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TWO SECTIONS

Swim club developers say site plans promote public good

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

The developers of a high-rise condominium community at the site of the former Batusrol Swim Club told the Springfield Planning Board on May 3 that their site plans "promote a public good."

"We're far below your standards for overdevelopment of land," Pinnacle Community planning consultant Michael Tobia said. "Our plan is more efficient than what a conforming plan would be."

The developers of the four proposed three-floor, 24-unit condominium buildings have applied to the Planning Board for a height variance that would allow them to exceed the township's building ordinance requirements by an additional four feet. The ordinance specifies a height limit of 35 feet. Approval of the preliminary site plan by the board would mean the construction of the tallest multi-family dwelling in the township.

Tobia said constructing three-story buildings over parking garages "takes advantage of site economics," reducing the total lot coverage by 31 percent. Plus, he added, "we're proposing the removal of everything." The swimming pool is in a very advanced state of decline and there's broken debris everywhere, Tobia said.

A fully conforming plan without a height variance would mean "blowing a 30-foot hole in the property with massive tree and soil removal and no existing vegetation on the property," he explained.

"If we were to go with a conforming plan, it would triple excavation and triple blasting," Tobia said.

Without a variance to the township's ordinance, six buildings containing 128 units would have to be constructed. Two more acres of land would be disturbed and 420 more trees would be removed, Tobia said.

"We can go up to 128 units and do a lot more damage to this property," Tobia said.

City Planner Robert Michaels asked the planning consultant what eliminating the extra four feet that the sloped mansard roofs add to the top of each building would do to the project.

"It would take the buildings down by one-third to 64 units, and it would probably kill the project," Tobia responded.

Board member Sanford Wellon asked Tobia if 96 units could possibly be contained within two-story buildings.

"You seem to think that one-third less would be terrible," Wellon said. "Ninety-six units seems to be a low-end limit that you want to live with."

Tobia said the developer originally considered constructing a single five- or six-story building. "This is the compromise we think is most appropriate," he said.

Wellen countered back that the Planning Board had already turned down a similar proposal for the property in the past.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, attorney Bruce Ogden, who represents the neighboring Batusrol Golf Club, said that because the closest water detention basin for the condominiums would only be 30 feet away from the golf course, golfers on the driving range would be affected by the proposed development.

Brother and sisterly love

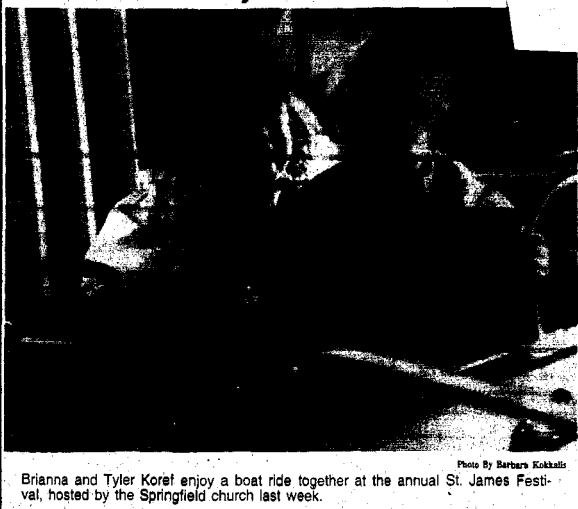


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Brianna and Tyler Koraf enjoy a boat ride together at the annual St. James Festival, hosted by the Springfield church last week.

Mascot under scrutiny

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Cleveland Indians had it mentioned to them. And the Atlanta Braves. Now the Mountainside Board of Education has to address it.

The board received a form letter, presented publicly at its May 2 meeting, from the Commission on American Indian Affairs, regarding Deerfield School's Indian head mascot.

"We are writing to you because of your responsibility for a school that has an American Indian logo, mascot or motif," the letter states. "There are many such schools in New Jersey...Discussions regarding the implications of one people using another people as 'symbols' often become heated and irrational. Native American people, on the other hand, are not impressed with insistence that the Indian images are 'in your honor' or that the issue is too trivial to discuss."

"We ask that you consult with your colleagues with a view to developing a plan through which the implications of the use of the Indian...can be considered, and where indicated, how

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Look out below



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Taking a run down the slide on potato sacks are, from left, Anita and Mia Battagliola and Lindsey Pulliti. The children spent the evening having fun at St. James The Apostle Church's annual festival in Springfield last week.

Township Committee rebuffs moms again

By Mark Hrywna
and Joe Lugara

They're still behind it. They support it 100 percent. They just don't think a resolution for it is necessary. The Springfield Township Committee, despite pleas from residents Tuesday night, remained steadfast in not sponsoring a resolution supporting the efforts of local residents planning to attend the Million Mom March. The march is set to take place Sunday, Mothers' Day, on the Mall in Washington, D.C. to call for "common sense" gun laws.

The march is being coordinated locally by Springfield resident Denise Drummond. Drummond was in attendance at Tuesday night's meeting along with a handful of other moms to ask the Township Committee to reconsider.

Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, the only member to openly advocate for a resolution, initiated remarks on the topic. He brought up

the matter for discussion at Monday night's executive meeting to no avail.

Mayor Clara Harelik expressed her desire to talk about the march Monday night, but then immediately proceeded with a number of other agenda items. At approximately 10:15 p.m., the committee went into an extended closed session to discuss matters of litigation, personnel or other closed-door topics, without mentioning the march during two-and-a-half hours of discussion.

"When change occurs, it comes from the grassroots level," said Hirschfeld at Tuesday's regular meeting. "I've seen first-hand that it takes grass roots efforts to change."

"In terms of principles and views you advocate for," Hirschfeld told march organizers, "people should listen to what you have to say."

Committee members have given their individual support of the march. Harelik, while acknowledging the

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Supermarket fights rezoning ordinance

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Springfield has voted to rezone, and Royal Ahold just does not like the idea.

The Netherlands-based company, owner of Edwards Food Stores, filed a lawsuit against the township April 26, challenging a rezoning ordinance approved by the Township Committee last month.

As of press time Monday, neither Mayor Clara Harelik nor Township Attorney Bruce Bergen have seen any legal papers served. The suit, however, has been confirmed by Joe Dear, law clerk for Union County Superior Court Judge John Pisansky. According to Dear, the township must be served within 10 days of the filing deadline, which means the township should be served by the end of the first week of May. The township will then have 35 days to answer the suit.

Ahold has been granted the go-ahead to build its more than 70,000-square-foot supermarket on Millburn Avenue by the state Supreme Court. Despite the ruling, the Springfield Township Committee voted April 20 to approve an ordinance that would rezone the area, limiting the size of any incoming business to 7,000 square feet.

The ordinance represents Springfield's second effort to rezone the area. A similar ordinance prepared last year suffered from what Bergen called "procedural problems."

"When we enacted the ordinance last year, there were procedural problems we needed to redo," Bergen said. Last year's ordinance, which Ahold also challenged with a suit, is currently awaiting a decision from Pisansky. Ahold's current suit does not, however,

cancel out Ahold's previous suit. "There are two separate suits, but the cases may be consolidated into one," Dear said. "Usually, if you have the same set of circumstances, the cases do get consolidated. When the case is decided, issues involving both ordinances will be resolved."

The committee did not approve the present ordinance unanimously. Harelik voted against it, citing the awkward timing of the ordinance's introduction, coming as it did on the heels of the Supreme Court ruling.

Committeeman Steven Goldstein abstained at the time the ordinance came up for introduction, calling it "a sure-fire loser." But Goldstein voted for its adoption after hearing Ahold's lawyer, James Segreto, address the committee.

"I was trying to think objectively, as the lawyer I am, as I listened to Mr. Segreto," Goldstein said after the vote. "I wasn't emotional about the issue until Mr. Segreto started to speak. He kept telling us how he didn't want to appear to be arrogant, but he put it off the wrong way."

Just prior to the vote, Segreto told the committee pointedly that Ahold was both determined and in possession of the financial resources to continue its battle with the township. He assured the committee that Ahold's policy decision regarding the Millburn Avenue site was "important," and that giving up would send the "wrong message to other communities Ahold has set its sights on."

"If Ahold folded its tent, it would give the wrong message to other municipalities. 'Ahold will go away,'" Segreto told the committee. "We are not going away."

Constitutionality of meeting policies discussed

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

After more than two decades, the Mountainside Board of Education is looking at changing the way it does business.

