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TWO SECTIONS

## Surveys returned on superintendent search Concerns about high school

By Kirsten Matthew  
Managing Editor

The results from a survey distributed by the Board of Education to nearly 6,700 Springfield households are back — all 250 of them.

The survey and a public forum, at Florence M. Gaudineer School on March 15, were two efforts the Springfield Board of Education made last month to solicit public feedback in its ongoing superintendent search. While the survey only grossed about a 3-percent return rate, the public forum generated a better response, school officials said.

The search was prompted by the announcement of Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland's retirement in December after 14 years with the district. One year of notice is required by the district's contract.

New Jersey School Boards senior field representative Carole Larsen, a consultant hired to help facilitate the search for a replacement, told board members Monday that although "there is a high sense of the schools

being a vital part of the community," public concerns also were expressed about the quality of the high school.

"There's a feeling that we're just not quite good enough — that there can be things done that can take this high school several steps past where it is right now," Larsen said, regarding issues discussed at the public forum.

The three most prominent issues that were addressed by school staff and the community included high school student achievement test scores, overcrowding in the schools and staff recruitment and retention. Considered among the district's strengths were staff development, community support, high expectations for student achievement and strong academic programs. While most people ranked the elementary schools as "top-notch," the middle school was said to "lack a philosophy" and the high school sparked "a tremendous sense of concern," Larsen said.

"People have at least formed a par-

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## The big tip-off



Photo By Milton Mills

Dayton Science teacher Joe Toye tends to his duties as referee as fourth-grade teacher Dave Rennie, left, and Adam Seidel of the Police Auxiliary prepare to tip off the annual charity basketball game at James Caldwell School in Springfield.

## Registration outnu demographic projections

By Kirsten Matthew  
Managing Editor

A space crunch caused by an unexpectedly large kindergarten registration turnout last month has school officials scrambling for additional classroom space at Deerfield School in Mountaintside.

"We're looking toward adding a new kindergarten room next year," said Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller at the Board of Education's March 28 meeting.

Schaller said 84 children are already pre-registered for the 2000-01 school year, a number that contradicts a demographic study conducted by Whitehall Associates last winter.

A survey was distributed to every household in the borough in December. Based on the previous five years, the survey questions attempted to unearth the number of births in Mountaintside that occurred after the 1990 U.S. Census.

"We're looking very carefully at the demographics," Schaller said. "Obviously, more people have moved into Mountaintside and more babies were born than were reported by the demographic study."

In a proposal submitted to board members last week, Schaller indicated that adding a fourth kindergarten section next year would significantly reduce class sizes. Three sections would mean 28 students per classroom, while four sections would squash class sizes down to 21 students — a typical number in recent years.

"I need to watch my classroom space very, very carefully," Schaller explained. "I like to keep the lower grades as small in size as possible."

The problem, he reported, lies in classroom availability. He and other school officials are considering the conversion of the school's all-purpose room into an additional classroom, he said. Currently used as a general music room for grades K-4, the all-purpose room has served as an auxiliary gym and a cafeteria in the past.

An ad hoc committee, formed at the request of the Board of Education, See KINDERGARTENERS, Page 9

## Summit will request second access to Bryant Park complex

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Park Drive is not enough.

The Summit Planning Board approved Springfield and K&K Developers' proposal for the Bryant Park Condominium complex March 27, but the approval has one big condition — a secondary means of access.

The hearing, which began in November, has focused on the boxed-in nature of the location, formerly the home of the Carter-Bell Manufacturing Company. Unused railroad tracks, a Park-Ride, a stream, the Troy Village apartment complex and Bryant Park all surround the facility, which lies on Springfield ground. The existing access road, Park Drive, connects with the site through Summit.

A narrow access, Park Drive has been earmarked for numerous improvements, including widening and the inclusion of sidewalks,

to meet with Residential Site Improvement Standards.

The Summit Planning Board accepted the changes for Park Drive as proposed by the developer, but concerns continued to abound in regard to emergency access. In early March, Summit Police Chief William Schneller and Fire Chief Christopher Cotter expressed their concerns to the board about having only one access in the event of a large-scale emergency.

Planning Board member and Councilman John Aher originally moved to deny the application, but after an executive session, a decision was made to approve the application with a request for a second means of access.

"My client is very grateful that the Planning Board has unanimously approved the project," said Bruce Piman, attorney for K&K Developers. "But as I understand it, they're

asking for a secondary access only for emergency vehicles."

To secure the secondary access, emergency or otherwise, the Planning Board must ask the City of Summit to request the Department of Community Affairs Residential Site Advisory Board. The request must be placed within 30 days of the Planning Board's March 27 meeting.

At a meeting Tuesday night, the Summit Common Council approved a resolution to apply to the state for a second access. The decision was made following a closed session discussion.

"We'd like a full secondary access if we can get it," said Barry Osman, Summit's City Solicitor.

"When an access road complies with RSI standards, can a Planning Board ask for some-

thing additional?" Osman asked. "We have to investigate if that's even a possibility."

"First we find out what RSI lets us do," Osman said. "If RSI says that we don't have a right to ask for a second access, then we go to court and ask for a waiver for that, in the interests of safety."

With the Park-Ride and a stream as two of the more obvious obstacles, the developers have failed to approach either the Department of Transportation or the Department of Environmental Protection, a fact the Planning Board has constantly made an issue of.

"They haven't tried," Osman said. At the first meeting back in November, engineer Kevin Page, testifying on behalf of the developer, told the board plainly that the DEP would never grant the right to cross a stream when an existing access exists.

Summit filed a lawsuit immediately following the Springfield Planning Board's original approval of the project.

"We sued on the grounds that they didn't look into another access," Osman said, "and the fact that they didn't take into account Summit's needs and concerns. Once we filed that suit, the developer came to our Planning Board looking for approval. I told them they couldn't do that while our suit was pending and they filed a suit against us."

According to Osman, since the issue involved the same application, the matter was consolidated in the Summit Planning Board hearings.

"It would have wound up at the Planning Board anyway," he said. Managing Editor Kirsten Matthew contributed to this report.

## Geese are creating problems at park

By Kirsten Matthew  
Managing Editor

Echo Lake Park in Mountaintside, like many of its 25 relative parks throughout the county, has been under the watchful eye of the state and federal Departments of Fish, Game and Wildlife recently.

"More than a couple hundred" Canada geese have established residency at Echo Lake this year, leaving an extraordinary amount of droppings behind them on the parkways and shorelines, said Daniel Bernier, director of Park Planning and Maintenance, a division of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

"It's fouling up the lawns and fields so bad that kids can no longer play on them," Bernier said. "Places that used to be used for recreation are now covered by their droppings."

The typical Canada goose defecates 27 times a day, Bernier said.

"That's up to 300 pounds of feces a day spread out across the lawn," he said, not to mention the damage the geese are doing to the grass itself.

"They're eating all the grass along the bank down to a nub. The grass never gets a chance to grow, so it doesn't even need to be mowed anymore," Bernier said.

Fecal contamination surveys conducted by both the New Jersey Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last summer indicated the presence of two potential human pathogens in some goose feces.

According to Dr. Douglas Roscoe, the Fish and Wildlife Health and Forensics Supervisor at the New Jersey Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife, the study's results showed the occurrence of both giardia cysts and cryptosporidium parvum in fecal samples taken from 400 fliedown Canada geese in six locations throughout the county. Roscoe said Echo Lake was not one of the sites studied.

"Giardia and cryptosporidium are

fairly widespread in the water and in the birds," Roscoe said.

Both organisms are known to cause enteric disease in humans. The protozoans are known better for their contamination of streams by cattle. Because the geese drink this water, they contract the organism, which then lives inside their intestinal tract. Yet the geese only appear to serve as a transient host, not exhibiting any signs of infection, Roscoe said.

"At this time, the epidemiological evidence does not show there is a health hazard from the fecal material," Roscoe said.

The presence of giardia and cryptosporidium occurred in 10 to 15 percent of the Canada geese, respectively, Roscoe said. Moreover, the organisms occurred about twice as frequently in juvenile birds than did in the adults. Since the birds had never taken flight, this proved to researchers that exposure must have been local and that older birds evidently develop some kind of immunity to infection.

However, because both organisms have many different strains, further DNA testing must be conducted to confirm with absolute certainty that the samples taken cannot cause enteric disease in humans, Roscoe said.

The drinking of lake surface water and direct contact with goose feces should be discouraged since test results are still inconclusive, the pathologist said.

Because New Jersey has the highest density of Canada geese per square mile, Echo Lake is not the only goose-infested park that federal and state officials have had their eye on, said Paul Castellani, the principal wildlife biologist at the New Jersey Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

"In January 1999, we counted 260,000 Canada geese in New Jersey. That's a lot of geese, especially for a small state," Castellani said.

On the East Coast, the Canada goose belongs to one of two populations — the true migrants and the resi-



Photo By Barbara Kuchalski

Canada geese have become such a nuisance at Echo Lake Park in Mountaintside that state and federal Departments of Fish, Game and Wildlife have been conducting fecal contamination surveys.

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dent. While the true-migrant Canada geese used to fly much farther south for the winter, in the last 50 years the bird has started spending the winters progressively farther north, Castellani said.

On the other hand, the resident geese who call Echo Lake home have higher survival rates than their migrant relatives. They are known to live longer, breed a year earlier and reproduce more rapidly.

Characterized by their larger skull, bills and legs, the resident geese lays up to 1.5 eggs each day on average, Roscoe said. Most area residents were identified and then collared and banded last summer, he said.

One of the big problems when it comes to goose management plans, state officials said, is the fact that the native North American bird is protected by international treaty and by federal law. This means that in order to devise a plan to reduce the goose

population, state and county officials must look to their federal agencies for support.

In order to take any action against the Canada geese at Echo Lake, the county must apply for a permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife. But first, a comprehensive plan must be developed by the county that includes goose harassment, public education and fertility control plans. That labor-intensive plan could take officials six months to a year to develop, Bernier said.

In the meantime, the county's Department of Park Planning and Maintenance is looking into purchasing a sweeper to start cleaning up Echo Lake Park's pathways. The department also is developing a brochure to pass out to the Police Department to help educate the public on the countywide ordinance against feeding Canada geese.

## Board candidates express views on facility options Open Beechwood, or construct additions to Deerfield School?

By Mark Hrywna  
Special Editor

Should the Mountaintside School District build additions to Deerfield School or reopen Beechwood School to address its rising enrollment? That was one of many questions residents asked prospective Board of Education candidates Tuesday night at a forum sponsored by the Deerfield PTA.

Three candidates are seeking two seats up for election on the seven-member Board of Education: incumbent Frank Geiger, former school board member Patricia Knodel and write-in candidate MaryBeth Schaumburg.

