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## Springfield

Lt. Richard Bromberg will take off for Kosovo to join the members of the International Police Force after he retires from the Springfield Police Department.

### Retiring police officer set to spend a year in Kosovo

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

At 11 p.m. tonight, Richard Bromberg is switching international time zones.

After 29 years with the Springfield Police Department, in which he moved through the ranks of patrolman, plainclothes detective, sergeant and up to lieutenant, Bromberg is leaving his position — and homeland — to help bring a bit of democracy to Kosovo.

Bromberg has pledged his knowledge and skills to the International Police Force for one year. "I've mulled retirement for the last couple of years," Bromberg, a lieutenant since 1981, said. His interest in assist-

ing in Kosovo stemmed from two sources: an article in a FBA publication and his own son.

"I saw the article about the United Nations International Police Monitors in a PBA magazine, but what really got me interested was the fact that my son was in Kosovo last August and September as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division," Bromberg said. "He was under sniper fire for a while, and he brought back pictures of all these kids and all this destruction — those are the things that really got me started."

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the International Police Force currently consists of about 900 officers. "We're training graduates

from Kosovo's police academy how to be officers in a democratic society," Bromberg said.

"Right now, since they don't have many officers of their own, officers from various other nations, including several hundred from the United States, are there to help them do the policing."

Bromberg is unsure of what he is likely to face, or be asked to do, in his new position, even though he has training in firearms and pepper spray, instruction and the use of a firearms training simulator.

"All I know is that there are very difficult working conditions there," Bromberg said. "There's a lack of equipment and no court system. There are no court dates — they process their prisoners and then let them go. A number of U.S. offices have come back, frustrated with the conditions." Snipers, according to Bromberg, are still a threat, as are officers being assaulted by rocks and bottles. "It's quite a battle," Bromberg said matter-of-factly.

Bromberg has spent six years in the Army Reserve, with four years in the 102nd Armored Division in West Orange. His military training, he believes, will help "as far as leadership goes."

Police officers are under contract to DynCorp, a Texas-based company. Bromberg's one-year contract will pay him \$90,000 — tax-free, he pointed out, since the salary is being earned out of the country. However, officers must pick up the cost of their own room and board, which Bromberg has been told can be costly.

"DynCorp told me that police officers usually rent blocks of apartments together. But I don't have a clue what the conditions will be like."

Bromberg's wife will remain at home in Toms River. His daughter, 22, and his grandchild, 15 months old, also will wait stateside for his return.

While he will miss his family, his job in Springfield and "the little things like the food and TV," he described his purpose in going to Kosovo as "the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives."

### Write-in wins in Mountainside Springfield narrowly adopts 2nd question

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

In Mountainside Tuesday night, for the first time ever, a write-in candidate achieved Board of Education election success. In Springfield, the issue of additional school security received an 86-vote margin approval.

Mountainside

Write-in candidate MaryBeth Schaumburg received 813 votes to challenger Pat Knodel's 396 to win a seat on the borough's Board of Education. Incumbent Frank Geiger was the top vote-getter with 906 votes. Geiger will be entering his 10th year year on the board.

Knodel, who was defeated in last year's election by Peter Goggi and John Perrin by approximately 300 votes, has served a total of 26 years on Mountainside's Board of Education.

"I'm very excited," Schaumburg, a lifelong borough resident, said. "We worked really hard at this and the voters spoke — again. It's going to be new to me but I'll learn as I go along. I'm anxious to get started."

Schaumburg pointed toward the board's strategic plan and the district's issues regarding physical space as two of the challenges she expects to face.

Knodel, for his part, promised not to be "the perpetual candidate." But she quickly added, "Never say never."

Geiger, who earlier in the evening referred to his chances of winning reelection as "very good" as the preliminary results emerged, said later, "I've pledged myself to these people and their children, and I'm looking forward to it. With the budget passing this big, we feel we have huge support, with the people's votes behind us."

The budget indeed passed, "big," with 802 voters giving their approval,

with only 295 dissenting. The \$9-million budget will mean a two-cent tax rate increase to borough residents. The hike amounts to an additional \$40 on a home assessed at \$200,000.

Preliminary results showed distinct support for the budget, putting Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller in something more than a simple good mood. "I think we have a very good chance of passing it," Schaller remarked at the clerk's office did the count. "I'm ecstatic."

The budget increase resulted from benefits issued to a handful of staff members. The total for benefits for the new budget is \$623,000, a \$123,000 increase over last year.

The increased tax levy figure in the borough for 2000-2001 will be \$8,066,039, \$390,417 more than last year.

In regard to staffing, the district expects to hire three new teachers, two at the middle school level and one at the elementary level. Kindergarten enrollment is also having an effect; the current kindergarten class stands at 59, with 72 already pre-registered for next year.

A number of cuts were made in the area of textbooks, maintenance and repairs, and supplies. The approved budget also includes a half-million dollar surplus, to be used in the event of emergencies.

A total of 1,268 voters cast ballots in the school election, approximately 28 percent more than the 4,500 registered voters in the borough.

Springfield

With unopposed Board of Education incumbents Larry Levee, Jacqueline Shanes and Robert Fish being returned to their positions, the focus at the polls shifted to the 2000-2001

school budget and the district's second question.

The \$21.3-million school budget received 485 nods, earning approval by a margin of 218, with a second question involving school security equipment being approved 410 to 330.

The budget represents an approximate \$571,609 difference between the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 school years, an increase of 2.76 percent. Approval of the budget means an additional \$35 per quarter, or \$140 a year, for township taxpayers.

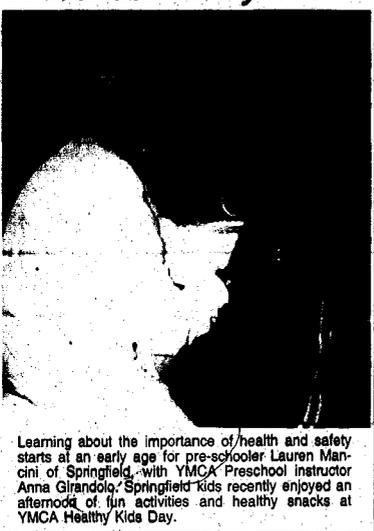
Approval of the second question necessitates an extra \$376,365 to be raised by taxes. Taxpayers can expect to pay an additional \$13 per quarter, or \$52 a year. Overall, residents in Springfield will be spending \$190 on school taxes during the upcoming year.

Specifics concerning the second question — security equipment — were not publicly disclosed by the board. In February, Friedland cited the importance of security, but quickly added, "If people want it, they'll vote for it."

"We're very pleased that the budget and the second question passed," said Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman. "It means we can continue to provide the excellent programs and safety features for the kids. We're thankful for the support." Friedland was not available for comment Tuesday night.

Among the unopposed candidates, Fish, Levee and Shanes received 507, 508 and 493 votes respectively. Fish will begin his fourth term on the board, as will Shanes. Levee, first elected in 1997, will be starting his second term.

### Preschool safety 101



Learning about the importance of health and safety starts at an early age for pre-schooler Lauren Mancini of Springfield, with YMCA preschool instructor Anna Grandolo. Springfield kids recently enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities and healthy snacks at YMCA Healthy Kids Day.

### Council adopts municipal budget Average tax hike will be more than \$60

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

The average Mountainside property owner will have to dig into their pocket for another \$15 the next time quarterly tax bills arrive in the mail.

With virtually no public comment, the Borough Council Tuesday night unanimously approved the municipal budget by a 5-0 vote. Only Councilman Paul Mirabelli was absent.

The 2000 budget is approximately \$7.6 million, almost \$200,000 more than last year's \$7.4-million spending plan. The budget calls for a \$0.04 increase in the municipal tax rate, bringing it to \$0.84 per \$100 of assessed property value.

The average property owner, with property assessed at \$154,000, will pay an additional \$62 or so in municipal taxes, the first increase in five years.

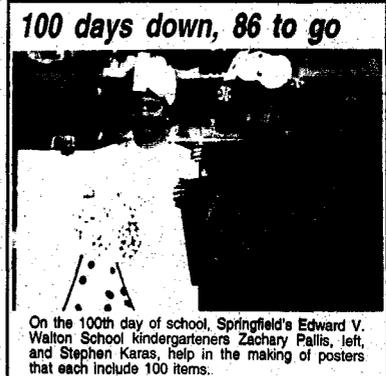
Last year the average property owner paid \$1,232 in municipal taxes. This year owners can expect to pay approximately \$1,294.

Homeowners with property assessed at \$200,000 can figure to pay an additional \$80 this year, a total of \$1,680.

The largest increases in the budget will be for the Fire Department and public library. Mayor Robert Vigilante said the Fire Department received an increase in clothing allowances

and additional pay for volunteers. The library, meanwhile, will have some "major repair" done, which have

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On the 100th day of school, Springfield's Edward V. Walton School kindergartners Zachary Pallas, left, and Stephen Karas, help in the making of posters that each include 100 items.

### Mathematics curriculum at middle school 'too ambitious'

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Math was in the air at the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night. Math curriculum, to be precise.

Mathematics Department Chair Jim Giordano and Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman, both of whom have been working on the Grade 6-8 math curriculum, delivered their proposal to the board. Giordano, fresh from Chicago, where he attended the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, focused on the area of algebra, and the inherent problem of teaching it to middle school students.

"The abstraction and rigor of algebra can be difficult," Giordano said. "Some kids just don't have the maturation for it, but that doesn't mean they're not intelligent. The changes we're proposing are meant to provide an opportunity for everyone to experience success."

After extensive research, including a recent assessment of seventh- and eighth-grade students, Giordano and Zimmerman came to the conclusion that the present middle school mathematics curriculum is "too ambitious."

According to Giordano, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has philosophized the approach to algebra, and is of the opinion that an "Algebra for All" ideology be adopted, with algebraic thinking integrated throughout the K-12 curriculum.

The present middle school curriculum places grade six students in either Pre-Algebra — a program two years accelerated from the traditional math curriculum — or the less difficult Grade Six Math. Students selected for Pre-Algebra are those who have shown particular mathematical talent.

Students in the accelerated program then move to Algebra proper in grade seven, and to Geometry in grade eight. Students in the regular program advance from Grade Six Math to Pre-Algebra in grade seven to Algebra in grade eight — in terms of curriculum, one step behind students in the accelerated courses, although the rate of teaching remains the same as in those of the accelerated courses.

"This curriculum has caused a great deal of frustration for several parents and students, as well as the mathematics teachers teaching these courses," Giordano's report read. "It assumes that all those students not selected for the accelerated course are developmentally ready to learn Algebra at the same rate and same time."

Giordano recommended, as a "safety net" for those students not developmentally ready for algebra, a Pre-Algebra course extending over two years; for grades seven and eight. He also suggested continuing the accelerated course for selected grade six, but with a revised selection process, "to insure that only those students who are capable of handling the rigor and determination needed to succeed are chosen."

Giordano also pointed out that proposed curriculum changes would align with the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment. "Fundamentals of Algebra" would be included in the Pre-Algebra course," Giordano said. "So yes, it does align."

The financial impact in regard to the proposed changes was described in Giordano's report as "minimal," involving only an additional textbook expense for Pre-Algebra as a result of another course being added at the eighth-grade level.

As for intervention, Giordano reminded the board of the existence of the

Algebra Club, which meets in the early morning, before school goes into session.

Board member Keith Kurznar expressed some misgivings about the early hour, but Giordano reminded him of the tightness of the daily teaching schedule, informing him that the only other available time for the club would have been at lunch hour.

