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New Providence Road residents converge on c

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

More than 20 residents attended the Mountainside Borough Council meeting to voice opinions about the council's plan to renovate New Providence Road.

In March, the council passed an ordinance that will allow for a \$109,000 renovation of the highly traveled municipal roadway. The improvements are scheduled to be financed almost entirely by a \$100,000 state grant that was provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. But in order to receive state funds, the road must be 28 feet wide throughout its entirety.

Residents complained that the project, which will consist of paving the road, laying Belgian block as a curb, milling the existing street, and widening the road to meet state regulations will take away too much of their property.

"We just want to know what is going on in our neighborhood," said resident Ted Zawislak. "If certain sections of this street are widened by as much as 4 feet, it will take out some people's lawns and substantially affect their properties," he said.

Borough Attorney John Post said that if Borough Engineer Mike Disko follows his usual pattern, both sides of the street will be equally widened to meet the requirements.

"These questions can be answered by Mr. Disko," said Council President Keith Turner in the absence of vacationing Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "We have not seen the actual blueprints and these are questions that can only be answered by an engineer," he said. "A meeting will have to be set up during a week night and these concerns can be addressed."

But residents were not satisfied by the responses they received from the council.

Other questions residents raised about the project dealt with the speed limit and the road's general safety.

New Providence Road is officially listed as a 25 mile-per-hour street, but residents complained that the only visible sign marks the area as a 35 mile-per-hour zone. Thus, with the potential widening of the road, the question of safety and increased accidents was raised.

"We will make sure that the Police Department addresses this issue at once," said Councilman Ron Romak. "We will look into posting a new sign, and we will have police officers enforce the speed limit and issue tickets, even if they have to issue them to residents of that street," he said.

Some residents complained that New Providence Road is often used by travelers as a shortcut in getting to the Watchung Reservation. "We would like to have a 'Local Traffic

Only" sign posted a
"People speed down t
hour consistently," he said. "It makes it very dangerous, and when the road is widened, it will get worse."

In other business, new borough Police Officer Thomas Michael Norton was officially sworn in to the department. Norton's father, Pat, who served as an officer in Elizabeth, pinned on his son's badge.

New Borough Administrator Greg Bonin also officially began his tenure in the borough, as he sat through his first public meeting.

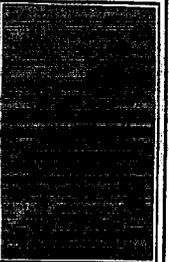
The primary elections for the two vacant Borough Council seats will be held June 2. Running for the GOP will be newcomer Glen Morimur and incumbent Werner Schon. The Democrats have not yet announced their candidates, but are scheduled to hold a meeting to decide this week.

THIS WEEK

- NEWS**
- Offices closed**
The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday.
- The deadlines for the May 28 edition are as follows:
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 - General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.
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 - Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.

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Monkeying around
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Corporal Allan Attanasio holds a Bermuda Police Bobbie helmet and an 1800s liquor container that are part of a display at the Mountainside library.

Officer puts collection on display

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Free Public Library will be showcasing a collection of antique police memorabilia that was put together by Mountainside Police Corporal Allan Attanasio. The collection is on display throughout the month of May.

Attanasio began gathering classic police memorabilia when he became an officer in Plainfield 14 years. His diverse masterpiece contains an array of rare items. "I started collecting old police patches and badges from Union County," Attanasio said. "But now I have everything from old photographs of the Mountainside Police Department to antique trading cards that depict the different things that officers do to service society," he said.

The collection contains rarities such as items from the Brooklyn and Bermuda Police Departments, including "Bobbies" helmets, the old "Keystone Cop" standard, and "daysticks," rather than the more contemporary nightsticks. "The 'daysticks,' Attanasio said, "were half the size of the ones you see today and were made out of glass. So police would use them as liquor containers and put

brandy in them to keep warm in the colder months," he said.

The collection also includes post cards from as far back as 1907, classic handcuffs from the 1940s and '50s, and "Tunics," the vests worn by officers, years ago.

Included in the collection, but not on display in the library because of its immense weight, is an old call box from the 1800s.

"These call boxes were what police used before there were radios," Attanasio said. "Police would check them every half hour to see if there were any calls. Back then, getting a police officer could take a half hour," he said.

Minam Bein, director of the Mountainside Public Library, said having Attanasio's display is a positive for the borough.

"It's always great to have a collection that comes from a local resident, especially one of the police officers," Bein said. "It's a very interesting display and we hope people continue to come and see it. It will be here for the entire month."

Attanasio said he primarily uses antique stores and flea markets to help build his collection.

Rally, letter address police officers' issue

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Two dissenting viewpoints regarding Springfield Police Department personnel were aired in a rally and a letter last week. Members of the Springfield Clergy Council organized an interfaith rally to protest bigotry at the Veterans Memorial park Thursday night. The event was held four days after Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman sent a letter to residents protesting prejudging the personnel issue Monday.

Some 5,000 homes and apartments received a one-page, five paragraph letter from Mullman. Mullman, with approval from the Township Committee, explained the circumstances of two police officers and the stance the township government is taking. "As you probably know, a superior officer has been temporarily suspended without pay as the result of an ethnic slur," said Mullman. "Before any permanent discipline can be imposed, he is entitled to his due process rights. This is the law."

Mullman said the superior officer is temporarily suspended without pay and faces a recommendation of dismissal. He said that "the officer who was the subject of the alleged remark" also faces "substantial" disciplinary charges but has not been suspended.

"The Springfield Police Department may not ignore an alleged violation, regardless of the circumstances," said Mullman. "The charges include sending an on-duty patrol officer outside of Springfield to purchase a tape recorder. If true, this violates department rules and could have resulted in a serious safety hazard to the entire community."

Mullman reminded residents that the Township Committee's comment on the matter is bound by legal constraints. He said that discrimination in Springfield will not be tolerated and the personnel is sworn to uphold the law.

The committee charges stem from a recorded telephone discussion supported between Capt. Vernon Pedersen and Lt. Ivan Shapow in

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— Sy Mullman

police headquarters March 10. Pedersen's charges involve anti-Semitic remarks about Shapow allegedly made by Pedersen. Shapow's charges concern his supposedly making a private copy of the phone call, which became public April 8. Mullman's letter was followed by the interfaith rally at Veterans Memorial Park. An estimated average of 170 people gathered to hear clergyman Jerry Bigary and urge township leaders to take what they feel is proper action.

"We have called for this rally to shed light on a serious problem in the community and to begin a healing process," said organizer Rabbi Joshua Goldstein. "This gathering shows this is not a Jewish or an African-American issue but an issue for everyone in Springfield."

Goldstein was followed by colleagues Rabbi Perry Rank and the Rev. Clarence Allison. Declaring "I'm angry at what's been taking place over the last five years with Officer Walter Brooks and Shapow," Allison called for Pedersen to resign.

Organizers also complained that the township government refused to permit the gathering in front of the Municipal Building. Mullman said the location would "not be appropriate" and suggested the park.

Both Pedersen and Shapow, meanwhile, are waiting at opposite ends of the independent hearing process. The testimony and witness part of Pedersen's hearing has been concluded and the captain waits for administrator Robert Crocci's findings. Shapow's hearing, however, has yet to be scheduled.

Superintendent given salary hike with new contract Assistant superintendent also given raise

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education may have felt like marathon participants by Tuesday morning. Between grappling with various personnel issues and bestowing the Governors Teacher Recognition Awards, the board presided over school affairs for nearly five hours.

In the end, several key people received raises or new contracts. They included Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, who was given two one-year salary contracts of \$160,981, effective Aug. 1.

Friedland's contracts reflect a 3-percent raise over a salary of \$153,000, which was set Sept. 18, 1995. The old and new totals include salary and benefits.

The board, in three separate motions, abrogated his old contract, approved the new three-year contract and applied a retroactive salary of \$165,810 to June 1, 1997. The new

and retroactive motions were carried 7-1, with board member Linda Duke dissenting and panelist Stephen Fishbein absent.