The school election is April 18. Polls are open 2 to 9 p.m. An ad-hoc committee is studying the pros and cons of either adding to Deerfield or opening Beechwood.

"I would love to see Deerfield become a campus," said Geiger, to bring the complete pre-kindergarten to eighth grade together. "I am not in favor of opening Beechwood." Opening Beechwood, he said, and bringing it up to standard would be much more expensive than expanding Deerfield.

The district would need to hire an additional principal, administrators and other staff just to open the building, and there may be a question as to whether the size of the rooms is appropriate, he said.

With technology and special courses, Geiger preferred enhancing existing classrooms. "I don't think the community wants to squeeze air on a cart." Knodel has "no strong opposition one way or the other at this time." The ad-hoc committee should be left with an open mind, and she is interested in hearing what it will report.

If the district had to open Beechwood, it should be able to since it is a public school now. Beechwood School is leased by the Mountaintside School District to the Morris-Union Jointure Commission, which serves handicapped and special education students. The school must meet certain standards now, said Knodel, to house those children.

The district decided to rent the school to the Morris-Union Jointure Commission because if the building had not been used for educational purposes for more than three years, she said, it would have had to comply with new state standards had it been reopened.

The opening of Beechwood or additions to Deerfield deserve scrutiny on their own, Schaumburg said. Like Knodel, she said the committee must weigh the options. Income derived from renting Beechwood is a revenue item for the district, something which would be lost if the district took over the school.

"It's not a no-brainer," Schaumburg said of deciding which option is best. "There is no easy answer."

Geiger stressed expanding the library at Deerfield School. "We have the best technology in Union County for an elementary school and kids are probably getting three hours a week in there." He suggested opening the library, as well as the building, more, "to make it a hub."

There are "in-house" school-based programs for clubs. He advocated keeping the library open longer, and adding more after-school activities.

"Not just for kids that don't have anywhere else to go, but children who want to be in school."

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**Today**  
• The Foothill Club of Mountaintops has a luncheon at noon at B.G. Fields. For reservations call Genevieve at (908) 232-3636.

• The Union County Prosecutor's Office sponsors the "Family to Family" program at 7:30 p.m. for parents, students and school personnel about substance abuse and treatment at Florence M. Gaudineer, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield. The program also is sponsored in conjunction with the Springfield Board of Education and Union County National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
**Sunday**  
• The annual Kiwanis Classic Car Show will be from 9 a.m. to noon at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. Mail-in registration is \$10, \$15 the day of the event. Admission is free. Rain date is April 16. For more information call (973) 912-9118.

• The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., presents YMCA Healthy Kids Day 2000, a special program aimed at raising awareness of the importance of children's safe, healthy development. Admission is free and activities run from 1 to 3 p.m. For information call (973) 467-0839.

**Monday**  
• Barnes and Noble Book Sellers, 240 Route 22 West, hosts a special storytime at 10:30 a.m. with members of the Springfield Fire Department. The story selection, "Arthur's Fire Drill," a new release in the Arthur book series, will be discussed. For information call Jessica Villar at (973) 376-6581.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**Tuesday**  
• The Mountaintop Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School, Central Avenue.  
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. and a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.  
• The Mountaintop Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a work session meeting in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

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

**Upcoming events**  
**April 13**  
• The Mountaintop Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.  
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet for a combined conference and public meeting in the Clausen Administration Complex at 8 p.m.

**April 17**  
• The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. for a regular meeting in the board conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School.

**April 18**  
• The Mountaintop Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for

a regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.  
• New Jersey State Police Sgt. Arlene Olchsek of the High Tech Crimes Unit will present a computer workshop called Internet Safety for Parents. Two classes will be from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in the Computer Lab, Room 21, at Florence Gaudineer Middle School. Call (973) 376-1023 for information.

**April 19**  
• Zella R.P. Gelman will bring her counseling and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., for an ongoing course, "Write your life stories — memoirs writing made easy." Meetings will be the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For information call (973) 376-4930.

**April 24**  
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**April 25**  
• The Mountaintop Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School, Central Avenue.  
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. and a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**April 30**  
• Springfield B'nai B'rith will sponsor a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel for \$22, including breakfast at Bagel Chateau and \$17 in coins from Resorts. The bus will leave from the Echo Plaza parking lot at 10:30 a.m. For information or reservations call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 during the day or (908) 277-1953 during the evening. RSVP by April 12.

**EVENTS**

**B'nai B'rith plans trip**

Resorts Casino Hotel April 30. The package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield, at 8:30 p.m., and \$17 back in coins from Resorts.

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall parking lot between Mountain Avenue and Route 22, Springfield at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$22 per person.

For information and reservations call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 days or (908) 277-1953 evenings. RSVP by Wednesday.

Mail checks to Jerry Kamen c/o Day Cleaners, 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. Reserve early.

**Rabies clinic Wednesday**

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

The public should follow some simple preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies:  
• Make certain that all cats and dogs are vaccinated against rabies.  
• Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight, or feed animals outdoors.

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

If bitten by any animal, consult your physician immediately and call the Springfield Health Department at (973) 912-2211 or the Westfield Regional Health Department at (908) 789-4070 to report the incident.

**Foothill luncheon today**

The Foothill Club of Mountaintop will have a luncheon today at noon at B.G. Fields. The program will feature a Chinese auction, presented by the Ways and Means Committee.

Members also are reminded to bring donations for an Easter food basket to be given to a needy family in town. Gifts are always welcome. For a reservation call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.

Tickets are available to the Paper Mill Play House for May 25 to see "The Student Prince." Cost is \$2.50 per person.

For more information and reservations call Madeline at (908) 232-8550.

**'Family to Family' at Gaudineer school tonight**

Do you think you could recognize the signs and symptoms associated with today's illegal drugs? Are you aware of what today's narcotics, inhalants and drug paraphernalia look alike?

For parents coping with the intricacies of raising teen-agers, for students who know there are friends who may have a problem and for school personnel trying to learn more, there is a high intensity program coming to Florence M. Gaudineer, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, tonight at 7:30 p.m., that holds some answers.

The Family to Family program, a substance abuse initiative by the Union County Prosecutor's Office that is being offered to every school on a countywide basis, is aiming to arm middle and high school communities with information about the dangers of alcohol and drugs that every teen-ager is exposed to each and every day.

The program, led by a father who lost a son and teen-agers currently undergoing substance abuse treatment, is moderated by Prosecutor Thomas Manahan in cooperation with the Union County National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Superintendent Gary Friedland and the Springfield Board of Education.

The teen-agers who come from Day-Ton-New Jersey, a Menahan-based treatment center, engage in an open and honest discussion relating to the life choices that resulted in their

addiction while the parents discuss the affects that the addiction had on the family and the warning signs that all parents should watch for in their children. The principal objective of the program is to educate both children and parent.

"We have been getting a tremendous reception wherever we have gone," said prosecutor, pointing out that he was pleased to appear with the program previously in Clark, Greenwood Summit, Rahway, Roselle Park and Westfield. "If busy students and parents can only attend one evening program this year, then let this be the one."

Representatives from the Prosecutor's Office and local police department officers will be on hand to display current "drugs of choice" for teens along with related paraphernalia.

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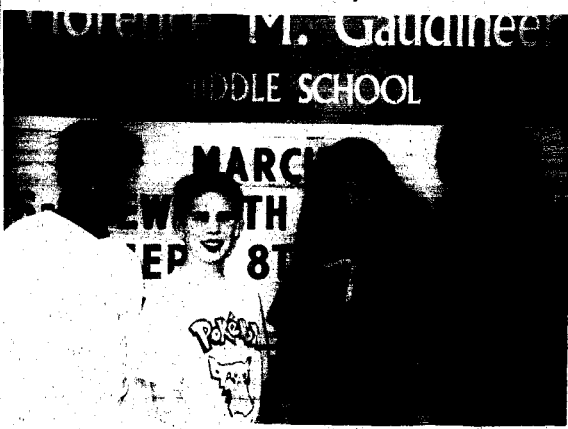
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## Gaudineer students of the quarter



Florence M. Gaudineer School's Student of the Quarter recipients for the second quarter of the 1999-2000 school year are, from left, fifth-grader Tiffany Hannah, sixth-grader Zachary Silverman, seventh-grader Marie Samson and eighth-grader Jayme Sablosky. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of its Youth Activities Program.

## Board implements three programs

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Three new instructional techniques took their public bow at the Mountainside Board of Education's regular meeting last month, much to the satisfaction of Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller.

### Looping

Looping, Reading Recovery and Differentiated Instruction were introduced to Dearfield parents.

Looping, as defined by Schaller, is a matter of "promoting the teacher with the class." Known officially as "multi-year teaching" or "multi-year placement," the practice allows for students and teacher to stay together for a period of two or three years.

According to a brief outline of the practice issued by the board, looping is a fairly common — and successful — practice in European school systems. Despite some favorable research, however, the practice has not become common in the United States.

Looping's benefits have been described as both academic and psychological. "There's no lag time with looping," Schaller said of the academic aspect. "The teacher knows just where they left off in their teaching when they begin the next school year." Familiarity with the students'

level of achievement and instructional needs also are motivating factors in the school board's interest in the technique.

Psychologically and socially, looping has been credited with improving the bond between both student and teacher, as well as teacher and parent. The procedure also has the capability of reducing anxiety for the student in the face of a new school year among unfamiliar classmates, more time for establishing peer relationships and an enhanced sense of community within the school environment.

The disadvantage concerns potential student/teacher personality conflict. But for Dearfield, conflict presents no threat to their looping experiment; the second-grade class selected to try the process gets along "very well," according to Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish.

Taught by Kim Lash, the chosen class consists of 21 students. Keshish said the ability of the class to get along, coupled with the fact that Lash would likely be moved up to the third grade next year in any event, makes for "an interesting experiment. But a one-year opportunity, for now."

Schaller pointed out that a meeting with parents of Lash's students was held March 28, with about eight favorable reviews coming in. "Their attitude was, 'Go for it,'" Schaller said. Keshish's updated figures consist of "16 'yesses' and no 'nos' so far."

"It's a unique idea," Schaller said. "It creates a community within a community."

Reading Recovery

Reading Recovery, according to Schaller, "is an early intervention program that goes about the activity in a different way. Usually you train your reading specialist and take six students at a time. Instead we'll be giving our kindergarten through third-grade teachers strategies and techniques to assist individual students with their reading."

Rather than culminating at the first-grade level, which is the usual procedure, Schaller said the instruction differs in that it reaches as far as third grade.

Originally developed by New Zealand educator and psychologist Marie M. Clay, Reading Recovery offers students 30 minutes of daily one-on-one instruction for a period of up to 20 weeks.