"No one says a kid has to go religiously to every one of these sessions," Giordano said. "Some kids are just drop-in students. The class is small enough for the teacher to individualize her lessons."

Giordano also told the board that students who do not attend the club will not be at a disadvantage due to the fact that modifications are constantly being made in the math program.

### Newspaper office closed for holiday

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• Display ads — Monday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.

• Sports news — Monday, 9 a.m.

• General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.

• Classified advertising — Tuesday, 2 p.m.

• Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.

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**Sewer, drainage upgrades to begin**

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been "a long time coming," the mayor said.  
"The revenues for the budget year 2000 have remained on a constant level with minimal increases from the state," Vigilanti said.  
"The use of surplus has decreased by \$50,000 due to the declining levels of appropriation reserve balances. Each year the budgets become tighter and tighter and the amounts left to turn back over to the borough through appropriation reserves has become smaller and smaller."  
It is vital, the mayor said, to protect the surplus since that is what the borough uses to operate day-to-day operations in between tax periods.  
Vigilanti cited the addition of the borough's commuter parking lot constructed near the library with the help of a grant from the state. Parking fees

will defray the maintenance of the lot, costing borough taxpayers nothing.  
"The borough goes out of its way to research and find new methods of funding while keeping a watchful eye on spending," Vigilanti said.  
The only resident to speak during Tuesday night's hearing on the budget was John Shacketford, who last week filed a run for the Borough Council with Steven Brociner in the Democratic June primary. He inquired whether the Fire Department budget was set since several weeks there was some question whether it was.  
The council also approved an ordinance Tuesday night, appropriating \$600,000 from the borough's Capital Surplus Fund for drainage and storm sewer improvements. This is money already in the borough's coffers, left over from other bondable projects.

The drainage and storm sewer improvements are part of the planned \$6-million infrastructure upgrades. The \$600,000 will fund some items which have a high priority, the mayor said, and cannot wait for the entire project to secure funding.  
The Borough Council expects to send letters to all residents in about two months, explaining its plan for infrastructure improvements.  
"What sped this up was Tropical Storm Floyd," Vigilanti said of the sewer and drainage improvements.  
The mayor announced that the borough has received more than \$25,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for its application for aid. Most of those funds will reimburse the borough for overtime expenses incurred during the cleanup of Tropical Storm Floyd in September.

**NEWS CLIPS**

**Big Band era highlighted at borough library**

"The Big Band Era" will be the subject of a guest lecture and audio presentation by Stephen F. Marcone, chair of the Music Department at William Paterson University, at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, on May 1 at 7:30 p.m.  
Funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the program will feature audio tapes of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Harry James and other jazz greats. Marcone will examine stylistic differences of bands due to race, location and various influences of the 1930s.  
Marcone came to the William Paterson University of New Jersey in 1984 where he also is program director of the Music Management Program. He graduated from Syracuse University as a Master of Music in 1969.

Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Children's Theater: "Cavern of the Jewels." This will be performed by the South Street Players, and is suitable for children of all ages and adults as well.  
In this play, the greedy Bunchart, a blustering tycoon, treats his son and daughter like servants while his wife clucks over him and dotes on his fortune. Sent out to search for sardines, the children go off to the forest where they befriend two enchanting gnomes. Pen and Ponke, who guard the glittering jewels from which nature draws its brilliant colors.  
The gnomes give their friends a

gigantic emerald, and Bunchart, once he lays eyes on it, realizes the children have stumbled across the richest treasure in the world.  
He and the unscrupulous Rev. Archer plot to seize all the jewels and, for a time, they apparently succeed. But the children, along with Peri, Ponke and their woodland allies, soon outwit the thieving adults — restoring Nature's Treasure to its rightful guardians, while teaching Bunchart and his cronies a lesson they will not soon forget.  
The South Street Players, who perform regularly at the Clarksburg Inn Dinner Theater, are in their 18th season.

**Seventh-grade science**



Students in the seventh-grade science class at St. James The Apostolic School of Springfield assist their teacher in a lab project dissecting a typical bony fish.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.
- Monday**
- The Mountainside School District has a staff development in-service day scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.
  - The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
  - Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, sponsors an escort craft program from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Families and children ages 4 and up are invited to come make Earth-friendly children's crafts like bird houses, mazes and neckties using natural and recycled materials. Admission is \$2 per child.
- Tuesday**
- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Luncheon Video series. Traveling in the U.S.A. and Canada, at noon with a presentation of Yosemite National Park. Bring a brown bag to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.
  - For information call (973) 376-4930.
  - The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School, 302 Central Avenue, for an organization meeting.
  - 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.
  - Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, invites families and children ages 4 and up to help replant the dying pine tree plantations in the Watchung Reservation with evergreen trees. Learn how evergreens provide food and shelter for owls, squirrels and other wildlife from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
  - The Union County Commission on Child Abuse and Missing Children in cooperation with the Union County Sheriff's Office presents Project Identification from noon to 3:30 p.m. at Zany Brains, Route 22 East, Springfield. Children ages 3 to 12 are invited for a free fingerprinting and videotaping project.
- Upcoming events**
- April 30**
- The Springfield Rotary Club will sponsor its 19th annual flea market at Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is scheduled for May 7.
  - A planetarium show will delve into the history and future of astronomy from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Admission is \$3 for children ages 6 and up and \$2.55 for seniors.
  - The second annual cantorial concert will begin at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seating is \$25, general admission is \$18 and students and seniors are \$15. For tickets call (973) 376-0539.
- May 1**
- A Mountainside Public Library lecture on "The Big Band Era" will begin at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will feature an audio presentation by Stephen Marcone, chair of the Music Department at William Paterson University. The program is free and open to the public. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to reserve seating space.
  - Casting registration begins for the talent show that will be sponsored by the Deerfield School of Mountainside on June 8. Interested performers may register at the main office at Deerfield through May 5. Volunteers of all ages are also needed for the stage crew. For more information call Mrs. Marafii at (908) 232-8828, ext. 361.
- May 4**
- The Foothill Club of Mountainside will meet for lunch at noon at B.G. Fields. Meeting will be justified followed by Bingo. For reservations call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.
- May 6**
- The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor its annual community garage sale. There will be a \$20 fee per household. For information and registration call Carol Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

**'Cavern of Jewels'**  
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# Past candidates to try again for GOP

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

In Springfield, two Republicans, both of whom have made a stab for a seat on the Township Committee before, are trying again.

Kevin Scholla and Florence Faraone, unsuccessful in 1997 and 1999 respectively, filed for the June primary, challenging Democratic incumbents Gregory Clarke and Roy Hirschfeld for seats on the all-Democratic committee.

Scholla, 26, ran with Tom Ryan in 1997, finishing third with more than 2,500 votes. "It was a good experience," he said, "but I think there was a lot of old-line voting involved. But I'm going to give it another shot and see what happens. We need someone to serve as a watchdog in this town."

A resident of Springfield for all "but the first few years" of his life, Scholla is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. He attended Seton Hall University and the Connecticut School of Broadcasting, and now puts his broadcasting education to use as a news and sports anchor for WRNJ, an ABC affiliate in Hackettstown, Warren County, doing play-by-play for NCAA women's basketball and the New York Mets. His interest in sports also has resulted in his coaching Minuteman Baseball, Minuteman Football and Recreation Basketball in the township.

Politically, he has been involved in campaigns "from local to presidential, both paid and volunteer," serving in 1992 as field coordinator during the Busby/Quayle campaign. He was elected, and currently serves, as a district leader for the Republicans in Springfield. He described himself as "a Springfield resident

who thinks he can make a difference."

Faraone, a nine-year resident of Springfield, made her first run at elected office last year, when she challenged Democratic incumbent Sy Mullman. She is manager for plant operations for the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, assisting the executive vice president in implementing client services to the group's employees.

Faraone received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Kean University, and has worked as a finance manager for AT&T prior to entering public service. She also has been a manager in the state Commerce and Economic Development office, planning and organizing administrative and financial activities.

Faraone expressed displeasure with the administrative workings of some of the township's departments during her campaign last year, citing the numerous lawsuits within the Police Department as one of the poorer expenditures of taxpayer dollars.

Democrats Clarke and Hirschfeld are both completing their second terms. Both have served as the township's mayor in the past — Clarke in 1999 and Hirschfeld in 1997. Clarke, 65, served as a social worker until his retirement three years ago. Hirschfeld is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a psychology professor at Seton Hall University and Union County College.

The last Republicans to win seats on the Township Committee were Judith Blitzer and William Ruocco in 1995. Blitzer and Ruocco defeated Arlene Newman and incumbent Marcia Forman.

# Proud artists for a day



Author Kathleen Harte lends pre-kindergartners, from left, Joey Balboni and Franke San George, a helping hand with the how-to of painting a poster at Walton School in Springfield.

# Borough Council appoints assistant recreation director

By Kirsten Matthew  
Managing Editor

Mountainside now has its first assistant recreation director in the history of the Recreation Commission.

Program director Frank Masella was appointed to fill the position Tuesday night at the Mountainside Borough Council meeting at an annual salary of \$35,000 — a move that now combines the two jobs into one position. Masella will now oversee any new programs that the Recreation Commission institutes.

The position was created under an ordinance approved by the Mountainside Borough Council last month. An expansion in the number of programs offered by the commission prompted the need for the position, said Borough Councilman Keith Turner, liaison to the Recreation Commission.

"We really have expanded the amount of activities and programs offered in Mountainside," Turner said.

He cited the recent addition of the winter ice rink on the municipal tennis courts, programs in the Community Room at Borough Hall and youth programs like the Koosh Kids as some new activities. The new five-week Koosh clinic, scheduled for late April, will offer introductory baseball skills to Mountainside 5-year-olds, he said.

"We felt we needed to create this assistant recreation director position rather than just an activities organizer," Turner said.

Acting Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie said the increase in the municipal budget this year could be partly attributed to increased recreational programs.

"They've expanded the programs nearly two-fold," said Debbie, and Recreation Director Sus Winans needs help.

# Free computer skills seminars for seniors

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield/Milburn will sponsor free seminars on computer skills and usage for area senior citizens. It was announced by Patrick J. Paolella, Kiwanis president and vice president of Pulaski Savings Bank.

The first of the two-day workshops are scheduled for May 4 and May 17, and again on May 24 and May 31, both from 3 to 4 p.m. Each workshop will include the following topics: Introduction to the Computer, where participants will develop basic skills; Intro to E-Mail, which will feature free e-mail accounts; and Intro to the Internet, where participants will learn how to navigate the Worldwide Web and explore some sites of special interest to seniors.

Senior citizens interested in joining the workshops should call Paolella at Pulaski Savings Bank at (973) 564-9000, ext. 13.

# Mad science



Experimenting with water run-off from planted, grassy soil in science class are, from left, Aaron Weinbaum and Brian Smith of James Caldwell School in Springfield.

# Newcomers' community garage sale will be May 6

The Mountainside Newcomers Club plans its annual Community Garage Sale on May 6. There will be a \$20 fee per address, and the club will provide the advertisement in local newspapers, promotional signs and community maps. 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.

Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a change in employment or marital status. For membership information, call Heather Pizano at (908) 389-0455.

# Historical book in the works for Mountainside

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

Whether or not to fund the publishing of a book about the history of Mountainside from the end of World War II to the mid-1990s will be a question for the Borough Council to answer in the near future.