Duke opposed the increase, noting that four of the superintendent's functions have been allocated among three other administrative positions. The other panelists, including board President Robert Fish, cited the superintendent's dedication in their approving votes.

"The school board, in following state laws, has the power to review an administrator and base any salary recommendation on that review," said Fish. "The board may have the power to grant or withhold a salary increase or adjustment of any administrator or other faculty member."

That increment withholding was made earlier in the meeting concerning a Jonathan Dayton High School instructor.

"On a personal note, Friedland has worked countless hours, is always available and always returns calls

with pertinent information. With what he has done in making this district into a full kindergarten through 12th grade system, he could be making three times as much money in the private sector."

"Linda has been here less than a year while some of us have worked with Gary for seven," said board member Ben Faigenbaum. "I am deeply afraid that the newspapers and certain individuals will misconstrue Gary's contract. He has taken the district a long way from where it was and I'm damn happy to approve his contract."

"I've only been here a year but I have learned a lot from Gary, Friedland," said panelist Larry Leves. "He has always been available to explain one part or another of school operations."

"I was on the review committee and we asked Friedland what he's like for his next contract," said Ben Stravato. "We could have given him 6 or 8 percent but he asked for 3 percent."

"What Gary is receiving is in keep-

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— Ben Stravato
Board Member

ing with the cost of living," said Jacqueline Shanes. "But we could never compensate for his countless hours on the job, even at four times his salary."

"This is my seventh year on the board," said Richard Faibin. "One needs to look at what Gary has done to make this school system what it is today. I give him full salary approval."

Said Keith Kuzner, "He is an effective teacher and I feel that the district is lucky to have him."

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman also received a cost-of-living increase. New contracts were awarded to the director of the gifted and talented program and to the middle school

dean of students. At least six more faculty members had their contracts for the 1998-99 school years approved.

The panel also signed off on eight resignations, retirements and maternity leaves. Two other staff members, who are on long-term sick leave, are to be given a medical examination at the superintendent's office request.

In preparation for the summer, the board approved the Springfield Summer School employee roster and the curriculum writing project. In preparation for the new school year, an overall expenditure of \$1,900 was divided among five schools and departmental accounts as petty cash funds.

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Towns prepare for Memorial Day

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

This year's Memorial Day ceremonies in Springfield and Mountaintop are going to be unique. One ceremony will be highlighted by the opening of a container while the other the raising of a voice.

The opening of a container in Springfield is actually a time capsule. Descendants of Raymond Chisholm's family will open the capsule at about 11 a.m. Monday at the Municipal Building front lawn. It was founded during the Chisholm Community Center's continuing renovation.

"One of the workers discovered a copper box the side of a gallon milk jug within a wall," said Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke. "The contractor called over to look at it — and I called our Chief of Police William Chisholm."

William and World War One veteran Chisholm are two of four generations which have lived in Springfield. Raymond Chisholm, whom the community center is named after, was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Medal during the Battle of the Argonne.

"Raymond was a tank gun operator

in the American Expedition in France," said William Chisholm. "He was in a tank battle where a shell took off the gun operator's door and a German bullet pierced his neck. Raymond kept firing at his post for an hour before he died to death."

Raymond, who died Sept. 28, 1918, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1920. A grade school, built in 1921, was named in his perpetual honor and a time capsule was placed by the construction.

"There are not too many WWI veterans left, so I felt it right to have Chisholm's family open the capsule," said Clarke. "I can't think of a better time, other than Nov. 11, to make such a connection with history."

The capsule opening will complement the addresses, prayers and anthems on the front lawn.

The day actually starts in the back of the Municipal Building at about 8:30 a.m. Members of the Springfield Fire Department hold at their monument at the corner of Trivet Avenue South and Caldwell Place.

From there, the Springfield Veterans Committee will hold a joint military service at the Veterans Memorial Park. The 9 a.m. service at the corner

of Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue includes remarks and a wreath laying.

The parade itself steps off from Walton School at about 10:50 a.m. Some 25 groups, said Parade Coordinator and Firefighter Carlo Palumbo, are expected to walk to the Municipal Building.

Those who want to get into the Memorial Day spirit can see the American Legion Post 225 display in Wells Oplian's window at 248 Morris Ave. The post and other veterans groups will plant flags by area veterans' graves Saturday.

The raising of the voice will be of Mountaineers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10136 Commander Robert Farley. Farley's remarks, however, will be at the Westfield Veterans' Monument at 9 a.m.

"I was asked to say a few words by the Westfield Memorial Day Parade organizers," said Farley. "We and the Mountaineers Elks have walked the parade for years."

The two groups will hold Mountaineers' own service at noon. The monument is on Watching Place, by the public library and volunteer fire headquarters.

Squad presents new ambulance

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield First Aid Squad showed they are, in a sense, no different than any other new car owner on a spring day Saturday. The volunteer squad rolled out their new Ford ambulance as part of an open house.

"We bought this ambulance to replace one that was 10 years old," said First Aid Captain Liz Fritzen. "The changes in ambulance have become so sophisticated that we have to send the Ford to a custom body shop for outfitting. We go ours back from a shop in Manassas three weeks ago."

The new rig, known as No. 59, was promptly put into service to complement the five-year-old No. 58 ambulance. On the outside, No. 59 appears to be a Ford van with a V8 diesel engine and an ambulance back cab. As Fritzen and Squad member Jeff Shanes walk visitors through the ambulance, No. 59 contains scores of improvements over previous units.

"The engine is turbocharged to give us more power," said Shanes. "The drive shaft is designed for easy access to police and hospital radios. On the driver's side behind the front door is a master oxygen bottle compartment — it has a lift so one person can replace the bottle instead of three."

"Also built into the ambulance cab is another compartment for medical and rescue gear," said Fritzen. "It's an external door so we don't have to go inside the ambulance for the gear."

At the back of an ambulance is an electrical stretcher lift. The lift extends about six feet from the rear door to elevate and load patients into the ambulance.

"The lift makes loading patients easier and faster," said Shanes. "It saves us from struggling with heavier stretcher occupants, from calling for lift help and from back strain."

The ambulance's interior is designed for swift access to supplies while in motion. There is space to carry five people in the back, with seat-belts provided. Most radio buttons, air

valves and light switches are within arms length.

"One improvement is the upper horizontal window on the passenger side," said Fritzen. "That window gives us an idea of what's outside."

Shanes and Squad President Gloria Simpson was displaying the semi-automatic defibrillator when Township Committeewoman Judy Blitzer joined the tour.

"I've been pushing to have the township buy the new defibrillators," said Blitzer. "They cost \$3,000 each and can be operated with little training. I'd like to see them in our police cars as well because they're usually first on the scene and those first four minutes of a heart attack are critical for action."

"We are strictly volunteer," said Simpson. "The ambulance, equipment, uniforms, training and headquarters have been funded by donations. There is no funding from the town government."

Correction

An editorial in the April 30 edition of the Echo Leader did not intend to mean that Li. Shawop, the subject of a tape recording in which ethnic slurs were made against him, released the tape to the media or anyone else.



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Today
• A dinner for Leonard J. Baccaro, retiring superintendent/board secretary of the Mountaineer School of Education, has been planned. Richard Kress, chairman of the retirement committee, announced the dinner to be held on May 21, at the Primavera, 1080 Valley Road, Stirling, accaro will retire from a career spanning 40 years in the education field on June 30. He served in Mountaintop for 13 years, where he was the superintendent of schools. For additional information, contact Betty at Kress' office, 472 Westfield Ave., Clark, 07066 or telephoning (932) 381-3666.

Sunday
• The Sunday Planetarium Show at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop will feature "Family of the Sun." Join the group as it tours the solar system and learn new and exciting facts about the planets. Find out where to locate Venus and Jupiter in the night sky. The show begins at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person; \$2.55 for senior citizens. The program is not for children younger than 6 years old.

Coming events
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 also be on hand to promote their organizations. For more information, call Tom Ernst at (908) 581-0779. Esther Reinling at (908) 276-4988 or call the church office at (973) 376-1695.

