in

biodegradable paper bags. Shopping bags, paper grocery bags, or plastic bags marketed as biodegradable may not be used. Grass should be deposited at the compost area, and brush, branches, and limbs up to 5 inches in diameter and 6 feet long are left at the wood-chipping section.

Separate materials by type. Plastic bags, shopping bags, or grocery bags used to transport yard waste should be removed. Tree stumps and oversized limbs are not accepted.

A valid maroon parking-and-disposal-area permit for residents is required to enter the recycling center.

Permits are available from Summit Downtown Inc., 360 Springfield Ave. Call 522-0357 for requirements. The area is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Paul Cascais, the city's recycling coordinator, is reminding residents that the open burning of yard waste is prohibited by state law, and a local ordinance does not allow leaving these materials in the street. Violators may be issued summonses.

Local AARP chapter schedules meeting April 30

The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will conduct its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on April 30 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m. The program will explore domestic violence and elder abuse and will be led by Stella Canzona of the New Jersey Battered Womens' Service of Morris County.

It's not too late to sign up for the chapter's many overnight and day trips this year: Three Island Tour to Block Island, Thimble Island and Long Island with a two-night stay at Foxwoods Resorts on June 4-6; a Lancaster and

Gettysburg, Pa., Aug. 3-5, and a Virginia/Washington, D.C. tour on Sept. 25-30. Day trips include a Hudson River cruise on May 17, a Woodlock Pines, Pa. Show and lunch on Aug. 12, trip to the Battleship New Jersey and the Camden-Philadelphia waterfront in the fall, and a Radio City show in December. For reservations and information call Herman Piraneo at 273-1962 or Angie Coiro at 273-3146.

For information about upcoming chapter meetings, call Fran Marcelliano at 277-2197.

Overlook kitchen tour May 17



Getting ready for the Overlook Hospital Kitchen Tour on May 17 are, from left, Liz Gianis, Co-Chairwoman Alle Starker, Geri Altieri, Betty Ann Lecky, Co-Chairwoman Pam Jackson, Patty Crowl and Sarah Engle. Not pictured are Sue Mullin and Maren Dinsmore. The seven kitchens on the tour are outstanding and will present many different decorating themes. The proceeds from this year's tour will benefit the Neuroscience Unit at Overlook Hospital.

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Good Friday	Vespers & Exposition of Holy Shroud	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	Mattins & Blessing of Easter Baskets	5:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Resurrection Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets	9:00 am

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Holy Thursday, April 12, 2001 • 7 PM

Good Friday, April 13, 2001 • 3 PM - Passion Service
• 7 PM - Stations of the Cross (Youth Group)

Holy Saturday, April 14, 2001 • 8 PM - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 15, 2001
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

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Rev. John Smith, Assistant Pastor

St. John's Lutheran Church
587 Springfield Avenue, Summit
908-918-2500

Maunder Thursday - April 12th
12:00 noon and 7:30pm Remembering the Last Supper
Dr. Dreyman preaching: "The Secret to a Joyful Life"

Good Friday - April 13th
9:30am Community Children's Procession
12:00 noon Community Good Friday Service
7:30pm Liturgy of the Cross

The Easter Vigil - Sat. April 14th
7:30pm Service includes the lighting of the Easter Fire, a service of readings, remembrance of baptism, and Holy Communion.

Easter Day - April 15th
7:30am spoken service
8:30am and 11:15am. festival services Dr. Dreyman preaching: "Christ is Risen! What will we do now?"

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dreyman, Pastor
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Celebrate Easter With Christ Church Summit

Maunder Thursday, April 12th
7:30 p.m. - Organ Recital
8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 15th
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Gathered Communion
- Sunday School with Special Easter Assembly
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Gathered Communion

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Palm SUNDAY, April 8 • 10am at Jonathan Dayton High School
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Maunder THURSDAY, April 12 • 7:30pm at Holy Cross Church

Good FRIDAY, April 13
Afternoon walk thru Holy Week for Kids* at Holy Cross Church
7:30pm Tenebrae Service at Holy Cross Church

EASTER SUNDAY, April 15 • 10am at Jonathan Dayton High School
Celebration Service

*Register children for a Walk thru Holy Week tour: 973-379-4525
In Springfield: Holy Cross at 639 Mountain Ave. • JDHS at 101 Mountain Ave.

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HOLY WEEK
PALM SUNDAY
SATURDAY - APRIL 7 - MASS - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY MASSES - APRIL 8
8:30 AM - 9:45 am (Spanish) and 12:15 pm

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 12 - MASS - 7:30 PM
GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 13
3:30 PM - LITURGY OF PASSION AND DEATH OF CHRIST
7:30 pm - STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Spanish)

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 14 - MASS
EASTER VIGIL - 8:00 PM
EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 15 MASSES
MASSES - 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM (Spanish) and 12:15 pm

Summit United Methodist Church
Kent Pl. Blvd. and DeForest Ave.

MAUUNDER THURSDAY
April 12, 7:30 pm

Foot Washing & Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY
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MAUUNDER THURSDAY, April 12: Communion Worship at 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 13: 30 minute meditation at 12:15 pm, Tenebrae Worship 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 15: Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am; Communion Worship at 8 or 10:30 am

"A Life-Changing Week"

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Robert Regan, Summit area chairman of the Red Cross, accepts a donation of over \$700 from Dylan O'Brien, president of the James Caldwell School Student Council in Springfield. The money was raised from donations called 'Caldwell's Caring Coins.' Student Council members went to classrooms to explain the need for contributions. They also collected jars of coins at the end of the collection. The money will be used to help families that lost their homes during the earthquakes in India and San Salvador.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum in search of volunteers

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Carmela Franciosa

Carmela Franciosa of Summit died March 29 in the Glenside Nursing Center, New Providence.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Franciosa lived in Union and Millburn before moving to Summit 61 years ago. She was a member of the Madonna Della Assunta at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills.

Louis A. Pulcino

Louis A. Pulcino, 78, of Summit died April 1 in the Berkeley Convalescent Center, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Ponte, Italy, Mr. Pulcino lived in Summit for most of his life. He was a landscape architect and owned Louis A. Pulcino Inc., Summit, before retiring.

