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## THIS WEEK

### NEWS

#### Finizio honored

In honor of his lifelong dedication to education, former Roselle Park Superintendent of Schools Ernie Finizio will be honored by the Union County Educational Services Foundation.

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#### Group protests

Members of the Concerned Citizens of Union County protested in the rain at the Union County Utilities Authority incinerator in Rahway to draw attention to the public hearings related to the lease of the incinerator.

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### THE ARTS

#### Cast your vote

The art of theater isn't about competition, but inspiration of storytelling.

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#### Jays of Travel

A Union artist will have her works on display at the Palmer Museum in Springfield through next week.

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**Friday:** Showers and windy. 70°  
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Harry Pappas



Linda A. Duke



Garry Tiss



Benito Stravato



Richard B. Falkin

## Springfield prepares to choose board of education

By Donald M. Kelly  
 Managing Editor

The Springfield Board of Education election will be held on Tuesday, April 21. Five candidates are vying for three positions. Springfield voters will also approve or defeat the school budget for 1998-99.

Polling places will be open from 2 to 9 p.m. The following is a breakdown by district of the polling places:

- Districts 1 and 4 at Presbyterian Parish House
- Districts 2 and 3 at Sarah Bailey Civic Center
- Districts 5 and 6 at James Caldwell School
- Districts 7, 8 and 9 at Florence M. Gaudiner School
- Districts 11 and 12 at Thelma L. Sandmeier School

Districts 10, 13 and 14 at Edward V. Walton School

Challenger Harry Pappas has served on the Springfield Township Committee from 1991 to 1993 and is employed as deputy executive director of the Union County Utilities Authority. He is a first-time candidate for the board of education.

"I feel that I can do something on the board," Pappas said. "As a candidate, I plan to bring to the Springfield Board of Education my years of experience in government, business and management."

Pappas said he hopes, if elected, to work for the children of the district.

"We have to put the students and their needs first," he said.

The second challenger is former Jonathan Dayton Regional High

School teacher Linda A. Duke. Duke is currently working at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. She is a first-time school board candidate.

As a teacher at Jonathan Dayton, Duke was active as a student council advisor, an advisor to the Key Club and other school activities. She said her experience will be valuable if she is elected to the board.

"This training will enable me to serve the entire community," said Duke.

She said her goal is "to provide a quality education and to find the most efficient and cost-effective means for achieving our common goals."

The first incumbent candidate is Garry Tiss who has been a school board member for 10 years. He is currently

serving as board president, a term which began in 1996. Tiss is the executive vice president of DeS-L Industries Inc. He is a lifelong Springfield resident.

"My goal is simple," said Tiss. "I just want to help organize the finest school system for our town."

Tiss, with his extensive experience on the board, enjoys doing what he does.

"I have worked diligently and sincerely to do what is right for this job," he said.

The second incumbent candidate for a seat on the board is Benito Stravato. Stravato has served on the Springfield Board of Education for nine years. He is currently an educator and administrator for the Rahway

Board of Education and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

"Nine years ago, I made a commitment to the people of Springfield to serve on the Board of Education and to represent them to the best of my abilities," he said.

The third incumbent candidate in the election is Richard B. Falkin. Falkin has served on the board for six years. He works as a real estate broker and is the chairman of the Springfield Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

"I will strive to continue to ensure," Falkin said, "that a quality education, commensurate with the needs of the society we live in will be part of the curriculum for the children of Springfield."

## School board elections are set for Mountainside

By Jim Foglio  
 Staff Writer

Elections for three seats on the Mountainside Board of Education will be held Tuesday between 2 and 9 p.m. at Borough Hall, Deerfield Street and the Presbyterian Church of Mountainside.

Board President Pat Tiescher, Vice President Sally Rivieccio, and board member Richard Kress will all be running unopposed to represent the school district.

Tiescher, who is seeking her second term as board president, said she is looking forward to serving again.

"Now that I'm right in the middle of things, with the strategic planning committee and some other programs, I am so involved in the decision-making process that I am excited to run again," she said.

But Tiescher made it clear that the

Board of Education does not independently run the school.

"Sometimes people think we alone run the school, but this is not the case," said Tiescher. "We are very dedicated to representing the district. It's a very tricky situation sometimes, but we are here to help make, and feel the right people to make, what we get the right decisions for the district. We make sure that the children are our primary focus."

Kress also said he was looking forward to the future.

"This past term we accomplished our major goal, the dissolution of the regional district," he said. "The next step should be emphasizing the importance of outlining and upgrading the curriculum for the next century."

If elected, this would be Kress' fourth term.

Rivieccio, who will be seeking her second term as vice president, said looking out for the children is her primary goal.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to represent the district of Mountainside and help shape our children's future," she said.

The board urges members of the community to cast their ballots in Tuesday's election.



Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman with, from left, Dr. Dorian Wilson, medical director of the N.J. Organ and Tissue Sharing Network; Lenore Ford, chairperson of the Gift of Life Committee; and Ellen Gabelle, Township Committee member, at the proclamation of Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month.

## Ribbons adorn area for donor month

By Walter Elliott  
 Staff Writer

Town centers in Springfield, Summit and Mountainside are turning green lately — but not because of blooming plants. Those smiling about the Morris Avenue business district, Village Green or, soon, Echo Lake Park are seeing green ribbons supplied by the Overlook Hospital Gift of Life Committee. The Gift of Life ribbon campaign marks April as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month.

"We're expanding our ribbon campaign to the nine towns who have issued awareness month proclamations," said committee member Ellen Gabelle. "Springfield Boy Scout Troop 13 started tying ribbons starting with St. James Church April 6."

"The troop is trying to cover more of the business district during more," said Scoutmaster Gerry Gebauer. "We first became involved when we saw inside organ donation information

distribution an Eagle Scout project a few years ago."

"We proclaimed the awareness month because it's a good idea for people to consider donating their tissue or organs," said Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman. "It's also important for us because the Sharing Network's headquarters are in our town."

The Sharing Network is a nationwide coordinator for organ and tissue distribution.

"We're doing more than tying ribbons," said Lenore Ford of Gift of Life.

Ford said Summit Mayor Walter Long is to present a proclamation encouraging organ donation at Overlook tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

"Overlook and the Sharing Network provide a special service," said Long. "When you consider some 60,000 people nationwide waiting for an organ, and some 4,000 in New Jersey alone, donating organs becomes a gift of life."

## Projects planned for spring

By Jim Foglio  
 Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council met Tuesday in work session to discuss several renovation projects scheduled to start later this spring.

The Council voted to award bids for the renovation of the community room on the second floor of Borough Hall. Also approved were bids for the repair of the Mountainside library's roof and the Deerfield tennis court lighting system.

Borough Engineer Mike Diako was pleased with the results of the bidding.

"The contractors are excellent and competent, and the bids were lower than we expected. The prices we were given were very fair and we will be looking at saving a considerable amount of money," he said. "These contracts should be issued starting late this spring."

The Council also authorized a resolution to allow Diako to apply for a grant from the state Department of

Transportation that would help fund a parking project for the borough.

The grant, if awarded, could provide anywhere from \$160,000 to \$200,000 in state aid to be used to expand parking for borough residents. Diako called the project a "positive" project for the borough.

"This type of monetary figure would take years to reach if we charged patrons \$10 to \$15 a month for parking fees," Diako said. "If we can get this money, it would be great for the borough."

Mayor Bob Vignanti said the new parking project would fit well within the state's "park and ride" concept.

"Presently, we are allowing residents and commuters to park in the lot outside of Borough Hall," Vignanti said. "But as soon as the community room is completed, we will need the spaces outside the building in order to serve its patrons. Thus, we will be expanding the parking outside the library."

A bid was also awarded that would

allow improvements to New Providence Road and repair the existing lighting at the library. The total renovations will cost the borough less than \$8,000, thanks to a state grant that will give Mountainside nearly \$200,000 in aid.

Mayor Vignanti commended Diako for maximizing state aid for borough projects.

"I'm sure there won't be any questioning of this ordinance," said Vignanti. "Mike has done such a great job working with the state, and to only have to pay \$8,000 for a \$200,000 project is remarkable. This is why Mr. Diako and his firm have such a favorable reputation."

The council also approved the appointment of Thomas M. Noron to the Mountainside Police Department as a part-time Noron, who is to start work May 1, will bring the force up to full strength, said acting Chief of Police James Debbie Jr.

"We are presently seeking federal

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## Springfield officer on unpaid leave

By Walter Elliott

Major action concerning remarks made by a high-ranking Springfield Police officer last week can be summed up in three phrases: "He has been put on unpaid leave," "We recommend his resignation" and "Let's talk."

"He has been put on unpaid leave," said Mayor Sy Mullman during a press announcement April 8. Mullman, with the full Township Committee present before print and broadcast media members made the following points:

- The officer alleged to be involved has been suspended without pay.
- The Chief of Police, after conducting an internal investigation, has filed disciplinary charges.
- An independent hearing officer will be hired to preside over the hearing and may follow the police chief's

recommendation to fire the employee.

"I will not confirm or deny the identity of the officer," said Mullman. "Should there be a finding of violation of Springfield Police rules and regulations, the name will be released at the appropriate time, as will the final results of the disciplinary process."