Ongoing
• The Springfield Garden Club is sponsoring a contest to find the tree in town with the largest circumference (measured 3 feet off the ground). Send entries to Springfield Garden Club, P.O. Box 970, Springfield, 07081. In case of duplicate entries, the earliest postmark will win the floral prize.

• Pool membership registration is being accepted for all previous members and new members. Registration is taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Special registration dates are also available May 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and May 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. If anyone did not receive a form for pool membership or day camp, they may call (973) 912-2227 or pick one up at the office.

Symposium targets organ donations

Springfield's Sharing Network volunteers Stephen Flator and Andrea Bliznick will speak at the Northern New Jersey Regional Hadassah Conference on Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Newark Hilton. More than 200 delegates will participate in this year's conference, themed "Focus on the Future."

A heartfelt symposium, "American Affairs" features Flator, the father of Olga Flator, who was killed in a bus bombing in Israel in 1995, and became an organ donor and Andrea Bliznick, a heart transplant recipient, who will share their experiences and viewpoints on the Jewish perspective of organ and tissue donation.

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Man to face jury in bank scheme

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

A July 20 trial date was set for a 48-year-old Irvington man who has been federally indicted to serve trial in front of a grand jury for five counts of fraud that totalled nearly \$600,000.

Eusebio Mendoza was charged with allegedly defrauding two New Jersey banks, using false names and addresses to conduct unlawful business through the U.S. Postal Service, using fraudulent credit cards, and possessing mail that had been stolen from a post office, announced U.S. Attorney Faith S. Hochberg.

In the Feb. 5 issue of the *Echo Leader*, it was reported that Mendoza had committed approximately \$600,000 in total fraud by using computer technology to create false identities and deposit funds into bogus bank accounts. Mendoza allegedly

executed schemes to defraud the First and Summit Banks of Mountainside for \$290,000.

Mendoza, who allegedly traced into the American Express card accounts of several area residents, seemed to focus on doctors and lawyers. He was arrested Feb. 3 in his Irvington home after an investigation headed by the Mountainside Police Department that included the FBI and the U.S. Postal Service. The investigation was led by Mountainside Detective Sergeants Rich Osetzja and Todd Turner.

Hochberg commended the Mountainside Police Department, and Acting Chief of Police Lt. James Debbie Jr., for their role in the arrest.

If convicted on all four counts, Mendoza faces a maximum of 75 years in prison and \$2,500,000 in fines.

Hochberg said that under U.S. sentencing guidelines, U.S. District Judge William H. Walls would, upon conviction, determine Mendoza's actual sentence based upon a formula that takes into account the severity and characteristics of the offense and the defendant's criminal history. Mendoza had previously served time in a federal corrections facility for related charges.

Probs, however, has been abolished under the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time, Hochberg said.

"Despite indictment," said Hochberg, "every defendant is presumed innocent, unless and until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt following a trial at which the defendant has all of the trial rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and federal law."



STOP, DROP AND ROLL

Third-graders at James Caldwell School in Springfield toured the Fire Safety House on May 7. The 28-foot mobile classroom is especially designed to teach children vital burn prevention and fire escape techniques through a fun, safe simulation of common hazards. The service is provided by the Union County Fire Prevention and Protection Association in conjunction with the Springfield Fire Department. Above, Firefighter Carlos stands with, from left, Gresha Stanziale, A.J. Tettamanti, David Zaitz, Orlando Calvo, Priyanka Misra, Mariana Corn and Caitlin Curtis. Right, he teaches Tiffany Dodson and Lucas Wolf the stop, drop and roll.



NJ Transit accepts Springfield's bid

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield and Summit's wait on New Jersey Transit's bus grant awards ended at the authority's headquarters May 13.

NJ Transit officials John Haley and Shirley A. DeLibero announced Springfield as a recipient of a Morris and Essex Feeder Bus Challenge Grant. Summit, while missing the six town cut, instead learned that the operating contract for the 986 Summit-Plainfield bus route was renewed for another year.

Summit and Springfield were of 11 towns that applied for minibus grants. They submitted plans to provide jitney or shuttle service during rush hours to Morris and Essex station in their own or adjacent towns.

NJ Transit, under the plan, would supply a minibus and \$50,000 in matching funds for a year. The authority, which started the pilot program in November, deferred the announcement since April 1.

"With ridership on the Morris and Essex up over 14 percent so far this year and parking limited at many of our stations, we need creative ways to allow riders to use our system," said Board Chairman Haley. "This program is one of those ways plus a way to foster partnerships between us and our communities."

"One of our roles is to encourage alternate ways to get folks to our stations," said Executive Director DeLibero. "We believe the joint-sponsored shuttles will enhance the quality of commuting."

The grants were awarded on the basis of operational capability, access to station and demonstration of local support. Berkeley Heights, Chatham, East Orange, Maplewood and West Orange were the other awardees. The lack of a Springfield representative meant, however, that the township wasn't mentioned at the meeting in Newark.

"I couldn't go because of a schedule conflict," said Springfield Town-

ship Committeeman and bid writer Roy Hirschfeld. "I was on pins and needles, thinking we didn't write a well enough application. Now I have to wait for a call from DeLibero's office to work out details."

"This is great news for Springfield," said township Mayor Sy Mullman. "You should talk with area realtors. They say the property values will go up because of the improved service to Millburn and Summit stations."

Millburn and Summit's Suburban Chambers of Commerce are among the disappointed parties. Chamber President Joe Sztainer sent a detailed bid that would have revived the 1970s shuttle. Parking shortages led to cutting non-resident commuter spaces, which prompted Springfield to apply. "I guess NJ Transit was looking for towns that don't have direct rail service," said Sztainer. "The renewal of the 986 contract is good news. We revived the service three years ago and it has met its ridership projections."

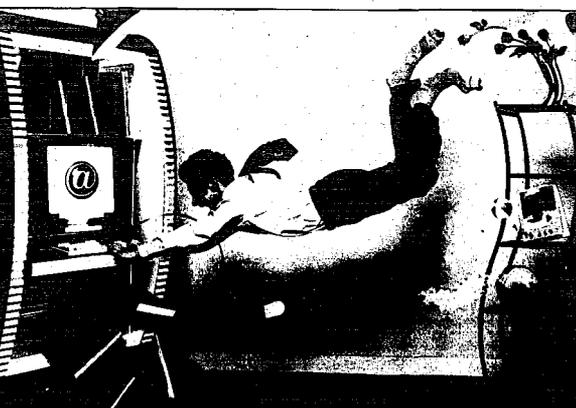
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Memorial Day is about many things

With the observance of Memorial Day, this weekend marks the unofficial start of the summer of '88. As we all commemorate the occasion with barbecues, picnics and parties, we must not forget to pause and remember the reason for the holiday — paying tribute to those who gave their lives to protect our American freedom.

Established to memorialize those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in upholding American values and the ideals of democracy, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance. Whether we remember a friend or relative who gave his or her life in this country's service, or simply reflect on the countless servicemen and women whose dedication to our nation was matched only by their bravery and fortitude.

Furthermore, it is a day of patriotism; a day to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and the liberty which is ours.

Very often, it is easy to lose sight of the fact that here in America we are privileged to enjoy freedoms only dreamed of in so many nations. The right to vote, the right to bear arms, the freedoms of speech; the list goes on and on. In the 200-odd years since these concepts were first committed to paper, these words have become catch-phrases, often meaning very little to the average citizen beyond a reference to a famous document. And for far too many, the freedoms which we Americans enjoy have become not bulwarks of patriotism but simply the basis for litigation.

However, these are the very principles which those we honor this weekend died to protect. For the thousands of men and women for whom Memorial Day honors, these were not catch-phrases or, worse, the basis of self-serving schemes.

The cry of "My rights have been violated" is often valid, leading to necessary reform and growth. But too many people also see this sentiment as the magic words necessary to have their day in court; a day which is meant to lead all the way to the bank.

This is not why these men and women died. They died to protect the fair and equal rights of all Americans; they died to uphold the ideals of democracy upon which this nation was founded. To hold these rights and ideals in esteem less than that displayed by our dead is an insult to their sacrifice.