George Benninger of the Mountainside Historical Society broached the subject with the Borough Council last week and is expected to return to the council next month with more details on the proposal.

The historical society has been working on a recent history of Mountainside to succeed an earlier book that was published which covered the borough's first half-century of existence. This second book would examine how Mountainside has "grown from a relatively small borough to much the larger, borough that it is today," said Benninger.

The historical society has retained an author to write the book — resident Shirley Horner — for a \$7,500 stipend. The first book was 112 pages while the second book, Benninger said, will aim to be 200 pages, which would include photographs.

The cost would be approximately another \$7,500 to publish the book. The idea of a second historical book has "been on the agenda" of historical society for some time, Benninger said.

The question, however, is the funding.

"If you look at this as a business venture, you'll be bankrupt in three weeks," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "You're creating a book for a select few to enjoy. Do you want to use taxpayer money to preserve history?"

The historical society may mean very well about raising money but it not going to happen, the mayor said. The historical society sells cocoa and baked goods at the annual tree lighting ceremony which, according to Benninger, nets approximately \$150.

"I have sentiment because I've been here all my life," Benninger said. If the council is voting for a business viewpoint, it's going to be very, very simple, he said, and added that there should be a threshold on the funding.

Councilman Keith Turner suggested selling bricks to create a walkway to the Herfild House, with each brick inscribed with the name of the person or family which purchased it.

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## EDITORIALS

### Season of hope, season of life

This Sunday, Christians around the world will celebrate Easter, the commemoration of Christ's resurrection. Easter is unquestionably the most important holiday in the Christian calendar, for without the resurrection, Christ merely would have been a man; albeit a great one, but a man nonetheless.

However, by virtue of His triumph against death, the prophecies of the Old Testament came to pass, and Christ's message of life everlasting became the basis of our faith.

Although our Christian neighbors in the southern hemisphere do not share our seasonal changes, it is fitting that, for us, Easter falls at this time of year when we are thawing from the winter chill, looking with expectation to the promise held by spring. We are surrounded by blossoming flowers and budding trees, and lawns are once again becoming lush and verdant.

This is our reminder of Christ's message, this explosion of life beginning anew, burgeoning with potential. We are reminded that from barren soil, plants can grow; from frozen ground, flowers can bloom.

And we are reminded of hope. For that is among the primary tenets of Christianity: hope for a better world, hope for love, hope for life everlasting. And this principle of hope truly transcends boundaries of creed, for what faith does not ascribe to hope? Without some higher goal for which to strive, whether that goal be based on sacred or secular beliefs, there would be little point in facing a day.

But it is hope that keeps us going, keeps us striving against odds to achieve something, be it grand or small, before our time ends. And it is hope that assures us that when our time ends, there is a reward waiting, one promised by Christ's Passion.

May each of us let hope and life bloom in our hearts this Easter, just as the lilies bloom from the ground and the earth renews itself. May the promise of life everlasting, guaranteed by Christ's triumph over the grave, fill this life with beauty and love. And may this season of Easter bring peace, harmony and, above all, hope to each of you.

### Not yielding enough

The Mountainside and Springfield school districts are faced with nearly identical sets of circumstances befuddling the efforts of each school board.

While Springfield is in the midst of its search for a new superintendent of schools, Mountainside is experiencing a space crunch of surprising proportions. Both boards of education turned to the community recently, looking for support in their predicaments. But in the long-run, their requests for answers did not yield much.

In March, the Springfield Board of Education made two efforts to solicit feedback in its search to find a new superintendent. A survey was sent to 6,700 Springfield households. Only 250 of them were ever returned — a 3-percent yield.

On March 15, the board had a public forum at Florence M. Gaudin School. Approximately 110 people attended, according to New Jersey School Boards senior field representative Carole Larsen, the consultant hired by the district to help facilitate the search.

Similarly, in Mountainside, a survey was distributed to every household in December. The questions attempted to unearth the number of births in Mountainside that occurred after the 1990 U.S. Census.

An unexpectedly large kindergarten registration turnout last month told school officials that the demographic study had holes in it. Obviously more people had moved into Mountainside and more babies were born than were reported. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said of the study at the time.

It all boils down to basic math. While no survey can hope to provide tidy numbers, survey results of such low response rates cannot provide the school systems with the accurate information they so desperately need to meet the demands of providing children with the best educational opportunities available.

It's important to stand and be counted or to let the truth be known in matters related to the well-being of our children's futures.

At the end of May, the Springfield Board of Education will have another public forum to present the pool of candidates it will be choosing from in its search for a new school leader.

Likewise, in Mountainside, a new survey may be distributed sometime during the next few weeks in a second-ditch effort to patch up some of those holes and obtain a more accurate head count.

Taking the extra time to be heard or be known could benefit the community and students for decades to come.



**WART HUMOR** — Kristine Murray's third-grade class at Sandmeier School in Springfield finds some humor in Robert Hochgertel's illustrated children's book 'Warts.'

## Springfield will have finest of supermarkets

James Segreto says Springfield will be getting a supermarket as grand as a museum.

Segreto told the Springfield Township Committee last week that his client, who intends to build an Edwards Food Store on Millburn Avenue against almost everyone's objections, will be constructing just the greatest, most gorgeous institution in the history of the township.

Segreto addressed the committee in regard to an ordinance that was scheduled for a vote that night. The ordinance, which passed, amends the land-use regulations in the vicinity of the proposed Edwards store, limiting the amount of floor space a business will be allowed to have.

Ahold, the company that owns Edwards, is planning a 70,000-plus foot store for its site, which happens to be the former home of Saks Fifth Avenue. The ordinance throws a

### Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

wrench into Ahold's plans to build anything remotely resembling an adult-size supermarket.

But it's really only a toy wrench. The State Supreme Court has already ruled that a supermarket and a clothing retailer are "sufficiently similar," if you can believe that, opening the door for Ahold to present its site plan application to the township's Board of Adjustment.

Now Union County Superior Court Judge John Pisansky will have to make a ruling on the township's ordinance. Since Pisansky, who has ruled

against the township in the Ahold case before, is not likely to be friendly now, the passing of the ordinance may seem more like a token gesture than a truly effective tactic.

But I don't consider it a gesture. I watched Committeeman Steven Goldstein's expressions as Segreto arrogantly took his "We're the shoe, you're the insect" approach to the matter, and Goldstein's look perfectly mirrored what was in my mind.

Goldstein admitted that he'd been on the fence in regard to the ordinance, as I was myself. He also admitted, while explaining his "yes" vote, that Segreto's gall helped him change his mind in no uncertain terms — a change you could plainly read on his face as Segreto did his dictator bit.

Goldstein isn't sure the ordinance will achieve anything, but he's absolutely right in not letting Segreto, and Ahold, play the bully. Segreto

claimed, that night, to be in a "friendly and conciliatory frame of mind," yet immediately went on to explain how powerful, wealthy and determined Ahold is.

"We'll build" and "we're going to build" were two of the phrases Segreto used consistently. As conciliatory speech goes, I see something of a contradiction here.

One resident echoed Goldstein's feelings, as did another, who waved his hand in Segreto's face as he told the committee, "Ahold doesn't care what happens in this community." He's exactly right about that — so much so that Segreto didn't even challenge him on the point.

Ahold doesn't care about the community. It cares about housing the finest collection of leaks in Union County at the Edwards Museum of Natural History Food Store.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Airplane noise will be election issue

To the Editor:

Aircraft noise and support for a live test of ocean routing will be a key issue for voters in the 7th Congressional District primary race. The district includes parts of Essex, Middlesex, Somerset and Union counties. All four county freeholder boards and the Union County League of Municipalities have endorsed ocean routing.

Over the last 12 years aircraft noise has played a critical role in the political discourse of the district and on several occasions helped determine the outcome of campaigns. To that end, and in my role as executive director, I solicited public policy platform positions from all Democratic and Republican congressional candidates.

Each candidate was asked to submit a written endorsement of H.R. 620, Congressman Bob Franks' federal legislation mandating a live six-month test of ocean routing and an endorsement of Gov. Whitman's November 1999 proposal to FAA Administrator Jane Garvey for a live test of the first part of NICAAN's ocean route plan. A March 15 response deadline was provided. NICAAN received an overwhelmingly positive response.

On the Democratic side, candidates Maryanne Connelly, Joel Farley, Jeff Golkin and Mike Lapolla have each endorsed H.R. 620 and also written Administrator Garvey requesting live testing of ocean routing.

On the Republican side, Michael Ferguson, Tom Kean Jr., Patrick Mormise, Mayor Pat Walsh and Assemblyman Joel Weingarten have each endorsed H.R. 620 and also written Administrator Garvey requesting live testing of ocean routing. Ken Gardner refused to respond.

NICAAN will continue to educate our state and national candidates as to the benefits of ocean routing with the goal to achieve live testing of our plan this spring. It is the board's expectation that this New Jersey quality-of-life issue will play a significant role in our statewide senate and presidential races.

The board has vested us with the responsibility of informing our constituency and the public-at-large of the candidates' positions. We intend to be highly engaged, as a non-partisan commentator, in the 2000 campaign.

Pamela Bartram-Brown, executive director  
New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise  
Scott Plains

### Thank you Red Cross volunteers

To the Editor:

The month of April has been designated as "Volunteer Month." The Summit Area Red Cross, serving Berkeley Heights, Long Hill Township, New Providence, Springfield and Summit, would like to express its deep appreciation to all those who donate their time on our behalf.

There are 45 drivers making over 184 trips per week, covering over 100,000 miles per year, taking area residents to and from medical appointments and other destinations. Our volunteers teach courses in CPR, water safety and babysitting. The disaster team, in addition to responding to national disasters, provides help and counseling to people in our local area.

Our blood program volunteers continue to hold community as well as corporate blood drives. Volunteer blood donors give up to 3,000 pints of blood per year. Volunteers also aid the staff in administrative duties, help with fund raising, public relations, event planning, maintenance of the chapter house and grounds, organize social events for Lyons Veterans Hospital, and assist with our youth program.

Volunteers are the heart of the Red Cross — without them the programs would not exist.

If you would like to volunteer or make a monetary contribution, call 273-2076.

Robert T. Regan, chairman  
Summit Area Red Cross

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The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity is also open to all officials and employees of the township, borough and the County of Union.

The *Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

The *Leader* also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Advertising and news releases will not be accepted by e-mail.

## Show and tell

Illustrator Robert Hochgertel reads from his book 'Warts' to third-graders at Sandmeier School in Springfield.

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"Yes, but art's many different things — films, plays, painting, etcetera."

## Knox-boxes help firefighters gain access

By Joe Lupara  
Staff Writer

If you have a business in Springfield, a Knox-Box could save you a few bucks and more than a few aggravations.

A high-security box affixed to the wall, the Knox is a storage space for a building's keys for use by the Fire Department in the event of an off-hour alarm. More than 40 township businesses have invested in the system so far.

"We've had the Knox-Box here since 1993," said Carlo Palumbo, the Springfield firefighter in charge of administering the system.

"It's like a little safe. It can either be recessed into the wall or allowed to stick out. We put the key to the building in there and it prevents us from breaking down the door or otherwise causing damage, for what might be a false alarm."

"Some businesses also have metal screens that roll down — rather than cut through them, as we usually do, we can just open them."

Like another of the department's important pieces of equipment, the thermal imaging camera, the Knox-Box is intended to expedite firefighting procedures.

"Aside from the damage, breaking down a door causes a delay," Palumbo said. "And it keeps us from having the business owner come down to let us in. If the owner lives in Rahway, let's say, we can check out the problem on our own without having to wait for them."