"We had originally scheduled the press conference for April 15, said Township Attorney Bruce Bergam. "The Mayor and the committee felt they should make a statement now."

Aside from expressing the desire to clear up rumors of "an alleged incident within the department," Mullman and the committee said nothing more at the conference. The panel hired Robert Czech as independent officer Tuesday night. Czech presiding over Tuesday night disciplinary hearings conducted Officer Walter Brooks last week.

The incident refers to the release of

a phone conversation made to police headquarters March 10. It was released to the media as part of a discrimination suit filed by Lt. Ivan Shapow against the department April 2. The recording supposedly taped Capt. Vernon Pedersen making anti-Semitic remarks against Shapow.

"We recommend his resignation," is the committee belonging to the Springfield City Council. The full council, joined by the Springfield Human Rights Commission and the Anti-Defamation League New Jersey Regional Office, spoke with the media Thursday morning.

The coalition, led by the Rev. Jeff Markey, each made statements from the Emanuel United Methodist Church's pulpit. They cited the need for healing and restoration of trust between the police and the community.

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## Posters against abuse



Thelma C. Sandmeier School students Anna D'Achille, Natasha Scott, Sara Malaker, Ins Ting and Ming Hwang display posters entered in the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Calendar Art Contest. The theme of the contest is 'Every Child Needs.'

## Holocaust is topic of lecture

The impact on high school students and adults of speeches on the Holocaust will be the topic of Peter Kessel to members of the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah on April 23 at 8 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahim, Springfield. Kessel's talk will be part of the Chapter's annual Holocaust memorial program. Admission is free.

Eleanor D. Kuperstein, chapter president, said that Kessel, a Springfield resident, is the son of Holocaust survivors and is former chairman of the Kean University Yom Hashoa

program from 1992 to last year. The Kean program was conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

Kessel speaks before high school and adult groups regarding the Holocaust. Born in Elizabeth, he is the head of Kees Concepts of Springfield, a promotional advertising and event-planning organization.

His parents, Ida Kessel and the late Moses Kessel, natives of Poland who had managed to survive a number of

German concentration camps, met and married in the Bergen Belsen camp after the war. His older brother Mare was born there.

Kessel, who attended Tel Aviv University and was graduated from Kean, played professional basketball in Israel for five years. Miriam Garshwin, a Holocaust survivor and a Chapter member, will offer other Holocaust survivors in a candle-lighting service to memorialize those slain by the Nazis and their supporters.

## EVENTS

### Movies for seniors

Monday Movie Matinee for Springfield senior citizens sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department will be shown at noon at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the curtain goes up at noon. All of those attending are welcome to bring a lunch. Snacks will be provided.

- April 20, "Mr. Holland's Opus" with Richard Dreyfus and Olympia Dukakis
- May 4, "Mother" with Debbie Reynolds and Albert Brooks
- May 18, "Air Force One" with Harrison Ford and Glenn Close

The program schedule is subject to change.

### Baking at Women's Club

Dan Margolis, renowned locally for his delicious bread and owner of The Big Sky Bread Co. in Cranford,

will share tips on successful bread baking with the College Women's Club of Mountainside on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 24 at Deerfield School. Samples of his breads will be available and refreshments will be served. Guests are invited to join members.

Applications for the 1998 scholar-

### Center offers Hebrew reading course

The Union County Torah Center in Westfield will offer a crash course in reading Hebrew. The course is to begin Monday and meet for the next four consecutive Mondays, ending May 18.

ships are available and due to be returned to Pat Conolly by April 30. Awards will be presented on June 2 at the annual polo-luck supper. Call 232-1695 to obtain an application.

For information about the College Women's Club of Mountainside or an application to join, call Marilyn Hart at 233-4036.

### Classes are to be held from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield. There is a \$36 fee for the course. For more information, call (908) 789-5252.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

### Today

• The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic, from 6 to 7 p.m. on April 16, which will be offered for the inoculation of both cats and dogs. The clinic will be held at the Springfield Public Works Building, Springfield. No appointments are required. For more information call (973) 912-2211.

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

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

• Avoid contact with all wild animals. If bitten by any animal, consult your physician immediately and contact the local Health Department to report the incident.

### Friday

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will sponsor a game night April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at 40 Church Mall in Springfield. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Door prizes will be given. Participants should bring their own games or choose one from the ones that will be supplied. Call 376-1695 for more information.

### Upcoming Events

#### May 4

The Springfield Recreation Department is looking for a responsible person to do clerical work, part time, in the Recreation Office located at 30 Church Mall, from May 4 to Labor Day, Sept. 7.

The hours will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If interested, call (973) 912-2227 for more information.

#### May 30

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church at 40 Church Mall, Springfield will be sponsoring a Spring Flea Market on May 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flea market vendors are being sought for this event. A double car width space is \$20. Limited tables and chairs are also available. Reserve your space now. Various civic groups will be on hand to provide information.

For more information, call Tom Ernst at (908) 587-0779, Esther Reimlinger at (908) 276-4968 or call the church office at (973) 376-1695.

## Kean sets 10 reunions

Kean University's Alumnae Association will celebrate 10 class reunions during Alumnae Reunion Day, scheduled for May 2.

The following are the class years celebrating reunions and the name of the institution at their time of graduation:

- Class of 1948 50th reunion, New Jersey State Teachers College at Newark
- Class of 1953 45th reunion, Newark State Teachers College
- Class of 1958 40th reunion, Newark State College
- Class of 1963 35th reunion, Newark State College

- Class of 1968 30th reunion, Newark State College
- Class of 1973 25th reunion, Newark State College
- Class of 1978 20th reunion, Kean College of New Jersey
- Class of 1983 15th reunion, Kean College of New Jersey
- Class of 1988 10th reunion, Kean College of New Jersey
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# Officer put on leave

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 "At this point," said Father Bob Stagg of St. James the Apostle Church, "we'd suggest that Captain Pedersen needs to realize that his career must come to an end."  
 "Now that an incident has been recorded, we feel that what Officer Brooks was being vindicated," said the Rev. Samuel Wright of the Antioch Baptist Church. "Until now, Brooks' word has been doubted and the local African-American community has had a stigma on it."

Wright referred to bigoted comments supposedly made by Pedersen to Brooks in 1993. Brooks and Stagg have claimed they have been subjected to unfair internal discipline in objecting to those remarks.

"Let's talk" could have been said by either group. Markay, along with rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Perry Rank, joined the Township Committee Monday night for a discussion of police-community relations. The hour-long talk, among other topics, included a clarification on what the Committee can do about police discipline, made a recommendation for more extensive sensitivity training and called for greater participation in the Martin Luther King Day and Thanksgiving observances.

Pedersen's attorney, John A. Young, said he was concerned by the breach of confidentiality in the department. He expressed shock over his client's suspension.

# Changes planned

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 funding that would allow us to add a 22nd person in the force," Debbie said.

The Council also discussed changing the company that supplies fireworks for the borough's Fourth of July celebration.

Last year, the ceremony was co-sponsored by the Borough Council and the Mountaineer Fire Company. Each pledged \$5,000 for the event, but the Fire Company voiced its displeasure with last year's performance and the council expressed an interest in switching from Garden State Fireworks Company to Bay Fireworks Incorporation.

Before any changes are approved, Vigilanti said Bay Fireworks would have to give the borough an insurance contract and guarantee that everyone involved with the event would be paid employees, rather than volunteers.

In other business, Vigilanti and Councilman Thomas Perrotta proclaimed the week of May 3 to 9 as "Hunger Awareness Week."

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.  
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The Townley Railroad Station

# Station may help commuters

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Springfield commuters may find a welcome mat before them — but not exactly a red carpet — when Union Township's Townley Station is built in 2001.

Townley Station, according to architectural drawings unveiled at the station site March 30, will become the easternmost stop on NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line. About 800 riders, half of whom will be new to public transit, are expected to take the line into midtown Manhattan. Some of those riders would be drawn from commuters who now drive on Interstate 78, Route 22 and Morris Avenue.

The station, which is to go up on the old Reisen Lumber yard site on Morris Avenue and Green Lane, has a proposed parking layout of 524 spaces. The lot would also ease parking crunches on neighboring Raritan Valley stations west of Townley. Some of Roselle Park's 851 daily riders, for example, are vying for 293 parking spaces at the station.

"I was talking with a resident who wants to commute from the Westfield station," said Mountaineer Mayor Bob Vigilanti. "There are no spaces to be had there, so he winds up parking

in Plainfield's Netherwood station. Townley's spaces would definitely help the line's other stations in the county."

"It is good news to hear that Townley Station is moving ahead," said Springfield Committee member Roy Hirschfeld. "I talked with Union's Greg Muller, when we were both mayors, last year. With the large number of parking spaces at Townley, Greg was hoping commuters from other towns would go there, including Springfield."

Hirschfeld said he wants to ease parking shortages facing Springfield commuters. Summit and Millburn officials, faced with rider demand from NJ Transit's new Midtown Direct service, cut the number of non-direct commuter spaces at their station lots.

Union Township officials said, however, that Townley's plans do not presently include special parking allotments for Springfielders.

