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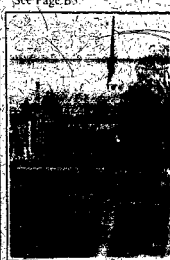
Offices to close

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday. We will reopen Monday. The deadlines for the April 8 edition remain the same. We wish our readers and advertisers a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

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Township: DARE program will continue, even

By Pamela Isaacson Staff Writer

Springfield parents now have a little less help in raising their kids to stay away from drugs. As of March 2, Springfield is one of just a few towns in Union County without a 17-week DARE program which has been interrupted in township public schools.

"I am saddened by it. I feel the kids are the ones who are going to suffer," said Sgt. Steven Stockl, a DARE officer for the past eight years who because of scheduling changes in the Springfield Police Department, can no longer teach the program.

"I agree with you that the service makes a difference," Mayor Gregory Clarke said at the March 23 Township Committee meeting. "It has not been eliminated but suspended. We hope to have the program back with more officers in September."

According to both Township Administrator Richard Sheola and Police Chief William Chisholm, current negotiations within the department should lead to the program's reactivation before the end of this school year. "We are not going to let the program falter," Sheola said Tuesday. "The children are going to have a graduation."

As a major component of DARE includes fostering a relationship between police officers and students, it would be beneficial if the same officers are assigned to the same schools. "Neither Sheola nor Chisholm could comment on that possibility."

Cpt. Don Brewer and Stockl taught DARE to elementary and middle school children at F.M. Gladstein School, James Caldwell School and Sandmeier School before the program's suspension nearly one month ago. While the program began with two police officers for fifth graders at the Gladstein and St. James School in 1992, it had expanded to three officers to include first-, third- and eighth graders as well.

"They truly believe in this and are devastated they cannot teach this program," said Karen Stockl, wife of a DARE officer and mother of two Springfield elementary school students.

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— Denise Zimmer, DARE, New Jersey

stream and the children are feeling that. Parents think it's a bad message," said DARE New Jersey representative Denise Zimmer, adding that she has received six or seven calls from Springfield residents sharing their concerns about the program's interruption.

DARE New Jersey oversees the delivery and management of DARE in municipalities throughout the state. The office is charged with the responsibility of delivering the copyrighted DARE America program and ensuring it is being taught the way it was designed and researched.

According to Zimmer, the program was designed to encompass all 17 weeks, not only to cover the curriculum, but also to build a relationship between the officer and the students.

"The building up of the relationship, and the delivery and reinforcement of the message culminated in a special closing ceremony," she said. "The students have the opportunity to show that they've learned this important lesson and they are proud of it, and that they made a friend in the DARE officer."

DARE New Jersey serves as a resource for school districts and police departments. "We have not made any contact at this point because I have not been notified that the program is not going to be completed this year," Zimmer said, referring to communication with the Springfield department.

Although DARE New Jersey can sometimes supply DARE officers from the county or the state to serve locally should circumstances arise, as of Tuesday afternoon, Zimmer had not been contacted by members of the Springfield Police Department.

"In the end, DARE is a local program," she said. "Our goal is to help in any way we can to make sure the children complete the project with the same officers." Since its inception at the St. James School Officer Ed McMahon has taught both the fifth-grade and a few

ing-to-drug information but associated with current events.

"But McMahon does not need to worry about the St. James DARE Program. The department's scheduling changes did not affect the Westfield mornings that McMahon teaches at the Catholic school, but

priority for the department," said McMahon, adding that the department is looking to train additional officers. So scheduling shifts to include DARE would become more flexible. DARE programs have been employed by municipalities since the late 1960s.



Photo by Barbara Kozlowski

Dignitaries from four towns launched their railroad jitney service at the Springfield Municipal Building March 25. From left, Chatham Mayor Joseph Reilly, NJ Transit Acting Executive Director Stanley Rosenblum, East Orange Mayor Robert Bower, Maplewood Committeewoman Ellen Davenport and Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke cut the ribbon for the service.

Townships rally for jitney keys

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

Springfield got its jitney and a share of NJ Transit's limelight March 25, NJ Transit Acting Executive Director Stanley Rosenblum presented jitney keys to Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke and representatives of five other towns as they start their minibus services on Monday.

"It is appropriate to launch the Morris & Essex Minibus Challenge Grant program in this area," Rosenblum said in front of the Municipal Building, "as it has a history of transportation innovation. When the Morris & Essex Turnpike opened in 1801, Springfielders built the Turnpike to get around the tolls. Thomas Edison, from nearby West Orange, ran the first electric train on the Morris & Essex line."

Rosenblum handed keys to Clarke, Chatham Township Mayor Joseph Reilly, East Orange Mayor Robert Bower and Maplewood Township Committeewoman Ellen Davenport. They later boarded the 300-foot Ford bus for a simulated run to Short Hill Station.

"They represented towns who each received a stimulus and a \$50,000 startup grant from NJ Transit. The transit authority was looking for the six best municipal proposals which can alleviate parking/hodgers along the Morris & Essex rail line. Awardee Berkeley Heights withdrew from the program in February."

"We thank you for the bus and operating grant," Clarke said. "This is another means for us to provide a service for our residents. We have spent the better part of two years trying to solve a problem our resident commuters have complained about."

Springfield does not have direct access to the Morris & Essex line. Riders have increased since introduction of Midway Direct service in June 1996. The resulting parking demand has squeezed some Springfield com-

muters from spaces in Summit and Millburn.

Starting on Monday, a 20-foot, 20-seat Ford minibus will pickup passengers at Duffy's Corner and deliver them 1.7 miles away at Short Hill station. The load-and-go routing is to run on 15-minute cycles until 6:45 a.m. and repeated from 4:45 to 8 p.m. daily during the work week.

One-way fares are \$2 but yearly permits and passes are available from the Municipal Building. Annual fees are \$300 for a pass and \$50 more for a Duffy's Corner parking badge.

There are 55 spaces designated for the Duffy's park-and-ride. The spaces and passes are, according to a Springfield mail mailing, in a priority and space available basis.

Duffy's Corner is across from Caldwell Place on the north side of Morris Avenue. Its new use has upset several Morris Avenue merchants who say jitney batters will take away spots for their customers. Restaurant owner James Wren said the spaces were calculated are going for 15 cents a day also are necessary for his meeting the Planning Board's parking requirements.

Springfield's jitney is actually the third of the challenge grant group to enter service. Chatham Township also has been making its rounds since March 15 and Maplewood's Wyoming area has been serviced since November. West Orange and East Orange are hoping to start by mid-April pending bus delivery and finalizing of details.

"Our first day was during the snowstorm," Chatham Township Administrator Ken Henck said. "We started on time and actually had customers on our route. I wish we can have a park-and-ride like Springfield, but we don't have the space."

Call (973) 912-2200 for Springfield jitney details.

Echo Plaza loses ACME

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

Springfield resident Christine Starks entered the Echo Plaza ACME Supermarket for some groceries — and left as its last customer Saturday afternoon.

"I didn't know they were closing," said Starks after store manager Kevin Dillon locked the door behind her. "I usually shop in the town center."

The ACME closed with little fanfare at 9 p.m. Some small signs announcing its closure were posted on store windows and several coupon fliers were given out for use in ACME's Union and New Providence stores. A Philadelphia sign company removed the storefront logo by 12:30 p.m. that day.

Outback Steakhouse manager and Echo Plaza Shopping Center neighbor Ed Young was buying potato chips in the half-stocked store. Young shook hands with each of the six employees and Dillon along the checkout line.

"I'm sorry to see you go," Young said. "It's a shame because there are so many people in the area who relied on ACME. Not everyone can drive."

The employees are being distributed among our Union, New Providence and North Plainfield stores, Dillon said. "I know, I'm going somewhere."

ACME has been Echo Plaza's anchor store since the strip mall opened in 1999. The plaza, off Route 22 West and Mount Avenue, is next to the Springfield Municipal Building.

"Who it closed is in the eye of the beholder. Dillon said Young there was a great increase involved. Paragano Realty Vice President Larry Paragano said the lease expired.

"Despite the speculation you hear about a rent increase, it had nothing to do with ACME's closing," Paragano said. "It was a corporate decision on their part. ACME allowed their 40-year lease to expire."

A call placed to ACME's Mahwah, Pa. headquarters was not returned. Paragano said Office Depot is to occupy the 28,000-square-foot space in four months time. Office Depot's tenancy application was reviewed by the Springfield Development Review Committee in May 20 and was approved by the Planning Board Feb. 3. It had a sign variance heard before the board last night.

"We're upset that ACME is leaving," Paragano said, "and would've liked to see their stay on."

Other Springfield and Mountaintside shoppers also were upset by the super-barker's low-key closure.

"It is sad," La Roof of Mountaintside said. "I was inside commiserating with the supermarket staff. This affects shoppers in both towns."

Toastmasters vie for local honors

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

There was a battle like that of David versus Goliath within the Schering-Plough-Keanthorn headquarters March 25. It was not a boardroom struggle but a competition among four local Toastmasters clubs for area honors.