The box is usually installed six or seven feet above the floor, near the main door at the front entrance of the business. The lock and key, specially designed by the Knox Company, guards against unauthorized key duplication and is unavailable to

either locksmiths or lock distributors. "There's one uniform key for the entire town," Palumbo said. The department possesses three keys overall, which are stored in small combination safes within the township's engines. "If an engine goes out for maintenance, the key stays here at headquarters," Palumbo said. "There's always a key available."

The box is delivered in two pieces, without keys. The door is separate from its interior; the business owner installs the interior, after which Palumbo himself unlocks the door to facilitate its attachment. The keys are then put in and the door locked by Palumbo.

In addition to the business key, Palumbo said the owner may also consider including, if appropriate, an elevator override key and a key to a maintenance room or the like.

In the department's "run book,"

copies of which are kept on the engines, Knox-Box locations throughout the township are listed in detail, allowing firefighters to locate them easily.

According to Palumbo, the Knox-Box is currently used at about 44 locations throughout Springfield, including "all the schools and a couple of churches." A box also has been installed in the new Columbia Courts apartments.

Instructions interested in acquiring a Knox-Box can contact Palumbo at the Springfield Fire Department at (973) 912-2265.

Approvals for boxes must be received from Palumbo, Chief William Gras and Deputy Chief Donald Schwerdt. Palumbo will then put the interested party in contact with the Knox Company. Boxes are available through Knox for \$219.

## Owner aids police in capturing suspect

By Cathleen Taub  
Correspondent

A Plainfield man was arrested at the Spanish Tavern Restaurant on Route 22 in Mountainside for a variety of offenses, including criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, criminal attempt to commit theft, and burglary.

In Friday's early morning hours, police arrested Mushin Rafoeq Muwwakkil, also known as Roger Soles, 50, of Columbia Avenue, Plainfield, at the eatery. The arrest was made after Barry Amatucci, the owner and operator of B&M Limo reported seeing suspicious activity at the restaurant. Amatucci's business is located directly opposite the Spanish Tavern Restaurant.

At 5:03 a.m., Amatucci contacted police and expressed his concern upon just having seen a man running from the restaurant. Officers from both Mountainside and Westfield

arrived at the scene, as well as from Union County to secure the location.

Once police arrived at the site, they observed that the building's rear door had been pried open and when they entered the building they heard the sound of metal being banged together.

After a brief search, Muwwakkil was discovered in the third-floor office banging a sledge hammer against the office safe in an attempt to break it open. At that point, Sgt. Alan Atanasio took Muwwakkil into custody without incident.

Upon further investigation, it was understood that the man that Amatucci had seen leaving the restaurant was actually just a restaurant employee who was finishing his work for the night just as the burglar was entering the building. However, in a press release issued Friday, Mountainside Chief of Police James J. Debbie Jr. was quick to praise Amatucci.

"Without the assistance of Barry

Amatucci this crime may have gone undetected until later in the morning, which would have greatly hampered the solvability," Debbie said. "The department credits the successful conclusion of this matter to citizen involvement and the quick response of the officers to the scene."

Debbie also made it a point to encourage the public that it is always important to notify police "in the

event that they observe anything that they deem inappropriate."

Bail was set at \$10,000 and the suspect paid it that night. Muwwakkil, who was only recently released from Northern State Prison in Newark after serving eight years for a previous burglary charge, now faces a Wednesday court date at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

## Steiner joins law firm of Riker Danzig

The Morrislow law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP has announced that David M. Steiner has become associated with the firm.

Steiner, a Springfield resident, practices in Riker Danzig's insurance and school law groups. Prior to joining the firm, he was an associate with Harris, Kania, McKeon, Poterio & Politroni of Springfield.

Steiner earned his law degree, cum laude, from New England School of Law in 1996 and his bachelor of arts from Hofstra University in 1993. Steiner is admitted to practice in New Jersey, Rhode Island, and the Federal District Court of Rhode Island.

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### Chips ahoy



Spreading woodchips on a recently cleaned up playground at Saint James The Apostle School in Springfield are, from left, Marco Pannella, Gregory Bryant, Principal Sister Mary Guler, John DeLuca, Andrew Bornstein, Alex Waight, Brian Tavis, Ryan O'Reilly and Nick Dell'Escovo.

### Rotary Club to sponsor bicycle collection

Do you have a used bicycle gathering dust in a basement or garage? They take up space and bring almost nothing on resale and fill landfills in droves. Millions of people in developing countries have no transportation other than their feet.

The Rotary Club of Springfield is sponsoring a used bicycle collection in support of Pedals for Progress. Anyone who has a bicycle in repairable condition and no longer needs the bike is urged to donate it. Bikes can be dropped off from 1 to 4 p.m. on May 21 at the Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield.

Pedals for Progress collects more than 9,000 bicycles annually and transfers this material to those more in need. To date, more than 33,000 bikes have been shipped to projects in 16 developing countries of Latin America, Africa and Pacific Islands.

The bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed to working poor adults to give them reliable transportation to expand economic opportunities and access health and other services. For information

about the overseas projects and Pedals for Progress, visit their web site at [www.pfp.org](http://www.pfp.org).

Pedals for Progress is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in New Jersey. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection. They also seek donations of tools, especially wrenches, and collect working portable sewing machines, used baseball equipment and soccer cleats for overseas projects.

It averages over \$25 to collect, ship, rebuild and distribute every bike, and a donation toward shipping costs is requested; suggested \$10 per bike. All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible and receipts will be provided to all donors at the collection.

### Gigantic flea market planned April 30

The Springfield Rotary Club will have its 19th annual gigantic flea market at Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield on April 30 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is May 7.

There will be more than 150 vendors along with hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, free blood pressure screenings and other activities.

Proceeds will go to needy children in the area. Rotary is a non-profit organization.

## Cars damaged in various incidents

**Springfield**

- An unidentified vehicle fled the scene after striking a stone wall in front of a Blacks Lane residence Monday.
- A damaged door handle and lock were the result of an attempted motor vehicle burglary April 16.
- The owner of a red Chevy Cavalier parked in the Barnes and Noble lot on Route 22 reported damage to the hood and rear left door after an unknown individual poured paint remover on the car April 15.
- A white 1991 Saturn driven by a Plainfield resident struck a curb while

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- making a left turn onto Lawrence Road April 14. The car spun across Lawrence, striking another curb and a fence and finally coming to rest against a newspaper box. No injuries were reported. The Saturn suffered damage to its front driver's side and rear passenger side.
- A moving van struck some utility wires on Battle Hill Avenue April 12, detaching telephone wires from a nearby residence and causing damage to its siding. An EMachines computer, valued at \$675, was reported stolen from Office Max on Mountain Avenue the same day.
- A North Bergen resident, shopping at Lens Crafters April 11, reported seeing an Airborn Delivery employee shoplifting a pair of sunglasses frames valued at \$155.

**Mountainside**

- On April 12, an Irvington man was transported from the Essex County Jail to MountainSide Police.
- Al Taborn, 50, had been held by Essex County Police and was wanted in MountainSide on a warrant for contempt of court.

### Firefighters respond to activated alarms

**Springfield**

- An activated fire alarm sent the Springfield Fire Department to a Diamond Road business Saturday.
- One medical service call and a motor vehicle accident on Route 24 East were the business of the day on Friday.
- A dumpster fire at a Route 22 West business, a medical service call and an odor at a Stonehill Road apartment complex kept the department busy April 17.
- An electrical problem at a Morris Avenue business, a car fire and two medical service calls were handled by the department April 12.
- The department responded to Mountain Avenue for a car fire April 11. One call for a motor vehicle acci-

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- dent and one medical service call were also answered.
- An oven fire at a Norwood Clean residence, an activated carbon monoxide detector at a South Derby residence, two medical service calls and one activated alarm were handled by the department April 10.

**MountainSide**

- An activated alarm sent the department to the Loew's Theater on Route 22 East on Sunday. One call for a motor vehicle lock-out also was handled.
- Firefighters responded to a Ridge Drive residence on Friday for an ignited furnace. The homeowner accidentally tripped a pilot light switch while cleaning, resulting in the fire, which remained contained within the furnace.
- Gas and electric were both shut off. A heating contractor was called to clean and relight the furnace.
- Some unexpected cooking in the employee lounge of the Manor Care Nursing Home sent the department out at 10:05 p.m. No damage or injuries were reported.
- Burnt toast in a toaster oven at a Hidden Circle residence was removed by firefighters April 7.
- One call for an activated alarm at Children's Specialized Hospital was answered by the department April 6.
- Report of a brush fire at Route 22 and Summit Road revealed nothing of consequence April 5.

### First Aid Squad begins spring fund drive

Prepare now for emergencies. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad reminds residents that they are an important link in providing emergency medical services to the township. Just the few simple following steps can make all the difference to the world.

- Remember to post emergency numbers on each phone.
- Learn first aid and CPR.
- Support your emergency First Aid Squad.

The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad has kicked off its 2000 spring fund drive. Mailers will be sent to every home and business address in Springfield.

Fund drive Chairman Ray Netschen reminds the public that the squad is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing emergency first aid services to the people living in town, their families and those working in or passing through the township.

The squad responds to more than 1,000 emergency calls

each year and to date there has never been a charge of its responses. The costs of operating this service for the community are significant and each and every household and business must lend its financial support to insure that the squad can maintain and upgrade its equipment to the highest standards.

Netschen has asked the public to look for the mailing and respond immediately, with full tax-deductible donations.

### Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly hand-written and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

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## Red fish, blue fish



Edward V. Walton School students, from left, Ross Dorman, Bobby Endress, Bianca Bucuresteanu and Jenna Russo celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Read Across America Day last month.



Students at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield display their posters in the 2001 Calendar Art Contest sponsored by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the New Jersey PTA.

## St. James students participate in poster contest

Students from St. James the Apostle School participated in the 2001 Calendar Art Contest sponsored by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the New Jersey PTA.

"We're proud of our students who participated in this statewide activity and of the quality of the work they presented," said Sister Mary Guyer.

### Softball pizza party

The Springfield Recreation Girls Softball League held an opening season pizza party on April 7 at Gaudineer School.

The party was a success with approximately 180 adults and children in attendance to celebrate a new season and raise funds which will be used to purchase a scoreboard for Chisholm field.

school principal. "And the messages that were learned are very important for both our students and their parents."

The students focused on the theme, "See me, hear me, love me." Utilizing crayons, markers and other art media the students drew their interpretations of the theme. Drawings illustrated physical, social and emotional needs that the children think are important for a happy, healthy and secure childhood, such as a safe neighborhood, a good school or a loving family.

Each student who participated in the 2001 Calendar Contest received a Certificate of Participation. Artwork selected on the county level from the entries will be forwarded for final judging. The grand prize winners will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and can meet the governor at a special ceremony.

This marks the first year students from St. James participated in the calendar contest. The contest was conducted under the direction of Dulce Tanelli. Additional assistance was provided by the school's Home and School Association.

Since the first calendar was developed 10 years ago, the New Jersey Task Force of Child Abuse and Neglect's annual calendar has grown to be an important public piece in the fight against child abuse.

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Palermo, Dorsky, Zhu cited at Newark Academy

Three Springfield residents were among 60 students who earned high honors and 310 students who earned honors for their academic achievements during the winter term at Newark Academy in Livingston.

Earning high honors was Christina Palermo, grade 10.