"You have to remember that the station is still in a conceptual stage and the plan won't be finalized until September," said Union Director of Economic Development Michael Minielli. "I have no knowledge of other towns expressing interest in the

parking spaces, nor of any discussions between mayors."

"There are no parking spaces in Townley specifically designated for Springfield," said Muller. "With something like 600 spaces proposed, however, I figure that riders from Springfield would be welcome."

"What really interests me is whether we will get feeder bus grant money from NJ Transit," said Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman. "I've had people call me asking what's going on with it and that they consider it a vital part of their commute."

Mullman refers to a feeder bus grant program planned by NJ Transit. Results were to have been announced April 1, but the announcement has been delayed indefinitely. Ten towns, including Springfield and Summit, are competing for five \$50,000 grants to start local direct service to feed the Midtown Direct service along the Morris and Essex line.

The feeder buses would also ease parking demand on Morris and Essex stations in Summit and Millburn. NJ Transit spokesman Steve Coleman explained the delay in announcing the grant distribution.

"We decided to postpone the grant winners' announcement in late March. The review panel wants to go over applications thoroughly."

# Resident angry over housing

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

A Lakeland Road resident took the Springfield engineering office and a local building contractor to task during the Township Committee meeting Tuesday night.

"I paid over \$300,000 for a house on Lakeland and moved into it last October," said Lisa Papazoglou. "Since that time, a lake has formed in the backyard. There's mold, mildew and water seepage forming in the basement."

Papazoglou, who said her daughter suffers from asthma, had drafted contractor Michael Colandrea about correcting the problems. She said she got "nothing except inaction" from him. As for the engineering office, Papazoglou said she saw staffers

inspect the area but said they could do little except report the conditions.

"I don't understand how the office can let a contractor build housing in such a matter," said Papazoglou. "I don't have flood insurance but I have water in the basement and a lake. I'm paying \$8,000 in taxes for three-quarters of an acre in the back which I can't use."

"The Township Committee is limited to setting policy and approving codes for the planning and zoning boards to follow," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen.

Bergen said he would consult with Township Engineer Bob Kirkpatrick, "in a day or two" about the matter.

Colandrea has spent the last year developing a tract of land between Mountain Avenue and the end of

Lakeland. He has extended Lakeland's deed and built three houses on one side and constructed a five-store multi-shopping center on the Mountain Avenue side.

The contractor has been the subject of several complaints by another Lakeland homeowner. Irving Neibart claims, among other charges, that Colandrea improperly installed a boundary fence and allowed a worker shortcut between the shopping center and the housing sites last September. The matter is scheduled to be heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment Monday in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

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# Rotary club drive gets bikes for needy

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

A quiet transportation revolution is sweeping through the area this season and the Mountaineer Rotary has helped lead the way.

The Rotary joined Pedals for Progress President Dave Schweidenback in a bicycle collection drive April 4. Despite the threat of rain, they collected 25 used bikes at the Route 22 Steak and Ale restaurant in about two hours.

"I never set collection benchmarks or goals," said Schweidenback. "There was one collection which was held in about four inches of snow. We got 50 bikes that day."

Schweidenback started Pedals for Progress about 10 years ago to supply surplus bicycles to needy riders around the world. From coming his High Bridge neighborhood for bicycles to running collection drives throughout the United States, Schweidenback has gathered over 21,000 bikes to date.

"The idea started while I was in Ecuador for the Peace Corps," he said. "Most roads in the Andes are poor for motor vehicles and many people walk. I thought that if they had bicycles, they can increase their working range from six to 20 miles. That would boost their economy while minimizing any environmental impact."

After the first two years, Schweidenback reached out to non-profit groups to help with the collections. Rotary International became a key participant.

"This is our first drive," said Mountaineer Rotary President Dan Falone. "We heard about Dave as a district meeting and invited him over a few months ago. His group fits our commitment to service above self."

Falcone, five other Rotarians and Schweidenback shared bicycling stories

while waiting for donors. The donors usually came in pairs, like Paul Schryba, with one or two bikes in car trunks.

"I had this old Houdeille 10-speed which no one was using," said Schryba, of Mountaineer. "I saw a flyer in the library and thought it would be a good way to recycle a bicycle."

The Rotary team and Schweidenback appraise each bike and promptly set wrenches on them. Within five minutes, the handle bars are turned 90 degrees and the pedals are removed and tied. The bikes are then ready for packing and shipping.

The Mountaineer collection was actually the kickoff to the collection season. The Summit Rotary has scheduled a collection May 9 and Springfield's Rotary plans to gather bikes June 6.

"We had heard about Dave and Pedals for Progress a few months ago," said Springfield Rotary member Michael Marantz. "Since we're already having a Bike Ride at Gaudinier Middle School at 10 a.m. June 6, it made sense to have a bike collection as well."

"We've had the Pedals bike collection for a few years, starting with the Chamber of Commerce," said Summit-New Providence Rotary member Joe Steiner. "It will be held at City Hall at 10 a.m. May 9. The last few years we've got just under 100 bikes."

"I think the collections are a great idea," said Summit Mayor Walter Long. "If bicycle around downtown and, if more did that, it would help solve our parking problems. The collection is making me think about asking the police department about their unclaimed bicycles."

For details about the Summit Rotary collection, call (908) 532-1700, ext. 18. For Springfield Rotary collection and more news, call (973) 467-8912.

# CVS pharmacy will be on board agenda

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Lawyers for J.D. Mack and Springfield Township met for what appeared to be another legal confrontation in Superior Court Judge John T. Pisansky's chambers Tuesday.

J.D. Mack counsel Vincent D'Elia and Springfield attorney Bruce Bergen were before Pisansky to argue items which prevented Mack's site plan application from being heard before the Township Planning Board. Pisansky got both sides instead to draw up a court order allowing the proposed CVS Pharmacy site plan to be on the board's May 6 agenda.

"This hearing is largely about one side saying they filed a survey and another side saying a survey wasn't filed," said Pisansky. "Let us call the township engineer and ask him if the document is a survey. In the meantime, I want the three lawyers here to find a table and write up an order which I can sign."

The third lawyer referred to was

Kathleen Estabrook, who is also the secretary for the planning board. Estabrook came to testify that she did not receive a complete site plan application for the board's April 1 meeting until 2:15 p.m. March 31. She was named as a defendant in D'Elia's due process suit.

D'Elia brought the suit when his client's application appeared to get bogged down in the township's administrative process last November. Pisansky, in a pair of rulings ending March 13, ordered that the planning board has to begin a public hearing at its April 1 meeting.

The board suspended the hearing 20 minutes after opening, however, on the grounds of incomplete application packages delivered too late for a thorough review. Township Engineer Robert Kirkpatrick submitted a checklist of deficiencies and Estabrook stated the delivery time.

"The Township Engineer said the survey is necessary," said Estabrook.

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## COMMUNITY FORUM

### Pappas, Duke and Stravato

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, we encourage them to cast their ballots for Harry Pappas, Linda Duke and incumbent Benito Stravato.

The Springfield Board of Education would have a lot to gain if these three candidates are elected to three-year terms, especially now that the Springfield School District is a kindergarten to grade 12 district.

Pappas, no stranger to politics or government in Springfield having served on the Township Committee for one term, can use his budgetary experience on the Board of Education and give taxpayers their dollar's worth in education. During the campaign, Pappas pointed out the enormous salaries of school administrators and realizes that this kind of spending has to come to a halt if the district is to move forward with the students, not the administrators, benefiting. How can taxpayers say they are getting the most out of their education dollars if students are not getting the education they deserve because the board is spending in the wrong areas?

If elected, Pappas said he will call for a freeze in administration salaries until a review committee is established to determine where some of that money should be funneled. He deserves voter consideration on Tuesday.

Duke, another independent candidate for the board, has the teaching experience needed to help the board finish the transition of deregionalization. Duke taught history at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School for nearly 24 years before taking a position at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. While at Dayton, Duke worked as a guidance counselor, Key Club advisor and testing coordinator. She also worked in the ACT program, a gifted and talented program for ninth- and 10th-graders.

Duke has expressed a desire to act as liaison between the schools and the public so parents and children can be made more aware of what is going on in the school system. Duke's educational credentials and desire to raise scores on the standardized tests make her well-suited to serve on the board. Stravato, an incumbent, has a genuine interest for the students and faculty of the local school district. While we feel the board needs some new faces and a new approach to running the school district, Stravato would help to maintain the continuity with his fellow board members. He also deserves voter consideration Tuesday.

The Springfield school system has had a year of kindergarten through 12th grade classes and will have to adjust to running a high school by itself. We believe that of the five candidates running this year, Pappas, Duke and Stravato can help the board move into the 21st century.

### Pass the budget in Mountainside

While voters in Mountainside will not have a choice this year in the race for the Board of Education, they have an important decision to make about the school budget — whether or not it meets the needs of the citizens of the borough and offers the kind of education Mountainside residents have come to expect.

We encourage voters to approve the school budget Tuesday when they cast their ballots.

The Board of Education, operating a local school district, created a budget that reflects less than a 1 percent increase from last year's budget. This year's budget will be \$8.6 million, with a tax levy on Mountainside taxpayers of \$7.7 million. This represents less than a \$30,000 increase from last year. Board President Pat Taeschler said the budget will ensure funds needed to continue current educational programs along with new ones.