The methods by which the board conducts its meetings came under scrutiny Tuesday, when its members decided whether to alter its voting methods and add a videotaping policy to its books.

Unchanged since 1979, a voting rule concerning the abstention from voting during a roll call stipulates that "a board member may abstain from voting for only the following reason: conflict of interest."

Board member Richard Kress pointed out that such a policy is statutorily improper.

"People always have a right to abstain for personal reasons for any valid reason whatsoever," Kress said. "It's contrary to Robert's Rules of Order."

Published in 1876 by General H.M. Robert, Robert's Rules of Order are a set of parliamentary procedures guiding the planning, organizing and running of public meetings. Even the Congress and the Senate operate pursuant to these rules, Kress explained.

"This has been a thorn in my side, for many years," Kress said.

version of our web site reflects our desire to keep pace with the rapid development of the Internet and to further extend our commitment to the community," said Publisher David Worrall. "Readers and Worrall Newspapers share a successful history of working together to promote our community. We believe an enhanced web site for Worrall Newspapers will make that effort easier."

Organizations are invited to use the new "Community Web Site Wizards" to build a complete web site for their own organization. The feature is available to all non-profits, churches,

The board also discussed the possibility of adding a videotaping policy to its books — one that if approved, could mean a requirement for the public to obtain prior approval before videotaping any of its proceedings.

"We do have the right to refuse to be taped," board member Peter Goggi said. "According to a legal website called Law Crawler, 'an individual may make a tape recording of a public meeting such as a school board or town committee provided that the taping is unobtrusive and does not distract from the conduct of business.'"

"We just want to know when someone is going to be videotaping so that the board has a right to refuse under appropriate conditions," Kress said. Goggi said that because the policy was written during a time when videotaping was not common, a clear policy needs to be instituted. He also said the board has discussed local access televising of its meetings in the future.

Board vice president John Perrin advised the board to table any policy-making decisions until the board's attorney can check on the constitutionality of its suggestions.

"A policy can't get in the way of anyone's constitutional rights," Perrin reminded his fellow board members.

The new web site also will allow organizations to post information about upcoming events of interest to the community. The free community calendar page can be used to enter clubs and school groups in the community. The site will be prominently featured with other organizations on the Community Web Site page.

"Using the Wizard requires no special technical knowledge, and organizations will be able to update their site at any time with their own user name and password," said Peter Worrall, director of new media for the company.

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detailed information about meetings, special occasions, and other events at any time. Once reviewed, calendar events will become part of the most up-to-date listing in the community.

LocalSource.com was launched in January 1997 and acts as an enhancement to the company's weekly newspapers. The web site now offers more than just the top story of the week in each of the 25 townships the newspapers serve, as well as the history of each town; and important information such as the municipalities' elected officials, schools, libraries and parks programs.

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EVENTS

Society to explore Newark Museum Tuesday

The Springfield Historical Society will meet on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

The color-slide program entitled "Highlights of the Newark Museum" will be presented by Nancy Toepfer of their staff, and will feature many of the museum's most famous paintings of American art plus some of its collections in the Native American, African, Asian and Tibetan areas. Toepfer will give commentary about the scenes of Newark's original Ballantine House with its authentic Victorian decor.

This well-preserved house and furnishings belonged to John Holmes Ballantine, one of several Newark brewers whose family lived in this home at the turn of the century. It is still situated across from the present city's busy downtown Washington Park, is administered by the Newark Museum, and tours with special docents can be arranged.

"This is an excellent opportunity to have a glimpse of what this nearby New Jersey museum has to offer with a chance to hear expert explanations about its many artistic treasures," Program Chairman Elaine Auer said. "The general public is welcome to attend this free event."

For more information call (973) 376-4784.

Bicycle collection May 21

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 on disposal. 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 needy. 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.pdp.org.

Pedals for Progress is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in New Jersey. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be avail-

able 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.

Clean out your garage and receive a tax deduction. For more information call Michael Marantz at (973) 467-4422.

Springfield B'nai B'rith 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 \$15 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. Mail checks to Jerry Kamen c/o Day Cleaners, 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. Reserve early.

Board of Health meets

The Springfield Board of Health has set its meeting schedule for the year in the Annex Building located adjacent to the Springfield Municipal Building.

The meetings dates are as follows: Wednesday, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13. Members of the public are welcomed to attend. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

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 second of the two-day workshops is scheduled for May 24 and May 31, both from 3 to 4 p.m.

For more information call Paolella at Pulaski Savings Bank at (973) 564-9000, ext. 13. Class size will be limited, so registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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.

Tuesday

• The Mountianside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Mountianside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountianside.

Saturday

• The National Association of Letter Carriers, Local Branch 1492 of Westfield, in cooperation with the Westfield and Mountianside post offices, sponsors its eighth annual National Food Drive.

Letter carriers are requesting their patrons help out in their effort to feed the underprivileged by leaving canned and dry goods by their mailboxes. Carriers will pick up the goods during the course of delivering the mail.

• The Mountianside Restoration Committee, caretakers of the historic Heffield House, hosts its annual garden sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heffield House, Constitution Plaza. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the ongoing preservation of the house, which will be open for visitors during the flower sale.

Sunday

• Two planetarium shows are planned at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road. The first show, at 2 p.m., will probe the "stellar spring skies." Children ages 6 and up can learn about the departing winter and newly visible spring stars and constellations.

A second show examines the mysteries of the solar system at 3:30 p.m. The event is an elementary program for children ages 4 to 6 years old with an adult.

Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors for all shows.

Monday

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

• The Springfield Environmental Commission meets at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday

• The Mountianside Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Mountianside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, East.

Wednesday

• The Mountianside Republican Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Mountianside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, East. The guest speaker will be Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, candidate for Congress in the 7th District.

• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield meets for a regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

Upcoming events

May 21

• Springfield B'nai B'rith will sponsor a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel for \$22, including breakfast at Bagel Chateau and \$17 in coins from Resorts. The bus will leave from the Echo Plaza parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

For information or reservations call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 during the day or (908) 277-1953 during the evening.

• The Springfield Chapter of the Deborah Hospital will host an open house to recruit volunteers at 7 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

For more information call Linda Miele at (908) 686-6723.

May 22

• JMK BMW, 391 Route 22 East, Springfield, will host the Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A fleet of 18 specially-marked BMW's will be available for test drives at the fund-raising event. For every mile test driven, BMW North America will donate \$1 to the Komen Foundation.

• The James Caldwell School PTA sponsors a school-wide Science Fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium, 36 Caldwell Place.

May 23

• A free educational seminar on stroke awareness will be at Brighton Gardens of Mountianside from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Overlook Hospital's chief of neurology Dr. David Saur will discuss the risk factors of stroke. The Hospital's Healthy Venues Van will provide free screenings.

Carotid artery and blood pressure screenings will be available from noon to 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at 2 p.m. Space is limited so registration is necessary. For more information or to attend call (908) 654-4460.

Postage stamps benefit breast cancer research

To increase breast cancer awareness and to raise additional funds for research, in cooperation with the U.S. Postal Service, the Springfield Post Office is challenging its employees and local citizens to use the Breast Cancer Research postage stamp on their cards and letters. A sellout of the stamp would raise up to an estimated \$20 million for research.

To kick off the event, the post office, 22 Mountain Ave., will serve refreshments in the lobby tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Literature will be available.

The Breast Cancer Research "sempostal" stamp is the first U.S. postage stamp in history to have its net proceeds above the cost of postage earmarked for research organizations. The 40-cent stamp is good for the 33-cent First-Class postage rate, and

up to 7 cents goes to research. As determined by legislation in 1997, 70 percent of net proceeds above the cost of postage will be given to the National Institutes of Health, and 30 percent will go to the Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense. Both agencies are conducting breast cancer research. To date, sales of the stamp have raised about \$11 million.

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Real service



The Springfield Township Committee recognized its First Aid Squad volunteers for their years of service Tuesday. Volunteers and the number of years each has served are, from left, Linda Maas, 25 years; Raymond Netschen, 25 years; Daniel Kalem, 45 years and; Elizabeth Fritzen, 25 years. Each volunteer was presented with a resolution by Mayor Clara Harelik.

Photo By Mitchell Mills

Township still waiting for word on aid

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Still awaiting word from the state on its \$400,000 application for extraordinary aid, the Springfield Township Committee conducted a public hearing on the 2000 budget Tuesday night, eliciting little comment from residents.

Township officials expect to hear from the state within the next week or two as to the \$400,000 application, which would cover expenses incurred as a result of Tropical Storm Floyd.