Earning honors were Jacquelyn Dorsky, grade 7, and Kevin Zhu, grade 10.

### Levine studying in L.A.

Rebecca S. Levine of Springfield, a sophomore at William Smith College, is spending her winter term studying

in Los Angeles, Calif.

Levine is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Levine.

The Los Angeles program introduces students to the distinctive culture of Los Angeles and Southern California. Students study L.A. in its images of itself and as maker of images and myths, and explore the twin phenomena of the world's foremost movie industry and the recent meteoric rise of the L.A. and Southern California as an art/photographic center.

Along with classes, students participate in an internship. Students travel to Death Valley, Yosemite, and on many other field trips.

### Headmaster's list at Delbarton announced

Three Springfield residents and one Mountaintop resident been named to the headmaster's list at Delbarton School for the 2000 winter term.

Earning highest honors were Jason Sayanlar, grade 11, and Ryan Walsh, grade 7, both of Springfield.

Earning honors were Joseph Andrasco, grade 12, of Springfield and Jonathan Doorley, Grade 10, of Mountaintop.

To earn highest honors, students must have an average between 90 and 100. To earn honors, students must have an average between 83 and 86.

## Woocher to speak at Beth Ahm

Jonathan Woocher, president of the Jewish Education Services of North America will be the featured speaker on April 30 at the Temple Beth Ahm. The brunch and lecture begin at 9 a.m.

Jonathan Woocher is president of JESNA, the Jewish Education Service of North America, the federation system's continental agency for Jewish educational coordination, planning, and development. He serves concurrently as chief professional for Jewish Renaissance and Renewal for the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella body of Jewish federations in North America.

Prior to assuming his position at JESNA in 1986, Woocher was associate professor in the Benjamin S. Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University, where he taught courses in Jewish political studies and communal affairs and directed the program in summa cum laude, in political science, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Temple University in Religious Studies.

He also has studied at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Before going to Brandeis, he served as assistant professor of religion and director of Jewish Studies at Carleton College in Minnesota.

Woocher is the author of the book "Sacred Survival: The civil religion of American Jews," published by Indiana University Press. His monographs and articles on Jewish community, education, and religion have appeared in numerous books, journals, including the Journal of The American Academy of Religion, Judaism, The Journal of Jewish Communal Service, Agenda: Jewish Education and Avar Ve'atid: A Journal of Jewish Education, Culture and Discourse.

For information call (973) 376-0539. Admission is free.



In full authentic uniform, Mark Hurwitz, the father of Florence Gaudineer fifth-grader Sarah Hurwitz, tells students about the life of the colonial soldier.

## Revolution comes to life for students at Gaudineer

The life and times of a Revolutionary War soldier came alive again at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield earlier this month. Students spent the morning in the company of a New Jersey Blue, a soldier who helped wage the fight for independence in Springfield over two centuries ago.

Mark Hurwitz, the father of fifth-grader Sarah Hurwitz, arrived in full authentic uniform to tell about the life of the colonial soldier in those difficult days. Inspired by the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial, Hurwitz has researched the period for the past 25 years. He now regularly participates in re-enactments of Revolutionary War encampments as a New Jersey Blue.

"What wonderful way for students to learn about their own historic town," teacher Andrea Wallace Biggs and coordinator of the event, said. "The gift Mr. Hurwitz brought through his own love of history, totally engaged everyone."

Hurwitz detailed uniforms, weapons, daily life and battle strategies used by Continental soldiers during the fifth-grade assembly. Later he fielded more questions as the contemporary New Jersey Blue joined students at lunch.

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Blood drive at St. Teresa's Church Friday

According to Dr. Robert Jones, president of the New York Blood Center, blood in the New Jersey-New York metropolitan area is particularly short supply...

A blood drive will be Friday at St. Teresa's Church, Morris Avenue, Summit, 1:30 to 7 p.m.

Blood donors must be in general good health, be at least age 18 — with parent's written permission — weigh a minimum of 110 pounds...

For more information call the Summit Area Red Cross at 273-2076.

Health Department issues lead poisoning warning

Lead poisoning is one of the most common environmental health problems for children today. It is especially dangerous to children six years of age or younger...

duct Safety Commission banned the sale of lead paint containing more than 0.06 percent lead by weight intended for consumer use.

During the process of painting, remodeling, construction or other alterations to the interior, or exterior of a structure lead paint may be released into the environment...

In response to the threat of lead poisoning due to exterior paint removal, the Springfield Board of Health enacted an ordinance...

The ordinance requires that anyone removing lead based paint, or paint suspected of containing lead must first obtain a permit...

The ordinance further specifies that lead based paint or paint suspected of containing lead must not be removed from exterior surfaces by unconfined power sanding...

For more information relating to removal of exterior lead paint or paint suspected of containing lead...

Summit Red Cross offers lifeguard instruction

Dates for instructor training courses have been announced by the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Lifeguarding Instructor, May 16 to June 4, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Both courses will be at the Berkeley Swim School in Berkeley Heights for all pool work...

Dena Mallich, Anna Scannellio and Diana Rosen are instructor trainers in charge of the courses.

For more information or to receive registration forms, call the Summit Area Red Cross at 273-2076.

Health Day May 6

The Fanwood Board of Health has announced that it will conduct a Health Day on May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fanwood Municipal Building, 75 N. Martine Ave.

The program is subject to cancellation, unless a minimum participation of 25 is achieved.

The SMAC 26 is an elaborate blood analysis monitoring several bodily functions. The CBC test is a test including a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count, and differential count.

The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease.

Robert M. Sherr, Director of Health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast 12 hours prior, with the exception of water.

Additional tests can be performed at the following specified cost: T4, thyroxin test, \$5; TSH, thyroid stimulating hormone, \$10; PSA, prostate test, \$30.

The Health Day will offer a blood pressure program, Hemomut test which is available to test for occult blood in the gastrointestinal tract.

An asthma screening program will be available, sponsored by the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology during the month of May.

If you or any family member experience persistent coughing or difficulty breathing, especially during activities such as exercise or exposure to animals...

After-school child care registration started. Registration for the Springfield YMCA After-school Child Care program for the 2000-2001 school year is underway.

RECREATION

Tennis badges required

The Springfield Recreation Department announces that residents are required to obtain a photo ID Tennis Badge for \$10 each.

The badges are available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, from 9 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2228.

Township rec department offers co-ed volleyball

The Springfield Recreation Department offers a co-ed volleyball program Tuesdays at 10 p.m. in the gymnasium at Sandmeter School on South Springfield Avenue.

This program is open to all township residents.

For more information call (973) 912-2227.

Golf memberships are available at Rec Dept

The Springfield Recreation Department announces they now have memberships available in the par 3 golf course in Millburn.

The fees are as follows: full membership, individual, \$150; limited membership, individual, \$75.

For more information call (973) 912-2227.

Registration under way

Class registration for the Spring 2 program session at the Berkeley Heights, Summit and Springfield YMCAs is under way this week.

Summit Y Family Members may register for youth and preschool classes. Registration takes place in person at the Summit YMCA, Maple St., Summit.

Berkeley Heights Y Family Members may register for Youth and preschool classes. Registration takes place in person at the Berkeley Heights YMCA, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.

For a brochure call the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Dance classes for kids

The Summit and Berkeley Heights YMCAs will offer two new dance classes for children ages 3 to 7 during the Spring 2 program session.

Under the direction of dance instructor Kelly Peck, "Creative Movement" for ages 3-4 years will teach your child to interact with a group and explore themselves through dance movement.

The class focus will be on listening and paying attention to music, introduction to basic movement vocabulary — pointing and flexing the foot — and moving across the floor with simple leaps and combinations.

In Berkeley Heights, classes will be Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. In Summit, Fridays noon to 12:45 p.m.

For information call 273-3330.

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YMCA offers full-day camp for students

The Springfield YMCA is offering a full-day Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through third grade.

Under the direction of Steve Korba, youth program director, YMCA camp encourages children to make friends.

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Girls and boys aged 7 to 15 have an opportunity to learn sensitivity, awareness, psychological and physical skills for dealing with human conflicts at the karate classes at The Connection, 79 Maple St.

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# CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



**Evangel Baptist Church**  
242 Shunpike Road • Springfield  
973-379-4351

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
APRIL 21st AT 7:30 PM

COME WORSHIP WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. THIS SERVICE INCLUDES SINGING, SOLOS AND SPECIAL MUSIC, A DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE AND THE SERVING OF COMMUNION.

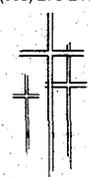
**EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION -**  
APRIL 23rd AT 10:30 AM  
A SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION BY:  
THE CHOIR OF EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

*Come Worship With Us*

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 20, 7 p.m.  
**GOOD FRIDAY, April 21**  
9 a.m. Slovak communion followed by Slovak Paste  
7 p.m. English Tenebrae service

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 23**  
Communion Services:  
9 a.m. Slovak • 11 a.m. English  
The Rev. Leah L. Lavelle  
301 Tucker Ave., Union  
908-688-0714

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
108 Eastman St., Cranford, N.J.  
(908) 276-2418

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 20 11:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Holy Communion		<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 23, 8:15 a.m. Lighting of the Paschal Candle
<b>Good Friday</b> April 21, 8:00 p.m. Service of Tenebrae		8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Festival Services of Holy Communion

The Rev. George W. Freyberger, Pastor  
Jaye S. Newbold, Associate in Ministry

**Orchard Park Church**  
1264 Victor Ave Union  
908-687-0364

**"Sharing God's Love and Truth  
In A Meaningful and Relevant Way"**

<b>Palm Sunday Weekend</b> Children's EasterFair April 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Children Ages 3-10 Games, Videos, Prizes, Fund! (Parents encouraged to stay ) Call church by Friday April 14 <sup>th</sup> to register	<b>Easter Weekend</b> Good Friday April 21 <sup>st</sup> - 7 p.m. "Resurrection" - Film Presentation Easter Sunday April 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Service
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF ROSELLE**  
Corner of Chestnut St. and Fifth Avenue • (908) 245-0611  
Holy Week Bible Study & Prayer - 12 noon & 7:30pm  
Maundy Thursday - Communion Service 7:30pm  
Good Friday - Service 7:30pm

**Easter Service of Light - Communion Service - 7:00am**  
Easter Service - Child Care Available - 10:00am

*Come Celebrate  
God's Gift Of Love!*  
10:00am Every Sunday  
Worship and Sunday School  
(Child care provided)

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
St. Georges Ave., Rahway 732-382-5300  
Rev. John Zyzack, Pastor

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 21**  
7:30 pm - Solemn Vespers with Procession of the Holy Shroud

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
"Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord"  
5:30 pm-Easter Vigil Liturgy  
9:00 pm-Resurrection Matins

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
"Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord"  
9:00 am-Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am-Divine Liturgy

Anointing with Oil and Blessing of Easter Food After Each Liturgy

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
1359 Morris Ave. at Sterling Road • Union  
908-686-0188

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP, APRIL 20**  
Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Come and join us as we worship the risen Lord.  
10:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Kenilworth Gospel Chapel**  
Corner Newark Ave. & South 23rd St., Kenilworth

<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b> April 21 - 7:30 PM Guest Speaker Bob Clark from Houston, TX	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> April 23 - 11:00 Special Service Program Guest Speaker Bob Clark
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Sunday School for all ages same time. 11 AM  
**Special Music • All Invited**

Come. Make new friends. Grow in your knowledge of the Bible in a friendly church whose program is designed to serve the entire family.  
**FOR INFORMATION CALL: 272-6131 - Chapel**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
2222 VAUXHALL ROAD, UNION, (908) 686-7965  
Rev. Donald I. Brand, Pastor

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

*Is your life as empty as the cross or tomb? Join us for a "life-changing" week during Holy Week and find true joy, peace and purpose for your life through the crucified and risen Messiah and Savior, Jesus.*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY,** April 20: Communion Worship at 7:30 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY,** April 21: 30 minute meditation at 12:15 pm, Tenebrae Worship 7:30 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY,** April 23: Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am. Communion Worship at 8 or 10:30 am

**"A Life-Changing Week"**

**Community United Methodist Church**  
301 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park

**APRIL 20, HOLY THURSDAY**  
8:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion

**APRIL 21, GOOD FRIDAY**  
8 PM- Tenebrae Service,

**APRIL 23, EASTER SUNDAY**  
7:00AM- Community Sunrise Service in the gazebo in Mauri Park, Roselle Park  
7:30AM- Continental Breakfast  
10:30AM- Easter Worship  
9:45AM- Coffee Hour

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
587 Springfield Avenue, Summit

**Maundy Thursday - April 20**  
12:00 noon and 7:30pm, Remembering the Last Supper.  
Pastor Dreyman preaching: "The Hungry Banquet."