Teaching focuses on the student's strengths rather than weaknesses, with reading materials selected according to a student's interests and ability. Reading also is taught through writing, with students composing their own sentences.

Although the technique is used most often for one-on-one instruction, Keshish said work also may be done within a group. Dearfield's staff members will participate in a Reading Recovery workshop from May 1 to 3.

### Differentiated Instruction

Differentiated Instruction, in Schaller's words, is "a challenge to adapt instruction to respond to the diverse needs of students."

One lesson is taught to the entire class, but explored through a variety of methods. Questioning is aimed at different levels of thinking — knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation — combined with a number of hands-on activities through which students can further come to understand and apply what they have learned.

"It's just a matter of teaching in a manner that's appropriate for that particular student," Keshish said. "Some students respond visually, some through tactile qualities, some through sound."

According to Keshish, Differentiated Instruction is a teaching method that should be used judiciously. "It's up to the teacher to decide in which areas Differentiated Instruction works best."

## Board looks to change rooms to address enrollment

By Kirsten Matthew  
Managing Editor

Increased student enrollment at two Springfield schools has the Board of Education applying to the county superintendent of schools for permission to change the use of educational space.

In order to discuss their application plans, board members had a special closed session Monday prior to the regularly scheduled conference meeting at Jonathan Dayton High School. Board members then unanimously approved the submission of the application by the district administrator.

According to Business Administrator Ellen Ball, the changes will affect Thelma L. Sandmeier School and Florence M. Gaudineer School.

"There is a large increase in student population expected for the 2000-01 school year," Ball said.

If the application is approved, the current staff room at Sandmeier School would be converted into a resource room for special education and remedial students and teaching staff. Sandmeier School Principal Michael Anjolino said. A fourth third-grade classroom would be added to replace the current resource room, he said.

Board members are still investigating whether or not a portable unit could be placed in the school's parking lot to replace the former staff room, he added.

"Space is a concern in this building," Anjolino said. "Enrollment continues to increase each year."

Changes also would be made at Florence M. Gaudineer School, Ball said. In that application, board members recommended the school's developmental

*'Space is a concern in this building. Enrollment continues to increase each year.'*

— Michael Anjolino, principal  
Sandmeier School

learning center be converted into a new sixth-grade classroom. That addition would mean a total of seven sections of sixth-grade classes in the upcoming school year, said Principal Dennis McCarthy.

"We need to redistribute the space for the increase in sixth-graders next year," McCarthy said.

This year, there are 126 students in the sixth-grade, and next year the number is projected to reach 145 students, he said.

The developmental learning center is currently leased to the Morris County Jointure Commission, which runs a private special needs class. After two years, the commission's lease expires in September, McCarthy said.

The 2000-01 school budget, yet to be approved by voters, tentatively includes funding for additional special education and remedial teaching staff, new instructors for enrollment adjustments in the sixth-grade and modifications to buildings and sites. The changes have been anticipated by the Board of Education, Ball said.

## Celebrating math, science, technology

The Springfield District is celebrating math, science and technology during the month of April.

Samplings of the activities planned for the month are: first-graders are creating stories in Claris Works and writing science observations; second-graders are participating in Family Math Games; third-graders will view census web sites on the Internet and conduct science experiments on a variety of topics; fourth-graders are using microscopes to help with lab experiments and preparing for a science field test.

The middle school, fifth through eighth grades, is having a curriculum fair April 18, including a presentation by the State Police High Tech Crimes Unit on Internet Safety. Also, students who bring a disk to the curriculum fair can have their picture added to their desktop. The high school students are preparing for the Merck State Science Fair, competing in the New Jersey Science League and continuing with a MARS Millennium Project.

District-wide, there will be a Family Internet Fun Night Wednesday geared toward middle and high school students and parents, prior registration is necessary.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

## Tree planting would be fitting tribute

An Conti, who served as Union County surrogate from 1983 until her death last year, will be remembered with a tree in her hometown of Mountainside.

Mountainside Democratic Club President Lou Thomas approached the Republican-dominated Borough Council last week about the proposal to plant a tree. The idea, however, like Conti herself, is something that transcends party affiliation and politics.

Conti may have been a Democrat in a staunchly Republican municipality, but she was admired and loved in Mountainside as well as throughout Union County. A resident of the borough for more than two decades, she was the first female president of the Union County Bar Association and one of the founders of Women Lawyers of Union County. The senior citizen lawyer referral service within the borough is a service Conti helped to implement.

While the tree will serve as a lasting reminder of the highest-elected Mountainside resident, the Ann P. Conti Scholarship Fund helps students who hope to follow in Conti's career field — law. The Ann P. Conti Scholarship is awarded to Union County residents attending a New Jersey law school who have demonstrated exceptional scholastic achievement and character.

Former Borough Councilwoman Marilyn Hart suggested that any excess money raised from the tree-planting project should be put toward the scholarship fund.

A resolution regarding the tree in Conti's memory is expected to be on the Borough Council's agenda later this month. A tree planting to honor the memory of Conti is appropriate. It is simple, yet warm and touching, something more than likely Conti herself would approve. It will be something from the heart.

## Be careful

The Springfield Township Committee plans to introduce its municipal budget later this month. The proposed \$18-million budget ultimately will have no tax increase on the municipal side — at least that's officials' hope. The township has included among its revenues in the budget \$400,000 in extraordinary aid from the state; what used to be called discretionary aid.

The township has applied for this extraordinary aid to help cover costs associated with September's Tropical Storm Floyd, which wreaked havoc throughout the area, particularly in Springfield where the municipal building was under water and the Police Department was forced out of its headquarters for several months.

If Springfield, does not get the \$400,000 from the state, officials plan to dip into the township's \$2.4-million surplus. While a surplus of \$2.4 million can more than handle the subtraction of \$400,000, state aid is usually not announced until later this spring when many towns already have approved their budgets.

To avoid any budgetary pitfalls, Springfield officials should plan as if the township does not expect to get aid.

## An A+ for both teacher and pupil

Congratulations are in order for Dennis McCarthy, principal at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield. The 25-year veteran educator was selected by the New Jersey Nets as a winner in their "A+ For Teachers" contest.

But he did not do it alone. McCarthy was nominated by one of the students at his school — seventh-grader Zach Links. Links was the one who penned an essay about why he believed his principal was worthy of the honor.

Links cited his principal's constant encouragement to pupils, his advice to deal with adversity and his work on behalf of the Healing Heart Foundation, a group dedicated to helping leukemia patients.

When educators can make students excited about education and the learning process, that spells success for everyone: the teacher and student, parents and the school.

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—Louis E. Ingelhart  
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## CANDIDATES

### Larry Levee, Springfield

Three years ago I was asked why would I want to be elected to the Board of Education. Why become involved in the issues and problems which occur in our educational system.

The answer was pure and simple: "I care" and was rewarded by being elected to the Springfield Board of Education. It has been rewarding, and for the past three years my time and effort was given in every possible way for the betterment of the Springfield school system.

To date, I feel I have achieved part of my goals by developing an understanding of what is required to provide a good education, setting educational standards, and by working with the community, the administration.

My primary goal is to better and improve educational programs. And in doing so put in place what is required; long-range programs "with step by step procedures." To implement such programs is a very important element of attaining success.

During my first term on the Board of Education I have served as chairman of Sports Committee, member of Building Grounds, Finance, Negotiations, School Government & Policy Committee. I also served as a liaison to Caldwell PTA.

We are being faced with growing enrollment, striking the budget to provide for additional sections of classes at the third, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The Board of Education is proposing a maintenance budget which keeps the tax increase

small. Consistent with the above we have placed a second question on the ballot to acquire only partial funding for security equipment and renovations.

During my upcoming term, the board will be faced with special challenges. Hiring a new superintendent to lead the district and improve, a very important task. Also we will be faced with the Middle States Education Accreditation of our high school program.

I will continue to work to translate the best educational ideas into reality. And I will continue to keep the best interests of the community at heart. To accomplish the above, I will always remain "open minded" to the community, student and suggestions.



Larry Levee  
Incumbent

### Robert Fish, Springfield

With elections only a short time away, I just wanted to say "thank you" to the citizens of Springfield for affording me the opportunity to continue to be of service. This will be the beginning of my fourth term of service to the Board of Education in Springfield and your continued support of my candidacy and our school budget are both appreciated and not taken lightly.

During my tenure on the board, our district has been at the forefront of educational change. We have implemented a pre-kindergarten program with resounding success and been diligent in providing services to our special education students' needs. Wherever feasible, we have instituted special education programs designed to meet the needs of our special needs.

children, many of which have become a source of revenue from other school districts.

I have been a member of a board that has effected significant change to our district from an educational standpoint. As a district, we have focused on delivering quality education designed to meet the needs of all our children while keeping a strong focus on the financial impact to all taxpayers within our district. We have assimilated the high school into our system and improved services to our children district-wide.

Each of our schools has been significantly impacted through the introduction of technology: in design and implementation of our curriculum as well as through the purchase and use of computers in every classroom.

Every school has been wired with high-speed Internet connectivity and every classroom outfitted with computers.

Specific attention has been made to addressing; not only Core Curriculum Standards — mandated by the State Department of Education — but also to the visual and performing arts programs. We have also focused on our athletics program and are currently working on improving our facilities.

With an increasing population and state-mandated budget caps, we have been able to do more with less in the way of financial resources. I pledge to continue to focus on the delivery of a high quality education for all of our students and to be ever-mindful of the impact to our taxpayers.



Robert Fish  
Incumbent

### Jacqueline Shanes, Springfield

As a candidate seeking re-election to the Springfield Board of Education, I am excited about the prospects of continuing to serve our community as we embark upon one of the most critical decisions for our school district, the selection of a new superintendent.

I have worked hard during my prior terms to implement our community's educational goals and that is imperative to select a superintendent who will provide strong leadership for our district and further expand upon these goals to continually better our children's education.

A second issue facing our district is balancing the responsibility of providing a "thorough and efficient" educa-

tion for our children while maintaining fiscal responsibility towards Springfield's taxpayers. As a partner in McCarter & English, I specialize in school and municipal finance law and therefore handle these financial issues on a daily basis.

Our district is continually faced with declining aid from the state and must strive to find other sources of available money to use to offset the costs of educating our children.

Another issue involves the implementation of the Core Curriculum by the state. As a board member, I will continue to monitor the curriculum offered to our student in order to make certain they receive not merely

the minimum standards required by the state but the best education that our community can provide at a fiscally responsible price.

On a more personal note, I have a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from CUNY and a law degree from New York University Law School. I have lived in Springfield for 14 years with my husband and two sons, the oldest a third-grader at Sandmeier School.

I look forward to being able to continue to serve the residents of Springfield by taking an active role in our school system, as my children will be there for many years to come.