The committee likely will not adopt the spending plan until June. Amendments to the budget, including the state aid if it arrives, will be introduced later this month.

As it stands, without the aid, the \$18-million budget includes a \$53 municipal tax increase for the average resident. However, no increase is expected whether the aid comes through or not.

If Springfield does not receive the extraordinary aid, the Township Committee will dip into the surplus some more. Approximately \$2.4 million is currently used as revenue in the budget and that would rise to \$2.8 million, leaving the township's surplus at about \$2 million.

The township bonded \$2 million to cover damages from Tropical Storm Floyd. That will be repaid over a five-year period at \$400,000 per year plus interest, said Township Administrator Richard Shea.

Following Tuesday night's hearing, congratulations and compliments were passed all around to and from Township Committee members and officials. Committee members praised members of the Finance Department while welcoming kudos for putting in the time to review the budget during numerous hearings and meetings.

"We try to run this town as a successful business," said Township Committee member Sy Mullman. "I think we serve the residents quite well."

Without an increase, the municipal tax rate will remain at \$1.06 per \$100 of assessed value. The average home in Springfield, assessed at \$155,000, would continue to pay approximately \$1,645 in municipal taxes. It would be the third consecutive year without a municipal tax hike.

Springfield's portion of the county tax levy is expected to decline, along with seven other towns. The Board of Freeholders will have a public hearing and final adoption of the county budget at its regular meeting tonight.

As for the third portion of property owners' tax bills, school taxes in Springfield are expected to rise nearly \$300 for the average home after voters approved the spending plan for the 2000-2001 school year last month.

Accident causes power outage to 6,000

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

One of the earliest air conditioning days of the year, and the power goes out.

Air conditioning units, lights, fax machines, computers and traffic lights all went dead in Springfield when a car struck a utility pole on Route 22 West at 8:40 a.m. Monday. According to Deputy Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt, the utility pole, located near Van Idersine's Speed and Auto Center, supported a main transmission line that fed to an out-of-town substation.

In the words of GPU spokesman Ron Morano, the vehicle took out "a major line," knocking out power to 6,000 customers. Power was restored roughly an hour later, at 9:36 a.m. Springfield Fire Capt. John Piar described the accident as "a dead-on hit."

"The driver had some minor injuries — mostly, I think, to his shoulder, when the seat belt locked up," Schwerdt reported that the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

Darkened street lights up and down Morris Avenue caused extensive traffic back-ups, as police, assisted by firefighters, directed traffic. An engine was dispatched to the accident scene, where the department secured the area of the downed wires and absorbed the oil spilled by the car. Firefighters also rushed to a Morris Avenue address to rescue an individual stuck in an elevator. Schwerdt remained in the department's radio room, managing operations while fielding phone calls from bewildered residents.

In the Municipal Building, an emergency generator supplied functional lighting to both the downstairs and upstairs areas. With bright sunlight filtering through the windows, work was able to continue in most offices.

GPU responded within a half hour of the accident, "temporarily dealing with the situation to get the power back on, and then completing the repairs," Morano said. He could not specify the nature of the repairs.

The accident was one of 10 calls the Fire Department handled up to mid-afternoon on Monday, an exceptionally busy day. According to Piar, at least two of the calls were activated alarms, triggered by the outage. A separate call reporting a woman trapped in a garage "was actually the car trapped in the garage," Piar said. One call, however, in which a breaker box fire spread to the wall of a private residence, necessitated the assistance of the Union Fire Department.

Mountainside centenarian honored

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

Up until about 10 years ago, 100-year-old Anna Eiferink shovelled the snow from the sidewalks in front of her Rochester, N.Y., home.

years old makes our job feel really well done." Assistant Director Fran Benson of the Division on Aging said during a short speech.

Born on Christmas Eve 1899 in Hazlet, Holland, Eiferink is a survivor of three centuries. One of eight children, her father moved them to Rochester in 1910 to look for a better life.

"She lived through some tough times as an immigrant child — through the wars and the Depression," her oldest daughter, 70-year-old Betsy Cayer said.

Cayer recalled the clothing rations during World War II and how her mother would repair all of the children's clothing and darn their socks. She also remembers her mother's great love of music.

"She made sure that we all had music lessons," Cayer said. "I remember she took me to see my first opera, 'Rigoletto,' when I was 13."

At 100, Eiferink now has four children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"She loved family," Cayer said. "Her life was about family events,



Anna Eiferink

family vacations and visiting with the grandchildren."

Up until the time she was 95, her mother did all her own housework, including taking down her own storm windows and putting up the screens, Cayer said.

"She was extremely healthy. Her blood pressure is lower than mine, she has no illness or disease, her heart is in great shape — it's her memory," her daughter said.

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EDITORIALS

You asked for it

The Springfield Township Committee all but invited it and now they have it — another lawsuit on their hands with Royal Ahold, the Netherlands-based company seeking to establish a 70,000-square-foot supermarket at the former Saks Fifth Avenue site that borders Millburn.

The invitation to file a lawsuit against Springfield came in the form of an ordinance the Township Committee approved April 11 by a 4-1 vote. The measure prevents a single, non-residential entity from exceeding 7,000 square feet in gross floor area.

The ordinance, whether Springfield officials admit it openly or not, is directed at Royal Ahold. A judge will see it this way and ultimately invalidate the ordinance.

The Township Committee must not pander to the residents living near the former Saks site. Members must make their decisions objectively instead of emotionally. If decisions continue to be based on emotions, then expect more lawsuits. The Township Committee is right in fighting the supermarket at that site, but this ordinance simply does not stand a chance.

Mayor Clara Harelik was the lone member of the Township Committee to vote against the ordinance. Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein initially absented when the ordinance was first introduced in February. However, he voted in favor after the ordinance's public hearing following remarks from Royal Ahold's attorney, James Segreto. In fact, Goldstein admitted his affirmative vote was based on emotion that night, as a result of Segreto's arrogance. This is not a very good way to represent constituents.

Royal Ahold has more money than Springfield to fight in court. This does not mean the township should roll over and let a big corporation have its way with Springfield. But it would seem most logical not to waste Springfield's legal resources on cases it cannot win, but rather concentrate efforts in areas where victory may be attainable.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Motherly love takes many forms

It goes without saying that moms deserve a day of recognition.

A day of flattery, flowers, and fancy dining just doesn't seem enough.

We should without a doubt take time to honor the "saintly" women who in today's world perform a multitude of tasks that seem to increase as the technology age advances along with our children.

The bond between mother and child is the one bond that is practically "guaranteed" to last a lifetime.

In any language — mom, mama, mutter, madre, grandmother, baba, nanna, and so on — mother translates into the same thing.

Birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers all share the qualities.

Mom is the one who will be forever loyal, protective, offer a comforting touch when it seems nobody else will, and offer wisdom that you may not fully understand until the years have passed.

It is mom who, we sometimes fearfully regret, knows us too well.

The now-cliche "no one will ever love you the way your mother does" becomes extremely apparent throughout the years.

"Mom" will be the safe harbor you can come home to. Mothers remind us that we are all human, too.

We often are not perceptive enough to see the fragile side of mom.

Sometimes we forget that mothers too can crumble, can hurt, cannot handle everything she is expected to and cannot be perfect.

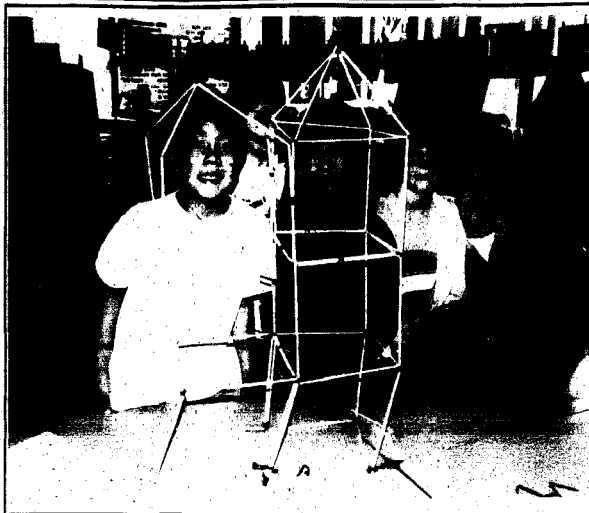
If you are fortunate enough to have your mother with us on this earth, cherish her before the hand of fleeting time makes it impossible to demonstrate that love.

Let us also honor the nurturing qualities and many forms that motherly love takes.