**Good Friday - April 21**  
9:30am Children's Service • 12:00 noon Good Friday Service • 7:30pm Liturgy of the Cross

**The Easter Vigil - April 22**  
7:30pm. Liturgy includes the lighting of the Easter Fire, a Service of Readings, Remembrance of Baptism, and Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunday - April 23**  
7:30am, 8:30am, and 11:15am. Pastor Dreyman preaching: "Running from The Resurrection."

**PASTOR WAYNE DREYMAN (908) 273-3846**

**Church Of St. Catherine Of Siena**  
19 King St., Hillside • 908-351-1515

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
Mass - 7:30 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
3:30 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**  
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM

**Easter Week**  
a week of reflection and celebration with  
**Holy Cross Church**

**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. 199 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*

**Celebrate Easter With  
Christ Church Summit**

**Maundy Thursday, April 20th**  
7:30 p.m. - Organ Recital  
8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Communion

**Easter Sunday, April 23rd**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Gathered Communion  
- Sunday School with special Easter Assembly

Coffee hour and children's Easter Egg hunt immediately following service  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Gathered Communion  
Coffee hour immediately following service

**An Open & Affirming Congregation**  
561 Springfield Avenue, Summit • 908-273-5549  
www.christchurchsummit.org

# CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION



**The Antioch Baptist Church**  
640 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 379-1465

**Easter Sunday Services**  
The pastor and congregation of Antioch Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to the community and others to worship and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunrise service will start at 6:30 a.m. Then our regular service will start at 11:00 a.m. in which we will continue to celebrate Easter Sunday. Our music ministry will render selections at both services that will be an inspiration to you as they are to us every Sunday morning.

Again we welcome you to worship with us regardless of who you are. God bless you.

**MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL**  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
FRIDAY - APRIL 21, 2000 - 7:00 PM  
EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY - APRIL 23, 2000 - 11:00 AM

Christian Education for Children / Adult / Youth 9:45 AM  
Please come and join us.

Other Ministries: Men and Women Fellowships  
Pioneer Chps - Treeclimbers - Youth Groups - LIFE Groups

Join a Bible-believing church inviting you to receive the gift of life that God freely gives to all who place their faith in Christ.

**MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL**  
280 Spruce Dr., Mountainside  
908-232-3456

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
83 Galloping Hill Road, Elizabeth  
908-351-0294

The Rev. Dr. E.G. Neiderhiser

**Maundy Thursday Services**  
12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm  
**Good Friday Services**  
12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm  
**Easter Sunday 10:00 am**

Come and share in the celebration of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection

**Battle Hill Community Moravian Church**

Holy Thursday, April 20  
Communion Service 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 21  
Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 23  
Early Dawn Service 6:30 am  
Easter Celebration Service 10:30 am  
Liberty Ave. & Hus Court • Union  
**908-686-5262**  
Rev. Tammie Pinker

**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
1482 Maple Avenue • Hillside  
**(973) 923-9321**  
The Rev. Nancy L. Ruckert, Pastor

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH  
7:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP  
HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST, 7:30 PM  
TENEBRAE WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD  
EASTER WORSHIP 10:30 AM  
CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

**First Congregational Church**  
(United Church of Christ)  
1340 Burnet Ave., Union

Maundy Thursday, April 20  
Holy Communion at 6:30  
with a Soup Dinner

Easter, April 23

Morning Breakfast at 9:45  
-with an Easter Egg Hunt  
for Children

Worship starts at 10:30am  
-with Special Music and  
Communion

If planning to come for meals call:  
(908) 688-4333 and let us know how many.

**Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church**  
Stuyvesant Ave. & West Chestnut, Union  
908-688-3164

"Our hearts are Restless  
till they rest in Thee"  
St. Augustine

Maundy Thursday Communion  
April 20 - 8:00 pm  
Special Choral Music

Easter Sunday Services  
April 23  
10:45 AM

**THE EMPTY TOMB - An Open Door Invitation!**  
Trinitarian Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship

Located in Cranford  
Invites you to  
Easter Morning Service •  
9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7:00 pm  
Bible School for the  
Saturday 7:00 pm  
"Pentecost 101" Prayers  
Rev. Frank A. Major  
Storza  
(908) 276-6244  
THP@juno.com

"It behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day...that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations."  
Luke 24:46-47

**Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday, April 20, 7:30pm  
An intimate service of The Lord's Supper  
Good Friday, April 21, 1:00pm  
A quiet service with organ music & art slides you can do on lunch hour.

Easter Sunday, April 23, 10:30am  
Trumpet & Bells, Scripture and Songs in Celebration of the Resurrection!

The First Baptist Church 170 Elm Street, Westfield • 908-733-2278  
www.thefirstbaptist.org/firstbaptist.westfield@worldnet.att.net

**St. James the Apostle Church**  
Rev. Robert B. Stagg, Pastor  
15 South Springfield Avenue  
Springfield, NJ 07081  
973-376-3044 • FAX - 973-376-0560

**Holy Week Schedule**

Holy Thursday - April 20  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday - April 21  
Outdoor Stations 2:00 p.m.  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.  
Living Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.  
presented by the Youth Group

Holy Saturday - April 22  
The Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.  
Blessing of the Easter Fire  
begins in the Lower Parking Lot

Easter Sunday - April 23  
Masses at 7:30, 9:00 (with children's choir),  
10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon

**"From the Table to the Tomb"**  
A Good Friday Living Stations Prayer Service • April 21st, 2000 • 3pm

Members of the Youth Ministry Program will present "From the Table to the Tomb", witnessing the passion of Christ through prayers, readings, tableaux, and a mixture of secular, traditional, and contemporary Christian Music. Join us for this unique and touching Prayer Service. For more info please call the Youth Ministry Office at 709-1930.

Also join us for  
**Our Easter Sunday Liturgies... Easter Sunday, April 23**  
Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, Noon • Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 9am Mass  
Breakfast With Easter Bunny after 9am Mass • Cake and Coffee Hospitality after all morning masses

**St. Theresa's Church, 541 Washington Ave, Kenilworth**



**EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**  
April 23, at 9:30 AM  
**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
(Founded in 1706) • The Reverend Joe Parrish, Rector  
61 BROAD STREET, ELIZABETH • Tel: (908) 352-1218  
(In the heart of Historic Midtown Elizabeth on Broad Street, half a block south of East Jersey Street)

Come experience the Joy of Easter!!!  
Brass quintet, timpani, percussion, children's play, balloons, and the Great Egg Hunt following Communion  
Choir will perform Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 20, 7:30 pm

Foot Washing,  
Holy Communion  
and Tenebrae Service

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
10:15 am WORSHIP  
Mixolydian Brass Ensemble  
and "Open" singing of  
Hallelujah Chorus

908-277-1700



**RELIGION**

**Annual spring gathering**

On Tuesday, the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will host the annual Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Women are invited to participate in the entire program from 3 to 9 p.m., or if that is inconvenient to come for either the afternoon or evening. All programs will be in the Parish House at 37 Church Mall.

The program begins at 3 p.m. with registration and a Fellowship Tea Time. Worship at 3:45 will be followed by "Mission in Action" a presentation by Barbara Epley-Shuck, Global Mission Representative from the Synod of the Northeast.

At 5:45 p.m., dinner will be served by the Presbyterian Women of the Springfield Church. Reservations for the dinner are \$6 and may be made by calling the church office at (973) 379-4230 by today. Reservations for babysitting are also due today.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Ladies' Evening Group and the Kaffeeklatsch Group, each a group of the Presbyterian Women of the Springfield Church along with others from the congregation will be preparing and serving the dinner.

The evening program includes the election of officers and Worship and a Program "Faithfulness Sustains the Generations."

**First Presbyterian has Maundy Thursday service**

A special Maundy Thursday Service of prayer, dedication and Holy Communion will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Morris Avenue and Church Mall. This is a quiet, meditative, dedication and commitment service in preparation for the events of Good Friday and Easter. All are welcome.

The First Presbyterian Church will have two Easter Sunday services in celebration of the Risen Christ. The 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in conjunction with the Springfield Epianel United Methodist Church will be outdoors at 37 Church Mall or indoors at the same address in case of rain.

The service will be conducted by the Methodist Church and a brass quintet provided by the Presbyterian Church will provide special music. Following the service a fellowship continental breakfast will follow in the Parish House.

The Festival Service of Worship on Easter Sunday will be in the sanctuary

on Morris Avenue. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell Jr. will preach using the topic "God's Bronx Cheer to Death."

Special music will be provided by a brass quartet and the Senior Choir including the "Hallelujah Chorus." The altar will be festooned with the annual Lily display. The Church School and congregation will then distribute the lilies to homebound and nursing home members. Fellowship Hour will be provided by the choir following the service.

**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.

Stops on the tour include a Palm Sunday Parade, foot washing and an empty tomb where children are treated by an angel carrying a message and Easter treats for all. Register for a 2:00-2:30 p.m. tour by calling (973) 379-4235 or by e-mailing hcrakm@aol.com.

The public is invited. Admission is free.

**Sha'rey Shalom plans open house May 6**

Temple Sha'rey Shalom Religious School, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will have an open house on May 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. for prospective families with children ages 4 to 7 years old.

The primary grade religious school program meets once a week on Saturday mornings and includes a family Shabbat worship service at 9 a.m. Children will then visit the classrooms and participate in school activities. The principal and school committee representatives will be available to speak to parents about the school and the synagogue.

Questions about Temple Sha'rey Shalom's religious school program or to RSVP for the May 6 open house, call Cantor Amy Daniels, director of education, or Sharon Moesch at (973) 379-6646.

Temple Sha'rey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Membership in the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield, and other surrounding communities.

**'Paper Poetry' begins**

An exhibit, "Paper Poetry," will open at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on April 30 with a reception from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit will run from April 30 through June 1.

"Paper Poetry" is the creation of 20 artists who were brought together through an on going papermaking workshop at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts inspired by the creativity of noted paper artist Fran Wittner and Lois Shapiro. Masks, baskets, abstract sculptures, books, collages and jewelry are among the works to be shown.

The artists in this group, who ordinarily work in other media such as acrylics, ceramics and watercolor, have all explored the versatile and transforming properties of handmade paper.