Jacqueline Shanes  
Incumbent

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Urges everyone to vote for Knodel

To the Editor:

The upcoming school board election brings to mind a disturbing statement made to the press at the end of last year's election. At that time the teen-aged son of a Mountainside resident claimed to speak the opinion of a majority of the borough's residents when he said, "As a student, I feel people who are on the school board should have a child in the schools."

If this is truly the opinion of the majority of the borough, I sincerely hope that the ramifications of such an attitude be examined. Does this mean that the single person or the childless couple cannot serve on the Board of Education? Would seniors who have grandchildren in the system be eligible to serve? Perhaps senior citizens, who as a whole would be ineligible to serve, should be given a tax reduction since our country embraces the idea of no taxation without representation.

To eliminate senior citizens as possible board members simply because they have no children in the school system is a foolish as calling for the elimination of parents from the board because they are so directly concerned that they may not view issues objectively.

It would be far wiser for citizens to foster the attitude of supporting qualified, open-minded candidates regardless of age and to welcome the assets of experience and dedication.

I urge everyone to vote for Pat Knodel on April 18.

Rosemarie Hulse  
Mountainside

### We all talk about fair play

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to recent letters written by Mountainside residents pertaining to the soon to be held school board election.

There seems to be a "misinformation campaign" aimed at two long-standing Mountainside board members. These two ladies, Mrs. Patricia Knodel and Mrs. Linda Esplanare have served the Mountainside community for many years. They have done so with dignity and dedication. Their agenda has always been to provide a quality education to the children of Mountainside. In order to accomplish this, they have always asked many, many questions prior to giving their approval to any program at the school. This is why we elect our representa-

tives. We do not want board members who "yes" anything thrown on the table.

If the parents of children at Deerfield are ready to step up to the plate and serve their community as board member they are more than welcome to file a petition and run for office.

Having not filed in a timely fashion, there is a campaign for a "write-in candidate" and that is their prerogative. What is wrong is that Mrs. Knodel and Esplanare are being accused of impropriety in order that their candidate get more votes. I am sure many Mountainside residents are not ready to fall for that one. And we all talk about fair play.

Cheraine Santos  
Mountainside

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**CANDIDATES**

**Patricia Knodel, Mountainside**

The challenges of the new millennium are:

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- To provide adequate pupil space for our students.
- To improve student scores on all state-mandated tests.

To meet these challenges, I bring to the board and Mountainside citizens many years of Board of Education experience, a keen understanding of children — having raised eight of my own, all Deerfield graduates — and my professional teaching background.

The Board of Education must honor its promise to the citizens of Mountainside to reduce taxes for their supporting deprofessionalization.

I am and have always been a strong advocate of participating in my community. The preparation of the Mountainside School District Plan resulted

in the opportunity for citizens to be a part of the process to develop a mission statement of purpose, and to present ideas to the Board of Education about how to implement the plan. The board's responsibility is to review, develop and vote on the most appropriate ideas that have been proposed.

I believe that the best kind of Board of Education is representative of its community — not just parents of school-age children, but the community at large, including the senior citizens.

My platform may be summed up simply — to provide excellence in education at a price the taxpayers can afford. Excellent teachers and reasonable class size are the most important elements to accomplish this goal.

There are many important issues facing the Board of Education now and I believe that my experience and



Patricia Knodel  
Challenger

dedication make me a strong candidate for consideration.

I ask for your vote on April 18.

**MaryBeth Schaumberg, Mountainside**

As a lifelong Mountainside resident I have very strong ties to the community and to our school system. My parents chose to put down roots in Mountainside 46 years ago, and like so many of my contemporaries, I am thrilled to be raising my family here as well. My husband Andy and I have three children, ages 10, 8 and 2½.

In the past several years I have been very active in our school system in several capacities. I have been involved in our PTA, serving as chairperson on several committees. I have acted as new parent liaison, co-chair for the Spring Festival and chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. In addition, I was involved in all three phases of the Mountainside School District's Strategic Planning process.

I served on the State of the Community Committee, the Strategic Planning Council and the Action Plan

Committee for Partnerships. The focus of this Action Plan Committee was to create and foster a partnership between school, family and community.

I believe in this country's doctrine of public education available to all children. I believe in our electoral system which gives the power of choice to the voters. I believe that every member of a community has a stake in that community's school system. I believe that there must be a partnership between family, community and school.

I believe that the children of Mountainside should be afforded a quality education. I believe that through fiscal intelligence we can continue to provide our children with a quality education without substantial tax increases.

As a new member of the school



MaryBeth Schaumberg  
Write-in

board "team" I look forward to serving our community and to working with the board toward the common goal of quality education for the children of Mountainside.

**Frank Geiger, Mountainside**

I have served on the Mountainside school board for the last nine years. My wife Lynn and I have three children who attend school in the district. Two children attend the Deerfield School, and the oldest is at Governor Livingston High School.

During my tenure on the board I have served on most committees at least once, held the office of board president for four years, and am presently the school board's representative to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education.

It does mean two extra meetings a month, but our representation on our high school's board is key toward understanding and sharing between the two districts. Not only do state laws allow for our representation, but the Berkeley Heights district has welcomed us to fully participate in all the discussions and decisions.

It is my hope to continue as the representative for our district for at least one more year. It is a position I think is best held by someone with a child who attends Governor Livingston High School.

If I am re-elected for this fourth term, it will more than likely be my last. I have seen and participated in many outstanding changes for our district. We broke up the old regional high school district, and now save many tax dollars over those old costs.

While I was president of the board, we began an aggressive move toward technology and can now boast of having one of the better technically connected schools in the area. Reconfiguring the local district to incorporate the superintendent's office with that of the school principal has been another success.



Frank Geiger  
Incumbent

I could go on and on, and I'm very proud of Deerfield School. I cannot put what I have added to the district above anyone else who takes good time and puts it toward this most important asset of ours.

My goals I would like to believe, are yours. My vision for the future includes you and our children.

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The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following member activities for the upcoming months:

- Saturday: Couples Night Out at Garwood Lanes, Garwood, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$16 per person with a cash bar. For information call (908) 518-9409.
- April 16: Easter Egg Hunt at "The Loop" Playground, Watchung Reservation, at 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per child. Call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-4694 by Sunday.
- May 6: Annual Newcomers Community Garage Sale. There will be a \$20 fee per address, and the club will provide the advertisement in local newspapers, promotional signs and community maps. Call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426 by April 17.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers, and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community.

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Kent Place parents, faculty, staff and area alumnae are warming up for 'A Night in the Tropics,' on April 15. Among the committee members planning the 2000 Kent Place Parents' Association fund-raiser are, from left, Catering Chair Jeannette Corrie, Decorations Chair Debbie Welch and Auction Display Chair Lauren Parlin of Summit.

## 'A Night in the Tropics' at Kent Place

Kent Place parents, faculty, staff members and area alumnae are warming up for "A Night in the Tropics," April 15 in the Kent Place School Field House.

For several months, the Kent Place Spring Fling Committee has been planning the 2000 Kent Place Parents' Association fund-raiser, which will feature delectable Caribbean cuisine, frozen tropical drinks, live and silent

For more information about the society, call the Northern New Jersey Chapter at (973) 376-9550.

auctions, and dancing to the Calypso beat of a steel drum band.

The fund-raiser will feature tickets for next year's Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla.; a vacation in Snowmass, Col.; a stay at Britannia Village on Grand Cayman Island; a day on the set of the television show "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit"; tickets for "The Late Show with David Letterman," a golf outing at the Nantuxet Golf Club; theater tickets and restaurant outings; home furnishings and decorative items, and more.

\$25,000 tuition credit toward a school. Tickets are available to the general public.

For more information about the television show "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," tickets for "The Late Show with David Letterman," a golf outing at the Nantuxet Golf Club, theater tickets and restaurant outings; home furnishings and decorative items, and more.

Highlighting the evening's festivities will be a 2000 Ford Explorer XLS, provided by Mendham Ford, or

## Leukemia Society offers delectable treats April 26

The Grand Summit Hotel in Summit will be aglow with life and food on April 26 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Participating local restaurants will be cooking up a storm preparing delectable fine foods pleasing to the palate. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a scrumptious sampling of mouth watering foods, prepared on site.

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The following units are subject for auction:

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## HEALTH

### Chinese healing arts at all-day workshop

Participants will experience Chinese healing arts currently under persecution by the Chinese government at an all-day "Qi Gong Healing Day" co-sponsored by Interweave Center for Wholistic Living and the Aloha Holistic Health Clinic on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit.

Qi Gong — pronounced chi gung — is part of the ancient Chinese discipline of energy medicine, which uses the mind to arouse and circulate the subtle power of the body to heal itself, according to Robert Morris, Interweave director.

Reservations for the \$55 program may be made at (973) 763-8312, or on the Internet at [www.interweave.org](http://www.interweave.org).

According to Dr. Orst V. Pelechay, Oriental medical practitioner and founding director of the Aloha Clinic, who arranged the program, "Soft continuous movements are coordinated with deep, centered breathing and focused awareness to harmonize internal energies."

Four presentations will give participants a comprehensive overview and experience of Qi Gong: Qi Gong Theory and Practice, Internal Cultivation for Health Maintenance, Falun Dafa — the discipline currently persecuted in Communist China — and Cancer Prevention with Chinese Medicine.

Presenters include Francis Farrell, Master T'ai Chi and Qi Gong teacher; Albert Yung, Chinese poet and Qi Gong scholar; Nichole Chen, Falun Dafa practitioner; Louise Dibello, director of the Dragon's Way, and Pelechay, Aloha director.

During lunch, demonstrations of

T'ai Chi Ch'uan will be given, demonstrating a method of mobilizing and moving the internal qi force.

### The Place plans second workshop in series

The Place, A Resource Center for Men, places a three-part yoga workshop series for women and men titled, "Rejuvenate Your Life." The second workshop, "Expressing & Creating," will be April 15 and concluding with "Living the Practice" on May 13.

All three yoga workshops will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Calvary Church on the corner of DeForest and Woodland Avenues in Summit. Advanced registration is required and can be facilitated by calling 273-3055. Enrollment is limited.

"Rejuvenate Your Life" is a comprehensive, yoga-centered workshop series for women and men with a desire to create a healthy life practice. It has been designed to restore joy and balance through yoga, stress management, meditation, breath work, massage press points and aromatherapy.

The workshops are intended to build upon the other, therefore, attending the entire series is highly recommended.

"Expressing & Creating" is the second workshop in the series and it focuses on tapping into creative energy. The group will work together to create a safe environment conducive for self-expression. Specific points covered are Creative Yoga & Movement, Energetic Breath Work, Creativity Exercises, Stimulating Acupressure Points, Rejuvenating Aromatherapy and Meditation Using the Senses.