"I have been a member of the Westfield Toastmasters for five years," Neel Crawford of Mountaintside said. "I joined the club to become a more effective speaker as I work in public relations. Tonight is my first area competition."

"I think Neel, Anne Baker, and myself will do well," Westfield club official Bill Herfield said. "This is the second year we've placed both competitors and we frequently win them."

Crawford, Baker and Herfield were judged for their speech and evaluative abilities. Their club was judged against the Gloucester/Capehart and Westport Toastmasters — a trio who call Schering-Plough home.

Toastmasters, founded in Santa Ana, Calif., in 1924, aim to foster leadership through improved public speaking skills. Some 8,500 clubs in 60 countries meet on an almost weekly basis to give prepared or improvised speeches. Members take turns making and evaluating the presentations.

"A quick tour of the Toastmasters' web site uncovers 75 Toastmasters clubs in New Jersey. While the top lists the four clubs competing together with an open designation, Springfield has one and a CIBA-Novartis club."

Welcomed members who live or work in the area. The free range accounts for some members falling from Edison and Edgewater. Krafft is the area governor and the contest's chairwoman.

Crawford opened her five-minute presentation with "Who, me, give a speech?" Aided by a flip chart to the 25-member audience, she outlines the five elements of speaking preparation. When finished, the five-contest judges promptly marked their ballots.

The procedure was repeated with the other three contestants. Baker, singing and jazz, demonstrated the vocal range; Jones and Jones in public speaking; Norman Ryan, of Cranford, recalled her past computer group trip to Paris and Madis Solheim of Edgewater discussed how to rejuvenate a Toastmasters club.

"There was the evaluation time to complete. Herfield and two competitors watched and listened to May Herold's presentation on exercise. When Heroldville, of Edison, was finished, the three evaluators took two minutes apiece, appraising his speech.

Herfield ended up first alternate to 37-year Toastmaster Jim Friend. Shouldy Friend or runner-up Jim Vanderwater of Woodbridge was unable to make the state divisional contest last night. Herfield will go in their stead. Baker and Crawford, in their first competition, finished 1-2 in the speech contest.

"You've seen half of what's in a Toastmasters meeting," Herfield said. "Our weekly meetings have public speakers and feature speakers. We just started a 'What's New' segment. The procedure is from the First Graders. It's a word by word sentence. Call Jack Frazee of Westfield at (908) 716-7933 for details."

Krafft, 2 Westfield Toastmasters, said the great club

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Today: The Football Club of Mountaineers will hold a luncheon at BG field...

Friday: The annual walk-through Hike will be offered by Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain Ave. Springfield at 2 and 2:30 p.m.

April 10: The Trailside Nature and Science Center, 432 N. Providence Road, Mountaineers, is seeking volunteers to assist with trail maintenance projects...

April 11: The Trailside Nature and Science Center will present "Wildlife Sunday" from noon to 5 p.m.

April 13: Unity Bank, with offices in Springfield, will conduct a "First Time Home Buyer's Seminar" from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bonnet Room at the Union Township Municipal Building.

April 15: The Mountaineers-Newcomers Club will hold a "Ladies Night Out" informal gathering of a member's home for socializing and fun.

April 17: The Mountaineers Youth Baseball League will hold its annual dinner at Deerfield School at 8 p.m.

April 18: The Mountaineers Republican Club will hold its Spring Cocktail Party between 4 and 7 p.m. at BG field on Springfield Ave. in Westfield.

April 19: Sundmeier School, 606 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will hold an outdoor flea market sponsored by the PTA.

April 20: The Gaudinier School Curriculum Fair will be conducted from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gaudinier School's classroom.

April 22: The Football Club of Mountaineers will sponsor a trip to the Suncoast Elks Club at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the play "Piaf, Suite 1".

NEWS CLIPS

Borough residents to speak at Toastmasters

The Toastmasters will meet tonight in the public speaking group's new home for meetings, Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, 240 Springfield Ave. The two-hour meeting will start at 7:45 p.m.

Last week the group was involved in an area public speaking contest in the public speaking group's new home for meetings, Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield, 240 Springfield Ave. The two-hour meeting will start at 7:45 p.m.

Speakers at this week's meeting will be Sandy Apecker and Furlane Gotti of Mountaineers and Karen Sciarra of Plainfield. Evaluators will be Steve Baugh of Lodi, Phil Murphy of South Bound Brook and Jack Plante of Cranford.

The Toastmaster will be Deh Krzyk of Cranford. The speaker will be given by Anne Baker of Westfield and the topic matter will be Ntel Cranford of Mountaineers.

Award for service given to borough attorney

The New Jersey Health Care Financial Management Association has presented its 1999 President's Gold Medal Award for dedicated service to Theodore A. Tamborlane, Esq., founding partner of Tamborlane & Princi in Mountaineers.

Tamborlane is a member of the board of directors of the state HEMA and chair of its Alternative Delivery Systems Committee. She is an author and editor for both the state and national HEMA magazines and newsletters and a former Deputy Attorney General assigned to the New Jersey Department of Health.

Tamborlane & Princi offers a full range of legal services to businesses and health care providers in New Jersey, New York and Florida.

Day camp available for preschool children

The new Springfield YMCA is offering summer day camp experiences for first-time campers. Children ages four and five can enjoy YMCA "Preschool Camp" at Springfield.

Wrap-up: two half-day camp programs starting at June. Both programs will be held at the Y, located at the Chisholm Community Center.

Camp days at the "Preschool Camp" a morning program that runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. are filled with crafts, games, new friends, trips and activities. "Springfield Wrap-Up" is an afternoon program held following the Springfield Recreation Department's morning program. This wrap-up program starts at 12:30 p.m. and offers games, crafts and outdoor activities.

In addition to the Springfield YMCA youth and teens attending the Summit YMCA campus will register to use the Springfield facility for a game drop-off and pick-up. The Y has leased the Chisholm Community Center each day, 408 30 in and returns at 4:30 p.m. "Pre-Camp" and "Post-Camp" activities also are available from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is now being accepted at the Springfield YMCA campus and is conducted on one-week sessions starting from June 28 to Aug. 20. Financial assistance is available through an application process. Call 908-686-7700 for additional information.

Library seeks donations for Lobby Sale benefit

Beginning today, the legends of the Springfield Library will be accepting donations for their Lobby Sale to benefit the library. Thousands of jewelry, glassware and more, small appliances and kitchen items, linens, artificial flowers, toys and furniture that can be carried out are welcome. The library will not accept books or clothing. Items should be clean and in generally good condition.

Donations may be dropped off at the library Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Lobby Sale will be April 21 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is located at 60 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For more information call 923-376-4930.

Arthritic exercise class offered at Springfield Y

The Health and Fitness Department of the Springfield YMCA offers "PAC" an exercise class for people who suffer from arthritis pain and other rheumatic ailments.

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"PAC" is an American Arthritis Foundation program led by YMCA fitness professional Pat Reed, who also holds a certification from the American Arthritis Foundation to teach this program. The class guides participants through a series of gentle stretches to increase and strengthen muscles and joints. Most exercises take place while seated in a chair. The class meets Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Springfield YMCA, located at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave. The cost per class is \$1. For YMCA non-members, for more information, contact the YMCA at 923-376-4930.

Light the Night' walk set for September

The Northern New Jersey chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, 48 Springfield Ave., Springfield, has announced that the Light the Night leukemia walk, designated by the Leukemia Society of America as its signature event, will celebrate the society's 50th anniversary.

The evening walk will take place on the weekend of Sept. 23-26 simultaneously throughout the county. The event was designed to honor those area residents living with leukemia, as well as to remember those who didn't survive.

Event activities include an afternoon walk, which will begin approximately at 7 p.m. on one of the designated anniversary days.

Survivors carrying an event banner with handwritten messages will lead the walk.

Correction

In the March 11 edition of the Echo Leader, a quotation was incorrectly attributed to former NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley Dubler in a story called "Will it finally make an end?"

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. It is our belief that we have made such an error, while Editor in Chief Tom Ciesla, 1291 S. Stevens Ave., Union (709), or call (908) 686-7700, ext. 129, works before 5 p.m.

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Marissa Kellogg reads to Dalvin, an in-patient at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineers. A second-semester senior at Summit High School, Kellogg decided to tutor at the hospital for her WISE project.

Senior project benefits borough hospital

By Pamela Isaacson
Staff Writer

"I'm excited, but completely unknown as to why they ahead," I can't express how this project will affect me, but I have a feeling it will.

Summit High School senior Marissa Kellogg made this prediction in her journal entry Feb. 22, the night before she began tutoring at the In-Patient Classroom at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineers for her Wise Instructional Senior Experience Inc. project.

"It's inspirational to see kids dealing with problems that I can never imagine having. I had two knee surgeries and that was hard enough. They have been altered and they handle it amazingly well," said Kellogg, a basketball and softball player. "They are starting to deal with what they deal with."

A second semester senior who plans to attend Yale University in the fall, Kellogg chose to work at the hospital for WISE: a program designed for seniors as an interactive enrichment activity that allows students to explore career options and additional fields of interest.