The budget includes plans for the renovation of Deerfield School's baseball fields and the school's roof. This had been on the agenda for more than one year. In addition, there will be a teacher hired for the first and second grades, which would reduce classroom size from 24 students to 17 students.

With a budget like this, we encourage residents to say yes to local education in Mountainside.

### Pass the budget in Springfield

When voters in Springfield go to the polls Tuesday, we encourage them to approve the school district's spending plan, which is 2.63 percent more than last year's budget.

The budget is called a maintenance budget by Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland because it includes \$1.5 million in cost reduction. This includes 13 of the district's employees not being replaced once they leave this year. Unfortunately, it also includes the elimination of the Reading Recovery program, which affects 44 students.

We ask Springfield residents to support their school district this year and approve the school budget.



Photo Courtesy Mountainside Newcomers Club

**GALA FOR NEWCOMERS** — The Mountainside Newcomers Club recently held its annual Gala. Always popular, the Gala was a huge success with approximately 35 couples attending. At the event are Peter and Carol Goggi, the Newcomers Club president. The Newcomers Club welcomes all new residents of Mountainside, as well as established residents who have had a change in lifestyle such as a new baby, marital or employment change. For information on membership, contact Marsha Perasso at (908) 654-7789.

## Obvious that we are a throw-away society

Now that spring is here in force, can debris be left behind? With our roads and highways beckoning motorists to hit the road, we can all bring up our spring and summer weekends by getting into the wide open spaces to inhale the salutiferous air that surrounds us.

That is, if traffic keeps rolling at a steady pace, diesel fumes do not overtake our breathing and we don't become victims of road rage.

The outdoors can be tremendous this time of year. What had been in a long, deep and sound sleep since last December is beginning to wake from winter's slumber and another spring makes its debut.

However, with the azalea, forsythia and daffodils comes the debris we see all too frequently along roadsides, shorelines, forests and any other place one can litter with empty beer and soda cans, cigarette butts, and any other odds and ends we want to get rid of by the relatively simple act of illegal dumping.

Most of us will shake our heads in disgust to view all the debris we see during spring and summer when people are on the road. The theory is that one more empty beer can or scrap of

### As I See It

By Norman Rauscher  
Correspondent

paper won't make any difference, so why not litter the roadsides? It's more convenient that way and beside we have road crews to clean up. That's what those crews are being paid for, isn't it?

On a debris-free highway, discarding any empty beer can or scrap of paper won't make any difference but it will be the start of a new junk-covered road to mar the landscape and make the area cheap and slovenly. I'll bet there are very few who will sling empty beer cans or scraps of paper around the house just to get rid of it. I wonder why that reasoning does not apply to the outdoors? Perhaps the reason that happens is that the litterer feels he/she can get away with it since no one is watching. It's a kind of cat and mouse game.

One of the more disgusting habits sloppy people have is to toss a tray of

old cigarette butts from a car onto the pavement of a parking lot or along a street just to get rid of the ugly things. And why can't people toss empty coffee or soda cups into the nearest waste basket, where they do almost every corner of a town, instead of leaving them on the curb or crushed into a little ball and left on the curb? It takes no more time to dispose of such junk in official waste baskets than to toss it willy-nilly in unauthorized junk piles.

We complain, and rightfully so, that our landscape is becoming ridden with too many malls, boutiques, tasteless signs, gaudy displays and parking lots where ambience is almost an unknown word. I've seen parents tossing empty fast-food cartons into the street in front of their children and then we wonder why children follow suit?

There's just too much junk we have to deal with and most of it has to do with getting your attention by buy cheap, useless junk and the only way that attention is attracted is to make sure that your attention-getting devices are gaudy, loud and tasteless. In many cases such behavior works,

but in many other cases most people will turn away.

What has happened to taste, proper behavior and caring for things, especially those items out of doors that are constantly at the mercy of irresponsible slobs, who care nothing about junk-free roads, streets and river banks? Have we suddenly declared war on nature and are doing all in our power to wreck the landscape for generations to come? Illegal dumping in empty lots, construction sites, lakes and ocean areas have become all too familiar and the atmosphere is beginning to take a toll.

One thing is becoming all too obvious. We have become a throw-away society. There are many objects that can be used only once and into the round file it goes along with the thousands of other pieces of unneeded junk that clutter up our landscape. Don't forget, nature is not man made, but man seems to be bent on destroying it.

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

## Traveling display highlighted bicentennial

### The Way It Was

By William Frolich

People in New Jersey have always had an interest in the early history of the state and of their local area, but around 1975 that interest was stimulated by the coming bicentennial anniversary of our country. Many programs were established as a part of the celebration, and one of them was a traveling display of Colonial life in New Jersey. It was designed to show how much of the work of ordinary people was performed before the Industrial Revolution brought about the "Machine Age" and the start of mass production.

Transported from place to place in a large box trailer, the display was usually set up in the gymnasium of a school, and students were asked to learn about it and be able to explain its features to other students and to any visitors.

In order to protect the floor of the gym, it was covered completely with grass-like green indoor-outdoor carpeting, and then the different units of the display were brought in and set up. One unit was a full-size early American kitchen with table and chairs, cooking pots, fire place, and utensils. There were only three walls so that spectators could get a good view of how food was cooked with an open fire.

The "fire" consisted of several logs resting on andrions while a red electric light bulb beneath them gave off a rosy glow. A couple of iron pots hung from the swinging crane mounted in the wooden "brickwork" of the fire-place, and a student doctored was there to show how a sheetmetal reflector oven could roast a chunk of meat as well as a medium gas oven.

The metal oven was open in the front, and the curved back contained a hinged lid over a small window. A pointed iron rod passed through both ends and served as a spit that could hold the meat and allow it to be turned as it was cooked. Placed near the fire,

that spit could only be explained, as this exhibit had no way to actually heat the fire until it glowed red hot, and then quench it in water.

The display included a couple of primitive machines that the spectators were allowed to use in order for them to realize the effort needed to make things in early America. One of these machines was a small lathe, made mostly of wood. Even the headspindle ran in well-greased wooden bearings. This spindle was driven by a leather belt running over wooden pulleys that were turned by a foot treadle. The operator had to stand on one leg while using the other to power the lathe. He had an assortment of long-handled chisels with variously shaped cutting edges that he used to produce the required shape of the work-piece. Nearby was a small hand driven guillotine which could be used to sharpen the chisels, as well as kitchen knives and other tools.

Another machine that the visitors were encouraged to try was a scroll saw, also powered by a foot treadle. This one, however, had a small seat fastened to the front so that the operator

the flames would cook the exposed side of the meat, while the curved back of the oven reflected some of the heat on to the other side. The cook could lift the small window to see how the meat was doing, without having to move the oven or getting too close to the fire. A pan in the base of the oven caught the drippings from the meat to add to the gravy.

A necessary part of any household is a broom, and another unit of this display was a simple device for making a corn broom. Resting on four legs, a short length of wood supported two V-shaped blocks in which a broomstick could be placed. At one end there was a ring of heavy cord, free to turn on a spindle.

A student doctored was easily taught how to make a broom by holding a handful of straw around the end of the broomstick and binding it fast with the cord as he rotated the handle in the V-blocks. After several turns, the cord was cut and secured to its other end. A large knife could be used to cut all of the straws to the same length, although some brooms were left untrimmed, according to the user's wishes.

Visitors to this display soon realized that many of the tools needed on those days had to be made by hand, and one student showed them how to make a file. Placing a strip of steel on a bench, he used a broad, sharp chisel and a mallet to raise a series of closely spaced sharp ridges on the steel. When the ridges covered the entire length of the steel strip, the next operation would have been to have a blacksmith harden the new file, but

tor could sit down while he guided the workpiece through a cutting pattern as the thin sawblade moved up and down.

A rather remarkable part of this display was a blacksmith's anvil, and a full-size model of a horse. A student doctored, dressed in a leather apron, was given a quick course in how iron could be shaped on an anvil, as long as the metal was red hot. Hammers and tongs were on hand, but there was no fire, for safety reasons. The model horse was there so that the "blacksmith" could explain how iron shoes were fitted to the horse's hooves.

This display of daily working in early America was sponsored by the Cultural and Heritage Commission of Union County, and was set up in any school that requested it. After several days in a school, it was packed up in the trailer to be moved to another school, or perhaps just stored for a while. It may still be in that trailer.

William Frolich is a resident of Roselle and member of the Union County Historical Society.

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# We're asking

## Are you voting in board elections?

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

It is spring, and it's that time of year again for such holidays as Easter and Passover, and the less-than-pleasant duty of filing our income tax returns.

Board of education and school budget elections, however, do not come so readily to mind. Most of the 567 local public districts, including Springfield, put up member seats and budgets for the upcoming school year. Summit and 19 other districts, however, have those questions answered through an appointed board of school trustees.

Having the school board elections not so high on the seasonal list is surprising given the usual voter turnout. Most election boards report that getting 19 percent of registered voters for the school elections is high. The Presidential elections in November, by contrast, tend to get about 40 percent of the electorate.

