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National magazine visits Deerfield

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer
In Mountainside, Deerfield students now know the tough truth about publishing.

"Deadline means what it says," Editor Victor Landauro of the "Weekly Reader" told a group of third-graders on Friday afternoon. "If we miss the deadline, we're dead. If you don't get your paper done on time, the news gets old."

Seated on the floor of the school's all-purpose room, the students listened with Landauro, Managing Editor Bill Walter and the magazine's third-grade Art Director Tamara Ketchiam talked about the news and production process of the long-time student publication, from story researching to cover design.

After speaking with the third-graders, another group of editors and art directors addressed some of the school's sixth-graders about "Teen-Newsweek," the publisher's version of "Newsweek" magazine.

Ketchiam held up the cover of the magazine's May 5 edition for the third-graders, in which yellow and red beams of lava spray outward from an erupting Mount Etna. Students

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— Bill Walter, managing editor

chimed in with their design opinions, some expressing their satisfaction with the final design, with others calling for more photo and less text.

"We want to get your opinion," Ketchiam said as she held the cover aloft. "It helps us figure out how to do things for future issues."

"Choosing the cover is important," Landauro told the young students. "The picture has to make sense. It has to fit the story. The cover is almost like a big advertisement; it has to be fun and exciting."

In regard to research, Landauro, a former teacher, emphasized the importance of reading.

"I like to know what's going on," he said. "I use the Internet and the

newspapers. Reading — that's the bottom line."

Landauro admitted being new to his position.

"I have to keep my eye and ear open for news. As the editor, I have to think about what a third-grader would like to read."

Landauro demonstrated his method of developing story ideas, using the topic of skateboarding, he asked the group to supply him with a number of sub-categories on the sport. Students chipped in with "tricks," "kinds of boards," "equipment" and "repairs," among others, with Landauro then pointing out the ease of getting "four or five stories out of this one idea."

After talking about the process of writing and rewriting, and some aspects of the production process, the

editorial staff then distributed questionnaires to the students.

"It's a general survey," Walter said. "We want to find out from them what's going on — how much time they spend on the computer, what websites are popular, what music is popular. It alerts us to the trends. We want them to feel they're contributing."

In one case, after publishing a story on athletes as role models, Walter said the story's attached questionnaire resulted in "a slew of responses."

"It was really an impressive response. They felt very vehemently about it," Walter said.

The visit marked the second for the Stamford, Conn.-based publisher, Elaine Fast, coordinator for the Gifted and Talented program at Deerfield, remarked on the importance of the visit for reinforcing the constant iterations of drafting, writing and editing.

"We're trying to connect them to the professional process," Walter added. "We want them to know that we, too, have teachers, in the form of editors, who mark up our stories as their teachers mark up theirs."



Photo By Jeff Grault

Third-grader Colleen Caffrey peruses her 'Weekly Reader.' The national children's magazine publisher visited Deerfield School in Mountainside on Friday.

Borough bids farewell to longtime volunteer

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Artie Brahm has a lot of big numbers in his life. Brahm was born in Mountainside 65 years ago. He's been a resident for 65 years. He's been president of the Historic Preservation Committee since its creation 23 years ago. The house he's lived in since 1960 has been in his wife's family since 1917. His father's family has been in Mountainside since 1919.

"I don't, move much," he said quietly.

But Brahm has recently retired, and he and his wife are moving to Montague, near their son Rick. Rick has a little tenure around the borough himself. A former soccer and softball coach and playground director, he has been working with the Recreation Department for 13 years. The entire Brahm family — Artie, his wife Peggy and their children Rick, Debbie and David — has traveled through the Mountainside School District.

"I enjoyed knowing all the people, growing up here," Brahm commented. "They've always been very friendly. I knew, even when I was pretty young, that I didn't want to move."

But at 65, Brahm said his house, which is on a corner lot, contains more property than he can take care of. Montague, Brahm pointed out, is "two too different geographically from Mountainside," one of the factors that helped the Brahms make their decision.

Brahm remembers growing up on Central Avenue. "At the last house, where the pavement ended, there was a dirt road that went up into the woods. Across the street there was Weber's Farm, which included the

area of Deerfield up to Foothill Way and half way across to Summit Road. It was all plowed and planted with vegetables. As I remember, corn and tomatoes were the biggest crops."