This weekend — amid the hub-bub, the music and the food — take a few moments and think what your party would be like in a third-world nation or under a despotic regime. Then go back to your party with a clearer idea of why you're there.

Holiday weekends require responsibility

As with any holiday weekend, parties and picnics will dominate this Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Furthermore, many college students have only recently returned home for the summer, ready to celebrate the completion of another semester and the beginning of another summer.

The combination of these factors could prove joyous and celebratory.

Or deadly. Memorial Day weekend, considered the first unofficial weekend of summer, is among the most dangerous times of the year when responsibility is not used in celebrating. Ranked with the Fourth of July, Labor Day weekend, and the December holiday season, this weekend will take its toll on highways and in emergency rooms across the nation. Tuesday morning's newspaper will list figures and statistics; people's worlds will be forever changed; and life will go on.

However, the figures and statistics need not be as high as they might otherwise be without a little common sense. Some simple precautions and a modicum of maturity and responsibility will go a long way in keeping this weekend as free from tragedy as possible.

If you are going to a party and will be drinking, designate a driver, call a cab, or make arrangements to sleep at that location. Your conscientious behavior could avert tragedy, both for yourself and for others whom you might encounter.

If you are throwing a party, remember that you can legally be held accountable for the actions of your guests even after they've left your home. Ask for all car keys upon arrival, and only re-distribute them to those guests who can safely and legally operate a vehicle.

A little responsibility could keep you from being the one who is memorialized.

"You have not converted a man because you have silenced him."

**John Morley
British Author
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FIRST-AIDERS — Members of the Springfield First Aid Squad gathered at the Squad's open house this weekend. Back row from left are Squad President Gloria P. Simpson, Capt. Elizabeth J. Fritzen, Heather Fritzen, Peter Shewitz, Linda Maas, Dino D'Angelo, Robert Gamster, Apu Mullick and Jeff Shanes. Front row are Stacy Shewitz, Patrick Filzen, Ashley Maas, Donald Mackinson and Joseph Brett.

Newspaper ads are my kind of advertising

Having been a devotee of radio since the waning days of the crystal set, I am convinced that today's radio has an agenda and that's to cast doubt and fear among its listeners.

How many times in a morning's radio show are you asked by some nameless announcer: "Are those spots on your hands the beginning of skin cancer?" or "Are you getting robbed blind by your life insurance company?" or maybe "Are the brakes on your car safe?" These kind of questions can be unsettling and for those who tend to worry about anything and everything, life can be one continuous source of concern.

Other questions your friendly announcer can throw your way is to ask, "Is the water you drink safe for you and your children?" If not, "Run, do not walk to your nearest Gurgling Water Purifier" dealer.

Have you noticed the obsession we seem to have on the welfare of our children these days? Most advertising, especially on radio and/or television, is aimed at protecting the little ones. The idea is to place guilt all over the place if you don't give your child the best of everything so he or she grows up to be healthy, active and in the know. Now that phonics have

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

become an essential reading tool, Johnny or Jane will now grow up to be able to become a brain surgeon by age 16. If you notice and see, most radio and TV advertising is geared to the little ones. We want our youngsters to be the best nourished, well dressed, and knowledgeable kid on the block. Some ads seem to make mommy and daddy nerts who don't know what's going on and what's best for their kids if they do otherwise.

Advertising is a wonderful tool to get a message across. But first, the advertiser must get the possible customer's attention. That's easy. By playing loud, ear-splitting music with plenty of graphics on television, your attention is caught. Today the old chestnut of telling your TV or radio audience that "Be the first kid or adult on the block to have your very own sea serpent," has become worn out. The message today is generally

geared to having the newest of anything and if you or your kids don't have it, you're missing out big time.

Both television and radio depend mostly on what product can create the loudest noise, and the most obnoxious approach to sales and a cocky attitude that if you don't buy our "Scrambles," you ain't living, man.

At times after listening to or viewing a commercial, I feel as though I've failed in life and I better get moving fast to get my act together to view this kind of radio or television advertising does a job on my self esteem and makes me wonder what I did wrong that I don't own a "Scramble."

I can remember the days when cigarette advertising painted a perfect picture of the so-called sophisticated life, complete with swirling smoke on the screen and a husky female announcer listing the pleasures of smoking or a very male type space telling listeners the same thing. We know now that those cigarette commercials on TV or radio were the tobacco industry's way of getting you or, better still, your children hooked.

One trend in radio or television advertising is the growing list of hospital's vying for your business. This is

a phenomenon that would be unheard of until recently. Some of those ads place removal of your gall bladder next to buying a Barbie Doll. I guess if you have something to sell such as safe removal of your gall bladder to buying a doll, anything goes.

Don't get me wrong, I am in full support of advertising. But I'm not in support of radio or TV ads that skirt the line of good taste or are too loud and caustic. Nothing annoys me more than these "in your face" noisy ads that get your attention whether you want it or not. Subtle, they are not.

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However, in newspapers or magazines, advertising can get your immediate attention via big headlines, and provocative statements that want your appetite to know more about the product. That's my kind of advertising.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Discrimination will not be tolerated

To the Editor:

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to all Springfield residents. I am writing to you on behalf of myself and the other members of the Springfield Township Committee. Due to legal constraints, we are limited in what we can say publicly. But, we would like to advise you of the following, and we will continue to keep you informed in the future to the extent permitted by law.

As you probably know, a superior officer of the Springfield Police Department has been temporarily suspended without pay as a result of an allegation that he made an ethnic slur. This officer has been served with disciplinary charges which recommend a penalty of dismissal. Before any permanent discipline can be imposed, however, he is entitled to his full due process rights, which means a fair and impartial hearing must be held. This is the law. To fire an officer without taking the appropriate legal steps only leaves Springfield open to a lawsuit, and a reversal of our actions.

As you may also know, the officer who was the subject of the alleged remark has also been served with disciplinary charges. Some people have objected to the filing of these charges, but under the law, the Springfield Police Department may not ignore an alleged violation, regardless of the circumstances. These charges allege that in response to the events, the officer sent an on-duty patrol officer outside of Springfield to purchase a tape recorder; so he could reproduce confidential material. If true, this is not only a violation of Police Department rules, but could have resulted in a serious safety hazard to the entire community. This officer has not been suspended pending the hearing in his matter, and the proposed penalty, though substantial, does not include termination.

To ensure that both officers receive a fair and impartial hearing of the charges against them, the Township Committee has appointed an independent hearing officer to conduct the hearings and to determine guilt or innocence and the penalty.

Discrimination will not be tolerated within Springfield. The response to any such allegations, however, must be according to law, which each member of the Township Committee has taken an oath to uphold. We are unanimous in our determination to do so, and we call upon all members of Springfield's diverse community to unite behind the idea of the rule of law. By standing together to uphold the law, we can all work to strengthen our community.

Mayor Sy Mullman
Springfield

'Day of Family' is good reminder

To the Editor:

In 1993, with resolution 4/237, the United Nations General Assembly decided that beginning with 1994, May 15 would be celebrated every year as the International Day of the Family.

Since 1994, the International Day of the Family has become significant throughout the world as a platform for focusing attention on issues of the family, which the United Nations describes as "the smallest democracy in the heart of society." The definition encapsulates much of what is important about the

family: its relationship to the wider world of politics, its function as people's emotional base and security, and its central role in society as the basic social unit.

Family can mean different things to different people. Even in standard dictionaries, like Webster's or the Oxford, one finds it hard to agree on a single definition. Sociologists and anthropologists stress that family involves kinship. In the industrialized countries, we believe in the "traditional" nuclear family: the mother, father and children. Norman Rockwell painted the ideal family that we all want to relate to, but unfortunately, it is often only in pictures that the family is portrayed in such harmony. Looking through history, the family pictured in the "Golden Age of the Family" never existed.

Whether today the "normal" family is happy and secure and whether family values prevail is a very good question. Happy or not, there is no denying that the family is the most important place of education; it is where most important lessons about life are learned. It is the family that gives children their first lessons about values, principles of fairness, respect and how to resolve disputes and share gains. Since the first lessons come from family, it is the most powerful tool to shape and develop children. There is no recipe or special education or training for the important responsibility of bringing up children. Yet any changes in our society naturally begin with the family.