"While I'm teaching, I hear the beeping machines," Kellogg described. "It's disorienting and kind of uncomfortable, but I have to try to overcome

For three hours each Tuesday morning, Kellogg tutors in-patients in math or English or practices reading with them. "They work really hard, but I can tell they are not happy to be there," she said.

She described one 13-year-old girl from Newark who had been chased by two Rottweilers and consequently hit by a car. "I'd be angry at the world if that happened to me. That's like a story that would be on the 10 o'clock news," Kellogg wrote.

Kellogg said she had realized differences between the education she has received as a lifetime resident of Summit and that of this student, who attended public schools in Newark.

"That's the thing that bothered me the most. There is a totally different reading level. I wish something more could be done for schools in Newark and other inner cities," she wrote in her journal. "It's really huge — the levels of education between Summit versus inner city schools. It's not fair."

While teaching, Kellogg said she was hearing some differences in levels of coherence and capability. Kellogg described another child who constantly drifts in and out of consciousness. "This child, who Kellogg estimates as between the ages two and five, is severely retarded, a wheelchair and fed through a tube in her nose."

"I think her mother was there with

her last week and she was working so hard to try to make her daughter happy. The woman utilized me with her positive helpfulness. I don't know if I could ever do that if my daughter was in such a state," Kellogg stated.

Each WISE student selects an SHS faculty member as a mentor to meet with on a weekly basis. Kellogg's mentor, Eleanor Haupt, chairperson of the English Department, said WISE is a program designed to maintain the interest of second-semester seniors. "Their bodies are here, but their minds are gone," Haupt said.

When Kellogg returns to the high school on Tuesday afternoons, she said she is often distracted. "I'm not a dazed for the rest of the day. Working at the hospital is really draining."

WISE projects culminate with final presentations in May and June.

Easter celebrations hop along in township

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The "Easter Bunny" has had its Springfield Saturday morning and appears to be on a hectic schedule in this area until Sunday. The famed rabbit first appeared at Clusfort Park behind the Community Center, where he left some 100 children on the field to start the annual egg hunt at 10 a.m.

"It's the first time we held the hunt here," Springfield Recreation Director Mike Tognari said. "We had that the last year. Special last year because of the construction here and because of the Maywood Building from last year. It's an annual event to celebrate the arrival of spring."

The Easter Bunny — in a close relative — was found in the basement auditorium of St. James the Apostle Church 30 minutes later. He got on the stage, presiding over some 100 children and adults eating breakfast and taking turns at the Easter egg hunt before him.

"The picture's small, so we call children up to their table," Father Robert Slag said. "They all wait for their number to have their picture taken with him. It's a festive way to start Holy Week."

Tognari and Slag's comments reflect one of the meanings of what is called Easter. The world's view of the Earth's annual post-winter rebirth begins. Before sunrise, members from throughout the Mountaineers Garden Club and the Springfield Beautification Commission will cultivate flowers in public spaces.

A religious view centers on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Several churches in Springfield and Mountaineers have field Lenten meals and special services leading to Easter.

Most churches are holding sunrise services Sunday. The Mountaineers Chapel plans a joint worship with other area churches at Washington Rock State Park in Warren at 6:30 a.m. One of the churches, Alliance Baptist in Warren, will be the altar-

note site should rain fall on the area. St. Mountaineers Chapel at 908-332-3356 for updates.

"Other sunrise worship services are at home, Springfield's Emmanuel United Methodist and Presbyterian churches are to hold a joint sunrise ceremony at Church Mall at 7:30 a.m. The congregations report to their respective parish services by 7:15 a.m., but not before having a breakfast at the Presbyterian Parish Hall.

The Mountaineers United Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church of Springfield can be called at 973-376-1055 and 973-376-4320, respectively.

Some of the smaller churches, like the Anglican Baptist Church of Springfield, hold their sunrise ceremony at their sanctuaries at 6:30 a.m. Annual can be reached at 973-379-4351.

A 16-member church is holding sunrise services and masses at their sanctuaries in the care of St. James it will debut the children's choir and a baptismal font.

St. James and Our Lady of Lourdes

of Mountaineers are among the few churches holding an Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Both are scheduled to hold Good Friday masses including the stargazing of the cross. Our Lady of Lourdes will hold its stations at 7:30 p.m. in St. James. Both have an outdoor version at 7:30 p.m. and a living stations session at 7:30 p.m.

Evangelical Baptist Church joins in with their annual "Walk Through the Bible" program at about 1 p.m. Friday. The interactive sound and light show is to acquaint children between three and 10 years old with the Easter story. Call 973-376-4331 for details.

Several churches hold Holy Thursday observances tonight. Our Lady of Lourdes is to hold a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. in St. James and St. Rose of Lima of Short Hills combine for a deacon's reconciliation service at St. Rose at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes can be called at 908/232-1162. St. James' main number is 973-376-1044.

Springfield celebrates reading during National Library Week

National Library Week will be celebrated in libraries across the county during the week of April 11 to April 15. This year's theme is "Road Learn" Content of the Library.

To celebrate National Library Week, the Springfield Library staff has planned an eventing titled "Read, Starting in the Children's Department April 12 with 10 Storytime at 2 p.m. for ages 0-5. Registration is required.

On April 13, the Foreign Film Festival is featuring "Men With Guns." The showings will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Funding in part for this film is made by the Local County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and in part by The Friends of the Springfield Library.

Also April 15, at 10 a.m. "Odysseus the King" by Sophocles will be discussed by the Great Book Discussion Group at 2 p.m. April 15, a class on Internet Searching Techniques for Adults will be given. Registration is required.

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Safety regulation deserves support

The Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration has implemented a new regulation for fire departments while combating structural fires. The "two-in, two-out" rule, adopted by New Jersey and 26 other states, mandates that blazing buildings be approached by two firefighters entering the structure while two others remain outside as a backup team.

All are required to have self-contained breathing apparatus, and these three firefighters are prohibited from undertaking any other tasks at the scene.

The new regulation is intended to promote fewer accidents and injuries to firefighters who must enter dangerous buildings to extinguish a blaze. With this rule, no one is given the opportunity to behave foolishly, take unnecessary risks or try to be a hero. If the team entering the building gets into trouble, the second pair is on deck to go in as a rescue squad.

The "two-in, two-out" rule is a good one. Common sense dictates that anyone entering a potentially dangerous situation, such as that of a burning building, should have some sort of a backup plan at the ready. Too often we hear of firefighters being injured or even killed in the line of duty, and these incidents are even more tragic when we learn that an ounce of prevention could have saved someone from harm.

Local fire departments, especially those smaller forces which are fully or partially dependent on volunteers, have expressed concern about how to supply the manpower needed to adhere to the "two-in, two-out" rule. To address this issue, area fire chiefs have met to work out a mutual aid arrangement.

We applaud the efforts of fire chiefs who are stressing the importance of occupational safety by supporting the new regulation, and we urge departments to work together for strong mutual-aid agreements so the daily tasks of local firefighters are a little safer.

Season of triumph

This Sunday, Christians throughout the world will celebrate the joyous holiday of Easter.

Easter is perhaps the most significant holiday on the Christian calendar, for without Christ's triumph over the grave through His resurrection, He would have been perceived as a mere mortal man. The fulfillment of the prophecies predicting that the Messiah would rise from the dead on the third day galvanized His followers and cemented what would become the Christian church.

But what of those early believers to the days, weeks, months and years following that first Easter? Although covered at length in the New Testament, the plight of those early Christians is something of which we tend to lose sight.

The path of their new faith was fraught with persecution and, in many ways, their story mirrors Christ's. Like Christ, they withstood the hatred and vilification that comes with ignorance, and a fear of the unknown and the different. Like Christ, many of them were tried, convicted and executed for crimes no greater than disturbing the status quo. And like Christ, they — as a spiritual force — "rose from the dead" to triumph over those who would persecute them.

His lesson of sacrifice is at the center of the Christian faith, expressed nowhere more eloquently than in the passage "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," a Son who would suffer persecution, indignities and ultimately, death so that we may live. This philosophy is echoed by Christ Himself when he said, "Greater hath no man than this: that he lay down his life for his brothers."

These ancient lessons carry a resonance which should be felt by Christians every day, and it is at Easter in particular that we reflect on the triumph over persecution — over adversity and ignorance and, indeed, over death itself. For the driving force of Christians is the promise of life everlasting and the knowledge that the grave cannot hold us captive.

We wish all those celebrating the Easter season a joyous time of reflection on love, on faith, on hope and on triumph.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 588-8888, or enter Selection 8000. Use our toll-free hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



"Responsible dissent" is the essence of democracy.

Abigail McCarthy
Writer
1972

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GIFT OF LIFE — Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke proclaims April Organ and Tissue Public Awareness Month with Patricia Cornelley, left, network manager of the Sharing Network of New Jersey, and Ellen Gagnella, the Springfield representative from the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary Gift of Life Committee. This program is being duplicated by the Gift of Life Committee throughout many of the surrounding communities.

Judge student-athletes by ability, not parents

We live in a small town called Mountside and because of our size, there is only one grammar school. The purpose for my writing this is to describe the practice of having a parent coach one of the school sports teams. This is a parent who has social connections with many of the families in our little town and also I might add a child playing on the team.