Each artist starts by beating a fiber such as cotton, flax or other plant fiber turning it into a slurry of pulp and water, using a mold and deckle to pull wet sheets from a vat. At this point, the transformation begins.

The wet sheets are molded, manipulated, textured and colored into large abstract constructions, intriguing collages and floating translucent pieces.

**AT THE LIBRARY**

The artists participating in this exhibit are Julie Rolfe Barkin of Cranford, Evelyn Simpson of Parsippany, Gail Fishberg of Westfield, Ginny Pharis of New Providence, Judy Yanev of Pennsauken, Diane Ferguson of Montclair and Shary Skoloff of West Orange. Also, from the Maplewood South Orange communities are Joanne Miller Rafferty, Fran Wittner and Rhoda L. Pine.

The hours of the exhibit are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

"Old Faithful," gurgling hot springs and mud pots, forests, and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, waterfalls and wildlife.

This is followed by a visit to The Grand Canyon of Arizona. Two thousand square miles, one mile deep and 10 miles wide, this geological feature evokes a wide spectrum of human emotions: More than a chasm, it is alive with mule deer, mountain lions, coyotes, bighorn sheep, desert tortoises and the rare kaibab squirrel, found only in the Grand Canyon.

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

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.

**'Write Your Life Stories'**

Zeila R.P. Gelman will be bringing her counseling and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to hold an ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories." Memiors Writing Made Easy on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required.

Gelman will offer methods by which memiors 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 working with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's stories.

Gelman, a resident of West Orange, attended Rutgers University and Kean College, now University. Since 1985, Gelman 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. Gelman has several publications including "Tales of Our Lifetimes," an anthology of, and tips for, writing memiors.

The dates are: Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon on 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.

**Traveling video series**

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Traveling 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: Yosemite, Washington, Oregon and northern California.

May 9: In this performance travel to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming which was founded in 1872. See the natural wonders —

**Annual dinner dance**

Temple Sha'rey Shalom, Springfield, will sponsor the 18th annual Sustaining Fund Dinner Dance on May 20 at 7 p.m. This year temple president Mark Sperber will be the honoree. Tickets for are \$100 per person. At the dinner/dance, the temple's souvenir advertisement journal dedicated to the honoree will be distributed.

Sperber has been the temple president for the past two years. He has been a devoted and active member of Sha'rey Shalom. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees for eight years; a temple vice president for four years; and prior to that time he serves as Religious School Chairperson.

Temple Sha'rey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership in the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield, and other surrounding communities.

Advance reservations are required.

**A special visit**



First- and second-grade students at St. James The Apostle School enjoy a visit from Capt. Paul of the Springfield Fire Department. He showed a fire safety video and read a story titled, "Firemouse."

**Annual St. James Parish Festival scheduled May 3 to May 7**

The 2000 St. James Parish Festival will be May 3 to May 7. In addition to exciting new thrill rides and great home-made food, the festival this year will feature a nighty Tin Can Auction.

One-price ride bracelets are available Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon.

The festival is located on the grounds of Saint James the Apostle, 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield. For more information, call (973) 376-3044.

Festival hours are 5:45 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 5:45 to 11 p.m. Friday; 1:45 to 11 p.m. Satur-



**Millburn Soccer Tryout Schedule for 2000-2001 season.**

All Tryouts will be held at Old Short Hills Park			
Birthday	Tryout Date	Time	
<b>Boys</b>			
8/1/92 - 7/31/93	May 10th	4:00-5:30	
8/1/91 - 7/31/92	May 10th	5:45-7:15	
8/1/90 - 7/31/91	May 12th	4:00-5:30	
8/1/89 - 7/31/90	May 12th	5:45-7:15	
8/1/88 - 7/31/89	May 5th	4:00-5:30	
8/1/87 - 7/31/88	May 5th	5:45-7:15	
8/1/86 - 7/31/87	May 1st	6:00-7:00	
<b>Girls</b>			
8/1/92 - 7/31/93	May 1st	3:30-4:30	
8/1/91 - 7/31/92	May 3rd	3:30-4:30	
8/1/90 - 7/31/91	May 3rd	4:30-6:00	
8/1/89 - 7/31/90	May 3rd	6:00-7:30	
8/1/88 - 7/31/89	May 8th	4:00-5:30	
8/1/87 - 7/31/88	May 8th	5:45-7:15	
8/1/86 - 7/31/87	May 1st	4:30-6:00	
<b>Goalie Tryout at Millburn HS (boys and girls will tryout together)</b>			
8/1/90 - 7/31/93	May 10th	4:30-6:00	
8/1/86 - 7/31/90	May 17th	4:30-6:00	

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## Dayton baseball wins 3 in a row

The Dayton High School baseball team evened its record at 3-3 last Friday by winning its third consecutive game.

The Bulldogs downed Brearley 5-2 in Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division play in Kentonville. James Carriello tossed a four-hitter, striking out 11. Brian Berger belted a solo home run and Adam Slater and Jesse Stromeyer had two hits each.

Dayton's first win was a 2-1 win at home against St. Patrick's and its second a 10-0 victory at home against Oratory Prep.

Berger had four RBI and Slater three against St. Pat's, while Ryan Stromeyer tossed a four-hitter and had two singles and two RBI against Oratory. Ian Cordoni and Rich Stanley belted two-run doubles.

## Dayton boys' tennis improves to 5-0

The Dayton High School boys' tennis team continues to serve notice by starting the week undefeated at 5-0. The Bulldogs blanked Roselle Park 5-0 last Thursday and Johnson 5-0 last Friday to improve to 5-0.

Dayton was scheduled to host Union Monday in a non-conference match and then play at Governor Livingston Tuesday.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Ridge today at 4 p.m. and then Rahway next Tuesday at 4 p.m.

In the win against Roselle Park, Felix Mill downed Nevil Shah 6-1, 6-0 at first singles. Daniel Osti defeated Ripen Singh 6-2, 6-2 at second singles and Dan Dellacomo bested Nick Saklin 6-1, 6-0 at third singles.

Chris Freundlich and Chad Freundlich defeated Nick Panetta and Peter Paras 6-2, 6-2 at first doubles, while Jared Weisman and Adam Cohen downed Godard Guzman and Phil Acosta 6-0, 6-2 at second doubles.

In the victory at Johnson, Mill defeated Andrew Dragan 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; Osti bested Victor Broccoli 6-0, 6-1; and Dellacomo downed Matt Chmielecki 6-2, 6-2.

Sergey Khorshevsky and Weisman defeated Mike Perez and Anthony Gurraci 6-6, 6-2, 6-4 at first doubles, while the Freundlich brothers bested Devin Feller and Chlian Patel 6-2, 6-1 at second doubles.

## GL track and field squad outstanding

The Governor Livingston High School boys' track and field team showed outstanding performance at last Saturday's Newark Academy Relays in Livingston.

GL captured the team title with 60 points, ahead of Delbarton and Dover with 51 each.

Individual events won by the Highlanders included the team shot put and the team javelin.

Mark Porzio and Mark Fetezola combined to win the shot put at 89-0.75, while Brian Bergeski and Marty Moroney combined to take the javelin at 299.3.

## Springfield Giants top Summit Falcons

The following are Suburban Senior League results of baseball games played last week:

Springfield Giants 12, Summit Falcons 3: In the first game of the season for both teams, the Giants were led by the strong pitching of Jesse Fischbein and Brian Stitt.

Fischbein allowed only one hit and one unearned run in three innings. Stitt pitched two innings, striking out five batters.

Stitt banged out three doubles and Patrick Cicirelli and Scott Chertoff had big hits for the Giants.

Summit Lions 12, Springfield Giants 10: David Sklar and Jared Weiss had two hits each for the Giants, while Ryan Walsh, Jon Rego, Anthony DeNicolo and Patrick Cicirelli also hit safely.

Springfield Giants 13, Springfield Twins 4: Pitchers Ryan Walsh, Jesse Fischbein and Patrick Cicirelli combined on a seven-inning five-hitter as the Giants improved to 2-1.

David Sklar went 3-for-3, including a bases-clearing triple to right-center. David Tarullo, Brian Stitt and Jared Weiss had two hits each and Jon Rego, Scott Chertoff and Cicirelli also hit safely.

The Twins, playing their first game of the year, were led by Michael Kronert, Steven Testamanti, Steve Mandel and Jeremy Marx.

The Suburban Senior League is a league that consists of as many as nine teams.

Low Union County squads that are situated in the league include Springfield, Summit and Berkeley Heights.



Dayton High School senior ice hockey players were recognized at the team's awards dinner. From left, are Gerardo Roman, Brian Berger, Jared Cohen, Brian Hollander, Jonathan Kovacs, Kevin Tighe and Todd Walters. Cohen was the team's scoring leader, Roman its best defenseman and Walters its top sportsman.

## Dayton ice hockey team is honored for stellar season

### Bulldogs have outstanding senior class

The Dayton High School ice hockey team, which had an outstanding third season of varsity play, celebrated a fine 1999-2000 campaign at an awards dinner held at Scotty's Restaurant in Springfield.

The Bulldogs, who posted a 7-11 record, qualified for the league playoffs for the first time and were led by an outstanding senior class that consisted of seven talented hockey players.

The outstanding seniors included Gerardo Roman, Brian Berger, Jared Cohen, Brian Hollander, Jonathan Kovacs, Kevin Tighe and Todd Walters.

Next year's squad will consist of one returning senior and mostly sophomores and freshmen.

Team awards for the completed 1999-2000 season include:

Ross Trophy (scoring leader): Jared Cohen

Norris Trophy (best defenseman): Gerardo Roman  
 Conn Smythe (best MVP): A.J. Gasciano  
 Yezina Trophy (best goaltender): John Laurencelle  
 Lady Byng (sportsmanship): Todd Walters  
 Calder Trophy (Rookie of the Year): Brett Berger  
 Hart Trophy (Most Valuable Player): Adam Cohen

Earning All-Conference honors from *The Star-Ledger* were Cohen, Roman and Brian Berger.

Cohen was a second-team American C Conference All-League selection, Roman was third-team and Berger was the conference's Newcomer of the Year.

Head coach Dave Gritschke and assistant coach Peter Finkel were presented with hockey sticks signed by the team and gift certificates.

The Dayton Hockey Parents Group, who sponsored the event, paid special tribute to the Springfield Board of Education for its continued support of the program.

## MYB Opening Day a success

The sun was shining. The band and banners were great. All participants were smiling.

You couldn't have asked for a better day to honor a very special man, Chuck Fericola; and a very special team, the 1999 Governor Livingston High School varsity baseball team at this year's Mountaintop Youth Baseball League's Opening Day Ceremonies.

Chuck Fericola has been a volunteer with Mountaintop Youth Baseball for the past 25, maybe more, years. He has coached dozens and dozens of young boys and girls.

Fericola taught all the kids on his teams the game of baseball as well as an even more important thing, sportsmanship.

A bronze plaque honoring his many years of outstanding dedication will be installed on the Mountaintop Youth Baseball Fieldhouse.

Led by coach Bill Howard, the 1999 GL baseball team was honored for its achievement of winning the Group 2 state championship last year, GL's first state title in baseball.

The Highlanders are comprised of Berkeley Heights and Mountaintop residents.

Many of the current (and last year's) players were coached by Fericola when they were just learning how to play baseball. The players received certificates of recognition from Mountaintop Youth Baseball.