Each year, the International Day of the Family can remind us of the responsibility that parents and grandparents, churches, schools, youth organizations, the PTA and other organizations have in helping families, thereby helping future generations develop self-esteem and a sense of community belonging that will help them lead successful and productive lives.

Alexander J. Balaban
Roselle Park

Here's a gigantic rip-off

To the Editor:

In talking with a neighbor, I was made aware of a gigantic "rip off" I attributed by Mountaineer. My neighbor is a passive individual and not as prone as I am to speak out.

Here's the rip off, I'm told that if you replace a 40 gallon gas hot water heater (1 noted, replace) you are required to obtain a municipal permit which costs \$46. To replace a water heater, the biggest chore is getting the unit into the basement and discarding the old. The borough inspectors take about two minutes counting going down into the basement.

Mountaineer boasts about its low taxes omitting to mention that you pay extra for garbage, and the streets get swept about once a year plus various kinds of fees.

A cure for some of this would be to elect some Democrats to administer our needs.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountaineer

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We're asking Gas tax may be a burden on residents

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

Gas prices in the United States have been relatively inexpensive for the past few years, but a recent movement to raise the gas tax in New Jersey has received some powerful backing.

Legislative leaders and environmentalists have noted that if any tax had to be increased, the gasoline tax would be the first to rise. "With broad based support from business, labor and environmental groups, it's not a hard vote," said Senator Joseph Kyriillos, a Monmouth County Republican and one of the GOP leaders in the Senate.

The Whitman administration is considering increasing the 10.5 cent tax on gasoline as a way of meeting the governor's goal to preserve 300,000 acres of open space and to renew the State Transportation Trust Fund, which finances \$700 million in highway projects each year.

We asked Springfield and Mountaintide residents if they thought



Winter

raising the tax on gas was the right means to achieve Whitman's goals. Seymour Winter of Springfield said the tax will be a burden to fixed income families.

"As is the case with many senior citizens on pension plans, they are on fixed incomes," Winter said. "I spend my winters in Florida and the gas prices down there are very high," he said. "I think this type of



Kirsch

increase will hurt everyone, especially senior citizens, since our tax is already so high."

Muriel Kirsch, also of Springfield, agreed.

"Raising taxes is not the answer," Kirsch said. "I am against any tax increase," she said. "There are other ways to meet goals, than to raise taxes like to cut spending," Kadra O'Brien of Mountaintide

said the potential tax hike would not make much of a difference.

"People will pay for the gas either way," O'Brien said. "But a few cents here and there, although I don't agree with the principle of raising taxes, won't make a difference," she said.

But Bill Redie, an environmental engineer from Summit, agrees with Whitman's plan to raise gasoline taxes.

"I'm not quite sure how the governor plans to relate saving 300,000 acres of land to raising gas taxes—the hasn't really spelled it out as of yet," Redie said. "But if he is talking the truth, I'd much rather save the environment than save a few cents per gallon," he said. Lisa Murphy of Springfield agreed.

"Seriously, I don't understand why people complain about a few cents here and there," Murphy said. "I'm not so well off that I can throw away money, but the gas stations will still be competing with one another," she said. "In all, it will probably balance out."

Overtaken car on Keeler draws firefighters

Springfield

The Springfield Fire Department's Engine One and Rescue Truck forced an overturned car and live utility wires on Keeler Street at about 5:56 a.m. May 16.

The Honda Civic's driver said he was going northbound by Brook Street at about 5:51 a.m. when his car suddenly pulled right toward the curb. The car snapped off a General Public Utilities pole at its base, hit a tree and turned upside down.

Fire and police units blocked the street and called for a GPU truck. They and the Springfield Fire Aid squad extricated the driver and took him to Overlook Hospital.

All units responded to a fire alarm activated at a Bernadette Court residence at 12:09 and 12:38 p.m. May 15. Fire alarms also took all hands to St. James School at about 10:19 a.m. and a Brown Avenue business at about 6:23 p.m.

89-A firefighter was lent to the Springfield Fire Aid Squad twice in a 22-hour period. The interval began with a ride on an emergency call at about 12:27 p.m. May 14 and ended

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with a similar call at about 10:18 a.m. May 15. First aid squad officials said a lack of volunteers during the day-time usually makes that shift the hardest one to cover.

Two engines from Springfield and Summit handled a motor vehicle accident on Route 24 East at about 5:54 p.m. May 12. A Chevrolet and a Toyota collided just before the border as the merge, injuring both drivers.

The engine crews and the State Police spent about an hour treating the occupants and clearing the crash. Springfield and Summit first aiders transported each driver to Overlook.

Engine One, the Rescue Truck and a police patrol car found a Ford Thunderbird up against a utility pole on Morris Avenue at about 8:30 a.m. May 12. The driver, whose door was pined against the pole, said he wasn't driving when the Ford lost control by Linden Avenue. Firefighters and first aiders attended the driver, who refused medical attention.

Township fire and police freed two more vehicular accidents on May 11. The first involved a Mercedes Benz 300 striking a New Jersey Transit Flexible bus turning onto Center Street at Morris Avenue at about 6:28 a.m. Springfield's bravest cleared the Mercedes and its spill while Springfield's finest ticketed him.

The second accident, between a Cadillac Fleetwood and a Ford Explorer at about 3:09 p.m., happened in front of the fire headquarters' doorstep at about 3:09 p.m. Both cars were cleared from the corner of South Trivet Avenue and Caldwell Place and the Fleetwood driver was summoned for failing to yield.

Between the accidents was a downed wire on South Springfield Avenue at about 6:36 a.m., a fire alarm problem at the Echo Plaza shopping center at about 8:53 a.m. and a water condition in a Gregory Road basement at about 2 p.m.

All hands responded to an activated fire alarm sounding from a Route 22 business at about 12:52 a.m. May 10.

Mountaintide

The Mountaintide Volunteer Fire

Department responded to two minor fires at Manor Care this past week, an assisted living community for senior citizens.

On May 10 at approximately 11 p.m., firefighters arrived at Manor Care and extinguished a drier fire. Two days later, at about 8 p.m., firemen arrived to put out a transformer fire. No one was injured during either of the two incidents.

On May 10, firefighters responded to a car fire on Route 22. The car had rolled over, and the men were forced to perform an extrication, the removal of the passenger from the car using materials to cut open the door. No one was injured, said Fire Chief Marc Franciosa.

Firefighters responded to a car fire May 14 on Route 22 West. No one was injured.

Due to the heavy rain during the first two weeks of May, Franciosa reported that the department responded to a total of 15 routine public assistance calls for flooding in residents' basements.

Police seek man in gas station robbery

Mountaintide

An armed robbery occurred May 11 at the Mountaintide Amoco. It was the second in the past six months. No one was seriously injured, but the suspect is still at large.

Officer Andrew Huber arrived at the gas station, which is located on Route 22 East, at approximately 11:30 p.m. He was immediately met by the night gas attendant. The attendant stated that he had just been robbed by a Hispanic male, fitting the description

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of about 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, with short dark hair. The victim said the suspect had asked for a pack of cigarettes, and then immediately grabbed him and threw him to the ground, attempting to retrieve what the victim believed to have been a weapon.

After taking an unknown amount of

money from the victim's pockets, the suspect attempted to lock the victim in the bathroom. The suspect apparently ransacked the station's office, and turned up the existing radio to witnesses could not hear the screaming victim for several minutes as he escaped.

A theft was reported from the coat room at L'Affaire Restaurant, located on Route 22 East in Mountaintide. Officers Todd Murphy and Andrew Huber responded to a call at about 11

p.m. on May 9. The victim, the coat room manager, said the suspect, Joseph Constandi, 29, of Naples, Florida, had taken approximately \$100 and slapped him in the face.

Constandi, who had been attending a wedding reception, said he took the money as a joke and stuffed it inside the bra of another guest, police said. He said many people witnessed the act and that he never slapped the victim.