Mr. Pulcino served in the Army during World War II. He was a charter member of the Garden State Horticulture Society and a member of the New Jersey Association of Nursery Men. Mr. Pulcino also was a member of the Elks Lodge 1154 in South Orange and the Knights of Columbus Council in Summit.

Surviving are three sisters, Kay Scheider, Rose Neubauer and Margaret Iannelli.

Susan K. Mikelson

Susan K. Mikelson, 54, of Cranford, formerly of Summit, died March 28 at home.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Mikelson resided in Illinois and Summit for many years before moving to Cranford in 1984. She worked as a

registered nurse for the Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Elizabeth for many years. Prior to that, Mrs. Mikelson worked as a head nurse for the Kidney Dialysis Satellite Unit for B.M.A., located in Irvington.

She began her career in the Intensive Care Unit of Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mrs. Mikelson was a member of the New Jersey Nurses Association and the Women's Cornerstone of St. Michael's Church, Cranford. Surviving are her husband, John; a daughter, Rachael Mikelson; a son, Ian Mitchell, and a grandchild.

Raymond J. Zeltner

Raymond J. Zeltner, 53, of Union, formerly of Summit, died March 29 in Union Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mr. Zelt-

ner lived in Summit before moving to Union three years ago. He was an attorney with a private practice in Elizabeth since 1983. Earlier, Mr. Zeltner had been an assistant prosecutor with Union County from 1976 through 1983.

He was a graduate of Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Va., and received a law degree from New York University Law School. Mr. Zeltner served in the Marines during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Fran; twins, Raymie and Brianna; his stepmother, Martha Zeltner, and a sister, Laurie Burke.

Beatrice Noel

Beatrice Noel of Summit died March 19 in Overlook Hospital, Sum-

mit. Born in Stirling, Mrs. Noel lived in Summit for more than 60 years. She was a volunteer at Overlook Hospital for 20 years. Surviving is a son, the Rev. Gregory Noel.

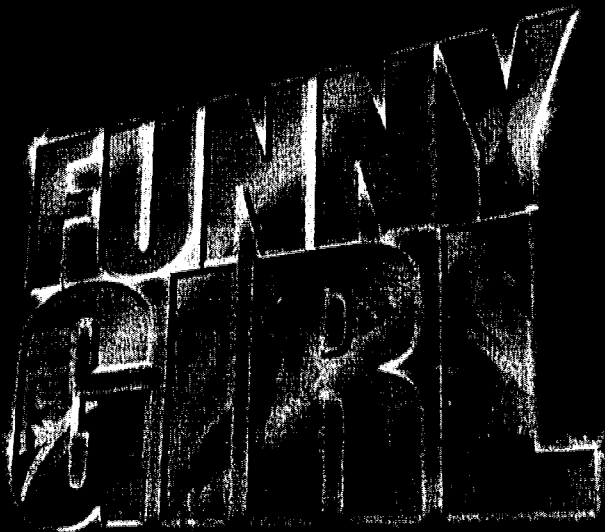
Wilan Ryan Devine

Wilan Ryan Devine, 61, of Summit died March 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Devine spent most of her life in Short Hills before moving to Summit 11 years ago. She received a bachelor's degree in history from Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y., in 1957.

Surviving are a son, Christopher J.; a daughter, Deborah Ann Caruso; a sister, Mildred Flanagan, and two grandchildren.

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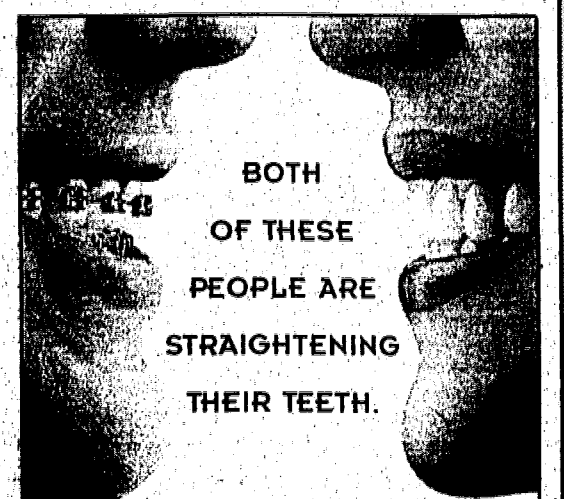
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OBITUARIES

Helen Freedman

Helen Freedman of Mountainside, died March 22 in the Manor Care Health Services, Mountainside. Born in Roselle, she Freedman lived in Hillside and Springfield before moving to Mountainside.

Surviving are two sons, David and Richard; a sister, Millicent Kramerman; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sister M. R. Keating

Sister M. Regis Keating, OSB, 80, of the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, who taught in schools in Springfield, died March 24 in St. Walburga Monastery Infirmary, Elizabeth.

Born in Jersey City, Sister M. Regis retired to St. Walburga Monastery in 1993. She entered into the Benedictine Sisters on Feb. 22, 1938 and made her monastic profession on Aug. 30, 1939.

Sister M. Regis was a teacher St. James School in Springfield, among others. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a master's degree in elementary education from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Surviving are a sister, Irene Mahoney, and a brother, John Keating.

Maxwell B. Mobley

Maxwell B. Mobley, 70, of Union, an ordained Methodist minister who had been active in Springfield, died March 26 in Trinity Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Mobley lived in East Setauket, N.Y., before moving to Union five years ago. He was an administrator for the State University of New York at Stony Brook for 25

years and retired in 1990. Active with Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, he was the chair of the council on ministries, the shared facility committee and the leadership team of Coffee with Conscience. Mr. Mobley also led the missions committee. He was active with the Bridges Program, an organization that provides food for the homeless who live under the bridges in New York City. Mr. Mobley also was a volunteer docent at Liberty Hall in Union.

Surviving are his wife, Martha M.; a daughter, Charla Beth Linsley; a son, Kenyon B., and a sister, Dolores Settle.

Estella M. Hendrix

Estella M. Hendrix of Union, a superintendent and Sunday school teacher at the Springfield Emanuel Church, died April 1 at home.

Born in Whitehall, Pa., Mrs. Hendrix lived in Union since 1946. She taught kindergarten at the Franklin School in Union Township for more than 30 years and retired in 1976. Mrs. Hendrix was a Sunday school teacher and superintendent at the Union Community Methodist Church and later the Springfield Emmanuel Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth D.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Carl M. Immediato

Carl M. Immediato, 74, of Westfield, a Mountainside police dispatcher, died March 29 at home.