The traditional Mountaintop Youth Baseball Major League season-opener between the Blue Stars and the Braves offered a thrilling matchup with the Blue Stars topping the Braves 5-2 in eight innings.

Behind Braves starting pitcher Brian Wyratt, the Braves took a 2-0 lead with the help of Matt Zimmerman's sacrifice fly and Dan Carmago stealing home on a wild pitch.



The 1999 Governor Livingston High School Group 2 state champion baseball team was honored at this year's Mountaintop Youth Baseball Opening Day Parade. Front row, from left, are Rob Findlay, Dan Bussicchio and Jason Guidicciotti. Back row, from left, are Terence Reilly, Derrick Whitenour, Hank Hansen, head coach Bill Howard, Bob Phillips, Mark Cantagallo and Eric Cantagallo. GL went 21-4 last year and defeated Gateway 4-2 in the Group 2 final for its first state championship. This year's squad began the week at 2-5, having defeated Roselle 14-0 at home last Thursday as Dan Drake hurled a one-hitter, striking out 15, walking one and getting three hits and three RBI as well.

## Dayton mentor Berger honored

By J.R. Parachini  
 Sports Editor

Coaching stability is very important to the success of any sports team. That's something the Dayton High School boys' basketball squad has benefited from.

When Bill Berger came to Dayton five years ago he came with winning credentials, having succeeded previously at Irvington and Union Catholic.

Five years later he has helped make Dayton a consistent winner and a team not only with a brief present, but one with a bright future as well.

For his efforts in guiding the Bulldogs to an outstanding 17-5 mark this year Berger was named the Union County Coach of the Year by *The Star-Ledger*.

It was the first time Berger was honored as Coach of the Year by the media. He was selected the Union County Coach of the Year in 1993 by the Union County Coaches' Basketball Association during a season in which he led the Vikings to the Watchung Conference-Northern Division title.

"I would like to thank my assistants for all of their support," Berger said. Berger is assisted by varsity assistant Ryan Huber, volunteer assistant Justin Berger (his son), junior varsity coach Justin Petino and volunteer coach Joe Macie. Huber and Petino are Dayton grads and former Bulldog basketball players.

"Although we fell short of our goal of getting back to the sectional final, we still had a very good season," Berger said.

Last year the Bulldogs seeded eighth, reached the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final, beating Kinnelon at home and top-seeded Roselle Park and Newark University on the road before falling to eventual Group 1 state champion New Providence in the sectional final at Millburn.

Dayton was able to turn the tables on Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division foe New Providence this year, beating the Pioneers three times after falling to them three times last year. Dayton swept New Providence in the division competition and then downed the Pioneers at home in the sectional quarterfinals.

However, University was able to turn the tables on Dayton this year and defeated the Bulldogs in the sectional semifinals in Springfield.

Still, Dayton went on to finish 13-3 and place second in the Valley Division of the MVC to defending champion St. Mary's of Elizabeth, which finished third in the division.

Dayton also paid well to reach the Union County Tournament quarterfinals, losing a close game to Union.

Big wins over larger-sized schools this year came at Rahway in the Rahway Christmas Tournament, over Roselle in the Union County Tournament and at North Plainfield after falling to the Canucks at home.

Dayton finished ranked in Union County for a second time in three years, this year sixth; and was also ranked No. 4 in the state among Group 1 schools.

"I'm very proud to be honored as coach of the year because I feel Union County is one of the best for basketball in New Jersey," Berger said.

Berger has guided three different schools to conference championships, his first one being Irvington in 1982-83 as the Blue Knights, who finished 25-3 that year, captured the Watchung Conference-American Division crown. Dayton won the MVC-Valley Division title two years ago with a 14-2 mark and his other conference championship team was his Union Catholic squad in 1992-93 that went 17-8 overall.

After two getting-to-know, rebuilding seasons at Dayton in 1995-96 and 1996-97, Berger has coached the Bulldogs to a 47-22 overall mark the last three seasons and a 35-12 MVC-Valley Division record.

He was one of a handful of coaches in Union County this year who were deserving of coach of the year honors. Bob Grasso did an excellent job in his first year at the helm in Union, Stan Kokie had a very young Roselle team reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final and Phil Colicchio guided Linden to its first-ever state championship.

"The award is very meaningful because I'm closer to the end of my coaching career than the beginning," Berger said.

For now, Berger is not going anywhere and is very excited about the 2000-2001 season.

Although it will be tough to replace the overall play of All-State senior Ryan Freundlich, Berger will have his other four starters back as well as two key bench players.

"We can't wait for next season to start," Berger said.

The backcourt of junior point guard Carmine Santarella and junior 2-guard Dario Ruggiero as well as forwards Matt Paz (sophomore) and Jeffrey Stapfer (junior) return, along with junior reserves James Carriello and Bart Bak.

"Last year we were able to beat University in Newark and that year they proved to be the better team at our place," Berger said. "We feel we'll have another excellent chance to get back to Millburn (the site of the sectional final) next year."

Dayton has become one of the more consistent teams in the Valley Division of the MVC and is right up there with the best Group 1 schools in the state. Berger deserves much of the credit for the Bulldogs' success.

"For a Group 1 school, we had a lot of big wins this year," Berger said. "We hope to continue that success next season."

Dayton will certainly be one of the teams to beat in the Valley Division of the MVC next season and will also be among the top teams in its section of North 2, Group 1.

The Bulldogs will be competing in the Cranford Summer League.

## Dayton boys' basketball has a special 1999-2000 season

The 1999-2000 Dayton High School boys' basketball team had an outstanding season and proved to be one of the top teams in Union County.

Dayton finished 17-5 and had a final ranking of sixth in the county and fourth among Group 1 schools in the state.

The Bulldogs finished second in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference behind St. Mary's of Elizabeth with a 13-3 record.

Dayton also reached the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament, losing a close game to Union, and made it to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 semifinals, falling to eventual champion Newark University.

The Bulldogs were sparked by the play of 6-5 senior forward Ryan Freundlich, who led the team in scoring with a 15.7 average and in rebounding with 11 boards per game.

Freundlich, also an excellent student, was a first-team All-Group 1 All-State selection, a second-team All-County pick and a first-team All-Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division selection.

Freundlich has his eyes on out-of-state Division 3 schools Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pa. and Babson College in Boston, Mass.

Junior point guard Carmine Santarella was a second-team All-Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division pick. Santarella will be one of four returning starters for the 2000-2001 season, the others being junior 2-guard Dario Ruggiero, sophomore 3-forward Matt Paz and junior 4-forward Jeffrey Stapfer.

Other returning players include junior James Carriello and junior Bart Bak. Carriello was Dayton's sixth man this year and a sometimes starter.

Here's a look at how the Bulldogs performed this year:

**DAYTON BOYS' BASKETBALL 1999-2000: (17-5)**

- 12-17 Dayton 77, Manville 37 (A)
  - 12-21 Dayton 40, New Prov. 22 (H)
  - 12-28 Dayton 53, Union Cath. 26 (A)
  - 12-30 Dayton 49, Rahway 45 (A)
  - 1-4 Dayton 62, Bound Brook 31 (A)
  - 1-7 Dayton 66, Oratory 33 (H)
  - 1-11 Dayton 47, Brainerd 33 (A)
  - 1-13 Dayton 51, Roselle Park 35 (A)
  - 1-14 North Plain 64, Dayton 54 (H)
  - 1-21 Dayton 32, New Prov. 25 (A)
  - 1-27 St. Mary's 49, Dayton 44 (A)
  - 1-28 Dayton 71, Bound Brook 50 (H)
  - 2-1 Dayton 77, Oratory 52 (A)
  - 2-3 Dayton 57, Manville 50 (H)
  - 2-4 Dayton 68, Brearley 46 (H)
  - 2-8 Dayton 70, R. Park 49 (H)
  - 2-11 Dayton 48, North Plain 43 (A)
  - 2-16 Dayton 53, Roselle 47 (A)
  - 2-19 Union 55, Dayton 46 (A)
  - 2-25 St. Mary's 55, Dayton 51 (H)
  - 3-4 Union 50, New Prov. 41 (H)
  - 3-4 University 74, Dayton 54 (H)
- Records: 17-5  
 MVC-Valley: 13-3, second  
 Home: 7-3  
 Away: 10-2  
 UCT: 1-1, quarters  
 North 2, Group 1 1-1, semis

OBITUARIES

A.F. von der Linden

Arthur F. von der Linden Sr., 89, of Springfield and Mantoloking, died April 9 at home.

Born in Hoboken, Mr. von der Linden lived in East Orange before moving to Springfield 50 years ago. He also maintained a residence in Mantoloking.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur F. Jr. and Henry W., six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Hazel Elks

Hazel Elks, 83, of Mountainside, formerly of Elizabeth and Union, died April 14 at home.

Born in Franklin, Mrs. Elks lived in Elizabeth and Union before moving to Mountainside last year. She worked at the Elizabeth Public Library from 1932 until 1992.

Surviving are two sisters, Alice Shoemaker and Irene Russell.

Victor Spolarich

Victor Spolarich, 52, of Mountainside died April 9 in the Berkeley Hill Nursing Home, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Newark, Mr. Spolarich lived in Livingston before moving to Mountainside 42 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy E.; two daughters, Lidia A. Smetan and Nora L. Patrocino; a son, Jeffrey W.; and six grandchildren.

In 1956, Mr. Spolarich graduated from the Newark College of Engineering.

Mr. Spolarich received the American Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy E.; two daughters, Lidia A. Smetan and Nora L. Patrocino; a son, Jeffrey W.; and six grandchildren.

Claire Chamberlain

Claire Chamberlain, 92, of Springfield died April 9 in the Inglesmoor Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Unionville, Conn., Mrs. Chamberlain lived in East Orange before moving to Springfield in 1949.

Mrs. Chamberlain started her career as an elementary school teacher in the East Hartford, Conn., school system, where she worked for 14 years until 1940.

Surviving are a son, John E. and two daughters, Clare A. Reilly and Ruth M.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Resident named Chef of the Year

Michael McDole of Springfield, executive chef at Crystal Plaza, has been named Chef of the Year by the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Culinary Federation.

Local ACF members vote on the annual award, which recognizes involvement in ACF charity events, support of students pursuing a culinary education, and overall advancement of the culinary arts.

"There is no one more deserving of this award than Chef McDole," said Jimbo Crowley, president of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the ACF.

"We're extremely proud of Chef McDole," said Allan Janoff, owner of Crystal Plaza. "However, the award only reaffirms what we already knew - that we have one of the finest chefs in the state in our kitchen."

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, McDole joined Crystal Plaza more than 14 years ago, and leads a kitchen which has become synonymous with unparalleled cuisine.

McDole is also vice president and a certified executive chef of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Culinary Federation and an Adjunct Instructor at the Hudson Community College Culinary Arts Institute. He is a past recipient of the prestigious Scheffing Wine and Spirit Award and the Society of Culinary Philanthropic Award.



Jimbo Crowley, president of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the American Culinary Federation, left, presents the 2000 Chef of the Year Award to Michael McDole of Springfield, executive chef at Crystal Plaza in Livingston.

McDole and his wife, Karen, reside in Springfield with their two daughters, Artel and Madison.

B'nai B'rith plans trip to Atlantic City

Springfield B'nai B'rith plans a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel on May 21. 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 May 3.

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY. NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the replacement of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-753655. COUNTY OF UNION. NOTICE is hereby given that the following judgment was rendered by the Superior Court of the County of Union, New Jersey, on Wednesday, April 12, 1999.

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