AT THE LIBRARY

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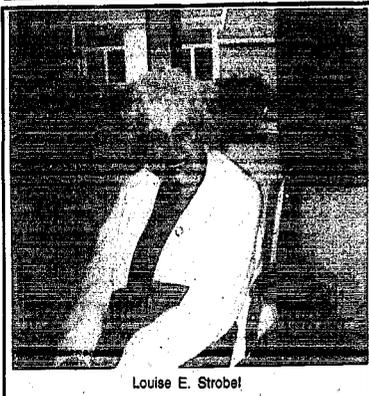
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Kaish named partner

McCarter & English, LLP, New Jersey's oldest and largest law firm, has named Harvey C. Kaish a partner. Kaish, a former Springfield resident, has been an associate with the firm since 1994 and became a partner as of April 1.

Kaish's main area of concentration is antitrust litigation and counseling. His other areas of concentration include ERISA, copyright and trademark law, and other complex, commercial litigation.

Kaish served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alan B. Handler of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Born in Springfield, Kaish received his law degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1988. He attended the London School of Economics in England and received an undergraduate degree in economics, summa cum laude, from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., in 1982.

Kaish is active in a number of professional organizations. He is a member of the Litigation and Antitrust sections of the American Bar Association, a member of the Antitrust Law Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, a trustee and officer

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Harvey C. Kaish

of the Harvard Law School Association of New Jersey, and a trustee and officer of the Essex-Newark Legal Services Corp.

Officers chosen

Springfield American Legion Post 228 held its installation of officers for the 1998-1999 term on May 16.

The following officers were installed by County Commander Russell Bate and his staff of officers: Commander Nick Voskan, Vice Commander Ethel Smith, Adjutant Ray Schram, Finance Officer, Don Auser, Sergeant of Arms Ed Rile, Chaplain Bill Smith, Service Officer, Art Bueher and Judge Advocate Chick Castellman.

Also honored at that time were Ted Lyons and Ted Lyons Jr., who were awarded Post 228 Americanism Plaques.

Moskowitz induced

Springfield resident David S. Moskowitz was among the students enrolled in the Samuel J. Silberman Center of Business Administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison campus who were inducted into Delta Mu Delta, the National Honor Society in Business Administration.

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County seeks grant for translation study

Most municipalities and schools are well equipped when they have to communicate to people who speak Spanish, French and Portuguese. But what about those who speak Polish, Creole and Farsi, or who use American Sign Language?

Daniel P. Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, recently announced that the county, in a joint application with municipalities and schools, received a \$25,000 state grant to conduct a study on sharing translation services. The Morris-Union Jointure Commission, an education district which serves children and adults with special needs, is lead agency on the project and will oversee the study. Studies have identified more than 100 languages and

dialects spoken in various parts of Union County from newly arrived immigrants, residents and visitors. Translation services often are needed by schools, court officials, the police, clerks and municipal officials.

A number of local agencies have passed resolutions seeking involvement in the translation services program, including the Hillside and Roselle boards of education and the Union County Educational Services Commission. Others are expected to participate.

Officials chose the Morris-Union Jointure Commission as the lead agency in the grant because it has worked extensively with people who have communication disabilities, including people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and has provided sign language interpretation in many instances.

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

The tour will begin in Jerusalem with accommodations at the new Dan Pearl Hotel for four nights including extensive sightseeing and celebrating the Sabbath together with a dinner and service. The following day, the group will leave for Masada and an overnight stay at the Hyatt Spa at the Dead Sea. Next continuing south, there will be a visit to the town of Jericho, Mizpeh, Mt. Gerizim, and a stop at a kibbutz for lunch. The overnight stay will be at the Moriah Hotel in Eilat followed by a tour of the underwater aquarium, bird sanctuary and Biblical Zoo. Next on the Jordan through the Arava border, arriving at the city of Petra where the night will be spent. The following day there will be a tour of the ancient buildings of red sandstone, traveling north over the Jordanian mountains viewing Mount Nebo (where Moses first viewed the Promised Land) and stopping at Amman and Jerash, toward evening, the group will cross back into Israel over the Hussein Bridge and an overnight stay at the Moriah Hotel in Tiberias. There will be an early morning visit to T'fal, followed by the Galilee Heights, Magdala, Haifa, and Caesarea. The final stop will be Tel Aviv to view such attractions as the Diaspora Museum and Jaffa and a

forewell middle eastern dinner at the hotel.

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

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

Pitman honored

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield held its 17th annual Sustaining Fund Dinner Dance on Saturday.

This year, the honoree at the event was Bruce Pitman, the temple's president for the past two years. A critical part of the success of the event was the annual advertisement journal, which was distributed, dedicated to Pitman. It was a successful full-filled evening with great food, dancing and most importantly, a special evening with friends and family.

Pitman, a resident of Millburn, in addition to being president for the past two years, has been a devoted and active member of Temple Sha'arey Shalom. He has been a member of the board of trustees for 10 years, a temple vice president for four years, and prior to that time served as temple treasurer.

The success of the dinner dance was due to the support of the temple members and friends who attended and placed ads in the journal and to merchants and local businesses that added their support by placing ads.

The funds raised mean much to Temple Sha'arey Shalom to support all the religious, educational and social action programs offered.

Members sought

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

Anyone interested in joining Temple Beth Ahm, join us for breakfast and learn about the programs Temple Beth Ahm has to offer. For more information or to RSVP by June 1: call Debbie at (973) 912-6532 or the Temple office at (973) 376-0539. Children are welcome.

Vacation Bible School

All are welcome to the "Come To The Storytelling Tree" Vacation Bible School program offered by the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield.

The program will include music, crafts, worship and recreation. This will be a fun, educational and spiritual experience for children ages 3 through entering grade six.

"Come to the Storytelling Tree" will be held from Aug. 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Church Mall in Springfield.

The registration fee is \$5 per child, \$10 maximum per family. Register by June 10. For questions or registration, call (908) 245-6244 or (973) 379-6315.

Governor Livingston announces honors

The following students have earned a spot on the honor roll for the third marking period at Governor Livingston High School.

Grade 9: Jonathan Anderson, Rhoads Barkan, Kristin Batajan, Lauren Beyer, Katherine Bicknese, Jessica Boehmer, Paul Bowes, Sharon Brodian, Jenna Burnett, Peter Cagliano, Jenny Calabrese, David Chen, Jennifer Chen, Yvonne Chen, James Cong, Christina Covello, Tara Cooke.

Grade 10: Edward Barrett, Ann Chang, Sharon Cheng, Lisa Chelst, Howard Chou, Katherine Cornadi, Lindsay Crowl, Jennifer Curcio, Cara Fallace, Debra Fisher, Jillian Galligone, Keath Goveia, Jason Guidicciopero.

Meghan Haldeeman, Natalya Hansen, Kristina Huff, Julia Kahlu, Anjan Keswani, Daniel Kim, Eric Levy, Julia Lordi, Craig MacGregor, Joseph Mayer, Heather McDonald, John McMillin, Adrian Meyer, Steve Nichejids, Hilary Miller, Devon Monahan, Indrani Mondal, Pallavi Narsh, Andrew Odowd, Andrea Oliver, Sharel Ongchian.

Whitney Pafford, Mark Papiar, Daniel Perez, Emilia Peres, Gina Piccirillo, Allison Peja, Andrew Poon, Kero Riazchi, Jessica Schroeder, Wang King Shu, Ann Souvovov, Morgan Timmermann, Michelle Tubbs, Gina Turunelito, Christopher Vassil, Sravana Vistunubhala and Jonathan Wu.

Grade 11: David Aizenberg, Christopher Anderson, Monika Anderson, Tania Balci, Bethany Bryant, Chris Butler, Marie Cazace, Anne-Marie Calabrese, Jean Carrelli, Edward Cook, Christine Condon, Michael Cook, Sarah Drake, Ruth Ershak, Tom Faig, Ronnie Filippatos.