Recognize those qualities women demonstrate through love of all God's creatures, nature, peace and freedom.

Take time to recognize those qualities Sunday, Mother's Day, and every day.

"Pursuit of truth is not a license to be a jerk."
—Jack Fuller
newspaper executive
1996



NEW DIMENSIONS — Second-graders at Sandmeier School in Springfield, from left, Wesley Fing, Eric Pinhasovich, Kimberly Seto, Jason Condon and Corey Eisenberg, learn their three-dimensional geometric shapes. Working with drinking straws and twisty ties, the students constructed prisms and pyramids.

Daydreaming gives us much needed breaks

Where would you like to retire? It finally came to me. It wasn't an epiphany. The image developed gradually, over a long period of time, like a drawing.

A lighthouse. It isn't on any particular shore. It isn't any particular lighthouse. Just a regular old striped construction like you'd find on a calendar. And if it's not striped, no big deal.

Unfortunately, I'm not thinking about retirement right now. Retirement is as unlikely for me as winning the Academy Award for Best Sound. No, I'll be here for a while, producing articles and columns.

But the critical point about my

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugaresi
Staff Writer

place of "retirement" is that I can go there any time, because the lighthouse is a mental construct. When something nauseates me enough to want to quit on everything — and like most of us, I can't afford to quit on anything — I can sit in the lighthouse in a wool sweater and watch the distant lights of ships and play with a telescope and

drink gin or something. Gin and a telescope could prove interesting.

It's a simple idea, having a faraway, non-existent place to skip off to, and no doubt many of us already have such a thing going.

It's called daydreaming.

It's a very important thing, this daydreaming. It's a way of taking a break without having to get up. Taking a break at the water cooler is too obvious; taking a break in the head is much more subtle.

Daydreaming is the mental equivalent of the Coachman's Position. Ever hear of the Coachman's Position? You bend at the waist with your arms hanging loosely. It's very relaxing. It

works even for me, and I'm tightly wound.

As kids, we're scolded for daydreaming. As adults, no doubt a good many of us are fearful of trying it during the work day, afraid someone will catch us at it. Well, unless we end up selling 10 barrels of oil for \$5, or make some other noticeable work-related gaff, no one will ever know where we go, and how nice it is there.

The fact that we might have been criticized or punished for daydreaming as kids has no relevance now.

So retire to whatever and wherever you want. Go anywhere or go nowhere, with no cost or ill consequences to anyone. The only consequence is temporary peace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government's action was justified

To the Editor:

With regard to Frank Capace's protest of the manner of the I.N.S.'s taking Elian in his relatives in Miami, I believe the I.N.S.'s action, which was done with a warrant, was justified.

We can imagine what would have happened if an apparently unarmed agent had appeared at the door and asked for the child. In the unlikely event that he would even be admitted, there would ensue a tugging match, the agent pulling the child's arm, the family the other, harsh words, pushing and shoving, the crowd outside throwing rocks, including Elian.

The agents' objective was to remove Elian and take him to his father. I learned in the military that when your adversaries are confronted with a massive show of force, they are likely to be overwhelmed and to submit — Elian was handed over to the female agent without a struggle — and no one gets hurt.

Horrendous as it looked, the agents' show of force cleared the way for a quick, clean, legal mission.

Bill Levidow
Springfield

Double talk if I ever heard it

To the Editor:

I'm either bewildered or perhaps I didn't read the article correctly. This is in reference to your article on "Freeholders officially introduce 2000 budget," April 20.

At the beginning of your article, it states that the budget is up 6 percent or \$18 million from last year. The tax levy — or amount to be raised by property taxes — will not increase for the fifth consecutive year.

However, at the end of your article, Freeholder Lewis Mingo states, although the board has held taxes at this point, it will not assure each town will not get an increase. Double talk if I ever heard it.

Bob Klein
Mountainside

Editor's note: The county tax levy is based on an individual municipality's total assessed value, which factors into whether or not a municipality's portion of the county tax levy is affected. See Page D1 for more information.

If Ahold builds it, do not come

To the Editor:

I have no idea how deep Royal Ahold's pockets are, but I suspect that they cannot support an unprofitable site over an extended period of time.

Maybe I missed it, but I do not recall seeing a broad-based pledge by residents of this Short Hills or Springfield promising to put their mouths where their money is.

If you really want Ahold to think twice about building a grocery store on the site, let them know that the store will generate no revenue. Tell them "if they build it, you will not come." Write them at:

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Bruce Hyman
Short Hills

Friends might influence politics

To the Editor:

There is much to be learned about a candidate from those who support him. At first glance, Michael Lapolla appears to be an able and energetic candidate with experience and lots of Democratic party support. It's this last component that gives rise to a troubling aspect of his candidacy, particularly for citizens hoping to have the airport noise problem solved.

Lapolla Campaign Committee supporter No. 1 is Sen. Bob Torricelli. The senator's record is one of headlines without accomplishment. His Quiet Communities Legislation of 1997 has gone nowhere. The FAA thrashed him over the 260-degree turn in 1998 resulting in our suffering through a horrendous six-month test. That same year, he endorsed Runaway 22 Ocean 99, he introduced an ocean route amendment into the FAA funding bill where it subsequently died. Total result for the citizens: Zippo.

Lapolla Campaign Committee supporter No. 2, state Sen. Ray Lesniak, halls from the City of Elizabeth. He is the key state Democratic fund-raiser and represents communities surrounding the airport. He has consistently undermined support for ocean routing from those communities which would benefit from greatly reduced noise impact. He has also sabotaged progress in the State Senate on legislative efforts to address aircraft noise. Sen. Lesniak has not represented the best interests of his own constituents on aircraft noise, and he has severely hampered progress for relief in Congressional District 7.

While candidate Mike Lapolla should be commended for saying all the right things on the aircraft noise issue, I'm concerned that with politics being what it is, should he be influenced by his powerful and well-seasoned political friends, should he be elected.

Fran Cagnassola
Westfield

Bank rates need truth in advertising

To the Editor:

When we are going to stop savings banks from misleading the public with their advertised interest rates on savings accounts? Ads are for six, eight- and 10-month periods with various annual percentage yield interest rates.

First, the ad rates are usually higher for these short terms than longer ones. Second, the advertised APY rates only apply for 12-month periods; hence, for periods of less than 12 months you do not get the advertised high rate on deposits.

The institutions are complying with the law, albeit, it needs to be changed to reflect the "truth" if that's possible. When you raise this question at the banks, they look at you "funny," since many of the clerks do not know how to deal with the question. It's an important public issue.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountainside

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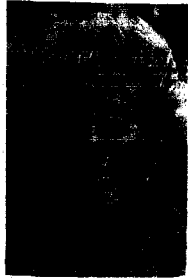
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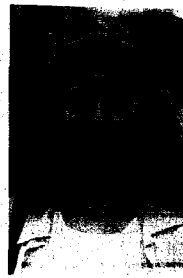
John Aulisio

"Rarely. Very rarely. I'll pick it up and take it home — if you call that eating out."



Susan Spurr

"Maybe two or three — or more. I can't be sure. I'm on the road a lot."



Beena Thakkar

"About once a week."

RELIGION

Evening Group at First Presbyterian will meet

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will have its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

Chairwoman Trudy Lindenfelser will lead the business meeting after which a video will be shown.

Plans will be finalized for the groups' annual June dinner to be held at Steak and Ale in Mountainside. Refreshments will be served by Dora Speicher and her Hospitality Committee.

Sha'rey Shalom Sustaining Fund 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 is from the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield, and other surrounding communities.

STUDENT UPDATE

Tachuk earns honors

Mark Tachuk of Springfield, a 10th-grader at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, has achieved Upper School Honor Roll status for the third quarter.

To be named to the honor roll, students must have a B+ average, with no grade lower than a B in their academic subjects.

Four achieve honors at Oak Knoll School

Four Mountainside residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for the second trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

First honors: Domenica Papatratto, seventh grade.

Honor roll: Stephanie DeVos, ninth grade; Cynthia Fisher and Nicole Kress, 12th grade.

Students achieving first honors receive no grade lower than an A. Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than a B.

Mansfield nominated

Rory Mansfield of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, was cited by counselor Ruthann M. Dien as among eight Union County high school seniors listed by the Union County School Counselors Association for their annual We Care Awards.

For five years the awards have been intended to celebrate the efforts of those exemplary students who contribute to the welfare of their community, often while coping with adversities such as personal or family illness, and who may not always be among the academic elite who normally get scholarships and awards at graduation.