The final workshop, "Living the Practice," emphasizes the importance of integrating yoga practice into all aspects of life. Included are Mantra

and Partner Yoga — couples not required — Yamas & Niyamas — 10 yoga principles to live by — Co-Listening, Therapeutic Massage Techniques, Steps to Conscious Living, Cultivating Compassion, and Meta Meditation.

The cost of each individual workshop is \$75. For maximum results, students are encouraged to attend the entire series at a cost of \$195. Handouts, reference materials, and a resource list will be distributed at each workshop along with tea and a snack.

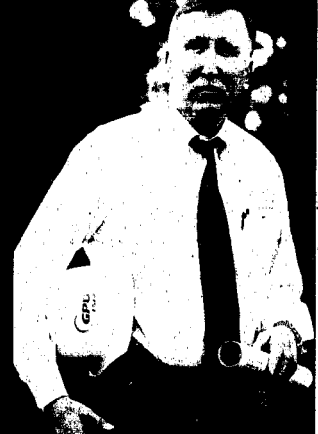
"Rejuvenate Your Life" will be taught by Larry Lima, Chakra Calderone and Lisa Loewenthal. All three are certified yoga instructors who bring their individual uniqueness, experience and style to the program. Lima is a licensed social worker, certified holistic health educator and gestalt therapist. He also is founder of The Place, A Resource Center for Men, located in Summit.

The Place is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing education and opportunities for change in the lives of men and their families. Lima has been integrating various disciplines of yoga, meditation, and bodywork for over twelve years.

Calderone has been trained and certified at the renowned Kripalu Yoga Center in Lenox, Mass. She teaches Kripalu Yoga and Power Yoga at various New Jersey locations. Calderone is in the process of co-authoring a new book entitled "Magic Me with Lisa Loewenthal."

Tired of traveling the world as a computer consultant, Loewenthal decided to live her dream and become an artist and yoga instructor. Certified by The Energy Center in Berkeley Heights, Loewenthal teaches Kripalu and Power Yoga.

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**AT THE LIBRARY**

**'Mother Goose' to appear**

"Mother Goose" will appear in person to help local children kick off National Library Week on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The free program will be in the Children's Department of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

"Mother Goose," alias Ann Coppola, lives in Englewood, and is a frequent visitor to New Jersey schools, libraries and bookstores.

Call the library at (973) 376-4930 for a reservation.

**Lunchtime travel videos**

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Travelling The USA & Canada in its Lunchtime Video series Tuesdays at noon.

The series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

Tuesday: A road trip to Blue Ridge, Vermont, Michigan, Red Rock Rim, northern New Mexico and Natchez Trace.

April 25: Yosemite, Washington, Oregon and northern California.

May 9: Yellowstone, The Grand Canyon, Zion, Mt. Rainier, Redwoods and Crater Lake.

May 23: A guide to America's National Parks.

June 6: National Parks of Canada.

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

**Japanese film on tap**

The 1998 Japanese film "The Eel" will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on April 15 at noon and 7 p.m.

"The Eel" is a 1998 release of a Japanese film directed by Shohei Imamura. The story poses the question — is redemption possible after committing a heinous crime?

Released from prison eight years

after killing his wife and her lover in a jealous rage, a man resolves to divorce himself from all human emotions. The only thing he takes with him is his nonjudgmental pet eel. His isolation is suddenly threatened when he meets a troubled young woman who uncannily — and unnervingly — resembles his late wife.

Surrealistic fantasy segments underscore the growing tension. Contemplatively paced and laced with humor, the haunting film won the Golden Palm Award at Cannes.

Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

**'Write Your Life Stories'**

Zella R.P. Geltman will be bringing her counselling and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to hold an ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories: Memoirs Writing Made Easy" on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Geltman will offer methods by which memoirs writing can be made easy, how to get started, having a purpose, how to tell stories, making a list of ideas from life experiences, tips on editing, suggested reading, and how writing with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's stories.

Geltman, a resident of West Orange, attended Rutgers University and Kenyon College, now University. Since 1985, Geltman has been a group facilitator in Human Relations, Adult Singles, Building Self Esteem, Writing as Therapy, Stress Management, Memoir Writing at such places as Daughters of Israel, JCC, Barnes and Noble and Montclair Adult School. Geltman has several publications including "Tales of Our Lifetimes," an anthology of, and tips for, writing memoirs.

The dates are: Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon on April 19, May 3, 17 and 31, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 6 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, and continuing until further notice.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

**Cantata conducted at presbyterian church**

The worship service on Sunday will be a special occasion for the Mountside Presbyterian Church organization and the community at large. The choir will perform the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a work first presented at St. Claude in Paris on Good Friday in 1867. The service starts at 10:30 a.m.

The cantata will be conducted and accompanied on organ by Lyudmila Syrochikina, choir director and church organist.

"What is so special about this performance is that all the baritone solos will be sung by Fred Stiefel, a member of our choir for 40 years, and a regular at all of our music events," said the Rev. Chris Belden.

"The Stiefels are planning to relocate in June, so this is a bittersweet performance for the whole congregation and the choir."

The performance is divided into eight parts, with an introduction by solo soprano, followed by performers presenting the "seven last words" phrases uttered by Christ on the cross. It ends with "It is finished."

The solo work will be by choir members Kristy Weeks Boyce, Warren Fristenky, Julie Fristenky, Andrew Hoydich and Laurie Weeks Thomas. Stiefel takes the baritone solos, culminating some 60 years as an active singer.

"Over the years, Fred's talent has been a mainstay of our community and our church's musical enrichment," Belden commented. "His most recent performance was Hayden's 'Creation.'"

"This cantata is particularly appropriate to the Lenten season and this second Sunday before Easter, called Passion Sunday. We welcome everyone to this service," Belden said.

**RELIGION**

**Taize prayer services**

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield is offering Taize Prayer Services every Wednesday in Lent. A simple dinner of soup and bread will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, to be followed by a Taize Prayer Service from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. A free will offering will be requested.

Taize is a small town in France, where hundreds of thousands of people visit each year so that they can worship, grow in their relationship with God and enjoy Christian fellowship with people from all over the world. Worship at Taize includes singing and more singing.

The schedule is as follows: Wednesday — Taize Prayer Service.

All people from all denominations or no denomination are welcome at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church.

For more information or directions call the church office at (973) 376-1695.

**Special services this month at historic church**

Special opportunities for Worship and Renewal are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday morning in April by the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

The Wednesday evening programs are from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. On Sundays following the 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship, the special programs will begin at 11:15 in the Chapel with coffee and goodies served during this Fellowship Hour.

All are welcome and invited to come to reconnect, renew and deepen ones relationship with God. The Wednesday evening 7:30 to 8:30 schedule includes:

• Wednesday, the Rev. Tim Pretz, pastor, Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark, will preach.

**OBITUARIES**

**Joseph A. Cottage**

Joseph Anthony Cottage, 82, of Springfield died March 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Shickshinny, Pa., Mr. Cottage lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 45 years ago. He was an insurance agent with Prudential Insurance Co. of Irvington, for 25 years and retired 23 years ago.

Before that, Mr. Cottage had worked for the United Airlines, Newark. He was an Army veteran and served in the First Signal Co. Mr. Cottage was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Irvington.

Surviving are his wife, Janice, and a brother, John P.

**Florence Johnson**

Florence M. Johnson, 76, of Mountside died March 26 in the Brighton Gardens in Mountside.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Johnson lived in Belleville for 62 years before moving to Mountside. She worked for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., Newark, for 25 years and retired as a supervisor in 1985. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Order of the Eastern Star, Belleville.

Surviving are two daughters,

Christine Kline and Laura Price, a son, Craig, and two grandchildren.

**Anthony Padden**

Anthony Padden, 57, of Mountside, a police lieutenant in Newark, died March 26 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Padden lived in Belleville before moving to Mountside in 1983. He was a member of the Newark Police Department for 29 years and retired as a lieutenant in 1992.

Mr. Padden then was a state security director for Cablevision and coordinator of fiber optics systems for the Newark Housing Authority. He

taught at the Newark Police Academy and was a special assistant to the Newark Police Department for eight years.

Mr. Padden received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, Newark.

Mr. Padden was a member of the Society of Investigators of Essex County, the Superior Officers Association and the Fraternal Order of Police 12.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Patsy Iannoccone and Cathy Lazar; a brother, Thomas; two sisters, Irene Ditty and Ann Beale, and a grandchild.

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**RECONCILIATION (Confession)**  
**Wednesday, April 19 - 7:30 PM**  
**HOLY THURSDAY**  
**Mass - 7:30 PM**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**7:30 PM - Liturgy of Passion & Death of Christ**  
**7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Spanish)**  
**HOLY SATURDAY**  
**Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM**  
**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**  
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**Maundy Thursday April 20th 7:30pm at Holy Cross Church**  
**Good FRIDAY, April 21st**  
1:00; 1:30; 2:00; 2:30 Walk thru Holy Week at Holy Cross Church  
7:30 Tenebrae Worship Service at Jonathan Dayton High School  
**EASTER SUNDAY, April 23rd 10:00am at Jonathan Dayton High School**  
Celebration Service

Services are held in Springfield at Jonathan Dayton H.S. 139 Mountain Ave., or Holy Cross Lutheran Church 639 Mountain Ave., as indicated above. To register your children for Walk Thru Holy Week or for more information call Holy Cross Church at 973-379-4525 or visit us at [www.holycrossnj.org](http://www.holycrossnj.org)



# Key decisions due in coming weeks

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 tial opinion of Springfield," the consultant said. "You have to understand that they view the school through the eyes of their children."  
 Larsen also told board members that the low number of responses they received from the community may not reflect the feelings and perceptions of the entire community. The school board's challenges are not all uphill, she said.  
 "You have an excellent reputation

and you're going to be a big draw," she said about the search.  
 The board members were then presented with a list of criteria Larsen recommended for guidance in choosing the candidates. The criteria were based on the information she obtained from the surveys and the public forum.  
 The position announcement should focus on finding someone who has certification and experience as an assistant supervisor, a principal and a

teacher, she suggested. Strong leadership, interpersonal and communication skills also must be exhibited. A doctorate will be preferred.  
 Application questions could include five leadership questions that probe a candidate's accomplishments with an essay question that deals with the candidate's own ideas about middle school philosophy.

Board members will need to decide whether to advertise in a national or state publication. Most candidates usually come from within a 50-mile radius of the school, she said.  
 Larsen said that in her 13 years of experience with searches, the pool of applicants usually draws between 40 to 50 inquiries, resulting in 10 to 12 interviews. Interview questions must remain the same for each of the final two or three candidates.

For a position announcement to be published by April 30, the Board of Education will have to make some of those key decisions within the next two weeks, Larsen said. By the end of May, Larsen will assist the board with its public announcement of the applicant pool.