Neda Ghaffari, David Gorin, Kathryn Hurman, Keather Katorok, Andrew Kasney, Ann Marie Katsen, Allison Kellman, Alison Kobel, Lauren Kolbe, Jennifer Kruginski, Samantha Lewent, Michael Lim, Luke Miller, Michael Minicucci, Miharu Morimoto, Peter Pagano, Michael Perone, Robert Phillips, Rebecca Pickell, David Pivovark.

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Jon Bahner, Diane Rich, Thilia Ridgway, Kristen Ritzatti, Carolyn Ruggero, Alok Sahu, Josephine Scasso, Jeffrey Smith, Jennifer Snydte, Diane Spagnolo, Ken Speros, Allison Siefert, Tom Wesley, Taisa Wehach, Laura Wilkin and Courtney Weiner.

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Unit seeks vols

The Union County unit 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 cancer treatments. It is a flexible volunteer opportunity for anyone who has a car and some spare time to help someone in need.

Contact Carolyn Fabrizio, service director, at (908) 354-7373 for additional information on joining the life-saving crew of volunteer drivers.

FACT: Sleep apnea is a disorder that causes people to frequently stop breathing while sleeping. FACT: Sleep apnea sufferers are often the last to know. Many people who have sleep apnea don't even know it. Sometimes a family member or bed partner will notice signs of sleep apnea before you do.

Here are some things to look for: Restless sleep, Very loud heavy snoring, often interrupted by silence and then gasps, Falling asleep while driving, Falling asleep during the day - at work, watching TV, etc., Morning headaches, Loss of energy, Trouble concentrating, Irritability, short temper.

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If you're looking for challenge, adventure and creativity this summer, the Springfield Summer School is the place to be.

The summer session will run from June 28 to July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The program includes courses in wood working, arts and crafts, ceram-

ics, gymnastics, computer technology, creative writing and publishing, cooking, science, basketball, rockery, tennis, sports skills, bicycling, reading, mathematics, music and fitness, and more.

Many classes will require a fee. The brochure and registration forms will be available in early May. The registration fee of \$60 per one

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

'Writing' to be shown

Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will meet Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Springfield Public Library in Springfield.

The program will feature a film called "The Writing on the Wall," a true story about Rabbi Eugene Markovitch of Clifton, and the anti-Semitic acts committed by three Clifton High School teen-agers.

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Effort is always there
Competitive spirit sparks Dayton baseball



Photo by Milton Mills

Dayton High School senior lefthander Eric Fishman earned all four Bulldog victories this season. 'He's an athlete, first-year Dayton head coach Lou Della Pia said. 'He leads by example, which is very motivating for the younger kids. He's not a very outspoken kind of guy, but just by what he does, the kids really feed off of that.'
By Joe Rogozzino
Staff Writer

In a nutshell, the Dayton High School baseball team can attribute most of its losses to lack of experience. First-year head coach Lou Della Pia invariably saw his squad commit costly mental breakdowns that are characteristic of a young team.
But one thing that Della Pia could always count on from his Bulldogs was a tremendous amount of effort.
'Despite being really young, we have a lot of heart and we'll fight you to the end,' Della Pia said. 'That's been our mentality all year. We don't quit. That's what I like.'
That competitive spirit helped put the Bulldogs in a position to clinch a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoff berth. Dayton had a record of 4-7-1 with three games before the state deadline. Teams with a 500-or-better record by the May 8 cut-off date earned a state postseason bid.
However, the Bulldogs dropped those crucial games to Middlesex (11-1), Bound Brook and Johnson (both scores of 8-2).
So was it a big disappointment not to make the state playoffs?
'I don't want to say it was disappointing, because it wasn't,' Della Pia said. 'I thought it was a good year for our first year, being on our own and not being regionalized (with Kenilworth). I think it was a successful year, despite not reaching our goal. Of course, there's always a certain amount of disappointment, but I wouldn't say our season as a whole was disappointing.
'We're very happy and the coaching and myself think we have a bright future.'
That's because the Bulldogs have a good core of promising juniors and sophomores who had fairly decent individual seasons.
The development of these underclassmen was cultivated by the senior leadership of pitcher Eric Fishman and third baseman Chris Fischer.
Fishman, in his first year pitching, picked up all of the team's wins this season, leaving a strong impression on his younger teammates.
'He's an athlete,' Della Pia said. 'He leads by example, which is very motivating for the younger kids. He's not a very outspoken kind of guy, but just by what he does, the kids really feed off of that.'
Fischer, meanwhile, was a vital utility performer who raised his play on the field and at the plate.
'He took it to another level,' Della Pia said. 'He's consistent, especially in the field. He also always finds a way to scrap his way on base, whether it's a bunt or walk or whatever. He hung in on the tough counts. On 3-and-2, you could almost expect him to get on.'
At second base, junior Matt DeLimauro has steadily improved.
'He had a tremendous year at second base,' Della Pia said. 'His batting is getting much better and he definitely will be a force to be reckoned with next year.'
Junior outfielder/pitcher Garrett Weisse also has shown potential.
'He's improving,' Della Pia said. 'He's working to get better. I think if he

commits himself, he's going to have a bright future. He's one of those kids who could play anywhere, but he just needs to be coached.'
Sophomore Brian Berger has been solid at first base. Bating in the fifth hole or sixth slot, Berger also shows consistency, hitting safely in nearly every game this season, noted Della Pia.
'He's got a beautiful swing,' Della Pia said. 'He's really been hitting the ball well.'
Sophomore catcher Adam Slater also is an excellent all-around player who shows tremendous enthusiasm.
'He's a fiery type of kid,' Della Pia said. 'Everything that comes out of his mouth is positive. He really works well with the pitchers, which is really important for a catcher. He calls a great game behind the plate. He's also smart at the plate. He doesn't swing at the bad pitches. He's got a really good eye and nose for the game.'
Perhaps the team's best hitter is sophomore Jesse Strubmeyer, who has collected at least one hit in every contest this season. Though he doesn't exhibit much power, Strubmeyer has the job done bating in the No. 4 position.
'You're guaranteed to get at least an RBI out of him in every game,' Della Pia said.
Sophomore Nate Demer has done a formidable job as a closer. Sophomore third baseman Ian Cordoni has displayed a strong arm after joining the varsity in mid-season. Cordoni's throwing arm is so sound that he could see time next year at the catcher position, said Della Pia.
One major highlight of the season was the victory over Brearley, a team which included some players from last year's Dayton squad before the Kenilworth school re-opened last fall after being closed for several years. The Bulldogs were seeking the series-wipe on May 12, but were foiled 16-5.
'We wanted to prove that the first game (against Brearley) wasn't a fluke,' Della Pia said. 'I think we put a little pressure on ourselves. That was a heart-breaker for the kids because they didn't feel like they played their game.
'We would have liked to have swept them, but we're happy to have gotten a split.'
Most of the players will continue playing this summer in American Legion, which certainly delights Della Pia.
'I think that will be great for them,' Della Pia said of summer ball.
Yes, the more experience the players get, the less mental breakdowns will occur.
'That's something that I hope we'll learn not to do in the future,' Della Pia said of mental breakdowns. 'To be quite honest with you, I think that's what cost us the playoffs.'
'But that's OK. We're here to build a program. My coaching staff has been tremendous and we're dedicated to the kids and the program.'
Dayton finished the season with a record of 41-11-1, closing with an 11-7 loss at Roselle Park last Thursday. Wins came against Oratory, Brearley, Manville and St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