What happens is that tryouts are held and children should be, as any reasonable person would think, selected on skills and ability. Coaches that "the" parents are in our little community significantly interfere into the decision-making process.

I never realized this was a prerequisite for making the team. I will admit this is not the case for the majority of the team. Moreover, this practice dissuades many of the children from attempting tryouts for the team, knowing what the end result would be.

As an attempt to put an end to this dilemma, some concerned parents met with Mountside's chief school administrator this past November on

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By Anthony J. DiVito

the possibility of finally advertising the coaching position in the *Star Leader*. I can honestly say an attempt was made to hire the most-recent baseball coach through this process.

What is puzzling though is that there were eight interested applicants for the position. However, in the end, someone from within the community was selected. Let me say for the record though, the selected coach does have a son on the team who deserves to be on the team. No matter how hard this coach tries to separate his biases, his decisions are still judged by certain associations in our little community. This is normal human behavior.

Just ask the dejected children who didn't make the team. Ask them their thoughts on what they think should be there. This would be based upon the child's performance during the three plays of so-called tryouts. It seems that children who were missing routine grounders, pop ups or striking out at the plate made the team. Others who made contact with the ball, fielded successfully every ball hit to them and ran the bases with authority did not make the team.

These are criteria that I would view as the basis for selection. These children are obviously smart enough to realize who deserves to be on the team and who doesn't. The coach must think the parents don't know the ability of each player selected and is trying to sell us on the fact his decisions were made solely on skill and ability.

What he doesn't realize though is many of us have observed these children since the age of seven, know their strengths and weaknesses and know what children have caught up to and surpassed in skill and ability but yet

denied the opportunity to be given a chance. The solution is this: The Mountside school board must demand the chief school administrator recruit well in advance, via every means possible, for a qualified individual with no connection to the community. The duties and responsibilities should be spelled out in the job description. Another important item that must be emphasized is the time commitment required by the coach.

Another means would be to solicit the many colleges and universities in the surrounding area for potential candidates, as well as contacting Governor Livingston High School for interested and qualified individuals. This way, finally, a team will be chosen based upon skills and ability, as it should be.

The only way a local parent should coach a team is if the program is an opportunity because of a lack of qualified candidates.

Anthony J. DiVito is a resident of Mountside.

Vietnam conflict teaches applicable lessons

At his March 19 press conference, President William Jefferson Clinton defended his proposal to commit U.S. ground troops to secure Kosovo in terms hauntingly reminiscent of those used by an earlier president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, to defend his proposal to commit U.S. ground troops to combat in Vietnam.

Quoth Bill Clinton on March 19: "This is a conflict with no natural boundaries. It threatens our national interests. If it continues, it will push refugees across borders and draw in neighboring countries. It will undermine the credibility on NATO on which stability in Europe and our own stability depend. It will likely reignite the historical animosities, including those that could embrace Albania, Macedonia, Greece, even Turkey. And these divisions will have the potential to make the next century a truly violent one for that part of the world that straddles Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Domino theory, anyone?"

With full benefit of hindsight, it is relatively easy to recognize what went wrong in Vietnam. Although an in-depth analysis would take volumes, one syllogism goes something like this: "If we could have succeeded in imposing our will upon the North Vietnamese, had we been willing to employ an unlimited amount of force, we in the face of potential massive intervention by Red China, it seemed unlikely for us to incur the risks that use of unlimited force might entail."

Therefore, President Johnson would have been better advised in 1964 to refrain from civil war which we were not going to effect in any decisive manner. Others may prefer a different syllogism, but at least this one gives us a starting place.

Have we learned anything at all during the ensuing 35 years? No.

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know how that, in the late 1960s, Bill Clinton vowed that he "loathed the military," to "help organize demonstrations on our foreign soil against U.S. efforts in Vietnam, and evaded, as opposed to avoided, any personal military service. Now, somehow, everything is different.

Before he gets the country into yet another military quagmire in Kosovo, perhaps Clinton at least owe us answers to some questions more pertinent than the softballs he received at his press conference? For openness: "Mr. President, in what way is the threat to U.S. national interests you perceive in Kosovo different from the threat that existed in Vietnam in 1964?"

"Mr. President, in view of your own unwillingness to perform military service when called, would you please describe for us the aspects of that difference which make you willing to place the lives of American military personnel at risk in 1999?"

"Mr. President, how do you assure the people whose lives will be placed at risk if you are not going to repeat in Kosovo, the mistakes that your predecessor, President Lyndon Johnson, made a generation ago in Vietnam?"

In view of this writer, we will all risk becoming somewhat blue in the face should we decide to hold our breath while waiting for Bill Clinton to provide satisfactory answers. As the *New York Times* commented editorially about our president last Dec.

is — even though opposing impeachment on the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice — "he is, in your opinion, no longer trustworthy if you have his handprint. His signature on his word on a Bible."

The U.S. military has always performed and will always perform as ordered by its commander in chief. The real question now is whether Congress will before funding U.S. intervention in Kosovo, perform its own constitutional duty and insist that the national interests involved there be clearly identified. That the forces

employed be adequate to achieve the strategy, and that an appropriate strategy be both defined and fully understood in advance.

Is it too much for us to look to our own New Jersey Senators, Frank Lautenberg and Robert Torricelli, both of whom voted in January to make this man in office through the end of his term, to assume leadership responsibilities?

Robert B. Ardis is a resident of Mountside.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Warning should precede DARE cut

To the Editor:

As a township resident of more than 24 years who's raising two young children in the Springfield school district, I feel compelled to address the issue of the recent suspension of the DARE program. While I speak as a parent, I also speak from the vantage point of being a DARE officer's wife. Therefore, I will attempt to put to rest some of the common misconceptions which have been recently circulating.

Let me begin with the actual economics of the situation. While I am not a liberty spokesman for the Police Department, I can speak on behalf of my husband who has never let money be a guiding factor in any of his decisions concerning DARE. In fact, he has often donated his time to charitable fund-raising, missions, etc. It was with great sadness that due to a shift change not of his choosing, my husband has lost his role in a program which meant so very much to him.

In terms of the school system, as a parent, I am more than a little appalled that the school district's obvious reluctance to seek a public referendum on this very important matter. Specifically, the DARE program came to an abrupt end on March 3.

Many of his students have approached my husband for answers to their questions: "Why aren't we having the DARE program, and are you coming back?" It is with a profound sadness that his hands were tied by departmental rules and he has had to suspend the honest dialogue for which he had worked so hard in the past to establish.

What he would like everyone to know is how much the DARE program had the students have meant to him over the past seven years. While at this time he is not allowed to continue his role in the children's education it is his fervent hope that this will change in the near future.

Karen A. Stocki
Springfield

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Dorothy Golden
I'm shopping for milk and groceries in two different stores on Echo Plaza and my son has to drive me to other places. I think the closing is terrible.



Evelyn Bartel
I still have my ACME savings card. Maybe they ought to put an Edwards or a Parkmark in there or in another part of the mall. I have to shop somewhere else.



Martha Rawlins
I've been going to ACME 20 years and it should've never closed. We have to go elsewhere. What else can we do?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Goggi is right for the job

To the Editor:
During the Mountanside PTA Candidates Forum, I was impressed with Peter Goggi's professional demeanor and ability to address the issues. A parent and business executive who faces tough issues daily, he knows how to make things happen — and he does so within budget. Yes, within budget — it is indeed possible to have an excellent system of education without high taxes.
Goggi is concerned with the issues — including improved test scores, readiness for Governor Livingston High School, curriculum development beyond state average and full support for the Strategic Planning Initiative. A Board of Education member should support and agree with this initiative 100 percent.
I encourage everyone to take the candidates forum on TV-33 and you will agree — Goggi is the right person for the job. He will bring fresh ideas and breathe new life into what seems to be stagnant and decaying system. He will foster a system of education that will not embarrass us again with sub-par test scores.
Goggi feels strongly that the school system needs to reach new heights of excellence. Do we really want a community where only "empty nesters" are interested in settling because the taxes are low and the quality of the schools isn't matter?
We need a community where both "empty nesters" and young families can be proud of top system of education. I care deeply about this town and I believe Goggi can help us have one of the best systems of education in this state.
Anne Raggiolo
Mountanside

Perrin provides financial know-how

To the Editor:
It is often assumed that residents of Mountanside with children at Deerfield School are less concerned with fiscal responsibility than with issues of curriculum and academic achievement. However, I am pleased that the recent appointment of John Perrin to the school board destroys that myth.
In just eight months, Perrin has made a significant contribution to financial oversight by bringing to the attention of the board a state statute that was long overlooked. With Perrin's guidance, the school board approved a budget of quotas on any projects in excess of 10 percent of \$12,500, with the project awarded to the lowest bidder. By requiring the board to change its practices to adhere to statute, we get the best work at the lowest possible bid. This can only benefit Deerfield students and the community.
With Perrin, residents can have greater comfort in the school board budget process and know that our money is being teaching the intended goal.
Ginger Chan
Mountanside