Another forum will then be held to give the community and each candidate an opportunity to express their concerns about the future of the school district.  
 In the end, board president Richard Falkin announced his appreciation for public involvement in the superintendent search.

"The public has shaped what we'll be doing and how we'll be acting over the next five or six months," Falkin said.

# Kindergartners in need of more space

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 kicked off its first meeting March 30 to probe into the increasing enrollment projections that the demographic study indicated for the next five years.  
 Schaller said predictions show that as many as four classrooms may be needed for every grade in Deerfield School in the 2004-05 school year. There are 614 students enrolled in Mountainville's school system this year. Enrollment is expected to peak

with a total of 655 students by September 2004.  
 "Enrollment trends show there has been and will continue to be a steady number of young families moving in the district," Schaller said.  
 If the pattern continues at the rate it's going, school officials may have to consider either reopening Beechwood School by adding on to Deerfield School, he said.

In the meantime, the ad hoc committee will address the more immediate problem — the abundance of kindergartners registered for next year. Schaller said that although the number still could increase by as much as 4 percent, the screening process of next year's potential kindergartners could weed out those 5-year-olds that are not developmentally prepared to enter the school system.

A decision regarding the addition of a fourth kindergarten section and the possible conversion of the all-purpose room, could be recommended to the Board of Education by the end of May, Schaller said.

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Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-5, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post-bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool classes available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Study Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-3297.

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### Bianca Rose Verducci

Bianca Rose Verducci was born March 10 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Nicole and Tommy Verducci of Springfield. Bianca weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measure 20 inches. She joins a brother, Alex, 2.  
 Maternal grandparents are Mary and Dominick Yurno of New Providence. Paternal grandparents are Carrie and Jerry Verducci of Springfield.

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# Borough police stop Route 22 drivers for various infractions

## POlice Blotter

**Mountainside**  
 Three Rite-Aid employees were arrested and charged with various offenses in conjunction with an incident that occurred on March 30.  
 Officer Richard Lattaglia stopped the men's vehicle on the Springfield/Mountainside line of Route 22 East to discover that one man, Michael Garcia of Irvington, was unable to show proof of insurance. Garcia also was in possession of both someone else's driver's license and nine cans of cigarettes that may have been obtained illegally. Garcia also was found to be drinking alcoholic beverages in the car, according to police.  
 While Garcia was charged with theft of lost property, the other two men in the car, Michael Cruz and Clarence Henry, both of Irvington, also were found to be drinking in the vehicle. Cruz has been charged with driving while intoxicated, while Henry has been charged with disorderly conduct.  
 All three men are due to appear in Mountainside Municipal Court on April 27.  
 On March 7, Jesse Miller Jr. of East Orange was driving along Route 22 West when Officer Michael Perota observed the driver had but one license plate on his vehicle. The officer pulled over Miller only to discover that the driver also had a suspended driver's license. Miller has been issued a summons and was due in court on March 29.  
 In a similar incident on March 27,

and traffic warrants issued by Mountainside. That night, Salam was transferred to Mountainside Police.  
 A Clifton man was driving east-bound on Route 22 on Saturday morning when Huber detained him for failure to hold a lane. Further investigation revealed that Hasem Elanthe is the bearer of a suspended license, according to authorities. A summons has been issued for April 20.  
 That night, Jason Bottecollo of Hillside was issued a summons by Lattaglia for driving with both a suspended license and registration.  
 Later that night, a Plainfield man was charged with driving with a suspended license and registration. Antonacci stopped Dana Kearney in the Loews Theatre parking lot after Kearney had displayed reckless driving on Route 22 East, according to authorities. A computer check revealed that Kearney was an unlicensed driver. A summons was issued.  
 Chantel Witherspoon of Newark received a traffic summons on Sunday when Perotta pulled her over for speeding. It came to light that Witherspoon had both a suspended license and registration, according to police. A court date has been set for April 20, Springfield.  
 A Monville resident reported his car was stolen after he parked it at the corner of Morrison Road and Prospect Place on Friday. When he came outside around 10 p.m. he noticed that it was missing. A Nola cell phone also

was reported stolen. The estimated value was unknown.  
 Another vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of Morris Avenue the same day. The New Providence resident claimed that his wallet, \$300 worth of compact discs, Ray Ban sunglasses, a gold bracelet and his driver's license, valued at a total of \$800, were inside the stolen car.  
 A 1999 green Acura Integra was reported stolen from the side lot of Springfield Acura on Route 22 East on March 30. The vehicle may have been gone from the lot for three days, the report stated.  
 A Springfield Avenue resident reported her car stolen March 27 from the parking area in front of her apartment building. The car was stolen sometime between 5 p.m. March 26 and 12:30 p.m. March 27, she claimed. An EZ Pass, a cell phone and some business papers were in the stolen vehicle, the report stated. The car and the items were estimated at a value of \$30,000.  
 Thomas S. Rushforth was arrested on March 25 at his Springfield residence on simple assault charges.  
 Two mechanics were thrown into a bank of tool cabinets and knocked to the floor March 30 when a New Providence driver backed into a lift in the service bay at AutoLand on Route 22 East, sending a 1999 Toyota Corolla crashing to the floor. Both workers were taken to Overlook Hospital for unknown injuries.

The accident occurred around 11 a.m. when the New Providence driver was attempting to move his 1993 Ford Taurus from the service bay to the front-end alignment area. While backing up, he told police that his brakes failed, sending the vehicle into the lift. The Toyota was then pushed off the lift and into service personnel, police reported.  
 An automobile accident occurred at the intersection of South Springfield and Hillside avenues on Saturday at 6:24 p.m. A Springfield driver, traveling southbound on South Springfield Avenue, was proceeding through the intersection when a Roselle Park driver who was attempting to turn onto Hillside Avenue from the northbound lane turned in front of his car. The Springfield driver was apparently unable to stop in time, side-swiping the Roselle Park driver's Volvo.  
 Two Honda Civics were involved in an automobile accident Saturday at

4:14 p.m. at Exit 49B on Route 78 East. An unoccupied, disabled 1992 Civic, owned by a Pompton Plain resident, was struck in the rear end by an Elizabeth driver as it sat motionless in the right lane by the Springfield Avenue intersection. The Elizabeth Civic driver told police that she "believed the vehicle was moving."  
 A three-car collision occurred March 29 at 9:11 a.m. on Route 22 West near Hillside Avenue. An Elizabeth driver was apparently stopped in the left lane waiting to enter the west to east U-turn when a second driver from Sayreville struck her vehicle in the rear.  
 The Sayreville driver told police she was behind the stopped vehicle when her vehicle was struck in the rear end by a third vehicle driven by a Mountainside resident. The Mountainside driver told police that although he saw the stopped vehicle, he could not stop in time. One driver was injured in the accident.

# Local fire departments respond to service calls

## Fire Blotter

The Springfield Fire Department responded to 20 calls from March 25 to April 1.  
 On Friday, the department responded to seven calls. At 8:44 a.m. all units responded to a Briar Hills Circle residence for smoke in the basement caused by a faulty furnace. Just minutes later, an anti-freeze spill occurred as a result of an automobile accident on Springfield Avenue. After receiving numerous medical service calls, the department responded to a Vista Vista residence on a smoking refrigerator call; the compressor had failed. At 8:01 p.m. the final call came

in that day. A smoldering trash receptacle at a Commerce Street business had sent smoke through the building.  
 "It was spontaneous combustion of paint and rags," Deputy Chief Donald Schwert said. "In order to have an endothermic reaction, all conditions must be perfect." Air speed, temperatures and humidity were just right for it that day, he said.  
 On March 29 at 3:22 p.m., the Fire Department responded to a car fire on Route 24 West by Route 78,

Schwert said. Mountainside The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department had six calls which it responded to since March 16.  
 At 11:58 p.m. on March 18, firefighters responded to a Rising Way residence on a carbon monoxide alarm call. The alarm was caused by the fumes from a charcoal grill and a propane heater in the garage, the report said. Three people were transported to the hospital. The house was vented and carbon monoxide levels were checked.  
 On April 3 at 9:04 a.m., the department responded to a Globe

Avenue manufacturing company. A faulty sprinker head went off, causing water damage to machinery and equipment. The valve was shut off by firefighters.  
 Later that day at 8:20 p.m., firefighters extinguished a brush fire along Route 22 East.  
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 Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.  
 Entertainment - Friday noon.  
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## Dayton Baseball

The Dayton High School baseball team was scheduled to open its season Tuesday at Manville in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

The Bulldogs are coming off a 6-12 season and last year defeated Manville 11-9 in Springfield as Nate Denner pitched a complete game and Matt DeMauro, and Jason Stromeyer banded out two hits each.

- Upcoming:
- April 6 New Providence, 4:00
  - April 7 Bound Brook, 4:00
  - April 11 at East Side, 4:00
  - April 12 St. Patrick's, 4:00
  - April 13 Oratory Prep, 4:00
  - April 14 at Breatley, 4:00
  - April 18 at Roselle Park, 4:00
  - April 20 North Plainfield, 4:00
  - April 21 at Mt. St. Mary's, 4:00
  - April 23 Manville, 4:00
  - April 28 at New Providence, 4:00
  - May 2 at Bound Brook, 4:00
  - May 4 at St. Patrick's, 4:00
  - May 5 at Rahway, 4:00
  - May 9 at Oratory Prep, 4:00
  - May 11 Breatley, 4:00
  - May 12 East Side, 4:00
  - May 16 Roselle Park, 4:00
  - May 18 at North Plainfield, 4:00
  - May 20 at Gov. Livingston, noon
  - May 22 at Union, 7:00
  - May 25 at St. Mary's, 4:00
  - May 25 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
  - May 26 Delaware Valley, 4:00

## Dayton Softball

- April 6 at New Providence, 4:00
- April 7 at Bound Brook, 4:00
- April 11 Mount St. Mary's, 4:00
- April 13 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
- April 14 Breatley, 4:00
- April 17 at North Plainfield, 4:00
- April 18 Roselle Park, 4:00
- April 24 at Kent Place, 4:00
- April 27 at Manville, 4:00
- April 28 New Providence, 7:00
- May 1 Essex Co. Vo-Tech, 4:00
- May 2 Bound Brook, 4:00
- May 4 at Mount St. Mary's, 4:00
- May 5 Rahway, 4:00
- May 8 at Elizabeth, 4:00
- May 9 Oak Knoll, 4:00
- May 11 at Breatley, 4:00
- May 16 at Roselle Park, 4:00
- May 18 at Millburn, 4:00
- May 19 North Plainfield at Springfield Pool Field, 7:00