Nominees will receive U.S. Savings Bonds in \$100 or \$200 denominations in recognition of their achievements, and include Amy Bobrowski, Cranford High School, nominated by counselor Angela Wasack; Tierney Kraft and Joseph Laganas of New Providence were nominated by Patricia Storza; Jennifer Marquez of Roselle was nominated by counselor Susan Zivi and from David Breakley High School in Kenilworth, counselor Carolyn Tobin nominated Angela Petroriello, while at Union High School, Francesca Stanco was cited by counselor Carol Hudson.

Activities earning the students consideration have included tutoring, nursing home volunteers, library aides, Habitat for Humanity, cheer leading coach, Sunday school teacher, camp counselors, sports managers and statisticians, and many others.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.

Entertainment - Friday noon.

Sports - Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

General - Monday 5 p.m.

Mission accomplished



Among the parents of students at Oak Knoll School in Summit who ensured the success of the school's 25th Grand Prix event are, from left, Mountainside residents Rosemary Papatratto and Annegret DeVos, and Patricia Colbert of Westfield. All three serve on the school's Mothers' Auxiliary Board that hosted the event to raise money for a number of renovation projects planned at Oak Knoll.

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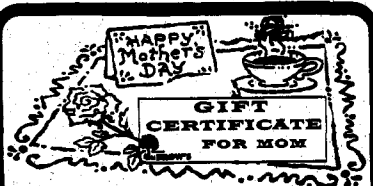
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Workers are sought for June primary

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Unaffiliated voters — those who have never voted in a primary — can call Diane Hanson at 527-4237 at the Union County Board of Elections.

"All new election board workers are required to attend a Union County Board of Elections one-hour training session to learn the basics of election machine operation," said City Clerk David Hughes.

Board workers earn \$100 for the day's work. The county pays an additional \$12.50 for picking up or returning election materials to City Hall, making it possible for some people to earn \$125 that day.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A perennial favorite



Famed British floral designer, Heather Shaw, returned to Reeves-Reed Arboretum this winter for a repeat performance of her successful floral design workshops and classes. Taking a break from making bouquets are, from left, back row, Afra Sepulveda, Alexandra Plager, Judy Stegall, Teri Taggart and Nancy Wright and front row, Gail Mulvihill, Laurie Newhouse, Carol Cowherd, Shaw, Cathy Sutcliffe and Judy Newhouse.

AARP to discuss investing

The Summit Area Chapter 5040 of the American Association of Retired Persons will have its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on May 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Refreshments and social will begin at 9:45 a.m. Patricia Redfield of the U.S. Treasury will discuss the advantages of investing in U.S. Savings Bonds.

A slate of new officers has been presented with Bruce Rex for president, Kay Faber for vice president, and Terry Kandalaft for secretary. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May 22 meeting.

On June 12, the new officers will be installed by Irvin Breslow of the AARP of Union County Board of Directors at a luncheon meeting to be at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains. The meeting will start at noon. Call Angie at 273-3146 or Herman at 273-1692 for reservations.

Trips to Montreal, Canada in July, and Cape Cod in October, as well as day trips to Princeton, the Garden State Arts Center and the Humeredon Playhouse are on the calendar. Call Angie or Herman for reservations and details.

The Summit Area Chapter of AARP has its regular monthly meetings at 10 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave.

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Moms will march without local resolution

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importance of the march on both national and local levels, has expressed the opinion that gun-related legislation is best examined at the national level.

"I think it's a great thing what you guys are doing," Committeeman Steven Goldstein told mothers at Tuesday night's meeting. "It takes a lot of

guys to put yourself there like this."

Remaining silent on the subject at the meeting were Committeeman Sy Mulliman and Gregory Clarke.

Last month, the Union County Board of Freeholders adopted a resolution in support of the Milton Mom March and Drummond's efforts.

"Every member of the Township Committee supports and commends

your efforts," Harelik said. The township has even offered the use of the municipal lot near the library to be used by buses departing for the march, if necessary.

"It doesn't mean we don't support it. Just because you don't have a piece of paper that doesn't have the word resolution on it doesn't mean we don't support it," the mayor said.

Resident Selma Prager thanked committee members for their "nice

comment, but they are not enough."

"They all say they support it but we need this piece of paper to go to Washington," said Patricia Finnegan. The more resolutions from local governing bodies will garner more attention for the cause.

The trio of women left Tuesday's meeting still befuddled as to exactly why the committee has refused to sponsor a resolution.

Deerfield School mascot draws letter from chief

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appropriate remedies and improvements can be implemented."

The paragraph closes with the words "inappropriate" and "impossible" in regard to discussing the matter without the participation of those "who are affected."

The letter, which is addressed "Dear Educator," is signed by Chief Roy Crazy Horse, chairman of the commission. Its final paragraph offers the commission's assistance in helping resolve the matter, although ear-

lier in the letter, the phrase "Lawsuits have been filed" is used to describe an allegedly similar situation in Illinois.

"We're willing to have a discussion about it, but right now, we're the Deerfield Indians," Board of Education President Pat Tieschler said. "Although it's a little bit of a mystery. We haven't had anyone try to contact us by phone."

Tieschler said she recalls hearing of the Indian mascot issue as long as eight years ago, prior to her election to the board, although "no official deci-

sion was ever made" in regard to keeping or discarding it. A recent refurbishing of the gym floor at Deerfield was completed without the mascot being restored, which Tieschler said was not a board decision. "They just didn't bother to do the artistic work," she said of the mascot's absence.

"I spoke to one citizen who shared his feelings that we should keep the Indian," Tieschler recalled of the gym floor refurbishing. "For my own pur-

poses, I'm open to discussion to find out how the other board members feel about it." She pointed out that the logo "doesn't appear often" and that its appearance over the years has "gotten less and less."

Tieschler said the board is currently engaged in a number of important issues, including an increased kindergarten enrollment. She could not put a date on a discussion for the logo, saying only that the board will tackle it "in the near future."

Diamonds, money and \$3,000 drilling rig stolen

Springfield

A drilling rig, valued at \$3,000, was stolen from a vehicle belonging to Scholes Electric of Union; the Meyer and DePew Company of Kenilworth also had two boxes of tools stolen. At the time of the theft, the Scholes vehicle was parked on Springfield Avenue, Meyer and DePew's had been parked on Lawrence Road.

A South Springfield Avenue resident reported a gold band with a 1-to 1/2-carat diamond stolen from their bedroom May 2. The value of the band is unknown.

POLICE BLOTTER

- A Staten Island resident had their keys and wallet taken from their Morris Avenue office, and their vehicle

subsequently stolen; the wallet contained credit cards and the car's registration.

- A citizen's report, filed by a Milltown Road resident May 2, claimed that a neighbor had removed a small

flower fence sometime around 11:30 p.m. the previous evening, throwing its pieces about the yard.

- A motor vehicle theft at the Holiday Inn on Route 22 May 3 resulted in the loss of a backpack.

Fire Department responds to numerous accidents

Springfield

- A variety of activities kept the Springfield Fire Department busy Tuesday. An electrical problem at a Stone Hill Road apartment complex started the department's day at 4:18 p.m. Two motor vehicle accidents, a

motorcycle fire on Route 78 East, an activated alarm at the St. James School and a report of a smoke odor in the area of Tooker Avenue completed

the business for the day.

- Two motor vehicle accidents, a brush fire in the area of Troy Drive, a car fire, one activated fire alarm and a call reporting smoke in a Morris Avenue business were handled by the department May 5.

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NEWS CLIPS

Author has book signing

Edward Einhorn, Mountainside native and book author, will sign his newly-released book "Paradox in Oz" at a special fund-raising book-signing to benefit children at the Children's Specialized Hospital. The book signing will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Bayberry Gift Shop on Mountain Avenue in Mountainside.

The book-signing was arranged by Harvey and Bee Alter, owners of the Bayberry Gift Shop, in continuing efforts to raise funds for the hospital. Proceeds from the sale of this new book of fantasy literature will go to the Children's Specialized Hospital Auxiliary for its fund-raising efforts to help children at the hospital. Published by the Hunty Tiger Press, the Einhorn book contains 100 colorful and creative illustrations by Eric Shanower.

Set in the magical land of Oz, the book tells the story of Ozma, the lovely girl ruler of Oz who must find a

way to restore the enchantment that keeps her people young and vibrant. A lovable but puzzling Parrot-Ox named Tempus, carries Ozma back through time to see the source of enchanting in Oz.