This disparity was not lost on Governor Christie Whitman last January. Whitman, in an address,



Campbell

proposed moving the school board elections to the same date as the November general elections. She views the move as giving voters a greater say in government.

The State Association of School Boards has since endorsed the move. Other educational quarters, including administrators and teachers, have questioned the idea's merits. Critics include the potential politicizing of board member campaigns.

Whitman's proposal does not include moving the budget election to November. Such a shift would likely mean changes in state and federal aid unimpaired plus implementing a transition budget.

The Echo Leader asked people in



Wiley

Springfield's Morris Avenue business district whether they are planning to vote in the April 21 elections. We further-asked if Whitman's proposal, if adopted, would mean greater participation.

"I'm currently unemployed, so it's easy for me to come out and vote during the day," said Ralph Campbell Jr. "Moving the elections to November would have more people voting for the board seats."

"Having the school elections in November instead of the spring," said Fred Wiley, "would be a greater convenience for voters. People can vote on all seats in one stop."

"I'm planning to vote in the school elections," said Eunice Timley. "I have a child in school. I don't think

there would be much of a difference if the election would be now or in November."

"I vote in every election that comes up," said Richard Dubuse. "I think government should simplify procedures for greater convenience to the public. That's why I favor holding the school board elections in November."

"When's the election again?" asked William Lombardi. "I can vote on April 21. You may get more voters if the election was held in the fall."

"I may vote this month," said Fran Schol. "I don't think it would make much of a difference in turnout if the board elections were with the general in November."

"I live in Manhattan and I have no kids in school," said Gus Piro. "It doesn't matter to me if I vote in the school elections or whether I vote in April or November."

"I usually vote in the school elections," said Jim Lombardo. "I don't think you'll get new people voting if the board and general elections are combined."

## Fence damaged by drunken driver

### Springfield

A trip to the 7-11 on Morris Avenue ended in a ride to the Springfield Police station house for one Township motorist April 7. Bystanders first saw a Pontiac four-door damage the rear parking lot's west-side chain link fence and support posts at about 1:51 a.m.

The Pontiac, having failed exiting the back lot, left the premises by way of eastbound Morris Avenue. When a patrol caught up with the Pontiac by Keeler Street, the driver said he had been drinking.

The driver, identified as Lawrence J. Weller III, 35, was found to have a 27 percent blood alcohol content. Weller was arrested for driving while intoxicated. His earliest court date was set for Monday.

A Newark woman was ticketed for a traffic accident-related offense Saturday, although she was the crash's victim. She and her three occupants aboard a parked Nissan Sentra were run into by a Ford Explorer backing out of the parking space of a Route 22 East store at about 1:48 p.m. The ticket was issued to the Nissan driver, however, for she had parked in a fire lane at the time.

A Ford Taurus was following a Chevrolet pickup truck along northbound Springfield Avenue Friday when the pickup shifted from the right lane to the left when approaching Main Street. The Taurus driver was caught off guard, however, and the pair sideswiped each other at about 9 a.m.

The driver of a Toyota learned the hard way that making a left turn onto southbound South Springfield Avenue from the Bob's Stores lot is not the prudent thing to do April 9. The Toyota attempted to make the turn but collided with an oncoming Saturn at about 8:16 p.m.

Although there were no injuries, the Toyota had to be towed. The Township Committee and Police Department are checking whether to

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replant a "No Left Turn" sign which stood when the store was a Channel Lumber outlet.

A Nissan 200 from a local driving school with a passenger was headed west on Morris Avenue when it collided with an unknown car April 9. A second car, described as a red Ford Bronco, cut the Nissan off to head into the Bed, Bath and Beyond store at about 5:15 p.m. The two collided in the right lane but the Bronco fled the scene.

The April 9 entries include a pair of Fords coming together at the intersection of Mountain and Hillside avenues at about 5:57 p.m. Three Hondas had a chain-collision on eastbound Morris Avenue and Prospect Street at about 6:21 p.m. April 8. In the latter case, one driver refused medical attention for his injuries and another Honda was towed.

The driver of a Ford four-door was driving south on South Springfield Avenue when he braked suddenly to avoid a car ahead of her at about 4:28 p.m. April 8. The Isuzu behind her collided but received a ticket as its motorist was unlicensed.

A Freightliner semi-tractor trailer, directed in reading directions for Sheffield Street, failed to see a 12'6" height clearance sign on eastbound Shunpike Road April 8. The rig, from Ontario, Canada, found its exhaust stack pipes stuck in the old Rahway Valley Rail Road trestle at about 10:31 a.m.

A Ford driver was caught off guard while driving on Route 22 West when the Saturn ahead of him slowed suddenly in the left lane April 7. The resulting rear-end accident at about 5:44 p.m. gave the Ford motorist injuries, a towed car and a ticket for following too closely.

It was Chevy versus a wooden crate on Route 22 East April 7—and the crate lost. The Chevy was passing a Mack disposal truck in the left lane

approaching Lawrence Road when a crate came off the truck at about 3 p.m.

Fadem Road was the wrong place to be for at least three people April 6. An Elizabeth man, identified as Geovany Beltran, 24, was arrested at a factory on Fadem Road for simple assault at about 3:30 p.m. A driver left a second Fadem address at about 8 p.m. to find his passenger side front window smashed and a pair of binoculars missing. A third Fadem Road person found his car's rear window smashed and a bag full of karate equipment taken at about 4:40 p.m. A Plainfield man, identified as Fritz Hoffman, 26, was arrested at Morris and Short Hills avenues at about 2:52 a.m. April 4 for five drug and driving violations. The charges include possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, driving under the influence with a revoked license and refusing to take an alcohol test.

A paving contractor, who was working on a job on Route 22 West, said someone stole a paving compactor worth \$2,500 by 1:45 p.m. April 3. An arts supply store owner reported three store mannequins, valued at \$40 each, missing the same day.

Mountainside  
The Mountainside Police Department arrested a fourth suspect in a \$300,000 fraud case. Burni Owoeye, 38, originally from Nigeria, was arrested on Friday for his involvement in a four-suspect fraud case, where the suspects deposited bank checks that were falsely issued from a New York savings bank to bogus bank accounts in Mountainside and Elizabeth.

Several weeks ago, the Mountainside Police, along with the FBI, the Newark Office of the U.S. Postal Inspectors and the Union County Prosecutors Office, arrested three men for their roles in fraudulent activities that included opening bank accounts under false names and issuing stolen bank checks.

Owoeye had apparently opened up an account in the Fleet Bank of Moun-

tainside under the name D.B. Janitorial. The suspect had produced two forms of identification under this name, which turned out to be created falsely by the suspect.

The actor allegedly deposited two large bank checks to the account that came from Carver Savings Bank in New York. Owoeye also opened an account at the Sovereign Bank in Elizabeth. Seven bank checks, all issued from Carver Savings Bank, were cashed, totalling over \$300,000.

After receiving a call from the Fleet Bank's manager, who suspected fraudulent activity, Detective Sergeant Todd Turner and Detective Sergeant Rich Osjeja started an investigation on Feb. 21.

Police traced the checks to Adagbenig Adelewe, 21, of Mine Hill. Adelewe had attempted to make deposits in a new account on the same day that Owoeye made the withdrawals. It was also found that the checks, that were official bank checks, had not been officially issued by the Carver Bank. Thus, the investigators suspected that an inside job was in the works.

Charles Rufai, 37, also of Mine Hill, and controller of the Carver Bank, was arrested for issuing the checks. Rufai's wife, Kemi, 39, was also arrested and charged.

Police were granted permission to seize the suspects' bank accounts and some items of their property by Union County Superior Court Judge John Tanski. Over \$75,000 in items were seized.

The four suspects, all originally from Nigeria that have been living in the states for less than five years, were charged with theft by deception, forgery and fraud, all second degree crimes that carry a 5 to 10 year jail sentence if convicted.

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# Engine called to lawn fire

Springfield  
A Springfield Fire Department engine unit arrived at Glenview Drive residence at about 7:10 p.m. April 8 on the report of a lawn fire. When the engine arrived at the address, however, the home owner had put out the blaze.  
The home owner said she was riding the lawn of old growth and weeds as recommended by her predecessor. The squad advised her that such a practice in Springfield, however, is illegal.  
• Another engine went to the corner of Short Hills Avenue and Forest Drive at about 11:40 p.m. Saturday on the report of smoke in the area. The smoke was traced to a wood burning stove in a Short Hills Avenue home.  
• Good Friday was marked by a pair of motor vehicle accidents. The first involved a truck with a spill at the corner of South Springfield Avenue and Linda Lane at about 7:53 a.m. The other call brought an engine on to Interstate 78 West at about 1:42 p.m. to quench a car fire. Although the vehicle was considered a total loss, no one was injured in the blaze.

### FIRE BLOTTER

Department responded to several calls this past week, including a smoke condition in a residence located on Taner Way.