Red Cross sponsors golf tour

The Westfield Mountanside and Summit Area chapters of the American Red Cross will join forces to bring "Golf Tour 99" to the public. The first 34 lucky golfers may sign up for the "Grand Tour 99," which is all five courses — Minecock National, Echo Lake Country Club, T.P.C. Janna Polana, Somerset Hills and Ballastou Golf Club. "Mini Tour 99" is available to 64 golfers consisting of three of the five premium courses: Echo Lake, T.P.C. Janna Polana and Somerset Hills.
"Golf Tour 99" will host five distinguished courses around the state. On May 6, the first stop will be Minecock National; 14 18 holes pass through the Pines Barrens and wetlands, with one hole visible from the next. Second stop will be Echo Lake Country Club on June 21, the four nine holes are tight and hilly with a more open back nine. Third stop on July 26 will be a new addition to the tour. T.P.C. Janna Polana, located in Princeton, was designed by Gary Player. Janna Polana is a newly opened/private par 72 championship course.
Fourth stop, Aug. 2, is another new addition to the tour. Somerset Hills located in Bernardsville, is rated among the top 100 courses in the nation. The fifth and final stop on the tour, Oct. 21, will be Ballastou Golf Club in Springfield, which has hosted a number of distinguished P.G.A. and U.S.G.A. sponsored events including six U.S. Open championships most recently in 1993.
Golfers may sign up for the "Grand Tour 99," which is all five courses or they may sign for the "Mini Tour 99," which consists of three of the five premium courses. "Mini Tour 99" consists of Echo Lake on June 21, T.P.C. Janna Polana on July 26 and Somerset Hills on Aug. 2.
Golfers can reserve their spot for the "Grand Tour 99" or "Mini Tour 99" by calling one of the sponsoring American Red Cross chapters. The Westfield Mountanside Chapter can be reached at (908) 232-7090 and the Summit Area Chapter can be reached at (908) 376-2076.

CSH offers free program on teaching young children

"Tips for Teaching Infants and Toddlers" will be presented at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountanside, on April 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. The free, informative and entertaining program for parents, child care providers and teachers will offer practical suggestions for enhancing the growth and development of infants and toddlers.
CSH psychologist, Ellen D'Amato and CSH Early Intervention teacher, Ellen Betsos, authors of "Tips for Teaching Infants and Toddlers" will share ideas from their recent publication as well as years of experience working with children with and without special needs.
The activities to be presented incorporate speech, fine and gross motor skills and cognitive skills. According to D'Amato and Betsos, parents do not need any fancy or expensive materials. Participants will learn how to use common household items for a wide variety of activities that will enhance their child's development.
Registration on how to access services if children are displaying developmental delays will be discussed as well.
Those attending the program should enter through the hospital's main wing entrance on the right-hand side of the building.
Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's only comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children, is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System.

School budget needs voter support

To the Editor:
The five local PTAs/PTOs urge the citizens of the township of Springfield to exercise their right to vote.
Our local Parent/Teacher/Student Organizations have voted to support the Springfield School District's 1999-2000 school budget which reflects sound planning and fiscal accountability.
We are asking each registered voter to consider the following reasons for their support of this budget. First, our children's education is our primary concern. Continued enhancement of programs such as technology, summer school, evening recreation, residential trips and instructional materials necessary for classroom management is beneficial to a well-rounded education. In addition, we need to maintain the high standards that have elevated our school district to the role model that it has become.
We urge your support of this budget because it does maintain a quality education in our school system while at the same time being responsive to the taxpayer's concerns.
This election is important. We are asking each voter to go out and vote yes for the school budget April 20. Polls are open from 7 to 9 p.m.
Our children deserve the best education; you can make it happen with a yes vote.
Editor's note: This letter was signed by Gloria Reza of the Edward V. Walton School PTA, Debbie Nelmanis of the James Caldwell School PTA, Donna Strober of the Thelma L. Sandmeier School PTA, Merle Roenbaum of the Florence Goodmire School PTA, Evelyn Max of the Jonathan Dayton High School PTA, Lynn Riva Cozzi of Community Conference Group of Springfield.

Election coverage guidelines

In fairness to all Board of Education candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of Board of Education elections.
Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.
We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raiser in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.
If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.
News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.
Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.
We will strive to avoid the unfair raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.
We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.
Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper's Board of Education election. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.
Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 20 election:
Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of April 8 for Board of Education candidates. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.
Endorsement letters containing more than 250 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candidates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.
Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for Board of Education will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on their pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear April 8.
Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear April 15.
Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear April 15.
Election results: Election results will be announced on this newspaper's "InfoSource" hotline. Look for the telephone number and extension in the April 14 edition and listen to the results as they come in on April 20. Follow-up with complete election result coverage in the April 22 edition.

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Katz named to dean's list

Gregory P. Katz of Springfield has earned membership on the dean's list for the Fall 1998 semester at Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences. To merit this honor, a full-time student must obtain a grade point average of not less than 3.4 with no missing or incomplete grades.
Katz, a 1995 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, is a leader in his field in political science with concentrations in environmental policy and environmental geography. Katz holds that the school's first undergraduate society to be sponsored a research associate at the university's Center for Environmental Policy Administration within the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey H. Katz of Springfield.

Summit Area Red Cross drivers transport elderly to appointments

The public contributes to the Red Cross and Red Cross volunteers help those in need. The Summit Area Chapter Transportation Department, for example, contributes to the Red Cross which buys and maintains a fleet of ten vans. Volunteers drive these fleet vans to transport and drop off elderly and infirm who need transportation to and from their medical appointments. In any given week, 45 drivers make about 100 trips. The service is free. An expense of about \$5 million from public contributions and the Red Cross department, however, government subsidies. The more the public helps the Red Cross, the more help they can provide to those in need.



Red Cross driver Doug Garno also acts as a transportation coordinator, orchestrating the activities of 45 drivers and 10 vans with the schedules of about 165 people who need transportation for their medical appointments. Garno is on the Summit Red Cross Board of Directors; and all drivers are trained in first-aid, CPR and disaster response.

Public support during fund drives determines to a large extent the amount of services that can be provided in the next year - services like training people as CPR, teaching water safety and baby-sitting classes, sewing and repairs at Lewis Hospital, and blood collection.

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Family to family



A record crowd filled the Summit Middle School auditorium March 8 to hear about drugs and alcohol and the new teen social life during a presentation called "Family to Family." From left, Summit Police Chief William E. Schmalzer, Morris County Prosecutor John B. Dangler, Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Mahanian, Summit Middle School Principal Ted Stanik, Sgt. John McCandless, AWARE students Bridget Higgins and G.C. Green, and Student Assistance Counselor Jeff Lambert.



The BEARS Are Back in Town!

In July, baseball will return to Newark in Riverfront Stadium, a new \$30 million state-of-the-art ballpark. Please join former Yankee Rick Cerone, former Mel Tompkins and Cy Young Award winner Mike Cuellar for an inaugural season.

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MAY	JUNE	JULY (cont.)	AUGUST (cont.)
GAMES PLAYED AT SKYLANDS PARK	GAMES PLAYED AT SKYLANDS PARK	21* Wed Somerset	12 Thur Atlantic City
10 Mon Somerset	1 Tues Somerset	24 Sun Bridgeport	19 Thur Nashua
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Academy parents plan anniversary gala

The Newark Academy Parents Association will host a gala evening in honor of Newark Academy's 225th anniversary on May 1 at Mayfair Farms in Wasi Orange. Celebrations 225 will bring alumni, parents and faculty together to culminate a year-long celebration. The event, co-chaired by Cathy Errico of Summit and Sandy Haiken of South Orange, will include an auction, dinner and dancing. Proceeds raised will benefit a variety of different programs at Newark Academy. Auction items include vacation homes in Australia and Switzerland, quilt, hand-made by Head of School Penny Riegelman, honoring the school's rich history, and several other items ranging from sports memorabilia, gift certificates to restaurants and spas, and job internships. This year, the Parents Association is proud to announce that the "Celebration 225" Commemorative Ad Journal is dedicated to the faculty of Newark Academy, both former and present. The parents wish to commend and congratulate the faculty for their endless loyalty to Newark Academy's students.

Founded in 1774, Newark Academy is one of a handful of pre-revolutionary schools still operating in the United States and is the second oldest day school in the State of New Jersey. In 1964, the school moved from Newark to Livingston, and in 1971, became fully co-educational. Today, Newark Academy enrolls 548 students in grades six through 12. It has one of the most diverse independent school communities in the United States with a student body representing 15 countries and 85 communities.

OBITUARIES

Gordon L. Stiles

Gordon L. Stiles, 80, a lifelong resident of Springfield, died March 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Mr. Stiles was an assembler for Ford Motor Co., Metuchen, for 30 years and retired in 1978. He was a World War II Army veteran. Surviving are a son, Donald G. Sr., and two grandchildren.

Felix Mongrello

Felix Mongrello, 78, of Mountainside died March 22 in Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge. Born in Newark, Mr. Mongrello lived in Mountainside until Florida before moving back to Mountainside 21 years ago. He worked in the maintenance department of the Union County Board of Education for six years before that. Mr. Mongrello was a partner for Rheingold Corp. Orange, for 30 years. Surviving are a sister, Gertrude Pastorek, and a brother, Victor.