Born in New Rochelle, Mr. Immediato moved to Westfield in 1972. He was a dispatcher with the Mountainside Police Department. Previously, Mr. Immediato owned Blue Bird Taxi, New Rochelle, N.Y. He was a

member of the Forrester Club of New Rochelle and a past president of the Westfield Athletic Club. Mr. Immediato served on the board of directors of the Mountainside Honorary Police Benevolent Association. He was a silver life cardholder for Mountainside Police Benevolent Association Local 126.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores M.; a son, Carl Jr.; two daughters, Kathy Ann Guariglia and Nancy Ann; two stepsons, Joe and Claude Shaffer; his mother, Kathleen Immediato; two sisters, Kay Bucello and Antoinette Roe; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Frank V. DeMartino

Frank V. DeMartino, 70, of Springfield died March 29 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born on Staten Island, N.Y., Mr. De Martino lived in Carteret before moving to Springfield more than two years ago. He was a corrections officer for the New York State Department of Corrections for 15 years and retired 21 years ago. Previously, Mr. De Martino was a policeman with the New York City Police Department.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion Post 0263 in Carteret, the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility, the Correction Emergency Response Team in Staten Island and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mirella; a son, Frank J., and two grandchildren.

Margaret Schilling

Margaret Schilling, 86, of Point Pleasant, formerly of Springfield, died March 30 in the Townhouse, Point Pleasant.

Born in Millburn, Mrs. Schilling

lived in Springfield, West Orange and Boca Raton, Fla., before moving to Point Pleasant two years ago. She was a clerk for Jersey Central Power and Light Co., Summit, and retired in 1975. Mrs. Schilling was a member of the Summit Business and Professional Women Association.

Helen Winkelholz

Helen Winkelholz, 91, of Springfield died March 30 in the Green Brook Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Maspeth, N.Y., Mrs. Winkelholz lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield. She was a bookkeeper for Kraft Foods, Hillside, for 25 years and retired in 1974. Mrs. Winkelholz was a member of the Sarah Bailey Senior Volunteer Group in Springfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Totorello; a son, William; a sister, Frances Ambrose; a brother, Andrew Bock; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Anne McCarthy

Anne McCarthy, 87, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died March 31 in the Cornell Hall Convalescent Center, Union. Born in South Fayette, Pa., Mrs. McCarthy lived in Union before moving to Springfield 22 years ago. She was a short order cook for Newberry-McCrory Co., Springfield, for several years and retired in 1983. Mrs. McCarthy was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are a son, Charles E., and two grandchildren.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed.

Oh what a night



Sharon LaTourette and Linda DeRose are among the members of the Mountainside Newcomers Club who mingled with friends and treated themselves to a manicure recently. Ladies & Men's Night Out are two of the monthly activities the club has. If you are a new resident of Mountainside or an established resident who has had a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, change in employment or marital status, and would like more information on joining the club call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

Cabaret will honor cantor at Sha'arey Shalom

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will honor Cantor Amy Daniels on May 19 with a "Cabaret Night of Musical Entertainment" to celebrate Daniels' Bat Mitzvah year with the congregation as cantor and religious school director with an evening of musical entertainment from Klezmer to Broadway, dinner, dancing and more.

Tickets for the evening are \$100 per person. A souvenir advertisement journal is being prepared in tribute to Daniels and will be distributed on May 19. Tributes or individual advertisements can be placed in the journal.

Daniels has enriched the life of Temple Sha'arey Shalom for 13 years. There are the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students she trains; the Religious School children she influences as director of education; the choir she leads; the life cycle events at which she officiates; the preschool children who love her; the adult members she has taught to read and chant Torah; the way Daniels inspires the congrega-

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE." - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program; Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Mallich, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Murray Bell, President. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. 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) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, 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, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. 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 at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M. with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in

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Friday, April 13th - 8:15 pm
Saturday, April 14th - 9 am
Sunday, April 15th - 9 am
Yizkor - 10:30 am & 7:30 pm

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Morning Service, Sunday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. (with Hallel)
Evening Service, Sunday, April 8, 7:15 p.m.
Morning Service, Monday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.

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Oodles of talent



Fourth-grade students, from left, Zach Floyd, Jake Krupp, Michael Diamant and Justin Model, with Sean Gutman in the back, perform a dance routine for the talent show at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield.



Students, from left Alexa Williams, Sara Berkowitz and Rebecca Frank perform their routine.



Choreographing their routine to the Broadway musical, 'Hey Big Spender,' are students, from left, Alexis Wallach, Ali Pollicastro, Julie Condit, Alexis Gerber, Shareen Abdulaziz and Alexandra Eisenman.

Mountainside Active Retirees present slide show on Tuesday

Meetings of the Mountainside Active Retirees are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Mountainside residents and their guests are always welcome. The next regular meeting of the Mountainside Active Retirees will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1085 Route 22 East. A slide presentation "The Military expertise

of general George Washington in the Battle Campaigns of 1775-1777" will be shown by Michael Yesenko of Union Township.

For more information call Anthony Riccardi at (908) 232-3488.

Police charge two in vehicle theft

Mountainside
Two Plainfield men were arrested Saturday in connection to a car which was stolen in Mountainside at approximately 3 a.m.
Mark Stokes, 24, of the 300 block of Franklin Place was charged with theft and aggravated assault on a police officer. He was driving the Honda Accord which had been reported stolen from Route 22 East and Lawrence Avenue in Mountainside, according to police.
Cleophas Jordan Jr., 21, of the 1000 block of West 5th Street, who was a passenger in the car when the arrests were made, was charged with receiving stolen property.
Andra Hixon, 27, of Schuyler Avenue, Newark was charged with driving while intoxicated on Sunday

POLICE BLOTTER
at 3:39 a.m. along Route 22 East near the border of Springfield and Mountainside.
• Debra Stokes, 38, of the 400 block of East Sixth Street, Plainfield, was charged with driving with a suspended license and registration on March 27 at 9:49 a.m. along the 1300 block of Route 22 East.
• Adrienne Brand, 35, of the 1200 block of Stillman Avenue, Plainfield, was charged with fraud and writing \$1,000 in bad checks. Brand was apprehended on March 26 at 9 a.m. along Route 22 East.
• Davon Gordon, 19, of the 700 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, Newark, was charged with fraud

and issuing bad checks ranging between \$200 and \$1,000. Gordon was apprehended on March 26 at 9 a.m. in Mountainside.
• Debra Viscel, 39, of the block of 100 Newark Avenue, Belleville, was charged with contempt of the Mountainside Municipal Court. Viscel was arrested on Friday at 9:16 a.m.
Springfield
• A Springfield resident reported items stolen during a burglary of his residence on March 29 at 8:17 p.m. An itemized list will be submitted to authorities at a later date.
• At approximately 8:17 p.m. on March 28, a shoplifter reportedly stole blue and green ceramic salad plates from Pier 1 Imports on Route 22 East. The dishes were valued at \$100.