- On April 9, at approximately 8 p.m., firefighters arrived at a home on Taner Way, where smoke filled the residence. The homeowner had plugged in a heater and overloaded the circuit, melting the outlet. Firefighters had to shut down power and wait for an electrician to arrive. No one was injured and the damage done to the home was minimal, said Fire Chief Marc Francisco.
- On April 6, at approximately 2 p.m., firefighters arrived at New Providence Road to repair electrical wires that were arching into a tree. The fireman waited for PSE&G to arrive. No one was injured and no damage was reported.
- On April 3, at approximately 8 p.m., firefighters responded to what turned out to be a false alarm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside. A thunderstorm had apparently set off the building's smoke detector. No damage was reported.

Mountainside  
The Mountainside Volunteer Fire

Activated fire alarms brought the force out to two addresses on April 9. It started with a visit to the Walton School at about 11:02 a.m. and was followed by a call from a Route 22 business at about 2:16 p.m.  
• All hands went to a Shunpike Road House at about 1:26 a.m. April 7 on an activated alarm sounding off. A van caught fire, however, at the corner of Mountain Avenue and Golf Oval at about 7:26 p.m.  
• A carbon monoxide detector in a Chimney Ridge Road residence sounded off at about 11:49 a.m. April 6.  
• All hands responded to calls twice in a 22-hour period April 5. An alarm was activated from a Brown Avenue business at about 12:24 p.m. April 5, followed by a smoke condition in a Linden Avenue home at about 10:08 a.m. April 6.

# STUDENT UPDATE

### Seton names honorees

Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange announced that the following residents of Springfield have achieved academic honors for the second semester of the school year 1997-1998:

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

Receiving second honors for earning a grade point average of 3.3 or higher are Michael Basile, Thomas Capocino and Adam Gebauer. Students who are Commended for earning a grade point average of 3.0 or higher are Jeffrey Miller, Dorian Scott and Justin Stefanelli.

### Kravitz earns honors

Kevin Kravitz, a 12th-grader from Springfield, has been named to the honor roll at Morristown-Beard

School for the first academic semester ending in mid-January. To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average with no grades below a B-. Founded in 1891, Morristown-Beard School is located on Whippany Road in Morristown.

### Delbarton honors

The following Delbarton students from Springfield have been named to the Headmaster's List for the 1998 winter term:

Highest Honors: Grade 11, Dennis Turper.  
High Honors: Grade 9, Jason Sayatour.  
Honors: Grade 10, Joseph Andrazko.

### Magnet School honors

Meghan Paglia and Jason Wasserman of Springfield were named to the

honor roll for the second marking period at the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.  
Honor roll status is achieved by earning grades on A or B in all subjects.

### Mathews on list

Jordan Ace Mathews of Mountainside has been named to the dean's list at Lehigh University for the fall semester. Certificates of achievement were awarded to 863 Lehigh University students who were named to the dean's list for the semester. Undergraduates on the dean's list earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and carried at least 12 hours of course graded A, B, C, D, F.

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# NEWS CLIPS

### Singers at coffee house

The First Presbyterian Church in Springfield announced a 'Coffee House' on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Parish House Auditorium. Jeslyn Wholes and her brother David Austel will be the featured entertainment. Wholes is a New Jersey storyteller and a folk singer who performs in churches, schools, libraries, park settings and museums. Her large repertoire includes folk tales and songs from all over the world, as well as literary tales by such authors as Laurence Houseman and Carl Sandburg. Austel is an acoustic guitarist and a terrific tenor who has written much of his own material.  
Make your plans and reservations to attend by calling the church office at (973) 370-4320 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For parties of 4 or more you may reserve a table. There will be a \$1 charge at the door and you may purchase delicious desserts and a variety of coffee.

### Scout delegates chosen

The following Junior girls have been selected as delegates and alternates to attend the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary Girl's State program:  
Delegates: Jennifer Lisiane, Jennifer...  
Alternates: Robyn Bluestone, Sheryl Brounstein.  
The program will take place at Rider University from June 27 through July 2, 1998. The objective of the program is to enable girls to develop a new perspective on the complexities of government and develop the leadership skills, confidence and poise.

### Volunteers sought for cancer treatment unit

The Union County office of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery program. Road to Recovery is a free patient service program whereby volunteer drivers escort individuals to and from

that will give them a lasting foundation in their personal and professional lives. It affords them an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens and to inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.  
Throughout the week, there will be speakers from various levels of government at which time the students will have the opportunity to question the speakers. The overall objective is to provide the students the opportunity to participate in a leadership role in the democratic process of government as they stride forward to make their meaningful place in society.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Robert H. Mulreany**

Robert H. Mulreany, 82, of Summit, attorney, former Westfield mayor and former chairman of the board of Overlook Hospital, Summit, died April 12 in the King James Care Center, Chatham Township.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Mulreany lived in Westfield before moving to Summit in 1993. He was a retired senior partner and a dedicated community leader. Mr. Mulreany specialized in tax-exempt corporations, representing foundations interested in sociological problems, better management techniques, applying new medical discoveries and fostering leadership.

He studied architecture at Brooklyn Technical High School. His 57-year career as an attorney began in 1933 when he joined the law firm which is now named DeForest and Duer as an office boy. Mr. Mulreany worked his way through college and law school at New York University. He was a lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II, serving aboard a destroyer in the Pacific. Throughout his career, Mr. Mulreany took an active role in New York City affairs, including being chairman of the Board of Trustees of New York University, chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Public Welfare, and trustee and chairman of the

Community Service Society of New York, which was then the largest private welfare organization in the country.

He was president of the Provident Loan Society, director of Manhattan Fire & Marine Insurance Co., director of United Charities Inc. and director of Group Securities. For many years, Mr. Mulreany was a trustee of the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Smith Richardson Foundation Inc. He served as chairman of the New Jersey Wastewater Treatment Trust. Mr. Mulreany was director, secretary and later chairman of United Water Resources in Hackensack, director of Spring Valley Water Co. and director of National State Bank.

He was concerned with the welfare of young people and in the 1950s, was an adult leader in DeMolay. Mr. Mulreany was a trustee, youth teacher and Elder of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield and served as Westfield's mayor from 1964 to 1967. After serving as mayor, he was chairman of Westfield's Hospital Study Committee. His interest in healthcare, together with his long-term association with Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, began his long period of service to Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mr. Mulreany was trustee and chairman of the board, and then chairman of the Overlook Foundation. He was largely responsible for

establishing Overlook as a teaching hospital through a link with Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Presbyterian Hospital in New York City and for the establishment of the Overlook Foundation, a fund raising arm of the hospital. Overlook Hospital recognized Mr. Mulreany's contributions by naming its Health Sciences Library for him in 1993 and by giving him the Community Service Award in 1994.

The Westfield Rotary honored him with the Charles B. Bailey Humanitarian Award, and the Westfield YMCA gave him the Golden Man Award for outstanding service to the community.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Doreen O'Brien and Carol Henwood; a sister, Virginia Worn, and four grandchildren.

**Mark B. Karlin**

Mark B. Karlin, 47, of Glen Rock, formerly of Union and Summit, died April 6 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Karlin lived in Union, Boston, Salt Lake City and Summit before moving to Glen Rock four years ago. He was a computer consultant and owner and operator of Creative Consulting Association, Glen Rock.

He received a bachelor's degree in

music from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and a certificate in computer science from New York University Graduate School. Mr. Karlin was a member of the Musician's Union in both New York and New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Harris Karlin; his parents, Martin and Ellen Karlin; a brother, Dr. Ross, and a sister, Jan Vonder Schmidt.

**Merle Courter**

Merle Courter, 77, of Summit died April 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Courter lived in Summit for 45 years. She was a member of the Women's Club of the United Methodist Church and the Fortnightly Club, both of Summit.

Surviving are a son, David M.; a daughter, Suzanne Carlson; a brother, F. Arthur Belcher; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Vincent Miceil**

Vincent Miceil, 91, of Summit died April 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Miceil moved to Summit 34 years ago. He was a shipping foreman with DeLancey Button Machine Co.

Surviving are a son, Peter B.; a daughter, Jane Ferguson, and four grandchildren.

**League to sponsor exercise lecture**

Health and fitness specialists are making it perfectly clear that as we age, movement and exercise are essential to acquiring and enjoying physical, psychological and spiritual health.

Sandra Pruzansky, a resident of New Providence, will be the featured speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Older Women's League of Central N.J. on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the YWCA of Summit, Morris and Prospect streets.

The creator of the "Living Movement, Mindful Movement" program, she is also a certified Rubenfeld Synchrony Method practitioner. Pruzansky studied meditative movement, dance and body/mind healing systems over a period of 30 years. Explanations will be given about the benefits of range-of-motion, strengthening and aerobic exercise, as well as balance, coordination and body awareness activities. The latest trend in the field toward body/mind exercise inspired by eastern movement forms, such as Tai Chi and Yoga, and western body awareness techniques of Joseph Pilates and Moshe Feldenkrais will be reviewed.

"The good news is, it is never too late to reap the benefits of a moderate movement program," said Pruzansky, a personal trainer and fitness counse-

lor certified by both the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, with a specialty in mind/body fitness for older adults, and by the Arthritis Foundation.

An experienced teacher, speaker and seminar leader, Pruzansky lectures and conducts Mindful Movement in-service training programs for local service agencies and community organizations. In addition to her classes and private clients, she conducts self help programs for the Arthritis Foundation and volunteers as a foundation speaker.