Walter Kleinfelder

Walter Kleinfelder, 89, of Summit and Culver Lake died March 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Kleinfelder

lived in Summit for 36 years while maintaining a summer residence in Culver Lake since 1974. He worked for Bell Systems, now Lucent Technologies, Murray Hill, for 41 years before retiring. Mr. Kleinfelder was a 1934 graduate of Cooper Union in New York City, where he received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He was a founding member of the New Jersey Life Steamers, Bernardsville, a club which built functional scale model steam engines and frames.

Mr. Kleinfelder was an auxiliary police officer in Summit and on its postal team. He was an assistant scoutmaster in Summit. Mr. Kleinfelder was an amateur geologist and has a fossil named after him in the Staten Island Museum.

Surviving are a son, Richard, two daughters, Joan Stachek and Bette Kleinfelder Carlson, and five grandchildren.

Susanne Denman

Susanne Denman, 87, of Summit died March 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Madison, Mrs. Denman lived in Maplewood before moving to Summit seven years ago. She was a

secretary for AT&T, Newark, for two years and retired in 1931. Mrs. Denman was a member of the Maplewood Woman's Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also was a member of the Women's Society and served as a Sunday school teacher, both at Morrow Memorial Church, Maplewood. Surviving are two sons, Alan J. and David R., a daughter, Susanne D. Evans, 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Peter Jeffrey Lutton

Peter Jeffrey Lutton, 40, of Summit died March 18 at home. Born in London, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Lutton lived in Summit for 10 years. He was the manager of the Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange, for several years. Previously, Mr. Lutton had worked at various clubs in Summit. He was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., and was a member, United Club Managers Association of America.

Surviving are his daughter, Jennifer Nicole; his mother, Beverly Swann; his stepfather, John R. Swann, his stepmother, Chantelle T. Lutton, a sister, Elizabeth Anne, and two brothers, Craig and Drew.

Oratory students attend JSA Congress

Nearly 1,000 high school students expanded their firsthand knowledge of government the weekend of Feb. 19, when they attended the Junior State of America Mid-Atlantic Congress '99 in Washington, D.C. Joining them were several area students from Oratory Prep School in Summit. Accompanied by faculty member and JSA advisor, John Gibson, the following students participated in a variety of activities intended to help them become more aware of the workings of the government: Donald Prokter, James Tschorne, Marcus Walker, Andrew Wynarczyk, Spirit Wademyer, Eugene Gillispie and Kevin Gritto. The gentlemen were taken to the Oratorians aboard a bus with students from Kent Place School and Millburn High School. During the afternoon, they attended a session in the House of Representatives on Capitol Hill. The remainder of the day and evening were filled with conferences, committee meetings and workshops designed to help the students understand the government at work. The students were assigned the roles of Senators and Representatives. They debated various issues such as health care, cloning, flag burning, Internet regulation and aid to Russia. Most of these meetings were held in

the conference rooms of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, directly across the Potomac River from Washington.

Keynote speaker for Congress '99 was veteran reporter Sam Donaldson, who is ABC News Chief White House correspondent. Donaldson, an award-winning journalist, has covered national conventions and presidential campaigns for the last 35 years.

According to Oratory junior James Tschorne, "It was interesting to see how the government works. I have in fact, I have a new respect for government officials. They have more responsibility than I ever imagined." Oratory, which offers a college-prep curriculum for boys in grades seven through 12, enrolls students from a six-county area.

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The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, a group of male cappella singers in the barber shop style, prepare for their April 18 performance at the Springfield-Free Public Library's Donald B. Palmer Museum at 2 p.m.

Jerseyaires to perform at public library

At the Palmer Museum concert, audience members can expect to reminisce to sentimental ballads such as "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "If You Knew Sissy" in addition to more modern music from Broadway, patriotic songs and music from the 1960s.

The Rahway Valley Chapter-Jerseyaires are 53 male singers who are part of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America Inc. The members in this chapter include men who reside in Westfield, Cranford, Roselle Park, Linden, Staten Island and all points South. Barber shop quartets came into being about 60 years ago when men would congregate in barber shops and harmonize.

Funding for this concert has been provided by the A. Reigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a longtime local resident, was active in library issues (his campaign to lobby to preserve library budgets and other resources at city and county levels resulted in the preservation of integrated services).

Because of his actions on behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1985.

Balber remained active in library affairs until his death in 1995. Admission to his concert is free but tickets are limited. Tickets may be picked up at the circulation desk. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Credit card, cash thief arrested at hospital

Mountainside
Barbara Cook, 32, was arrested March 25 for credit card theft at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. On several occasions, according to Mountainside Detective Sgt. Todd Turner, Cook, also known as Brenda, would reportedly enter unoccupied offices and "mife through purses," stealing credit cards and cash.

The Garfield resident had allegedly accompanied her sister and her sister's child for the child's out-patient appointments at the facility.

Officers obtained a video that reportedly showed Cook using the stolen cards at the Paramus Park Mall. She was taken into custody last week after the child's appointment.

• Frank Dedies, 56, was arrested

POLICE BLOTTER

and charged with assault and domestic violence after police officers witnessed the Scotch Plains resident beating his companion in his car on Mill Lane and Rutgers Road.

• Newark resident Lavene Newark, 35, was caught running a red light on Route 22 East and Lawrence Avenue March 24. The driver also had a suspended license and did not carry insurance, according to police.

• Jennifer Rojas, 22, was stopped on Route 22 West near Brighton Gardens March 23 for making an unsafe lane change. Further investigation revealed that the computer consultant was driving with a suspended license.

Springfield

Springfield police arrested a Morris Avenue resident and three of his presumed guests on drug possession charges Friday.

The resident, identified as Joseph Nicholas DiRocco, 23, was charged with one count each of possessing cocaine, marijuana and paraphernalia at about 2:04 p.m. DiRocco was taken to the Union County Jail for processing.

• An Irvington man, identified as Jean Dudley Pierre, 21, also faces the same three charges. Pierre, whose alias is Pierre Jeandade, also was sent to Elizabeth.

• A third man, identified as Morris Kurdyva, 24, of Newark received the same charges but was booked locally.

• A Springfield man said he was

knocked down by a Nissan Pathfinder while at the Echo Plaza parking lot Monday. The man said he was standing next to the Nissan when his left front bumper took him down. He said the car drove onto Route 22 West.

The pedestrian said the driver was a 5-foot, 9-inch male with black hair.

The suspect at the time was wearing an orange shirt and blue jeans. The victim was unharmed.

• Two area drivers found themselves before the police booking desk after a pair of unrelated accidents Saturday night. The first incident involved a Toyota rear ending a Mercury Sable on Route 22 East at about 9:42 p.m. The impact sent the Toyota from the center lane and into a Checker's Restaurant signpost.

Electrical panel short evacuates ShopRite

Grocery shoppers had to leave their carts behind when an electrical short caused a smoke condition in the ShopRite on Morris Turnpike at 5:35 p.m. Saturday.

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According to Springfield Fire Chief William Gras, the building was evacuated, but personnel and patrons were allowed back inside within 30 minutes. The electrical panel that shorted was located in a front office and away from food products. No damage was reported, as power was terminated to the panel.

• The first call to the department Saturday was logged at 4:03 p.m. when firefighters responded to a Marion Avenue residence to assist the Springfield Police Department with entry into the home. At 10:12 p.m. members of the department were dispatched to South Springfield Avenue for smoke in the area.

• At 8:28 a.m. Friday, the department responded to a Garden Oval residence for a water condition. An odor in the house led firefighters to a Highpoint Drive residence at 4:10 p.m.

Firefighters also managed three medical service calls for the day.

• A smoke detector problem at a Mountain Avenue apartment complex required the department's assistance at 2:38 p.m. March 35. Later in the day, at 6:41 p.m. department members again rushed to Mountain Avenue for a water condition.

• They responded to medical service call on the day.

• An early-morning car fire brought firefighters to Route 22 West at 6:43 March 24 in the afternoon, department members responded to two calls.

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Passover Freedom Seder explores multiculturalism



Sara L. Robinson, left, and James Robinson examine the Haggadah, the traditional program book for the Passover seder. The holiday commemorates the ancient Hebrews' release from slavery in Egypt.



Ben Eisen enjoys the beverages available at the seder.



Bernice Shor, left, Amani Herron, Michelle Herron and Beverly Lerner discuss why the seder is different from all other nights, one of the four questions asked at a traditional Passover dinner.



Cantor Amy Daniels leads the crowd in traditional Passover tunes at the March 23 multicultural freedom seder. The seder was held for the first time at Temple Sha'arai Shalom in Springfield.



Bernice Shor, left, helps Amani Herron and Michelle Herron dip parsley in salt water. Traditionally the parsley represents the spring season and the salt water symbolizes tears of the slaves in ancient Egypt.

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O'Toole calls for investigation of test-prep school industry

Students who have logged complaints against the providers of SAT and GRE preparatory courses would have their concerns investigated, thanks to a resolution sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin J. O'Toole and supported by Assemblyman Joel Weingarten which was approved last month by the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee.