Variety of calls bring out firefighters

Springfield
Five medical service calls were handled Friday, first at 8:31 a.m. at a Sherwood Road residence, followed at 11:34 a.m. at a Clinton Avenue residence and at 12:12 p.m. at a Mountain Avenue apartment complex before a 2:51 p.m. call from a Route 22 East business and a 5:25 p.m. call from a Mountain Avenue resident. Firefighters received a call at 5:28 p.m. of a motor vehicle accident at Meisel Avenue and Riverside Drive.
• On Saturday at 5:53 p.m., the Fire Department responded to an Avon Road residence for a water condition.
• Two medical service calls were received on March 29, with the first at 8:11 a.m. at a South Springfield Avenue residence followed at 9:01 a.m. at a Hawthorne Avenue residence. At 3:22 p.m., firefighters received a call of a motor vehicle accident with injuries on South Springfield Avenue.
• The department responded with a pumper to Irvington Fire Headquarters on a request for mutual aid at 9:28 a.m. on March 28. At 1:56 p.m., there was a medical service call to a Brook Street residence. A water condition was handled at 5:21 p.m. at a Rose Avenue residence. Firefighters responded to Springfield Avenue and Main Street at 5:34 p.m. for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

FIRE BLOTTER
• On March 27 at 10:01 a.m., firefighters responded to a Route 22 East business for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. A Dumpster fire was reported at 10:59 a.m. at a Maple Avenue apartment complex. At 12:18 p.m., the department responded to Route 78 West milepost 49.5 for a car fire.
• On March 26 at 8:31 a.m., firefighters responded to South Springfield and Hillside avenues for smoke in the area before responding at 8:49 a.m. Morris and Maple avenues for a pedestrian struck by a car. A brush fire was extinguished at 10:26 p.m. near a Route 22 East business.
Mountainside
On Sunday at 5:44 p.m., the Volunteer Fire Department responded to Lackland Self Storage on Route 22 on a strong odor of propane gas. An investigation revealed a leaking barbecue grill tank in one of the storage areas but no fire.
• On Saturday at 10:28 p.m., firefighters responded to an Upland Road residence on the report of smoke in a garage seen by neighbor. An investigation revealed a Dura-log burning in the garage.
• On Friday at 2:28 p.m., the

department received a call from a Sawmill Road residence on a report of a basement flood. Investigation revealed less than 1 inch of water, not enough to deploy a pump. The homeowner was to call a plumber. At 8:47 p.m., firefighters responded to a Whippoorwill Way residence on report of a smoke condition in house. It was another case of burnt food on the stove and the home was ventilated.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 17th day of April, at 7:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2001-3 regarding the appeal or application of Rita Levy for a variance or variances of other relief so as to permit preliminary and final site plan approval to construct an automobile drive thru fluid maintenance establishment. The application includes a request for two commercial uses at the same property on the premises located at 30 Rt. 22 East, Center Alele, Springfield, New Jersey designated as Block 3104, Lot on the Township of Springfield Tax Map.
The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
Rita Levy
Applicant (\$12.00)

U4549 ECL April 5, 2001

NOTICE OF HEARING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield by Sheila Straus for rear yard set back variance, lot coverage variance and any other variances which may be necessary to permit the removal of a portion of the deck and in its place to erect a conservatory as evidenced by the application on file on file or as may be modified at the request of the Board of Adjustment. This application is made for premises located at 4 Stellie Court, Block 2502, Lot 14, Springfield, New Jersey. This application is now calendar No. 2001-3 on the Clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 7:30 p.m. on April 17, 2001, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, and when the calendar is called you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey.
RICHARD C. SHERMAN, Attorney for Applicant, Sheila Straus
U4562 ECL April 5, 2001 (\$12.75)

Clean Communities Day will be April 22

The Springfield Environmental Commission is inviting volunteers to sign up for its ninth annual Clean Communities Day. In honor of the national Earth Day, this year's event will be April 22, rain or shine, from noon to 4 p.m. Participants will receive a pizza snack, refreshments and a t-shirt. Volunteer groups and families will be assigned to various public sites around town such as parks, parking lots and vacant properties, to collect litter that has accumulated over the past year. Garbage bags, gloves and necessary tools will be provided by the township. Each year's event nets more than 100 bags of litter and debris. Groups and families interested in signing up for this year's event should call the Springfield Office of Recycling at (973) 912-2222 and leave their name and phone number.

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Mountainside Opening Day Parade is set for Saturday

Award-winning GL band will lead festivities

The Opening Day Parade for Mountainside Youth Baseball will commence 9 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Wood Valley and Stony Brook Roads.

The award-winning Governor Livingston High School band will lead the way once again.

The rain date is Sunday at 1 p.m.

Leading off the ceremonies will be the flag raising and the Star Spangled Banner led by band director Dan Kopcha.

Participating in the Opening Day ceremonies will be Mayor Robert Vigilante, the Mountainside Police Department, Rescue Squad, Volunteer Fire Department and representatives from the Mountainside Board of Education, Council and Mountainside Recreation Department as well as Gerald Schaller, the Superintendent of Schools.