To experience the joy of living while learning how to build strength and endurance in a playful and stress-free environment, Pruzansky will hold a mini class of gentle movement. Those attending are asked to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to the meeting. The delicate movements can be done in a chair, enabling everyone to participate. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Teresa D'Errico, president of the local chapter, described the Older Women's League as a national grassroots organization working to improve the image and lives of middle and older women through research, education and advocacy. For further information, call (908) 272-5671 or (908) 755-8951.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Lengyel

Joseph Lengyel, 88, of Springfield died April 5 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Fairfield, Conn., Mr. Lengyel lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 14 years ago.

Surviving is his wife, Margaret. Surviving is his wife, Margaret.

Ruth M. Morris

Ruth M. Morris, 83, of Ashford, Conn., formerly of Mountaineer, died April 11 in Windham Hospital, Williamstown, Conn.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Morris lived in Mountaineer and Whiting before moving to Ashford in 1996.

Surviving are a son, Robert J.; a daughter, Ellen M. Metzger; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

John R. McMurray

John R. McMurray, 93, of Freehold Township, formerly of Springfield, died April 8 in the Freehold Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Born in Kilmecoch, Scotland, Mr. McMurray lived in Springfield for 58

years before moving to Freehold Township two years ago. He was a plant foreman with Weston Electric Instruments in Newark, where he worked for 44 years and retired 28 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Jean Pennett; a sister, Nellie Mitchell; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Rose

Mary Rose, 69, of Mountaineer died April 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newburgh, N.Y., Mrs. Rose lived in Providence, Pa., and Waterbury, Conn., before moving to Mountaineer 34 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Louis William and John; two brothers, Vincent and Kenneth Yereance, and a grandchild.

Charles Danziger

Charles Danziger, 78, of Springfield died April 10 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Danziger lived in Nutley before moving to Springfield 43 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinette; two brothers, Michael and William Hluchy, and a sister, Ann Holaway.

and retired eight years ago. Earlier, Mr. Danziger had been a chemical engineer with O. B. May Corp., Newark, for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; two sons, Dr. Warren and Dr. Raymond; a sister, Anne Lander, and four grandchildren.

John S. Hluchy

John S. Hluchy, 80, of Mountaineer died April 11 in the Green Acres Nursing Home, Toms River.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Hluchy lived in Mountaineer before moving to Toms River nine months ago.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinette; two brothers, Michael and William Hluchy, and a sister, Ann Holaway.

Milton Keshen

Milton Keshen, 86, of Coconut Creek, Fla., formerly of Maplewood, former charter member of the Springfield Rotary and a charter member of the Springfield Historic Society, died April 10 in the Manor Pines Nursing Home, Wilton Manors, Fla.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Keshen

lived in Maplewood before moving to Coconut Creek in 1983. He was a member of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce which named him "Man of the Year" in 1966.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; two daughters, Judith Cohen and Joan Felsler; two sisters, Ruth Grossman and Ann Tannenbaum, and three grandchildren.

Catherine Piccione

Catherine Piccione, 78, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Springfield and Clark, died April 12 in Rahway Hospital.

Surviving are a son, Sam J. Jr.; a daughter, Kathleen Brodzicki; a son, Sam J. Jr.; a sister, Joan Silbach; two brothers, Frank and Thomas Jacoby, and four grandchildren.

Erma Bombeck honored for kidney donor project

In an effort to ease the serious organ shortage in the United States, the National Kidney Foundation has issued a challenge to all Americans to consider organ donation during National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19 to 25.

The goal of this 1998 organ donor challenge is to honor Erma Bombeck's memory by getting 4,000 new people, representing the number of columns Erma wrote throughout her career, to designate themselves as organ donors during the week of April 19 to 25.

Erma Bombeck was herself a kidney transplant recipient and this project was created at the Arizona affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation to continue her legacy.

To receive a free Erma Bombeck donor card and brochure, or for more information about organ donation, please call: (888) 840-ERMA or contact the National Kidney Foundation of New York and New Jersey at: (212) 629-9770.

plants of life-saving organs, including kidney, heart, liver, lung and pancreas. Ten people die each day while waiting, yet annually only 5,000 people donate their organs and that number has remained static for the last nine years.

Dr. Ira Gruber, President of the National Kidney Foundation of New York and New Jersey said, "It's not enough to sign a donor card. Family consent is necessary at the time of donation so your family needs to know your wishes beforehand."

More than 53,000 Americans are on the national waiting list for trans-

Gallop Hill opens after latest renovations

Shouts of "Forn!" are resounding again at Union County's Gallop Hill Golf Course. After being closed for redevelopment over the winter months, nine of its twenty-seven holes were re-opened earlier this month.

The course, known for its hills, valleys and rolling landscape is in Keefeville.

On announcing the course's reopening, County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan commented on the \$4,765,350 course redevelopment project.

"Our renovation efforts are proceeding according to schedule, said Sullivan. "By closing the entire course for the winter, the grass on the Phase I renovation was allowed to mature, resulting in improved turf conditions this spring."

"Phase II of the project should be ready to open around mid-June with overall construction being finished in mid-1999," Sullivan said. "I know the construction has disrupted play for many people but I am sure they will be very pleased with the finished product."

Gallop Hill's Pitch and Put course also has re-opened. Beginning

May 22, the lights on this course are to be turned for evening play.

Gallop Hill Golf Course, a facility operated by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, is celebrating its seventeenth birthday this year.

For information on the course, its reconstruction, the automated time reservation system or pitch and put, call the clubhouse at (908) 685-1556.

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LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4225. Fax: 201-379-3887. Joel A. Sprague, Pastor.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave. at Church Hill, Springfield, 379-4200. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.)

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# SPORTS

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## LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**The Watchung Mountain Girls' Basketball Camp**, directed by Union Catholic girls' head coach Kathy Matthews, will take place the week of July 6-10 at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Players entering grades 9 through 12 will be instructed. The time of the camp will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the five days and the cost is \$145.

Union Catholic Regional High School is located on 1600 Martins Ave. in Scotch Plains. Matthews is the most successful girls' basketball in Union County, with over 400 wins in 20 years. Matthews guided the Vikings to this year's Union County Tournament championship, the school's seventh.

Enrollment will be limited and the application deadline is May 30. A \$50 non-refundable deposit must accompany the camp application and the balance is due June 15. Applications may be obtained at Union Catholic or from coach Matthews.

Camp objectives include:  
 1. To teach the fundamental basketball skills needed to be a successful player.  
 2. To improve each girls' skills through individual instruction.

3. To provide competition to enable each player to practice the skills and technique learned.  
 4. To help each player's attitude and philosophy about basketball and life through good sportsmanship and fair play.

Matthews' staff includes successful, experienced high school coaches, college players with previous camp experience and guest clinicians.

Special camp features include: abridged groups, two full-court games per day, 3-on-3, 1-on-1, hot shot contests and other special contests, written evaluations, camp prizes and awards and video taping and evaluation with your coach.

Camp articles needed include sneakers, shorts, shirts and towels. Lockers will be provided and campers should bring their own lockers.

Campers should be covered by their parent's policy and permits should provide transportation to and from the camp.

Campers should bring a snack for snack time and camp T-shirts will be provided by the camp.

Campers will receive a free basketball if registered by May 15. Additional information may be obtained by calling Matthews at Union Catholic at 908-686-1600.

Springtime sports will be blossoming at Union County College during the second segment of its "College for Kids" Sports Spectacular program, featuring intensive training in golf, baseball, tennis and soccer for youngsters ages 7-12.

The program will be held on Saturdays — beginning this Saturday, April 18 — and running through Sunday, May 9. To accommodate youngsters and their parents, the college has scheduled the courses so that students can participate in classes in all four sports throughout the day.

Here's a look at the four sports offered:

**Golf, 9:10 a.m.:** Instruction on golf skills and strategies will be provided. Participants will learn to enhance their level of play through practice with driving and putting and perfect their ability to control the angle and path of tee shots and putts.

**Baseball, 10:15-11:15:** Participants will be afforded the opportunity to practice throwing, catching, batting, fielding and running. Participants will learn to perfect their eye-hand coordination and increase their overall baseball knowledge.

**Tennis, 11:30-12:30:** Participants will get to practice the overhead, backhand, and two-handed backstroke and will also be able to perfect their ability to volley and serve.

**Soccer, 12:45-1:45 p.m.:** Participants will practice dribbling, passing, shooting and heading. They will also learn to perfect their ability to control the ball and initiate plays.

More information about the "College for Kids" Sports Spectacular Program may be obtained by calling the UCC Division of Continuing Education and Community Service at 908-709-7600.

## Three hits not a bad day



Photo by Milton Mills

Governor Livingston High School's Mark Cantagallo, shown here rounding third next to his coach Bill Howard, singled three times in four at bats for the Highlanders in their 6-3 setback to Johnson last week in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division varsity baseball action in Clark. GL was defeated by Summit 6-2 Saturday in non-conference action in Summit. Hank Hansen banged out an RBI-single for the Highlanders, who began the week at 1-4. GL won its second game of the season on Monday as Cantagallo belted his second home run of the year with two out in the top of the seventh against Roselle Catholic to spark the Highlanders to a 10-5 Mountain Division victory. Cantagallo's blast keyed a three-run inning seventh inning for GL as it scored five runs in the final two innings to snap a 5-5 deadlock in Roselle.