Currently a resident of New York City, Einhorn serves as Artistic Director of Untitled Theater Company 61. He has published several plays; however, this is his first published book. Mr. Alter called the book-signing a "wonderful opportunity for children to have a personally-signed book by a local author."

"Paradox in Oz" is a great Mother's Day gift," he said. "It's a great book for adults to read to children."

Complimentary refreshments will be served, courtesy of members of the auxiliary, at the day-before-Mother's Day book-signing event.

Annual geranium sale

The Mountainside Restoration Committee, caretakers of Mountain-

side's historic Hatfield House, will sponsor its annual geranium sale on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hatfield House.

The house is located on Constitution Plaza, off Birch Hill Road, adjacent to the Mountainside Library.

Proceeds of the sale are used for the ongoing preservation of the Hatfield House, which will be open for visitors during the flower sale.

Open house at Hatfield

Mountainside's Historic Hatfield House will be the site of an open house and tea tasting demonstration on May 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Tea and tea-style refreshments will be served. The public is invited to this free event.

For 20 years after World War I, the Hatfield House was actually used as a tea room. With this history in mind, it is only appropriate that a tea tasting be held on the premises.

Peter Goggi, a professional tea taster and tea buyer, will be on hand to talk tea lore and share his expansive

knowledge of the tea leaf and its preparation. He will answer the often asked questions concerning tea and caffeine, and tea vs. herbal infusion and he will explain the difference between the afternoon tea and high tea. In addition, tours of the Hatfield House will be available to all attendees.

The Historic Deacon Andrew Hatfield House was originally built in 1760 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. In addition to being Mountainside's Historic House, the Hatfield House is the site of many historic items which are presented in museum fashion. The public is invited to tour the house and view its many artifacts while learning about tea from a true tea expert.

The Hatfield House is located on Constitution Plaza adjacent to the Mountainside Library. Traveling north on New Providence Road, cross Route 22 and make the first right onto Birch Hill Road. Constitution Plaza is the first right on Birch Hill Road.

For more information call Carol at 789-9420.

Artists are on display

Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside will play host to the works of three talented New Jersey artists this month.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND THE PAY OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEARS 1997 - 2000.

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Bang Lin named among national merit scholars

Bang Lin of Springfield was among 2,500 academic champions named this year's winners of National Merit \$2000 Scholarships.

Lin, who plans a career in law or business, has been active in the school newspaper for four years, the last three as layout editor. He is vice president and treasurer of the French Club and has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. He has been a member of the National French Honor Society for two years.

Lin has participated in Math League, Science League and FBLA the past three years and the Key Club the past two. He also has been active with the yearbook.

A member of the Quiz Bowl team for two years, Lin already has earned several accolades, including being named an Edward J. Bloustein Scholar.

Merit Scholar designees were chosen from the group of approximately 15,000 high school seniors who made the Finalist level in the year 2000 National Merit Program. Scholarship winners named are the Finalists judged to have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Recipients of "National" awards are named in every state, in numbers proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. Every finalist was considered for one of these awards by a committee of college admissions officers of high school counselors who appraised a substantial amount of information submitted by Finalists and their high schools.

Selection committee members evaluated each Finalist's academic record, including difficulty level of course work and subjects studied; scores from two tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; essay describing interests and goals; and recommendations by a high school official.

NMSSC is underwriting more than \$5 percent of the single-payment National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships with its own funds. Company and business sponsors in the Merit Program are supporting the remainder of the "National" awards.

The competition for Merit Scholarship awards being offered this spring began in the fall of 1999. More than 1.2 million juniors in over 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the competition when they took the 1998 PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. In September 1999, some 16,000 Semifinalists were designated on a state representative basis.

Semifinalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state, representing less than 1 percent of the state's seniors. Only semifinalists had an opportunity to submit detailed scholarship applications and information required to advance to the Finalist level and compete for Merit Scholarship awards.

To qualify as Finalist, Semifinalists had to present a record of very high academic performance and meet other requirements. Approximately 15,000 able Semifinalists met the high standards to become Finalists, and it from this distinguished group that all Merit Scholarship winners are being chosen.

At the conclusion of the 2000 competition, more than 7,900 Merit Scholars will receive Merit Scholarship awards worth over \$31 million for college undergraduate study.

Established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program, NMSSC is a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance.

The majority of scholarships offered each year are underwritten by approximately 600 independent sponsors organization and institutions who join NMSSC in its efforts to honor scholastically talented youth and to promote a wider respect for academic excellence.

Seniors active in career day

Seniors from Jonathan Dayton High School last month participated in a job-shadow-mentoring program. This was the third Career Day in which Jonathan Dayton High School students had the opportunity to participate. Students selected careers of interest to them to help aid their decision in selecting future fields of study.

Charles Serson, principal, and Aniolante Modrak, Career Day coordinator, recruited various companies to participate in this program. Companies included SONEX (Recycle Label), NBC Television, CN-8, Solomon Smith Barney Investments, Just Packaging Inc., Jenkinson's Aquarium, Center for Hope Hospice, Schering-Plough Inc., Clark Police Department, Alexis, Roselle Park Middle School, Auto Action Affiliates, J.S. Blade Advertising, Amerist Securities W&P, DataLink, Del Vecchio-Architect, Lucent Technologies, the U.S. Attorney General's Office, Assembyman Joel Weingarten and Pulaski Savings Bank.

Several other students will participate during the month of May in other business experiences. Students experienced first-hand knowledge of vari-

ous duties and responsibilities and had the opportunity to speak with professionals about their educational and job experience.

This program would not be as successful as it is if it were not for the time and effort of the mentors, organizers said. Coordinators of the event are looking forward to continuing the program next year and increasing the number of students participating in the career shadowing program.

OBITUARIES

Marie H. Schwartz

Marie Helen Schwartz, 82, of Whiting, formerly of Springfield, died May 4 in the Whiting Health Care.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Schwartz lived in Springfield for 35 years before moving to Whiting 14 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Robert, John and James; two daughters, Nancy Gagliano and Candace McClure; a brother, Thomas Walsh; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, TO ESTABLISH ON-STREET RESIDENT ONLY PARKING AND TO REPEAL AN ORDINANCE WHICH IS SUPERSEDED BY THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1 — AMENDMENTS

The Revised General Ordinances, Township of Springfield, Chapter VII, TRAFFIC, shall be amended as follows:

(A) There is hereby established paragraph 7-33 as follows:

7-33 ON-STREET RESIDENT ONLY PARKING.

a. No vehicle, except as duly licensed pursuant to Section 7-39.2 hereof or exempt as hereafter set forth, shall be parked between the hours specified on the days specified upon any of the streets or parts of streets described:

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b. The following vehicles shall be exempt: contractors' service and delivery vehicles bearing the name and address of a commercial business, during the time of their repairing or service to a residence on any of the restricted streets; public utility vehicles bearing the name and address of the utility, during the time they are repairing, servicing, and collecting; and medical emergency vehicles while parking in the line of duty.

c. A vehicle parked in violation of this section shall be subject to towing, the cost of which will be paid for by the owner or operator of the vehicle. The vehicle shall be released as follows:

(B) Section 7-39.2 PARKING PERMITS shall be amended as follows:

(1) There is hereby established paragraph 7-39.2 Municipal Lot and Metered Parking Permit, which shall encompass current paragraphs a., b., c. and d. of current Section 7-39.2.

(2) There is hereby established paragraph 7-39.2, as follows:

7-39.2 On-Street, Resident Parking Permit.

a. A permit providing for on-street resident parking as required by Section 7-33 may be obtained by application to the Township Clerk by any resident of the streets restricted hereby. There shall be no fee for such application, but such application must be accompanied by proof of residence. Property owner permits shall be issued for a period of no greater than three (3) years. Tenant permits shall be issued for a period of no greater than one (1) year, and all permits shall expire on December 31 of the appropriate year of upon termination of residence.

b. Residents shall be entitled to receive one resident permit for each vehicle that is principally parked or parked at the residence address, which fact shall be certified to by the owner at the time of application. In addition, each residence shall be eligible to receive two (2) visitor permits which shall be used only by those persons actually visiting a resident during such visit. Such visitor permits shall expire on the same date as the expiration date for the resident permit.

c. Resident permits shall be affixed to the vehicle to which they are issued and as to be clearly visible and unobscured, at the location hereafter set forth. Visitor permits shall be displayed at such location. Both resident and visitor permits shall be affixed to the rear window, the permit shall be placed on the inside surface at the lower left corner of the rear window. On vehicles equipped with a rear window, the permit shall be placed on the inside surface of the rear window at the lower right hand corner of same.

d. All persons parking pursuant to permit shall comply with all applicable parking and traffic rules and regulations.

e. Any person who is found in violation of this section is unobedient, otherwise reproduce, or in any way create a nuisance or disturbance, it shall be a violation hereof to display or otherwise use a permit known to be counterfeit, or in violation hereof to bring false information or fraudulent documents in connection with an application for a permit. It shall be a violation hereof to use or display a permit in violation of this section. Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300.00 and/or imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

SECTION II — RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III — SEVERABILITY

In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to the extent of such invalidity, the ordinance shall be deemed to be severable.