## Dayton Boys' Tennis

- April 5 at Cranford, 4:00
- April 6 at Union Catholic, 4:00
- April 7 Bound Brook, 4:00
- April 11 New Providence, 4:00
- April 13 at Roselle Park, 4:00
- April 14 at Johnson, 4:00
- April 17 Union, 4:00
- April 18 at Livingston, 4:00
- April 20 Ridge, 4:00
- April 25 Rahway, 4:00
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- May 23 North Plainfield, 4:00

## Dayton Track and Field

- April 6 at North Plainfield, 4:00
- April 8 at Summit Relays
- April 11 at Roselle, 4:00
- April 13 at Manville, 4:00
- April 15 at Orat. Prep (B), vs. Oak Knoll at Orat. Prep (G), 4:00
- April 20 at Roselle Park, 4:00
- April 25 at New Providence, 4:00
- April 27 at Breatley, 4:00
- April 29 at Millburn Relays
- May 4 Union Co. Relays at Eliz.
- May 10-11 Mountain Valley Meets at Ridge (B), at Gov. Liv. (G)
- May 17 Union Co. Meet (G) at Eliz.
- May 19 Union Co. Meet (B) at Eliz.
- May 25-26 NISIAA Section Meet
- June 2-3 NISIAA Group 1 Meet
- June 7 NISIAA All-Groups Meet

## Dayton Golf

- April 6 at Union Catholic, 4:00
- April 10 Union, 3:00
- April 11 West Orange, 3:55
- April 13 at Roselle Park, 4:00
- April 14 at Breatley, 4:00
- April 17 at Johnson, 3:00
- April 18 at Livingston, 3:45
- April 20 Ridge, 3:45
- April 24 Bloomfield, 3:00
- April 25 Roselle, 3:10
- May 2 at North Plainfield, 3:00
- May 4 Roselle Catholic, 3:00
- May 5 Breatley, 3:10
- May 8 Madison, 3:00
- May 9 at Bloomfield, 3:00
- May 15 Oratory Prep, 3:00
- May 16 at New Providence, 3:00
- May 22 Livingston, 3:00
- May 24 MVC Tournament
- May 25 at Madison, 3:00

## Tri-County champions



The Springfield Nattas basketball team had an outstanding season, capturing the Tri-County championship and finishing 29-0, which tied a club record for most wins in a season. Kneeling, from left, are Julie Schneider, Michelle Tomasino, Krystina Seegard, Sara Steinman, Lyndsey Brahm and Andrea Handell. Standing, from left, are Amanda DiCocco, Monica Grabowski, coach Tony Tomasino, Margaret Mysliwiec, Alla Mayzel, Lindsay Coughlin, Lauren Ceaser, Lisa Listowski and assistant coach Jenn Cataldo.

## St. James teams are recognized Hoops squads successful

St. James the Apostle, Springfield held its third annual Basketball Awards Luncheon last Sunday at the Springfield Knights of Columbus to honor its CYO basketball teams.

Youngsters from Springfield and Union play for the St. James teams. The school's 5th-6th grade team had an outstanding season in Union County CYO, posting a winning record of 8-6. The squad's overall record was a winning 13-9 mark.

Team members included Ryan O'Reilly, Steven Sircusa, Phil Ferreira, Joe Farnagura, John Pitag, Nick DeVisco, Marco Panella, Jen Vignante, Steven Fischer, Andy Ghilino, Joe Gialmo, Aric Paten, Eric DuBeau and Pablo Torres.

The following awards were given for significant achievements this season:  
 Defensive Player of the Year: Ryan O'Reilly.  
 Offensive Player of the Year: Steven Sircusa.  
 Coaches Award: Joe Farnagura and Phil Ferreira.  
 Most Improved: Marco Panella.  
 Sportsmanship: Aric Paten.

The team was coached by Jim McElroy, John O'Reilly, Steve Sircusa and Dennis Gialmo.

The 3rd-4th grade team finished with an even 5-5 mark in CYO play and with an even 7-7 mark overall.

Team members included Jimmy Sircusa, Joe Pulice, Jimmy Harrison, James Kukuca, Roscoe Sabala, Colin Fongleras, Nicky Garcia; Joe Cicalese, Brencis Navia, Eric Stevenson and Michael Martineci.

The following awards were given for significant achievements this season:  
 Defensive Player of the Year: Jimmy Harrison.  
 Offensive Player of the Year: Joe Pulice.  
 Coaches Award: Jimmy Sircusa.  
 Most Improved: Michael Martineci.  
 Sportsmanship: James Kukuca.

The team was coached by John Ghilino, Joe Harrison and Steve Sircusa. St. James CYO teams have shown significant improvement in each year they have competed.

Plans are to field a 7th-8th grade team next season as well. Children who attend St. James School or who are in St. James Religious Education are eligible to join the program.

More information about St. James basketball may be obtained by calling Jim McElroy at 973-467-9314.

## Springfield Minutemen football program to have clinics on May 13 and 20

The Springfield Minutemen's football program will have two clinics for boys presently in third through seventh grades May 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Meisel Field.

Dayton High School head football coach Paul Sep and some of his players are scheduled to attend the Minutemen coaching staff during the two May clinics.

To participate in the clinic, a registration form must be completed and submitted at the recreation department in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., before Sunday, April 30.

In addition, registrations for the 2000 football season are being accepted in the recreation office until May 25. The registration fee is \$95, payable in two checks: \$20 to Springfield Township and \$75 to Springfield Minutemen Football. Boys presently in third through seventh grades are eligible.

Practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 14 on the municipal pool field. Three teams, grouped by age and weight, are scheduled to play from September through November in the Suburban Football League.

More information about the two football clinics in May can be obtained by calling 973-912-2228.

## Ice hockey club is looking for players ages 6-17 for upcoming travel season

The Cranford Ice Hockey Club is looking for players ages 6-17 for all levels of play for the upcoming 2000-2001 New Jersey Youth Traveling Hockey Season.

League play starts in September and concludes in March. The club plays all of its home games at the Wanamaker Rink in Roselle.

Tryouts are scheduled for Saturdays May 7 and May 21.

More information may be obtained by calling Mark Bleweis at 908-686-2290 after 7 p.m. or by fax at 908-686-0346.

## Gov. Livingston Baseball

- April 8 at Millburn Town
- April 8 at Hillside, 4:00
- April 5 Cranford, 4:00
- April 6 at Roselle Cath., 4:00
- April 7 Rahway, 4:00
- April 11 at Johnson, 4:00
- April 13 Roselle, 4:00
- April 14 at Immaculata, 4:00
- April 15 Summit, 11:00
- April 18 Union Catholic, 4:00
- April 19 at Roxbury, 4:00
- April 24 at Pequannock, 4:00
- April 25 Ridge, 4:00
- April 26 Woodbridge, 10:30
- April 27 at Hillside, 4:00
- April 28 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
- May 1 at Union, 4:00
- May 2 at Rahway, 4:00
- May 4 Johnson, 4:00
- May 9 at Roselle, 4:00
- May 11 Immaculata, 4:00
- May 12 at North Plainfield, 7:00
- May 16 at Union Catholic, 4:00
- May 18 at Morris Knolls, 4:00
- May 20 Dayton, 11:00
- May 23 at Ridge, 4:00

## Gov. Livingston Boys' Track

- April 6 at Hillside, 4:00
- April 11 Rahway, 4:00
- April 13 at Johnson, 4:00
- April 18 Union Catholic, 4:00
- April 20 at Roselle Cath., 4:00
- April 25 Newark Central, 4:00
- May 10-11 hosts MVC Meet

## Gov. Livingston Girls' Track

- April 6 at Hillside, 4:00
- April 11 Rahway, 4:00
- April 13 Johnson, 4:00
- April 18 at Union Catholic, 4:00
- April 20 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
- April 25 Newark Central, 4:00
- May 10-11 MVC Meet at Ridge

## Gov. Livingston Boys' Tennis

- April 6 at Johnson, 4:00
- April 11 Ridge, 4:00
- April 13 Rahway, 4:00
- April 14 at Oratory Prep, 4:00
- April 18 Dayton, 4:00
- April 20 North Plainfield, 4:00
- April 25 at Roselle Cath., 4:00
- April 27 at Immaculata, 4:00
- April 28 Union Catholic, 4:00

## Gov. Livingston Golf

- April 6 at Johnson, 3:00
- April 11 Ridge, 3:00
- April 13 Roselle, 3:00
- April 14 at Oratory Prep, 3:00
- April 18 Dayton, 3:00
- April 20 North Plainfield, 3:00
- April 25 at Roselle Cath., 3:00
- April 27 at Immaculata, 3:00
- April 28 Union Catholic, 3:00

## Mountainside Youth Baseball Opening Day Parade Saturday GL marching band to lead way once again

The Opening Day Parade for Mountainside Youth Baseball is set for this Saturday at a new century of exciting baseball as about to get under way.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at the corner of Wood Valley and Stony Brook roads.

The talented, award-winning Governor Livingston High School marching band will be leading the way once again this year.

The route will follow Wood Valley Road to Central Avenue, Wyoming Drive and Longview Road, with the ceremonies being held at the Major League Field at Deerfield School.

The rain date is Sunday at 1 p.m. Leading off the ceremonies will be the flag-raising and the "Star Spangled Banner" led by band director Dan Kopcha.

Participating in the Opening Day ceremonies will be the Mountainside Police Department, Rescue Squad, Volunteer Fire Department and representatives from the Mountainside Board of Education, Council and Mountainside Recreation Department.

Following the ceremonies, former Mountainside Youth Baseball President Brian Hill will throw out the first ball to commence the season.

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

### INTRODUCTION TO BASEBALL

Players: Amanda Amenzola, Maurizio Arjino, Jenna Barbera, Vinny Bennett, Stephanie Cataldo, Marisa Corwell, Sarah Dickert, Carmelo Fierro, Andrew Frestone, Kelly Goense, Peter Goggi, Adam Greene, Dean Hahner, Alexander Ingrassia, David Hennings, Logan Kelly, Casie Kinney, Kaehi-McKenna Kutsoy, Tyler McLaughlin, Michael McGee, Luke Mirabelli, Jaime Michael Moutalvo, Paige Murphy, T.J. Nichols, Brianna Palumbo, Frank Paparato, David Persano, Isabella Perez-Santalla, Stephanie Pinto, Abigail Pires, Scotland Preston, Stephanie Scofield, Robert Steams, Conner Stevenson, Logan Turner, Vienna Viotello, Julia Wata, Billy Worwick, Nicholas Youmans and Alexandra Zorain.

Head Coach: Carol Woerwick. Nick Frungillo is the vice president.

Introduction to Baseball is sponsored by Paparato Construction and A.K. Stamping.