## Dayton's Loeffler, Lee, Azran capture Summit shot put title

After starting on the basketball court this past winter season and helping the boys' team win the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division championship, Dayton standout senior athlete Chris Loeffler is having much success during the early part of the spring track and field season.

Loeffler teamed up with other standout Dayton athletes Michael Lee and Justin Azran to win the team shot put title at last Saturday's Summit Relays.

The three combined for a throw of 125-5 in the Boys A Division of Loeffler, Lee and Azran previously captured the Mountain Valley Conference team shot put title two weeks ago, winning with a combined throw of 126-2.

### Dayton Baseball

- April 17 New Providence, 3:45
- April 18 Millburn Tournament
- April 21 at Manville, 3:45
- April 23 at Oratory, 3:45
- April 30 at Barnards, 3:45
- May 4 at Johnson, 4:00
- May 5 at Middlesex, 3:45
- May 7 Bound Brook 3:45
- May 12 at Brearley, 3:00
- May 14 at Roselle Park, 3:00
- May 19 at New Providence, 3:45
- May 21 Manville, 3:45
- May 22 Roselle Catholic, 3:45

### Dayton Softball

- April 16 at Roselle Park, 3:45
- April 17 at New Providence, 3:45
- April 21 Manville, 3:45
- April 23 Mt. St. Mary's, 3:45
- April 28 at St. Mary's
- April 30 Oak Knoll, 3:45
- May 1 Barnards, 3:45
- May 4 at Oak Knoll, 3:45
- May 5 Middlesex, 3:45
- May 7 at Bound Brook, 3:45
- May 11 at Elizabeth, 3:45
- May 12 at Brearley, 3:45
- May 14 Roselle Park, 3:45
- May 19 New Providence, 3:45
- May 21 at Manville, 3:45

### Dayton Boys' Tennis

- April 16 Gov. Livingston, 3:45
- April 17 at Johnson, 3:45
- April 21 at Roselle Park, 3:45
- April 23 New Providence, 3:45
- April 28 Oratory, 3:45
- April 30 at Ridge, 3:45
- May 3 at Immaculate, 3:45
- May 7 at Middlesex, 3:45
- May 8 Bound Brook, 3:45
- May 14 at Oratory, 3:45
- May 20 at Plainfield, 3:45
- May 21 New Providence, 3:45
- May 22 Roselle Park, 3:45

Governor Livingston standout athletes P.J. Jones and Rob Campora won the team pole vault at 24-6 at the Summit Relays after winning the same event in the MVC meet, that same at 24-0.

**Mountainide Youth Baseball** Opening Day Dinner April 25 Mountainide Youth Baseball will be conducting its Second Annual Opening Day Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 25 at 4 p.m. at the Deerfield School cafeteria.

This year's dinner will be hosted by the Outback Steakhouse of Springfield. Professor Ed Young will donate the food for the entire event to support youth baseball in Mountainide.

Each pre-paid meal will receive free admission to the auction, which will begin at 6 p.m. Hundreds of prizes have been donated, including a television, VCR, gift certificates and sporting event tickets.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Meal options include chicken sandwich \$3, steak sandwich \$3, ceasar salad \$2 and soda \$1. Dessert, coffee and tea will be available at no extra charge.

### Dayton Track and Field

- April 21 Oratory, 3:45
- April 23 at Bound Brook, 3:45
- April 25 Millburn Relays, 9:00
- April 30 County Relays, 7:00
- May 9 MVC championships, 7:00
- May 15 County Meet, 7:00

### Dayton Volleyball

- April 16 at Summit, 3:45
- April 20 Chatham, 3:45
- April 22 at Livingston, 3:45
- April 24 Roxbury, 3:45
- April 27 at Union Catholic, 3:45
- April 28 at Madison, 3:45
- April 30 at Whippany Park, 3:45
- May 4 Mount Olive, 3:45
- May 6 at New Providence, 3:45
- May 8 at Hanover Park, 3:45
- May 12 Summit, 3:45
- May 14 at Chatham, 3:45
- May 18 Livingston, 3:45
- May 20 at Roxbury, 3:45
- May 22 Madison, 3:45

### Dayton Golf

- April 20 Johnson, 3:45
- April 21 at Bloomfield, 3:45
- April 22 Middlesex, 3:45
- April 23 at West Orange, 3:45
- April 27 at Brearley, 3:15
- April 28 Roselle Park, 3:45
- April 29 at Middlesex, 4:00
- April 29 at New Providence, 3:45

## Bulldogs display a lot of promise

### Dayton shows competitiveness

By Joe Ragozzino  
 Staff Writer

The Dayton High School softball team may be young and inexperienced, but, for the most part, first-year head coach Mariann Balmann sees a lot of promise. "They're a good group of kids," said Balmann, who previously spent nine years with the Elizabeth High School softball program. "They're talented, they know softball and it's just a matter of them gaining experience."

The Bulldogs, despite winning just one of their first three games, have shown signs of being competitive. After rouncing St. Mary's of Elizabeth 31-4 in the second game of the season, Dayton battled highly-regarded Roselle Catholic in a tough contest before falling 5-1 in Springfield April 7.

### High School Softball

"I think (Roselle Catholic) expected us to lay down and die, and we kept it competitive," Balmann said. "I feel pretty good about the way we started out (the season)."

One of the bright spots on the team is Nancy Kloud, the team's pitching ace. The senior has demonstrated so much leadership that Balmann has designated her as a first base coach when the Bulldogs are at bat.

"She's always in good spirits," Balmann said of Kloud. "She's really into the game and tries to help everyone else."

Still, in order for the Bulldogs to experience success, Kloud must show consistency, Balmann concedes.

"It's her consistency that our team depends on," Balmann said. Kloud's main battery mate is freshman Linda Agostinelli.

"She's a lot of promise," Balmann said of Agostinelli. "She's a really good athlete. Defensively, she's doing a great job. I could put her anywhere and she can handle the position."

*'This is a building year for me and the team. I want the younger kids to be interested in playing, so that when they come up to the varsity level, they'll be ready for the competition that exists. I know we're going to get better.'* Dayton softball coach Mariann Balmann.

Senior and captain Sara Naggar also sees time at the catcher spot. "The right side of the infield consists of sophomore first baseman Alexis Frank and second baseman Maria Suvanto. Meanwhile, the left side has Tracy Saladino at shortstop and Nicoté Puopolo at third.

Saladino is considered the team's best all-around athlete.

"I would say she's my star athlete," Balmann said of Saladino, who also is the team's cleanup hitter. "I would say that if anybody has a chance to get a (Division 1) scholarship, it would be her."

Senior Marla Faigenbaum is the leftfielder, while junior Rachel Tiss is the centerfielder. Sophomores Sara Klein and Jessica Faulkin share time in right field.

Defensively, the outfielders need to polish their skills, particularly tracking down fly balls, noted Balmann.

"When the ball is hit to them, they can catch it," Balmann said. "But when it's hit around them, they have to have a better jump on it."

The Bulldogs, as evidenced by their offensive outburst against St. Mary's, can swing the bat. Yet, the team still needs work on making contact against high-velocity pitchers. Balmann has been helping the team in this area, throwing hard, overhead pitches in batting practice.

"Offensively, it's just a matter of hitting pitchers who are fast," she said. The state playoffs may be far-fetched this year, but Balmann feels her team has a shot at reaching .500 by season's end.

"I think it will be hard, but it's possible," she said. "I want you school that we should be competitive with."

One of Balmann's long-term goals is to establish a strong feeder program. Balmann, a teacher at the Gaudinier School in Springfield, has already been in touch with some 7th- and 8th-graders about to generate interest.

"This is a building year for me and the team," Balmann said. "I want the younger kids to be interested in playing, so that when they come up to the varsity level, they'll be ready for the competition that exists."

"I know we're going to get better and right now this is my first building year."

## Miller stars for North

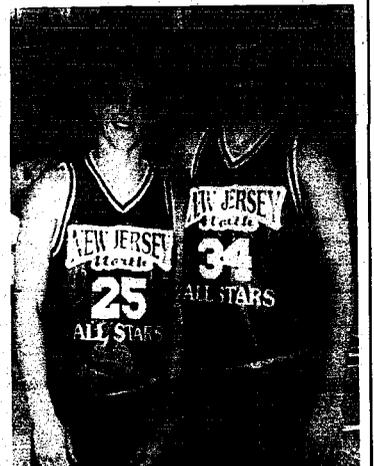


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Springfield resident and Seton Hall Prep All-County basketball player Jeff Miller, shown here on the left next to high school and North roster teammate Roman Letnoga, scored seven points for the North in this year's annual North-South All-Star Game played earlier this month at Rutgers Athletic Center in Piscataway. Although the South won 114-91, Miller belted a home run the next day to help the Pirate baseball team win again. Seton Hall Prep began Tuesday with a 7-0 record and No. 5 ranking among the Top 20 teams in the state.