SECTION IV — REPEAL

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

SECTION V — EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and read at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 9, 2000, and that the Ordinance was adopted and approved by a majority of the members of said Township Committee to be held on May 23, 2000, at which time and place the Ordinance was read a second time and the same was approved and adopted as aforesaid concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI
Township Clerk (44-75)

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Kent Place lacrosse team defeated Hun 11-8 in Princeton April 28 to improve to 6-3.

Kent Place was sparked by the play of Summit residents Charin Giordano, who had four goals and one assist; and Christine Ryan, who scored three goals and one assist.

Melissa Chang, Julie Guariglia, Liz Perry and Brooke Worthington each scored a goal for Kent Place as the Dragons scored five consecutive goals in the second half after being down 6-4 at halftime.

Goalie Monique Honablen made 14 saves to earn the victory.

The day before, Kent Place was defeated by Bridgewater-Raritan 11-8 in Summit, snapping a five-game winning streak.

Ryan scored four goals and Chang and Giordano netted two each. Courtney Thrower and Guariglia each had an assist.

Kent Place defeated visiting Rutgers Prep 9-7 Friday as Perry and Worthington scored twice and Danielle Molligan, Chang, Giordano, Ryan and Thrower had one.

Senior goaltender Kate Casale made 20 saves for the triumph.

On May 1 Kent Place defeated cross-town rival Oak Knoll 12-7 at Kent Place.

Worthington had three goals and three assists, Ryan had three goals and two goals. Chang had one goal and one assist and Guariglia, Perry and Thrower also scored.

Lugh Slonaker scored twice for Oak Knoll and Meredith Baldwin, Christina DeFazio, Catherine Ellinwood, Cristina Malozzi and Erin Moran one.

Honablen made 14 saves for Kent Place and Marissa Ventura made 11 for Oak Knoll.

Kent Place was 8-4 as of Saturday, while Oak Knoll improved to 5-7 on Friday with a 13-11 win over Blair in Blairstown.

DeFazio scored four goals, one breaking an 11-11 tie with 2:57 to play. Martha Crotty also had four goals for Oak Knoll, Moran 3.

The Governor Livingston High School boys' track and field team turned in a winning performance at last Thursday's Union County Relays at Williams Field in Elizabethtown. GL's boys' squad captured the team javelin event, winning with a total mark of 430-6 behind the impressive efforts of Marty Moore, Brian Berg and Mike Lauricella. Moore was fourth in the javelin throw at the Bernards Invitational, his mark good for 162-0.

The Summit 6th grade lacrosse team won two of three games and the 7th grade team was victorious in competition that took place at the end of April. The 6th grade team beat Glen Ridge 7-6, West Windsor 11-0 and fell to Clifton 5-0.

The 7th grade team scored West Windsor 6-1. Scoring for the 6th grade team in its win over Glen Ridge at the Washington School field were Logan Bartlett, Charlie Gano, Rob Hillenbrand and Justin Oplinger.

Also playing well were Casey McGuire, Tom Bell, Carter Kegelman, Will Gruzetachar, Griffin Kern, Chris Sniecko, Mickey Swift, Patrick Nolan, Davey Weems, Jeremy McAuley, goalie Andrew Bell, Ben Nadler, Sean Thomas, Mark Kinney, Tom Goisell and Michael Keane. Bell played the first half and Bartlett the second half in goal to combine for the shut-out over West Windsor. Bartlett, Gano, Gruzetachar, McGuire, Hillenbrand and Oplinger scored. Oplinger netted five goals and Hillenbrand two. Jamie Bernard, Tyler Chambers and Scott Dempsey, in his debut in goal, played well in the game against Clifton. Mike Dugan and Jake Leckey, who scored two goals each, were offensive standouts for the 7th grade team in its win over West Windsor. Chris Conlon was a defensive standout as the squad improved to 5-0 with the win.

Springfield Minutemen baseball tryouts for the ages 13-14 traveling team are scheduled to take place Saturday at 9 a.m. at Sandmeier Field. Springfield will be playing in the Tri-County League and games will commence on June 19 and conclude on July 29. Practices will begin as soon as a team is chosen. Players must not have reached their 15th birthday before Aug. 1, 2000. All players must bring with them a copy of their birth certificate.

Summit's Forsyth first



Photo by Milton Mills

Summit High School standout senior track and field performer Kurt Forsyth placed first in the 400-meter run in 49.2 seconds at last Saturday's Bernards Invitational in Bernardsville. It was the second consecutive year that Forsyth finished first in the 400 at the Bernards Invitational. Forsyth passed Anderson Alphonse of Elizabeth to win the 400 meters in 48 seconds, the fastest time in the state this season, at last Monday's 25th Minuteman Games Track and Field Invitational at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

Change turned out to be good for Dayton softball

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Sometimes change is good. It may be done out of necessity or just to provide a little wake-up call.

At Dayton High School, needed changes in the softball lineup have helped the Bulldogs improve during the middle of the season. Friday's 4-1 Home Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision win over Rahway may have been indicative of their recent play.

Dana Rutkowski strung out nine Rahway hits among each of the seven innings, struck out five and walked none in gaining the victory. The run she allowed was unearned, scoring in the third inning when she was unable to make a tag on Susan Connell as the Rahway player slid home after a rundown.

The Indians would not let Rutkowski win without a seventh-inning fight. White Rahway started what several teams did to Dayton — begin a late-inning rally in an attempt to pull out a victory — the Indians had singles by Jamie Wronski and pitcher Heather Strascensy before Dayton leftfielder Jamie Yospin snared a hot line drive by Casey Probus to seal the win.

"We've won only five games, but three games we lost in the final inning. A couple of breaks our way and we could have been 5-0," first-year Dayton head coach Dave Rennie said. "What I like is our team's resiliency. Earlier in the season this would have affected them. But they've matured in that their confidence has grown."

Probus, a freshman shortstop, did plenty to stifle Dayton, making fans who have watched Probus on the soccer field and softball diamond have a problem figuring which is her better sport. The quick reflexes needed as a goalkeeper allow Probus to field the shortstop's position with confidence.

Eleven balls were hit toward Probus in Friday's game. Two, by Rutkowski, got past Probus's diving reach. The other nine — three flies and six grounders — were fielded perfectly with strong throws to first base.

"I'm more of a ground hitter — I usually hit to the right side of the field," said Rutkowski of her two hits. "My hits to her seem to be getting through."

Dayton got its go-ahead runs as Jessica Falcin grounded into a fielder's choice, stole second and scored on a Liljana Stravato single down the left-field line. Val Zlotzky then singled to left before shortstop Eitzenberger brought in the two runners with a double to the gap in left-center field.

"The pitch was right over the plate, and I was feeling a bit," Aizenberg said.

Rutkowski is also strong defensively. Six Rahway batters grounded to her for outs at first base. It is the combination of good pitching and fielding which has made her a valuable asset in the lineup.

"Dana's been very consistent and solid all season," Rennie said. "She does an excellent job of mixing her pitches, and when we're playing good defense behind her she gets better."

"She's also an excellent defensive pitcher," Rennie continued. "We use her at second and third base when she's not pitching so we can keep her glove in the lineup."

Aizenberg said the Bulldogs made several changes in their infield during the school's spring break which have helped the team. Rennie agreed.

Second baseman Rachel Tis, who scored Rutkowski on a first-inning groundout, was among the players either moved around or added to the lineup.

"Rachel was our shortstop the last two years," Rennie said. "We moved her to second and she's made an excellent transition."

Rennie said Zlotzky, a freshman who caught Friday's game, is capable of playing any field position, while Maria Zolotarsky, who primarily catches, gives Dayton flexibility in the outfield.