Here's a look at the youngsters who will be participating in Mountainside Youth Baseball this season as well as the adults who will be coaching them:

INTRODUCTION TO BASEBALL

Players: Stephen Amalfe, Dylan Bento, Breanne Black, Brittin Boening, Daniel Bravo, Rebecca Broda, Anthony Carannante, Viana Cardillos, Christopher Cardones, Clair Chan, Alexander Choma, Jennifer Colicchio, Kimberly Colicchio, Neerav Dharia, Matthew Doyle, Gabriella Ferragamo, Christopher Foley, Victoria Greeley, Frank Haroster, Treineame Hotz, Alexandra Janker, Dean Keane, Jeremy Klein, Andrew Komra, Alexandria Korba, Olivia LaBau, Caroline Loftus, Kevin McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Douglas Maslo, Peter Messler, Ethan Mintz, Kerry Mosier, Nichole Mosier, Justin Ness, TJ Nicholson, Jennifer Pilkington, Jason Pon, Ryan Quinn, Nicole Sblendorio, Johnathan Schmedel, Frank Servello, Eric Shen, John Sokol, Justin Stern, Erica Stevenson, Justin Tharaud, Craig Thomas, Matthew Tinnirellou, Anthony Werchas.

Bill Giannone is the vice president.

Introduction to Baseball is sponsored by Atlantic Metal Products.

T-BALL

Players: Maurizio Arpino, Vinny Bennett, Matthew Block, Daniel Boyle, Jonah Butler, Andrew Fresolone, Kelly Goense, Peter Goggi, Adam Greene, Dean Hahner, Alex Ingrassia, Kristian Jecmenica, David Jennings, Logan Kelly, Michael McGee, Max Menaker, Drew Miller, Luke Mirabelli, Jaime Michael Montalvo, Francesca Najdzin, TJ Nichols, Frank Papparatto, David Perasso, Steve Ruggiero, Stephanie Scofield, Robert Stearns, Connor Stevenson, Nicholas Trimarco, Logan Turner, Billy Worswick, Nicholas Youmans.

Bill Giannone is the vice president.

T-Ball is sponsored by Papparatto Construction & Valley National Bank.

AMERICAN LEAGUE, AGES 8-9

Jim DeRose is the vice president.

ASTROS: Doug Trimmer, manager; A.K. Stamping Co., Inc., sponsor.

Players: Mike Adeshev, Damian Avecillas, Brendon

Dilandro, Dylan Hain, Garrett Hain, Ihor Hybyak, Joe Johnston, Danny Morgan, Steven Schaumberg, Josh Thompson, Chris Trimmer.

BLUE JAYS: Dave Arrigoni, manager; Charles Contracting, sponsor.

Players: Anthony Apigo, Matt Arrigoni, Geoffrey Barnes, Alex DeRose, Gerard Finn, Dave Garber, Bari Grossman, Jackie Grossman, Joe Hoy, Max Nagel, Jenifer Quaglia.

DODGERS: Bill Giannone, manager; Cellular Signal Plus, sponsor.

Players: Tim Black, Tom Black, Nick Bravo, B.J. Giannone, Arron Hoydich, Mike Miller, Steven Perez-Santalla, Bill Sforza, Kevin Sforza, Robert Vargo, Stephanie Zayodny.

GIANTS: Carol Worswick, manager; LaMonica Memorial Home, sponsor.

Players: Nick Burdi, Matt Cataldo, Tyler Frezza, Samantha Frungillo, Steve Hart, Louis Loftus, Dylan Turner, Nick Viscuglia, Eric Whyte, Zach Worswick.

REDS: Frank Rubino, manager; Mountainside Volunteer Fire Dept., sponsor.

Players: Justin Amezcua, Ian Bruno, Andrew Candellino, Justin Catalano, Scott Crane, Pat Eichner, Dan Kelk, Matt LaBau, Jake Latourette, Frank Rubino.

ROCKIES: Bob Hillongos, manager; American Aluminum Co. (AMALCO), sponsor.

Players: Robert Hillongos, Blaké Hotz, Max Ingrassia, Jason Kline, John Kontra, Nick Kutsop, MacKenzie Liss, Paul Mirabelli, Jim Murdoch, Chris O'Sullivan.

MAJOR LEAGUE, AGES 10-12

Matt Wyratt is the vice president.

BLUE STARS: Chuck Fericola, manager; Charles Fericola Cooperage Co., sponsor.

Players: Peter DeJianne, Thomas DeJianne, Ean Drew, Jeremy Henik, Trevor McPherson, Justin Quaglia, Sean Smith, Ross Talbert, Sammy Vitale, Matt Zimmerman.

BRAVES: Joe Carmargo, manager; Pacifico Service Center, sponsor.

Players: Ben Camargo, Danny Camargo, Matt DiLandro, Eric DiPietro, Jesse Hinman, Lee Hinman, JR Pacifico, Daniel Rodrigues, Gabriel Rodrigues, Michael Sabida, Phil Vitale.

INDIANS: Al Faella, manager; Hago Manufacturing, sponsor.

Players: Thomas Amalfe, Gregory Chilson, Max Conner, Max Deusch, Sean Faella, Richard Granzel, Reid Kelley, Ryan Murphy, Bei Wang, Kevin Wheaton, Christopher Whyte.

METS: Bill Schrul, manager; Walter Heckel, sponsor.

Players: Ryan Conde, Anthony Corsi, Robert Gilcrest, Scott Greene, Trevor Hall, Michael Nigro, Marc Perez-Santalla, Brenton Rehm, Steven Schrul, Eric Sullivan, J.P. Zavodny.

PIRATES: Joe D'Antuono, manager; Town Bank of



The Springfield Minutemen senior basketball team enjoyed a fine season despite falling in the league playoffs to Fanwood 63-60. Front row, from left, are Kenneth Suarez, Jesse Weatherston and Mike Tiss. Middle row, from left, are Jake Floyd, Alan Steinberg, Adam Hirst, Jesse Galinkin and Stephen Suarez. Third row, from left, are coach Tom Wisniewski, Robert Shabat, Kevin Johnson, Kevin Kleyman and Ross Kivowitz.

Springfield Minutemen teams conclude basketball seasons

Springfield Minutemen basketball teams concluded their 2001 seasons in league playoff action.

The senior squad was defeated by Fanwood 63-60, while the junior team fell to Roselle 56-10.

High-scorer for the senior team was Kevin Johnson, who scored 19 points and also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Kenneth Suarez scored 13, Robbie Shabat had 12 and 10 rebounds, Mike Tiss nine points, Ross Kivowitz four and Jesse Weatherston two. Kevin Kleyman, who had been sidelined for much of the season with an ankle injury, played tough defense.