The resolution, AR-76, requests that the Division of Consumer Affairs conduct an investigation into allegations made by individuals who believe the personnel of certain private test preparation schools may have misrepresented the nature of their services; provided inadequate supplies, contracted with unqualified teachers or failed to give refunds when requested.

"The number of private test preparation schools that operate in New Jersey has grown consistently to accommodate the increasing number of students who seek assistance in studying for standardized placement tests," said O'Toole.

"Students rely heavily on review courses to help them prepare for tests like the SAT, GRE and LSAT for which scores they achieve often are the deciding factor in determining which schools will accept them or whether they will be able to continue their education."

"The allegations that have been made about some of these schools are highly unsettling and certainly warrant a full investigation," O'Toole said.

Upon completion of its investigation, the Division of Consumer Affairs will report its findings to the Assembly.

"It is imperative that we enlist the help of the Division of Consumer Affairs to first investigate the validity of these complaints; and secondly to determine whether these alleged unlawful practices are widespread or merely isolated incidences," added Weingarten. "Based on that investigation, we will be able to determine an appropriate course of action."

The O'Toole resolution was approved by a committee vote of 8-0.

From left, Dr. Amy Gruber of Chatham and Overlook Family Practice Associates, with offices in Chatham and Summit, discusses the elements of cigarette advertising with fifth grade students in Summit during a 'Tar Wars' anti-smoking presentation. The 'Tar Wars' campaign, sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, aims to educate students about the dangers of smoking.

Overlook launches 'Tar Wars' campaign to warn teens against smoking dangers

Chatham and Overlook Family Practice Associates, a division of Overlook Hospital/Atlantic Health System, participated recently in a national 'Tar Wars' campaign, a pre-health tobacco education program that targets fifth graders using visual props and "plain talk" to warn of the dangers of smoking.

Throughout February and March, Dr. Amy Gruber and resident physicians from Chatham and Overlook Family Practice Associates visited fifth-grade classes in Summit, Chatham and Maplewood to discuss and illustrate the dangers of smoking.

The program, sponsored by the American Academy of

Family Physicians and the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, aims to educate students prior to the age when the decision to chew or smoke tobacco is made. About 3,000 teenagers start smoking each day — about one million per year.

Chatham and Overlook Family Practice Associates, with offices at 492 Main St., Chatham, and 33 Overlook Road, Summit, provide comprehensive medical services from newborn to geriatric. For more information, call Chatham Family Practice Associates at (973) 635-2432 or Overlook Family Practice Associates at (908) 522-5700.

Recognizing long-term volunteers



From left, Auxiliary Police-Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel and Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage present plaques to Auxiliary Police Officer Ron Mijniatsky, Auxiliary Lt. Jeffrey Katz and Auxiliary Chief Harvey Taub in recognition of their completion of 30 continuous years of volunteer service.

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9:15 pm Resurrection Matins

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Legislation to combat voter fraud

Legislation that would help combat voter fraud by tightening record-keeping procedures regarding deceased residents was released recently by the Assembly State Government Committee.

The measure, A-2168, is sponsored by Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole, both R-Essex-Union.

The bill would also authorize a recently moved voter to cast a "provisional ballot" in his or her new district without the required registration transfer.

In an effort to reduce the incidence of voter fraud, the bill would require the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to file with the registration commissioner of each county an alphabetized list of the name, address and date of birth, if available, of county residents 18 years or older who died during the previous 40 years.

"Using the names of deceased residents to cast illegal votes is hardly a new concept. In such a practice is not uncommon," Weingarten said. "Not only does this vote law sending citizens of their votes, it corrupts the system on which our society is based."

To maintain the integrity of elections and preserve the confidence honest voters have in the system, we must take definitive steps to stamp out fraud," Weingarten said.

Under the bill, the willful neglect, failure or refusal of a state, county or municipal officer in charge of death records for the State, county or municipality to file or process the nec-

essary information could be convicted of a third-degree crime, which carries a maximum penalty of 3.5 years imprisonment and/or \$7,000 fine.

Weingarten said the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, upon request, would be obligated to provide the chairman of a political party county committee with a copy of the list of deceased residents. The chairman must contact the state attorney general if he believes the commissioner has not complied with law in investigating and handling transfers of records. In addition, the bill would permit a voter who has moved outside the election district where he is registered to vote — but not outside the county where registered — and who has not transferred his or her registration, to vote by provisional ballot at the polling place of the district in which the voter resides on election day. The legislation would require the voter to make a written affirmation of the change of address at that polling place.

"This bill only would allow such a ballot to be cast if the move took place within the county," O'Toole said. "As a new resident, the voter has a stake in government decisions made on every level, and should be permitted to exercise his or her voting rights."

"Whether the election deals with school board candidates or a US presidential race, the voter should not be penalized for moving across a district border," O'Toole said. "Voter apathy is a major problem in some areas of New Jersey, and we should do all we

can to encourage citizens to head to the polls. Conscientious citizens who take the time to vote should not be turned away because of a paper technicality.

Current law provides that a voter who has moved outside the election district in which he or she is registered must first obtain a transfer from the municipal clerk of the voter's new residence before being permitted to vote at the polling place for the voter's new residence.

The procedure outlined in the bill for providing and tabulating the provisional ballots is similar to the procedure provided in current state law for the use of absentee and emergency ballots.

The measure passed the General Assembly by a vote of 47-26 and now returns to the Senate for concurrence.

Discussion group to meet at library

The Great Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library has begun a new series of books and is accepting new members. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. and discusses selections from classics of literature.

The next scheduled selection will be "Oedipus the King" by Sophocles April 15. Other scheduled meetings include "Freud," "On Dreams," May 20, and "Metamorphosis" by Kafka June 17.

History in the making



Matt Tomasso, left, coordinator of the Archaeology Center at Montclair State University, shows Summit High School student Vanessa Jean-Louis, second from right, exactly where she should strike a piece of stone to break it properly. Claire Wadsworth holds the stone while Josh Magness provides additional suggestions. Members of the university's Archaeology Department, visited Summit High School's freshman history classes in March and conducted three workshops. The Summit Educational Foundation funded the workshops.

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Mass - 7:30 PM

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7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil - 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM

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Rev. Edna C. Dumas, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Holy Week Services:

Seder: Maundy Thursday
April 1 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service
April 2 8:00 p.m.

Sing  and Celebrate

The Risen Christ  Morning

April 4 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: 9:10 a.m.

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Holy Week Liturgies and Events

Holy Thursday, April 1

Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

Reposition and Night Prayer - 10:30 p.m.

Good Friday - April 2

Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 2:00 p.m.

Liturgies of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross (Led by the Youth Group) 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 3

Morning Prayer - 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation - 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

(The Service of Light Begins in the lower parking lot!)

Easter Sunday - April 4

Masses - 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 noon

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Lindsey DeCoster of Springfield, a sophomore at Dayton High School, has been selected to participate in the inaugural United States Scholar-Athlete Games in June.

The "Newer" softball team will participate in the writing component of the Games.

Over 1,600 scholar-athletes and scholar-athlete artists representing all 50 states are expected to participate in the inaugural United States Scholar-Athlete Games, which will take place from June 26 through July 2 at the University of Rhode Island and in nearby Newport, R.I.

Administered by the Institute for International Sport, the 1999 U.S. Games will continue the Scholar-Athlete Games tradition, which was launched in 1993 with the first World Scholar-Athlete Games.

The U.S. Games will bring the Institute one step closer to achieving its goal of hosting Scholar-Athlete Games on every continent.

Scholar-athletes may participate in one of 14 sports programs including baseball, basketball, bridge, chess, field-hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, tennis, track and field and volleyball.

Participants will be randomly placed on teams with students from other states and will be guided by established coaches.

The scholar-athlete artists can participate in one of six different programs including art, choir, dance, symphony, theater and writing/poetry.

DeCoster, 15, is an aspiring writer who, in her spare time, volunteers at local nursing homes and at a local hospital.

In addition, DeCoster baby-sits at a local day care center.

Prominent representatives from the cultural arena will serve as mentors and share their expertise.

Special Theme Days will serve as a forum to meet all of the participants, both athletic and cultural, in discussions about significant issues of the day.

On each Theme Day, students will hear from prominent speakers on that day's subject.

They will then join together in small groups to discuss the issue in more depth with their peers.

The Theme Days will emphasize leadership development and character education in the following areas: Ethics and Sportsmanship; Community Service and Global Responsibility in the 21st Century.

The Soccer Club of Springfield will be holding tryouts Saturday, May 8 at the Gaudinier Middle School for its fall 1999 and spring 2000 traveling teams.

The Club will sponsor boys' and girls' teams for players born between 8-1-85 and 7-31-92.

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

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

In-person registrations will be held at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on Monday night, April 19 and Tuesday night, April 27 from 7-9.

More information may be obtained by calling the Club at 908-273-5569 or email at kspringfield@hotmail.com.

Mountainside Youth Baseball, a non-profit organization, is holding its third annual spring season fund-raiser on Saturday, April 17, fund-raiser on Sunday, April 18.

There will be several hundred people from the area in attendance. Proceeds from this event will be used for league expenses.

More information may be obtained by calling Carl Apple at 908-232-7381 or Michael Falzone at 732-340-9395.