GL baseball had nice run
in Union County Tourney

By Andrew McGann
Assistant Sports Editor
UNION — Last season, the ninth-seeded Summit High School baseball team made an improbable run in the Union County Tournament, sparked by a shocking 2-1 upset victory over top-seeded and previously undefeated Cranford in the quarterfinals and culminating with a trip to the final.
This season it was the 10th-seeded Highlanders of Governor Livingston who pulled off an equally stunning upset in the quarterfinals, downing previously-undefeated and second-seeded Elizabeth 7-6 in Elizabethtown May 13.
Third-seeded Summit, meanwhile, defeated Johnson of Clark 5-4 in eight innings in its quarterfinal match-up at home on the same day to set up a showdown between itself and this year's version of Elizabethtown. GL, in the semifinals this past Saturday, Summit jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning (thanks to a leadoff walk drawn by centerfielder Fred Lubero, a single by third baseman Brendan Kelly, and an RBI groundout by senior righthander Jared Chelivold).
The Highlanders erased the one-run deficit in the bottom of the inning, scoring two unearned runs against Chelivold, who was only cleared to pitch minutes before the start of the game.
Centerfielder Dan Lellis and third baseman Mark Canagallo, who led off with back-to-back singles, both came around to score after a two-base

error by righthander Kyle Bennett and two miscues by Rolly.
The lead, however, was short-lived for GL and the red-hot Highlanders were finally cooled off, falling to Summit 8-4 and ending their bid to return to the final for the second time in three years.
Chelivold, who was scratched from his last start due to shoulder soreness, gave up just one more hit (following the two he surrendered in the first) over his next four innings of work, struck out four and walked only two to improve to 5-1 on the season.
Jason Flores, Summit's No. 2 starter who could be the top dog on most other teams, pitched the final two innings for Summit, which improved to 13-4 with the victory and went despite committing an uncharacteristic seven errors.
Derrick Whitenour, who gave up 11 hits and walked two against three strikeouts, took the loss for GL, falling to 4-2 on the season.
After a scoreless second inning for both teams, the Hilltoppers put up a three spot in the third inning courtesy of an RBI single by second baseman Ben Wheelous, followed by a two-run single by first baseman Jon Campagna.
The Highlanders erased the one-run deficit by a long triple from Bennett that landed just below and to the right of the 392 foot sign in right-centerfield, Summit came back with four more runs in the fifth inning. Bennett, Summit's lefthanded power source out of the cleanup spot, later scored on an RBI-single by Wheelous.
Shortstop Josh Lipsey played Wheelous, who advanced to second on the throw home, with an RBI-single and the Hilltoppers capped off their

scoring later in the inning when Lubero drove in two with a single.
GL catcher Eric Canagallo drove home a run on a single in the sixth inning and righthander Jason Guidici-pietro plated another in the same inning on a run-scoring fielder's choice.
The Highlanders, who started the season a dismal 1-4, lost for just the second time in 14 games against Summit. GL's run of 12 wins in 14 games included impressive victories over Immaculata and Ridge.
GL improved to 13-5 on Friday with a 5-0 blanking of Bound Brook at home behind the strong pitching of Mark Leyer, who pitched a two-hitter, struck out eight and walked none. Hank Hansen drilled a two-run home run and Jeff Smith plated two runs on a single in support of Leyer.
With the 8-4 victory, Summit earned a second straight berth in the final, where the Hilltoppers will face the mighty and still undefeated Cranford Cougars on Saturday night at Linden's Memorial Field at 8.
Summit, which last won the UCT in 1992, faced Cranford earlier this season on April 30 and dropped a 10-5 decision at home.
Cranford, No. 1 in the state and 16-0 as of Tuesday, is looking for its first-ever title and is in the final for the first time since 1978.
Hansen came up with the clutch hit in GL's win over Elizabeth. A sophomore, Hansen snapped a 5-5 tie with a hard single up the middle that brought home two runs. It was the third consecutive year that Elizabeth failed to reach the UCT semifinals while it was the second time in three years that GL did.
GL began the week at 13-6 and will now concentrate on the upcoming North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs. Seeded fourth, the Highlanders will host fifth-seeded West Essex in a quarterfinal.
Mountainside residents who have erked the GL baseball team so far this year include: Mark Canagallo, Eric Canagallo, Derrick Whitenour, Jason Guidici-pietro, Hank Hansen, Mark Leyer, Rob Giarnotti and Anthony Hopkins.
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Olaintoff belted a three-run homer to help lift GL past Roselle Catholic 8-2 Monday in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division action in Berkeley Heights.
GL improved to 14-6 with its 13th win in its last 15 games.



A COACH AND HER CATCHER — Dayton first-year head coach Mariann Bellmann gives instruction to her catcher Linda Agostinelli during last Thursday's Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division contest against Roselle Park. The Panthers won 11-0 as Dayton fell to 5-11.

Springfield Dodgers win youth baseball games

The following are Springfield Youth Baseball Association results:
AAA
Dodgers 5, Yankees 4: Corey Evans belted a double that drove in two runs to give the Dodgers the victory. Jesse Fischbin pitched well for the Yankees. Jeremy Marx scored the Dodgers first run. Corey Berger and Lee Silverman pitched scoreless innings for the Dodgers and Helmi Abdelaziz scored two runs for the Yankees. Stephen King banged out a run-scoring single for the Dodgers.
Dodgers 7, Red Sox 4: Bryan Stitt and Jeremy Marx drove in runs for the Dodgers. Brothers Stephen Suarez and Kenneth Suarez delivered run-scoring singles and Marx pitched three solid innings, allowing only two runs. Mike Titt drove in a run for the Red Sox with a bunt in the top of the fourth. Stephen Suarez banged out a single in the bottom of the fifth. Kenneth Suarez belted a double. Corey Berger drove in a run with a bunt. Lee Silverman drove in a run with a double and Stitt drove in another run to finish the inning.
Red Sox 8, Dodgers 7: The Dodgers jumped out to an early lead with RBI from Jeremy Marx and Corey Berger. The Red Sox tied the game in the bottom of the third when Lyndsey Stearns, with two out, drove in two runs. In the top of the fourth, Berger drove in another run to give the Dodgers a 3-2 lead. The Red Sox scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth for a 5-3 advantage and then scored their final three runs on a three-run double belted by Stearns. The Dodgers scored their final four runs on one play when Bryan Stitt belted a three-run triple and then came home on a wild throw. Kenneth Suarez scored the first run on the hit and had reached base on a single. Frankie Mitchell pitched three innings and Harris Tuchman also pitched for the Red Sox. The Dodgers' record moved to 5-2.
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Rockies 12, Marlins 2: The Marlins scored once in the top of the first and held the lead until the bottom of the third when Scott Cheroff's double scored one run for the Rockies. Stephen Suarez followed with a single and the go-ahead run. In the fourth, Ryan Jablon, Fred Decorte and Jake Floyd drove in runs to give the Rockies a 5-1 lead. The Rockies scored their final seven runs in the fifth, getting RBI from Ryan Walsh, Jablon, Decorte and Nick Pagano. Suarez and Patrick Cierelli pitched three innings, each allowing one run.
Yankees 13, Rockies 8: The Rockies jumped out to an early lead against the Yankees when they scored eight runs in the top of the first. The Yankees came back with six runs in the bottom of the inning. The Yankees sealed the win with seven runs in the bottom of the third. The Rockies' record moved to 3-11.
PONY LEAGUE
Yankees 6, Orioles 5: Steve Cohen had five strikeouts, Tim Homish took two and Michael Nitolo one for the Yankees. David Levine, Homish, David Bertschy and Nitolo played well in the field and Nitolo, Homish, Ted Young, Homish, Nitolo and Nick Perretti scored runs. For the Orioles, Joe Kahooni had three strikeouts and Greg Zinberg also pitched well. Daniel Levinson, JT Weatherston and Zinberg played well defensively and Eric DeCote, Zinberg and Levinson hit the ball well — Zinberg with two RBIs, Kahooni, DeCote, Zinberg and Levinson scored runs.
Yankees 8, Phillies 3: Pitching well for the Yankees were Christina Palermo with six strikeouts and Dean Kakounis with four. Playing well defensively were Tim Homish, Dean Chencharick, Nick Perretti and Kakounis. Hitting the ball well were Mike Nitolo, Chencharick, Perretti, Ted Young, Eric Buttmann, Marco, Homish, Steve Cohen and Kakounis — Buttmann driving in three runs, Nitolo, Chencharick, Cohen, Perretti, Kakounis and Homish scored runs. For the Phillies, Brett Berger struck out three and Justin Woodroof two. Playing well in the field were Devon Dorn, Ross Kravitz, Robbie Maul, Ryan Stromeyer and Woodroof. Hitting the ball well and scoring runs were Berger, Simon Zaltsberg, Adam Gilson and Michael Rodrigues.

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