Kevin Jiang scored three for the junior team, first-year player Daniel DiCocco two, Steven Decter two and Dan Shabat and Jordan Fish one.

Both teams will be recognized at a season-ending dinner on April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Headquarters on Shunpike Road in Springfield.

Four-year players Jesse Weatherston and Mike Tiss, along with Kenneth Suarez, will bid farewell to the program. Suarez will continue at Oratory Prep in the fall.

Other graduating 8th graders include Kevin Johnson, Kevin Kleyman, Robbie Shabat and Ross Kivowitz. Westfield, sponsor.

Players: Gregory Caponegro, John Cataldo, JJ Cronin, Joe D'Antuono, Nick Frugillo, Bobby Goense, Martin Hochadel, Russell Kinney, Jack Pijanowski, Brian Vander Meer, Brian Wyratt.

YANKEES: Mike Schlegel, manager; Mountainside PBA Local 126, sponsor.

Players: Bobby Adashev, Patrick Anderson, Nick Barbera, Thomas Carannante, Danny DeMola, Andrew DeRose, Andrew Jakubowski, Joseph Schlegel, Jamie Winter, Max Winter, Juliann Buonaguro.

PONY LEAGUE, AGES 13-14

Dave Arrigoni is the vice president.
MAVERICKS: Paul Miller, manager; Industrial Hard Chromium, sponsor.

Players: Joe Bsil, Giancarlo Capadonna, Adam Foti, Nick Keller, Chris Legic, Evan Manganiello, Tyler Manganiello, Jason Massa, Matter Miller, Michael Schlegel, Michael Tate, Jesse Winter.

MUSTANGS: Mike Hiller, manager; Mountainside VFW Memorial Post 10136, sponsor.

Players: Jeff Aranjó, Joshua Bumpus, Matt Hiller, Anthony Internicola, Evan Kaplan, Stephen Love, Nick Margello, Kevin Moore, Billy O'Sullivan, Joe Pijanowski, Brendan Smith, Andrew Yasinski.

Boad members include John Amalfe, president; Sandy Burdge, executive vice president; Barry Feldman, treasurer; Dave Arrigoni, Pony League vice president; Matt Wyratt, Major League vice president; Jim DeRose, American League vice president; Bill Giannone, T-ball and Introduction to Baseball; Chuck Fericola, field and grounds; Susan Kelley, snack bar and publicity; Joe D'Antuono, fundraising; Nick Frungillo, umpires; Clem Pace, equipment and Nancy Cantagallo, secretary and publicity.

Summit boys' lacrosse has one talented cast returning

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

The Summit High School boys' lacrosse team has a unique situation entering the new season.

"We have some experienced upperclassmen, which includes some juniors, but we also have some older players with some inexperience," coach Jim Davidson said.

Summit finished 17-2 a year ago and made it to the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs, bowing to Moorestown 7-6.

After losing its first game of the season to eventual state champion Delbarton, the Hilltoppers ran off a string of 17 consecutive victories before falling to Moorestown. That success was good enough to rank them fifth in the state.

"It was a great year with a good group of kids," Davidson said.

Returning from that squad are senior captains Ryan Clark and Rob Messner and goaltender Mike Sartorius. Keith Schroeder, J.P. Covillo, Matt Starker and Todd Ward are juniors that also make up a big part of a solid nucleus.

The Hilltoppers lost their top two scorers to graduation. Ned Britt, the New Jersey Player of the Year, was second in scoring in the state with 106 points and attacker Tim Martin had 96 points, good enough to place him among the top 10.

"We need to work others in to see how they play and for them to gain experience," Davidson said.

That list includes seniors Matt Miller, Brandon Shea, Chris Salma and Chris Manini, juniors Kyle Kramer and Steve Nye and sophomores J.R. Parker, Ned Hillenbrand and Eric Lupton.

Having different sets to its offensive attack, Summit will sometimes use the 1-4-1 formation, which features unselfish play and patience in possessing the ball to help create scoring situations.

"It requires a lot of movement with the ball and each player looking for the open man," Davidson said.

That system of looking for another will also be used on the other side of the ball, as the Hilltoppers will institute a team defensive style of play.

"That's something we need to improve on and work more at," Davidson said. "It's all about communication and working together with solid fundamentals."

Some of Summit's toughest Morris County foes include Mendham and West Morris and Delbarton and Mountain Lakes.

Summit was scheduled to open the season Monday at home against Delbarton. The Hilltoppers were scheduled to host Westfield yesterday.

*Summit is scheduled to play at Passaic County foe Clifton on Saturday.

Dayton baseball team will gain experience as year progresses

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Entering his first year as the coach of the Dayton High School baseball team, Mike Mundy will be trying to lay the groundwork for the future.

"We have a very young club with just two seniors on it," Mundy said. "So many of the kids will be gaining experience this year."

Mundy, a graduate of Belleville High School and Rutgers University, also played in the Colorado Rockies organization as a pitcher. He inherits a group that went 12-10 a season ago under Lou Della Pia. The Bulldogs

qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group I playoffs and lost to Cedar Grove in the quarterfinal round.

Along with assistants Rich Kennedy, also a Rutgers alum and Joe Deperi, a graduate of Kean University, Mundy will rely on the leadership of senior pitcher-shortstop James Cariello.

"He's our best pitcher and one of the best in Union County," Mundy said.

Having no junior varsity team, the Bulldogs will rely on the contributions of 16 others.

The other senior on the team will be

Schroeder tough to score on

Scott Schroeder of Summit was named the player of the week in the Eastern College Athletic Conference for the week ending March 25. The goalkeeper for the Georgetown University Division 1 men's lacrosse team, Schroeder recorded a season-high 17 saves in a 14-7 victory over 10th-ranked Duke on March 24. The Hoyas won their 14th consecutive home game and improved to 6-0 before a crowd of almost 2,500.

On Sunday, Georgetown suffered its first loss of the season at the hands of 20th-ranked Navy 11-4. Schroeder, a junior, started the game with a conference-leading 6.4 goals-against average. He finished with 13 saves, increasing his season total to 76. The Hoyas entered the contest ranked third in the USILA poll, the highest in the history of the program.

It was the first time this season Schroeder allowed more than 10 goals in a game as well as the first time Georgetown was held to single digits.