Dayton was defeated by Governor Livingston 4-0 in Berkeley Heights last Saturday in a Union County Tournament first-round contest.

Although the Bulldogs were blanked by GL standout senior hurler Gina Turturiello, Dayton received a fine pitching performance from Rutkowski, who hurled a four-hitter.

Stravato banged out Dayton's only hit of the game, that coming in the second inning.

GL, the second seed, has won two of the last three UCT's and will host Roselle Park Saturday in a quarterfinal.

The semifinals will be at Linden's Memorial Field on Friday night, May 19 and the championship game there on Saturday night, May 20.

The Bulldogs, who began the week at 5-9, were scheduled to play at Elizabeth Monday and host Oak Knoll Tuesday.

Other Dayton victories this year have come at New Providence 10-0, at home against Mount St. Mary's 7-2, at home against North 13th St. Tech 7-2 and at Brearley 5-2.

In the May 3 UCT-prelim win in Kenilworth against the Bears, Yospin belted a two-run double and an RBI single.

Dayton is scheduled to play at Brearley today in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play. Brearley, bested Dayton 16-1 in Springfield back on April 14 in conference competition.

Dayton is scheduled to play at Roselle Park Tuesday and then at Millburn next Thursday, May 18.

The Bulldogs' final scheduled regular-season game is set for Friday, May 19 against conference rival North Plainfield.

Upcoming: May 11 at Brearley, 4:00; May 16 at Roselle Park, 4:00; May 18 at Millburn, 4:00; May 19 North Plainfield at Springfield Pool Field, 7:00.

GL outlasts Johnson

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

CLARK — After an early-season rainout, Johnson and Governor Livingston met last Thursday for the first of what could become four high school softball meetings this season. If those games are anything close to the Highlanders' 2-1 victory, fans will be in for a treat.

The Crusaders' Katie Burns and GL's Gina Turturiello were locked in a 1-1 pitchers' duel through six innings. Turturiello had allowed just two hits while Burns was in the midst of a no-hitter. But Turturiello gained the win when her one-out single through a drawn-in infield in the top of the seventh inning pulled catcher Jen Calabrese with the go-ahead run.

High School Softball

Calabrese led off the frame with GL's first hit, a double to left-center field. The junior moved to third base on a fly ball to right by first baseman Heather McDonald. With the middle infielders about 55 feet from home plate, Turturiello smacked a grounder past Burns and into the outfield to score Calabrese.

"It was up a little. I usually can connect well on high pitches," said Calabrese about her double. As for putting the ball in the left-center field gap, she said, "That's where I usually hit to. I'm usually ahead of pitches and pull them more."

When Turturiello came out for the bottom of the seventh, her spirit appeared lifted with a lead behind her. There was additional confidence as she threw, resulting in her retiring the Crusaders in order to end the game.

Her batterymate noticed.

"When Gina gets a lead, she gets a little more into it," Calabrese said. "She usually gets better at the end of hard games."

Both teams scored unearned runs for the 1-1 score. Johnson posted its run in the first when centerfielder Lindsay Carnick walked, stole second, moved to third on a groundout and scored when a Burns' grounder to shortstop Peg Lalis was bobbled.

Governor Livingston tied the game in the third when Kerri Moore walked and was safe at second on an attempted steal when a throw got by second base. Moore advanced to third on a sacrifice by second baseman Gina Pisano. However, the sophomore rightfielder strayed about 15 feet toward home and drew a throw from first baseman Jessica Smith. The throw went past Christina Azia, allowing Moore to score.

Moore has also aided the Highlanders' outfield. She showed excellent range in racing to her left to catch a foul fly in the third, when she had a hand in all three outs — two fly outs and a 9-3 putout at first.

"Kerri's done a great job in right field and she's an excellent runner," GL head coach Jerry Britt said.

Johnson made a move for the lead in the sixth as Carnick led off with a first-pitch bunt single. She went to second on Erin Lanigan's misplayed sacrifice bunt, allowing the catcher to reach base.

Azia then hit a pop-up which dropped from McDonald's glove, hit Lanigan's helmet and rolled away. Seeing this, Carnick batted for the plate. But Pisano, backing up McDonald, grabbed the ball and fired to Calabrese, who tagged out Carnick.

"Lindsay is the fastest runner we have and she slides well," said first-year Johnson head coach Jennifer Staggard, who was an assistant softball coach at Governor Livingston three seasons ago. "She went to third and I wanted her to hold. She went home, but Calabrese is like a wall at home plate."

The clubs will meet at least once more in an MVC-Mountain Division contest in Berkeley Heights. They also have the opportunity to meet in the Union County Tournament semifinals on Friday, May 19 at Linden's Memorial Field if both win this weekend in the quarterfinals. Both teams have qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 tournament.

Close games are nothing new to the clubs. GL swept Johnson last year in MVC-Mountain Division play, claiming two 1-0 victories. The Highlanders then downed the Crusaders 8-3 in the UCT final.

Britt also looked ahead to today's game with Immaculata, which defeated the Highlanders earlier this season by a 1-0 score in Berkeley Heights.

"We have to stay in the hunt — I think we're the only team in the division who can beat Immaculata," Britt said. "I'm confident we can beat them. It'll be a game like this — a break here, a break there."

GL is battling Immaculata for the Mountain Division championship. The Highlanders, seeded second, are scheduled to host seventh-seeded Roselle Park this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in one of four UCT quarterfinal contests.

GL began the week at 12-3 overall, 9-1 in the Mountain Division and winners of seven in a row. Roselle Park began the week at 10-4 overall, 6-4 in the MVC's Valley Division and winners of four in a row.

GL seeks to qualify for states

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

Although the Governor Livingston High School baseball team saw a highly-impressive nine-game winning streak come to an end in the Union County Tournament last Saturday, the Highlanders were just one win away from clinching a berth in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs.

GL took a 12-10 overall record into Tuesday's scheduled Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division contest at Roselle.

With tougher conference games scheduled at home today against Immaculata at 4 p.m. and at North Plainfield tomorrow at 4 p.m. over Roselle would have put GL at 13-10 and that would have clinched a berth.

High School Baseball

The state playoff cutoff date is tomorrow. Anyhow, how would it look if GL, the two-time defending North 2, Group 2 champion, didn't make the state playoffs, especially after reeling off a nine-game winning streak after a tough 3-9 start.

GL defeated Roselle 14-0 in Berkeley Heights back on April 13 after a 1-4 start. Dan Drak tossed a one-hitter in that five-inning contest, striking out five and walking one. He also batted out three hits and drove in three runs in the victory.

Immaculata handed GL a 13-3 loss in Somerville the next day, despite doubles belted by Pete Caggiano and Dan Bussicello.

A nine-game winning streak came to an end last Saturday in Union as the Farmers blanked GL 1-0. Senior right-hander David Sangster won the pitching duel against Andrew Gropper as he tossed a two-hitter, striking out 10. He improved to 4-2 and now has 71 strikeouts in 36 and 2/3 innings.

Andrew Gropper, who tossed a one-hitter in blanking Union 6-0 in non-conference play in Union on May 1, pitched great again. He tossed a seven-hitter and, like in the win against Union, struck out five again. Union scratched out a run in the bottom of the first on an RBI single by Jorge Vidal and that was it.

After winning three in a row, GL won games on April 29, May 1, May 2, May 3, May 4 and May 5 to extend the streak to nine. The Highlanders were a perfect 5-0 last week from Monday to Friday after winning the Saturday game.

The ninth consecutive win was a 12-2 victory at home Friday over Union Catholic, raising GL's MVC-Mountain Division record to 7-4. Hank Hansen belted a home run and single, drove in two runs and scored three times.

Before that the Highlanders edged Johnson 7-6 in conference play at home. Eric Cantagallo and Frank Caballo blasted two-run homers and Hansen belted a two-run triple.

The game before that GL routed Hillsdale 19-1 at home in conference play as Caggiano was 2-for-2 with a double and three RBI. Dom Alario belted a two-run homer and Buccicello blasted a three-run homer.

Before that GL topped host Rahway 5-2 in conference play as Drake improved to 3-0 after tossing a five-hitter that included seven strikeouts and one walk. Mark Cantagallo connected on a key two-run single in the sixth.

So, after a 3-9 start left people wondering whether the two-time defending sectional champion would qualify for the state's this year, the defending Group 2 champions put together a nine-game winning streak that saw them outscore the opposition by a whopping 132-16 margin that included three shutouts.

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