The high school spring soccer season continues around the state today.

Dayton's baseball team opens at home today against Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival Middleburg at 4. The Bulldogs softball team is scheduled to play today and will open the season at Middleburg.

Mountain Livingstone's baseball team has a non-conference game Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at Camden.



The Springfield Minutemen 7th-grade basketball team completed its 1998-99 season by winning the B Flight championship of the league playoffs, posting a 63-42 win over Summit March 22 to win the crown. Front row, from left, are Frank Miceli, Kenneth Suarez, Michael Ties, Jesse Weatherston, Jesse Galinkin and Stephen Suarez. Middle row, from left, are coach Rob Rusco, Leo Ferrine, Helmi Abdelaziz, Harris Tuchman and coach Ron Fusco. Back row, from left, are Stephen King, Jordan Gerbor, Dan Scott, Michael Luciano, Robert Kleyman and William Fisher.

Springfield 7th grade team wins B Flight hoop crown

8th grade squad's season comes to close

The Springfield, Minutemen 7th-grade basketball team completed its 1998-99 season by winning the B Flight championship of the league playoffs, posting a 63-42 win over Summit March 22 to win the crown.

The season came to a close last Friday for Springfield's 8th grade team as it was defeated by Franklin Lakes 65-64 in overtime in the quarterfinals of the Wayne Tournament.

Andre Callender, Nick Perrotti and Mike Nijoloso scored in double figures for Springfield.

Also playing well for the Minutemen were David Lyons, Kevin Dashi, Don Walker, Dean Chencharuk, Andre Bates and Steven Cohen.

Jordan Gerbor scored 19 points, grabbed three rebounds and came up with two steals to spark the 7th grade team to its win over Summit.

Frankie Miceli scored 13 points, netting back-to-back three-point baskets in the fourth quarter.

Dan Scott scored 10 points, had three assists and

grabbed six boards.

Leo Ferrine helped the team with his seven points and three rebounds.

Mike Luciano scored six points and Billy Fisher for Helmi Abdelaziz grabbed three rebounds and scored two points, while 5th grader Jesse Galinkin scored two points.

Also playing well for the Minutemen were Harris Tuchman, Robert Kleyman, Kenneth Suarez, Stephen Suarez, Jesse Weatherston and Michael Ties.

Trophies were awarded to Springfield coaches Rob Fusco and Ron Fusco and to their players.

The 1998-99 season was a highly successful one for Springfield, its 7th grade team consisting of 111 7th graders, three 6th graders and two 5th graders.

The 7th graders will form the nucleus of each of the Minutemen's 8th grade team next year, while the returning players are looking forward to fielding another strong 7th grade squad in 1999-2000.

Springfield residents spark hockey squad in Montreal

Four Springfield, residents, all members of the Cranford Hockey Club, took off from Newark Airport in late March en route to Montreal to participate in the Montreal Friendship Games.

The youngsters returned with a real understanding of why ice hockey is not just a sport in Canada, but a way of life.

Cransford Middle School 8th graders Brett Berger, Eric Decker and Ross Kravitz, along with Dayton High School freshman Adam Cohen, were part of the 24-member Cranford Barbarians squad that played against eight Canadian teams over March 18-21 throughout the Montreal area.

Although Cranford's split squads compiled a 3-5 overall record against their competition, the Springfield students were the only players to play in all three victories and had a 3-2 record against their Canadian opposition in the games they played.

Cranford opened the Games by facing Collège Francais in Longueville. A private school team, the squad impressed nine hours per week of hockey skills classes into their school curriculum.

Besides playing on their school team, most players also play for the local traveling club team.

College Francais dominated Cranford, winning 5-0.

Cranford then traveled to Greenfield Park to play two games against two different teams from Centennial Regional High School. Cranford lost the first game 5-2, but bounced back to win the second game 3-2.

In the victory, Cranford's first in Canada, Cohen scored his team's first goal, assisted by Berger. It was Cohen's second goal of the competition and Berger's second assist.

The team then traveled to the famous town of Laval to face the very strong Express de Laval and were bested 10-1. Cranford did stand up to the bigger Express on several occasions.

Over 300 players try out for the Laval training club, with only 20 spots available.

Cranford was treated with a trip to St. Leonard, a section of Montreal where New Jersey Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur grew up. Cranford actually played in the ice rink where Brodeur put on his first pair of skates. Brodeur memorabilia is evident throughout the arena.

Cranford played two games in St. Leonard, falling in the first one 7-2 and then coming back to defeat the St. Leonard team 3-1 as Decker and Berger picked up assists.

On the last day of the Games, Cranford competed against two teams from Lachine, a suburb of Montreal. The competition took place at the Centre Sportif Lachenaie, a rink where legend NHL All-Time great Mario Lemieux played in his youth.

Cranford lost the initial game 5-1, but broke its competition by beating St. Laurent 2-1 as Kravitz scored a goal and assisted on another.

Amid all of the hockey games, the Cranford players were also treated to a game between the Montreal Canadiens and Washington Capitals at the Montreal Metro Centre. Cranford played in the game between the Habs 1-0 below a sold-out crowd.

It was a learning experience the Springfield residents will not soon forget. They were able to examine first-hand how the Canadians, especially the French-Canadians of Quebec Province, play and respect the game of hockey.

There is an ice rink, within five minutes of major, within five and more children are members of more than one hockey team, playing hockey year-round.

This opportunity is being in Montreal. The next opportunity is being in a hometown game at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, at the St. Lawrence Centre. Tickets are \$10.00. Call Cranford at 908-273-5569 for more information.

The game played itself from the top of Friday, May 1.

Dayton returns its infield intact

Stravato, Saladino co-captains

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Although the 1998 season was not a banner one considering the final record, the Dayton High School softball team managed to post some outstanding results.

Convincing wins in a 4-15 campaign included 217 over Plainfield and 13-1 over Bircayne. Other wins came against St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

H.S. Softball

The Bulldogs also earned a solid game against defending Union County Tournament champion Governor Livingston, falling to the top-seeded Highlanders 2-0 in a first-round game in Berkeley Heights.

Senior pitcher Maria Kloud hurled a three-hitter in that contest to keep Dayton in the game.

While the year's squad features several returning players as a matter of fact the entire infield, Dayton will need either junior Karen Schackman or sophomore Dana Rutkowski to come through on the mound.

Schackman was Kloud's backup last season, while Rutkowski was the junior varsity hurler.

In our first scrimmage (against Bayonne), Karen allowed nine runs and 10 walks, second-year head coach Marrann Balmano said.

Against Roselle Catholic (a 3-2 win), Karen was really on.

While Schackman continues to gain experience on the mound, she will be aided by the efforts of returning catcher Linda Agostinelli, a sophomore.

An intact infield includes junior Alexis Frank at first base, senior Maria Stravato at second, senior Tracey Saladino at third and junior Rachel Ties at shortstop.

Stravato and Saladino are the co-captains, while Stravato will bat third, Saladino fourth and Ties fifth.

The outfield will be manned by freshman Esther Aizenberg, sophomore Christina Tomasino and juniors Jessica Franklin, Jamie Yospin and Alexa Steele.

Aizenberg played varsity basketball in the winter for head coach Dave Rennie.

She's an outstanding athlete, Balmano said.

Christina Florio, a junior, is on the squad as a backup first baseman.

'Our infield is strong and we're playing well defensively. We need to score more runs.'

Dayton High School softball coach Marrann Balmano. Dayton's returning infield includes junior Alexis Frank at first base, senior Maria Stravato at second, senior Tracey Saladino at third and junior Rachel Ties at shortstop.

'Our infield is strong and we're playing well defensively,' Balmano said. 'We need to score more runs.'

Dayton was shut out six times last year, blanked by Roselle Park twice, Mt. St. Mary, Manville, Middlesex and Bircayne.

Balmano hopes players such as Stravato and Saladino can turn it up a notch offensively, both batting over .350 last season.

An outstanding contact hitter, Saladino came to the plate 56 times last season and did not strikeout once.

Because of the Jewish holiday Passover, Dayton will not open its season today at Manville. The Bulldogs' next scheduled game is Monday.

DAYTON VARSITY SOFTBALL SENIORS (2): Maria Stravato, second base; Tracey Saladino, third base; JUNIORS (7):

Karen Schackman, pitcher; Alexis Frank, first base;

Rachel Ties, shortstop; Jessica Franklin, outfield;

Jamie Yospin, outfield; Alexa Steele, outfield;

Christina Florio, first base; SOPHOMORES (3):

Dana Rutkowski, pitcher; Linda Agostinelli, catcher;

Christina Tomasino, outfield; FRESHMAN (11):

Esther Aizenberg, outfield;



Cranford Hockey Club members Brett Berger, No. 19 and Adam Cohen, No. 10, both of Springfield, skate against St. Leonard's of Montreal, Canada. The two outstanding players helped Cranford win the contest 3-1. Springfield residents Berger, Cohen, Eric Decker and Ross Kravitz participated for Cranford in the Montreal Friendship Games and scored two goals. The youngsters returned with a real understanding of why ice hockey is not just a sport in Canada, but a way of life.