Haire scores 3 for Middlebury

Jamie Haire of Summit had a team-high three goals and tallied one assist Saturday, but the Middlebury Panthers lost their first game of the year 23-10 to Springfield. Middlebury, the defending Division 3 men's lacrosse champion, entered the game ranked No. 1 in the nation.

The Panthers dropped to 4-1, but remain undefeated at 2-0 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. Springfield extended a 7-5 halftime advantage with an 11-goal outburst in the third quarter.

Middlebury defeated 12th-ranked Washington College on March 28 by a 17-16 score in overtime, a game in which Haire scored a goal. Through five games this season, Haire, a senior, has recorded 11 goals and six assists.

Britt nets first career goal

Freshman Ned Britt of Summit scored his first career goal during Yale's 14-8 win at Colgate on March 13 in Division 1 men's lacrosse. The Bulldogs followed up the win with another victory, a 13-8 win over Pennsylvania on March 17, before dropping their last two games to fall to 3-3 on the season and 1-2 in the Ivy League.

catcher Kyle Gofarth, who will vie for time with sophomore Mike Rodrigues.

Junior players with experience include pitcher-outfielder Ryan Stromeyer, infielder Sean Cordoni and centerfielder Justin Woodruff.

Sharing the outfield with Woodruff will be a pair of lefty fielding sophomores in Anthony Rodriguez and Michael Mottola. Rodriguez will also see some time on the mound.

Around the infield, Mundy will have freshman Brian Stith and sophomore Greg Zinberg playing first, Steve Cohen playing second and also pitching and Matt Stigliano playing third and serving as the team's No. 3 moundman.

The reserves include Jeremy Marks, Jon Riego, David Skylar and Matthew Gordon. Joe Mace will be the team's designated hitter.

"We have a lot of speed in the top of order and in the outfield," Mundy said.

The younger players who enter the season without a great deal of experience got just that in scrimmages against Chatham and West Essex.

"In the game against Chatham we hit the ball fairly well," Mundy said. "But against West Essex, we played better defensively and didn't hit as well."

More questions will be answered later in the season, when the Bulldogs face Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division opponents such as Roselle Park, Brearley and New Providence.

Dayton was scheduled to open its season Tuesday at MVC-Valley foe North Plainfield. The Bulldogs are scheduled to host conference rival Manville today at 4 p.m. in their home-opener.

Dayton, according to the Brearley schedule, is scheduled to play at Brearley tomorrow in a 3:45 p.m. start.

Summit girls' lacrosse poised to have another strong season

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

With six returning players from last year's 13-5 team, the Summit High School girls' lacrosse team is poised for another very strong season.

"The girls are working hard and have come into the season in good condition," coach Samantha Kenny said.

In the five losses that Summit had last season, three came at the hands rival West Essex. The last defeat was by a 14-13 score in the state playoffs.

"We played them three times last season and lost each game by one goal," Kenny said. "They had a more experienced team and we were a little younger than them."

The six returning players who the Hilltoppers are counting on for leadership and guidance are senior midfielders, Kim Janis and Katie Ardington, juniors Jen Dolny, Liz Sheridan and Megan Lyons and sophomore Liz Gamble.

Ardington, Sheridan and Gamble will also be looked upon for their scoring ability.

Joining them on the roster will be seniors Stephanie Cherkuzian, Andrea Posada, Melissa Jewett, Hayden Rudy and Lian Price. Juniors Kate Stephens, Vicky Paccione, Katie Tully, Meghan End, Caitlyn Mell, Mackenzie Clark and Lexi Harrison, along with sophomores Karen Jann, Lindsay Lucky and Shante Cofield will also see playing time.

"We have a diverse group of girls in the program," Kenny said. "If we have a unification from the seniors on down, it will create a domino effect in our success."

Having an offense that ranges from one-on-one play to seven-on-seven, the Hilltoppers have a well-balanced attack that can strike from many different positions.

On the other side of the ball, Summit will mainly play a player-to-player defensive system, with some zone at times.

Having played well in scrimmages against Chatham and Kent Place, the Hilltoppers hope that their performance goes a long way in preparing them for the season.

"Every team in our conference is a perennial power and we play them twice this season," Kenny said.

The Hilltoppers were scheduled to open the season Monday at home against Roxbury. Yesterday they were scheduled to host Randolph and tomorrow they are scheduled to play at Mendham.

"We want to be competitive in our conference and qualify for the state playoffs," Kenny said. "So we need to take each game one at a time."

That philosophy will go a long way in the overall team goals of teaching the girls life skills and fair play.

"I want them to walk away with pride, commitment and responsibility," Kenny said.

AT THE LIBRARY

Explore 'Great Gardens'

Award-winning travel writer Arline Zatz presents New Jersey's "Great Gardens Explore the botanical wonders of the Garden State" lecture and slide show featuring rose, rock, sculpture and herb gardens plus parks, arboretums, estate grounds, open spaces, local landscaping and more, at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

'Write Your Life Stories' set to begin today

Writer and teacher Zella R.P. Geltman continues to bring her counseling and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in the ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories — Memoir Writing Made Easy," beginning today.

Geltman teaches methods by which memoir writing can be simple and rewarding; how to get started, having a purpose, how to tell stories, making a list of ideas from your life experiences, tips on editing, suggested reading, and how working with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's stories.

A resident of West Orange, Geltman attended Rutgers University and Kean College. Since 1985, she has been a group facilitator in human relations — Adult Singles, Building Self-Esteem, Writing as Therapy, Stress Management, and Memoir Writing — at Daughters of Israel, JCC, Barnes & Noble, and Montclair Adult School, among others. Her published work includes "Tales of Our Lifetimes," an anthology of and tips for writing memoirs.

The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No writing experience is necessary and no registration is required.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Miss Spider's Tea Party

Join Ellen Parker of Youth Stages for Miss Spider's Tea Party at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., as part of a Creative Dramatics program on Monday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The children will act out the story by David Kirk about a kind, but misunderstood spider by climbing through a spider web, becoming hard-

working bees, flying like butterflies and rescuing a moth from a thundersorm. Afterward, everyone will experience Miss Spider's hospitality as they sit down to a tea party.

The performance is made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

The program is intended for children ages 4 to 6. The performance is free, but pre-registration is required. Call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 33, or stop by the Springfield Free Public Library to reserve your spot.