### T-BALL

Players: Justin Amezola, Anthony Apigo, Matthew Arrigoni, Thomas Back, Ian Bruno, Patrick Eichenor, Tyler Frezza, Samantha Frungillo, Vito Gagliardi, BJ Giannone, Jacqueline Grossman, Bari Grossman, Dylan Hain, Garrett Hain, Stephan Hari, Maria Hausa, Joseph Hoy, Maxwell Ingrassia, Joseph Johnston, Daniel Kalk, Jason Kline, Matthew Labau, Mackenzie Liss, Danny Morgan, Jimmy Murdoch, Christopher O'Sullivan, Allison Olock, Kimberly Osaja, Jennifer Quaglia, Steven Ruggiero, Samantha Schranck, Billy Storza, Steven Storza, Emily Smith, Robert Cole Vargo, Nicholas Visciglia, Amelia Wilson.

Head Coach: Bill Giannone. Nick Frungillo is the vice president.

T-Ball is sponsored by Town Bank of Waitfield and Thomas Lincoln Mercury.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE, Ages 8-9

Jim DeRose is the vice president.  
 ATHLETICS: Carol Pijanowski, manager; Charles Contracting, sponsor.

Players: Geoffrey Barnes, Timothy Black, Neil Boyle, Michael Irene, Jack Laoutrette, Louis Loftis, Trevor McPherson, Jack Pijanowski, Patrick Pindar, Brandon Waytislaw, Christopher Whyte and Zach Worwick.

CARDINALS: Doug Trimmer, manager; HAGO Manufacturing, sponsor.

Players: Mike Adeshev, Max Conner, Elizabeth Cronin, Alex DeRose, Edward Munson, Amanda Quaglia, Ross Talber, Joshua Thompson, Christopher Trimmer, Dylan Turner and Amy Vitale.

MARLINS: Joe Carmago, manager; Don Maxwell Furniture Restoration, sponsor.

Players: Andrew Candelino, Ben Carmago, Ean Drew, Richard Granziel, Scott Green, Blake Hotz, Aaron Hoydich, Nicholas Kutsep, Michael Miller, Paul Mirabelli and J.P. Zavadny.

RED SOX: Bill McLaughlin, manager; Atlantic Title Agency, sponsor.

Players: David Boyce, Nicholas Bravo, John Cataldo, Matthew Cataldo, Ryan Conde, Scott Crane, Gerard Fenn, Russel Kinney, Blake McLaughlin, Max Nagel and Brenton Rehn.

TIGERS: Miguel Perez-Santalla, manager; Walter Heckel & Sons, sponsor.

Players: Nicholas Barbera, Justin Cantalano, David Garber, Robert Hilonges, John Kontra, Stephen Perez-Santalla, Daniel Rodrigues, Gabriel Rodrigues, Frank Rubino, Michael Saldida, Steven Schauberg and Joseph Schlegel.

MAJOR LEAGUE, Ages 10-12

Man Wyratt is the vice president.

BLUE STARS: Chuck Femicola, manager; Charles Femicola Cooperator Co., sponsor.

Players: Jeff Arango, Peter Banusiewicz, Anthony Corsi, Peter Delianne, Thomas Delianne, Andrew DeRoade, Sean Faella, Reid Kelly, Bei Wang, Brendan Smith, Sean Smith and Brian Vander Meer.

BRAVES: Clem Pace, manager; Pacifico Service Center, sponsor.

Players: Thomas Amalfi, Dan Camargo, Thomas Carannic, Robert Giletrici, Jeremy Henik, Jason Masia, Ryan Murphy, JR. Paolitto, Jonathan Rivera, Brian Wyratt and Matt Zimmerman.

METS: Bill Schurl, manager; Mountainside VFW Post 10136, sponsor.

Players: Patrick Anderson, Juliani Buonagoro, Greg Chilson, J.J. Cronin, Trevor Hain, Kevin Moore, Joe Robiolo, Marc Perez-Santalla, Steven Schurl, Michael Tate and Philip Vitale.

PIRATES: Joe D'Antuono, manager; Stirling World Beverage, sponsor.

Players: Joe Bariel, J.D. Bryden, Joe D'Antuono, Danny DeMola, Bobby Goense, Martin Hochadel, Joseph Kizman, Ryan McAdam, Michael Nigro, Billy O'Sullivan, Jacquin Spetzizza and Kevin Wheaton.

YANKES: Mike Schlegel, manager; LaMonica Memorial Home, sponsor.

Players: Bobby Adeshev, Max Deutsch, Eric DiPietro, Nick Frungillo, Andrew Jabubowski, Nick Janiak, Evan Manganiello, Michael Manzo, Justin Quaglia, Michael Schlegel and Sammy Vitale.

PONY LEAGUE, Ages 13-14

MAGIC: Al Faella, manager; Capodanno Electric, sponsor.

Players: Michael Amalfi, Steven Bobko, Joshua Bumpus, Alex Caffrey, Giancarlo Capodanno, Jim DeCastro, Jude Faella, Ryan Faella, Adam Foti, Chris Garcia, Antonio DiNemico, Michael Mankowski and Matt Sharkey.

MAVERICKS: Clark Landale, manager; Mountainside PDA Local 126, sponsor.

Players: Eric Caszar, AJ DeRose, Evan Kaplan, Nick Keller, Chris Legico, Tyler Manganiello, Chris Manzo, Mike Margallo, Nick Margallo, Matt Miller, Jon Moss, Christopher Perez-Santalla and Kevin Wyratt.

MUSTANGS: Rick Polce, manager; Atlantic Metal Products, sponsor.

Players: David Apigo, Brian Arrigoni, Bill Crane, Chris DiVito, Eric Feller, Matt Hiller, Zack Janiak, Patrick Klebauer, Joe Nicastro, Joe Pijanowski, Justin Polce and Matt Smith.

Board members include: John Amalfi, president; Sandy Burdge, executive vice president; Barry Feldman, treasurer; Gary Bobko, secretary; Dave Arrigoni, Pony League vice president; Matt Wyratt, Major League vice president; Jim DeRose, American League vice president; Nick Frungillo, T-Ball & Introduction to Baseball; Chuck Femicola, Fields & Grounds; Susan Kelly, Snack Bar; Joe D'Antuono, fund raising; Al Faella, umpire; Clem Pace, equipment; Nancy Cantagallo, publicity.

NEWS CLIPS

Walk Thru Holy Week

The annual Walk Thru Holy Week for kids is being offered by Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, on Good Friday, April 21. Children ages 3 to 10 participate in hands-on experiences depicting Jesus' last week on Earth.

Danks, a volunteer in mission to Kenya, East Africa, will speak on the growing mission in Kenya, "Mission Much Ado or Much To Do?"

The Renewal series continues Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Tim Prepe, pastor of the Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark will preach on the topic "Great One Another."

'A Moment for Mission'

The First Presbyterian Church, 210 Morris Ave., on the corner of Morris and Church Mall in Springfield, welcomes back the Rev. Edard Danks to speak on Sunday, during the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service in the sanctuary. Danks will present "A Moment for Mission" followed by a keynote address at brunch series of "Worship and Renewal."

Hadassah presents Holocaust survivor

Klara Samuels of West Orange, Holocaust survivor and first time

author of her experiences, will be the featured speaker at the Springfield Hadassah's Holocaust Memorial program April 13 at 8 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

Samuels, author of "God Does Play Dice: The Autobiography of a Holocaust Survivor," Bainbridge Books, daughter of a Warsaw, Poland, doctor and his wife, was a 12-year-old when Nazi Germany attacked Poland, according to Springfield Hadassah co-sponsors Dorothea Schwartz and Irene Chotter.

The author, a former chemistry and physics teacher at Livingston High School, for 26 years, begins her 320-page book with her life before the war, her tribulations during the war and her life in the present. Eleanor D. Kuperstein, program vice president, said copies of her book will be available for purchase.



Paul Thau

Thau to be honored

Paul Thau, a former Westfield resident, will be honored at a testimonial luncheon at L'Affaire on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. for his outstanding work in B'nai B'rith. He became a member of the Westfield-Mountainside Lodge a few years after its formation in the early 1960s. He renewed his membership in 1977 after he and his family returned to Westfield after a seven-year hiatus. He has served the lodge in various capacities, including vice president, president and has co-chaired many lodge testimonial events.

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He received his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Columbia University and after graduate studies chose to enter the cosmetic industry. During his 43-year career, Revlon, Bristol-Myers, Warner-Lambert, CIBA and Cosnar have employed him in various research and development positions.

His professional affiliations have included the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, American Pharmaceutical Association and the American Chemical Society. Thus served the SCC in a number of capacities including president of the National Society during 1998. In addition, he was a member of the International Society of Cosmetic Chemists Presidium for two years and on their scientific committee for four years.

He and his wife Carole now live in Berkeley Heights. Thus recently served on the Citizen's Advisory

Committee of the school board, and is a trustee of the Taxpayers Association. They are active members of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. Thau is currently a cosmetic industry consultant. He looks forward to participating in the activities at the newly formed B'nai B'rith Unit as a trustee.

If you wish to attend this award luncheon, call either George Popper at (908) 232-1897 or Ed Yanowitz at (908) 233-6070.

Wurgaft named president

Jack Wurgaft, a partner in the Springfield law firm of Javerbaum, Wurgaft, Hicks & Zarin, was recently installed as president of the American Board of Trial Advocates. AOTA is a national organization of trial attorneys dedicated to the education and training of trial attorneys and the preservation of the constitutional right to trial by jury, both civil and criminal.

Wurgaft limits his practice to complex medical malpractice, products liability and negligence matters.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Friday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE: SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-753096 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F750099

DEFENDANT: HERMAN H. MARTIN, JR. ET AL. DATE OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 28, 1999 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to be directed shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower 2) at 10:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, all successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

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MUNICIPALITY: TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY: UNION COUNTY STREET & STREET NUMBER: 56 N. HAVEN AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081 TAX LOT & BLOCK NUMBERS: LOT 11, BLOCK 282 (formerly known as Block 151)

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ENTER OUR HOLIDAY HAM AND TURKEY CONTEST. ENTRY BLANK. NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, PHONE. Contest Ends Fri. April 14, 2000 - Noon As Advertised in SUMMIT OBSERVER THE ECHO LEADER (Serving Springfield & Mountainside)

Grid of 20 contest entries with names and phone numbers: BROADWAY DINER, CARDS GALORE, DORIA RESTAURANT & PIZZA, FOOTTOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, HERSH'S HEARING AID CENTER, MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS, MOUNTAINSIDE DELI, ONE HOUR MARTINIZING, SUMMIT CAR WASH & DETAIL CENTER, SUMMIT FOOD MARKET, SUMMIT GLASS SHOWCASE, SUMMIT MARKET PLACE, TROST BAKE SHOP, SECOND HAND ANTIQUES, SPRING MEADOWS.