International film festival features award winner

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its international film festival with "All About My Mother" today at noon and 7 p.m. The film won the 2000 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Picture.

The series will conclude with "Black Cat, White Cat" on May 10. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

Vision loss group meets

Feeling that your spouse's or partner's vision loss is creating extra stress for you and the relationship? Know you are not alone. Join the free monthly discussion group, Program for Partners, beginning Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Among the issues that will be addressed include: understanding your partner's vision loss; the emotional impact on you; making your home accessible; travel and safety; finding resources for your partner, and strategies for enhancing communication.

Guests must register to attend the free discussion group. For more information and to register, call Markita Vogt, Alliance for Disabled in Action Inc., at (732) 738-4388. Mileage and parking expenses will be reimbursed.

National Library Week

To kick off National Library Week, April 1-7, the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is joining libraries across the country in a new, national public awareness effort

called The Campaign for America's Libraries. Sponsored by the American Library Association, the multi-year campaign is designed to remind the public that today's libraries are dynamic, modern community centers for learning, information and entertainment.

The campaign intends to increase awareness about the vibrancy and real value of today's libraries. The public education effort is a response to research that shows that while libraries are popular, they are often taken for granted. Research also indicates that while libraries are rooted in nearly every community, in schools, campuses and businesses across the country, they are often not visible. The campaign is designed to showcase public, school, academic and special libraries nationwide.

"Libraries are a part of the American dream," says Director Susan Permahos. "They offer opportunities for education and self-help. But they are also changing and dynamic places, on the forefront of the information age."

"National Library Week programs and services at the Springfield Public Library include tax preparation assistance for senior citizens from 9 a.m. to noon; the international film festival movie "All About My Mother" today at noon and again at 7 p.m., and an artist's reception for the photography exhibit "International Images of Struggle and Dignity, 1977 to 2000" by nationally-renowned artist Helen Stummer at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

A variety of children's programs are also slated, including an exhibit of international children's books in honor of International Children's Book Day. Computer assistance will be available today from 7 to 8 p.m.

Permahos says, "Libraries are truly unique. Where else can you have access to nearly everything in print and on the web and have the personal assistance of a librarian to help find what you are looking for?"

Permahos adds that librarians are experts in navigating through the clutter of information that is out there. "Librarians are really the ultimate search engine. If you need to find something, just ask."

For more information about Springfield Public Library's participation in The Campaign for America's Libraries and National Library Week activities, call (973) 376-4930.

Bond referendum could cost \$127 for average Mountainside household

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takes music. Board of Education Secretary Florence Shukish noted the problem there when bad weather arrives. "It is a real problem with coats, coming and going outside the school, not to mention the instruments which cannot get wet," she said. The referendum would mean that the modules would come down and be removed, and the children would be able to be inside in a regular classroom.

Even the teachers have made a sacrifice; where there were two small teachers' room, now there is just one, which can only accommodate a few teachers at a time. The other has become the resource room, for use as a supplemental instruction room for special education children where reading is taught to up to only five students by special education teacher Shirley Fritts. "We manage in shifts," she said the cluttered but small room with places set for five children

around a semi-circular table.

Jokingly, someone asked where do the rest of the teachers eat their lunch? Shukish answered, "Who knows? Probably at their desks when the children are eating theirs in the cafeteria; but we really need more room for Mrs. Fritts and her children. That would be in Deerfield if the \$6.8 million bond referendum goes through."

The 2002 school year enrollment, according to Schaller, is estimated at Beechwood School to be 276 students and at Deerfield, grades three through eight, 436, for a grand total of 712. Currently, without Beechwood School, the figure is 647 students.

To sell the referendum to the public, both Schaller and Taeschler and other board members have been meeting with various clubs and groups throughout Mountainside to answer questions and pass out copies of the presentation booklet which explains it all.

Taeschler told of an outspoken

senior citizen who asked at one of these meetings, "Okay, what will it cost me out of my pocket — what is the bottom line?" The answer to that is in the booklet, marked "What will the tax impact be?" For a home assessed at \$100,000, the annual school tax increase would be approximately \$82.50. The average Mountainside home, assessed at \$154,000, would pay approximately \$127 annually over the 20-year bond.

The booklet in large print shows all projected work, costs and has site floor plans of both schools. The Board of Education office will make it available to all who request it at (908) 232-3232.

The Board of Education is airing a video on cable channel 35 shortly, showing a slide presentation of the referendum plans. Schaller said, "I only hope the majority of people in Mountainside understand how much this is needed."

Residents make suggestions for library

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designating some spots in the parking lot across the street for free library parking.

The space utilization group recommended moving the entrance of the library to the Mountain Avenue side in addition to moving the items for sale from the lobby to the main desk. Seating in the middle of the main room might also be moved to the

other side, putting the children's area into the business office area.

The group examining services offered a two-day grace period on borrowed books as well as a separate area of young adults. A second story to the building also was brought up.

As for storage, the group suggested not offering tax forms since residents can them in many other places. The library should not warehouse that

space and also recommended that when books are discarded, clearing out the unsellable ones to create space.

Signage was among the main topics of the physical plant committee and making it clear a library is in the area should be a key concern. The flooding situation also should be examined before any building is considered.

Candidates for school board offer their views

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vato said he is ready and able to strive for a bright educational future for Springfield.

Running for her first term, Venezia focused on the need for the board to work hard toward maintaining the current athletic programs and school curriculum so all students could continue to get the most comprehensive education possible.

"In this way, we educate the whole child, both academically and physically," said Venezia. "We must sustain our athletic department with safe, high-caliber facilities and keep our

exemplary curriculum alive and well."

Venezia served on the district's Long Range Planning Committee, which determines how and where space will be allocated for future educational use. She has been a teacher for 16 years and currently teaches reading and supplementary education to special education students.

Questions from the audience centered upon the pre-kindergarten program, the ranking of the local school district, the athletic fields referendum, student-involved fund-raisers, classroom violence, the use of counselors

and magnet schools. The subject of closing James Caldwell school drew applause from the audience when candidates spoke out for keeping it open.

For the superintendent search, the candidates agreed about the importance of finding someone who had first-hand experience and a combination of qualities, including a blend of strong business, managerial and people skills.

The Candidate's Night will air on TV-36 on Saturday at 7:05 p.m., Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. and April 14 at 7:05 p.m.

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