Brahm attended Deerfield School's predecessor, Mountainside School, which was located on the site of what is now Borough Hall. Like Deerfield, the school housed students from kindergarten through the eighth grade. At the time of his graduation in 1949, the average class size was 18 or 19. Brahm's class, for reasons unknown, was 14.

The smallness is part of what made the borough so appealing for Brahm. "As a kid, you knew every person on the street," he remarked. "People were always helpful, and that's really stayed in this town."

Brahm referred to an incident as recently as 10 years ago, when a family with a sick child received financial support through a locally-arranged fund-raiser — a type of activity reminiscent of another era altogether.

Brahm is best known by residents for his work with the Historic Preservation Committee. He has kept a caring eye on the Andrew Herfield House, the committee's home, from the time of the committee's birth in 1977, and has been in contact with numerous individuals around the country who have supplied Mountainside artifacts, documentation and photographs which now reside in the house.

One upstairs room even includes some information on Brahm's father, who was drafted during World War II at the ripe age of 36. Even now, as he prepares to depart Mountainside for the first time in his life, Brahm is leaving behind one more item in the Her-

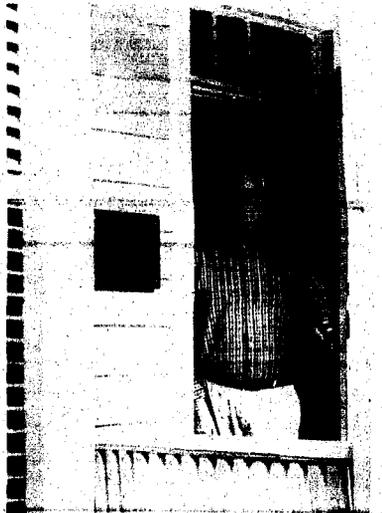


Photo By Jeff Grault

Longtime Mountainside resident Artie Brahm is retiring from his volunteer post as president of the borough's Historic Preservation Committee. On May 16, Brahm received a Joint Legislative Resolution for his dedicated community service.

field's upstairs room: his father's dogtags.

Brahm himself was drafted into the U.S. Army — in 1958, in peacetime. He was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas, where he was married before being shipped to Germany. On the troop ship, the shy Brahm met, and spoke briefly to, another shy draftee, Elvis Presley.

"My wife always said she knew where I was when she saw where

Elvis was," Brahm joked.

On May 16, for his respect and affection and dedicated volunteerism in Mountainside, Brahm received a Joint Legislative Resolution from the General Assembly, honoring his "remarkable span of community service."

Brahm quietly turned to the TV-36 camera and said, "it's been a pleasure working with people here. I'll miss Mountainside, but I'll be back."

Florio chats about nation's top issues

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Former Gov. and U.S. Senate candidate Jim Florio walked into Jonathan Dayton High School Friday ready to talk.

Florio arrived on a dark and drizzly morning to appear with Township Committee Roy Hirschfeld on the public access program "Speaking of Springfield." Selected students from six history classes filled the audience, along with Principal Charles Serson and history teachers James Lass and Barry Bacheheimer.

Florio, Democratic challenger to Summit resident Jon Corzine for a U.S. Senate seat in the June 6 primary, spoke of his record and his stand on gun control, campaign expenditures and the environment, among other topics. After the taping, Florio took the floor and fielded questions from students in what he referred to as "a little town meeting."

"Since 1994, with the 'Contract with America,' there have been things happening in Congress that aren't good for the country," the former governor told Hirschfeld at the top of the show. "We know what it means when we have people like Jesse Helms setting policy; we know what it means to a woman's right to choose. We know it means more guns. Florio said both he and his wife, Lacinida, attended the Million Mom March in Washington, D.C., on May 14. Describing for Hirschfeld how he stood up to the gun lobby through his efforts to have the assault weapon ban passed — "the nation will not be better with Uzis," he said — Florio later, in speaking directly with the students, called the proliferation of guns in the nation "a phenomena that people around the world almost laugh at."

"It's bad enough to have normal guns, but why military assault weapons?" Florio asked the students. "In some states, you can go into K-Mart and buy guns. And gun shows — a mentally defunct felon can walk into a gun show and buy a gun. Congress is in a gridlock over guns."

In response to a student question on capital punishment, Florio said, "I guess I'm from the Old Testament school. I'm in favor of capital punishment. If you willfully and violently and maliciously take a life, you have to put your own life at risk."

Social studies teacher and department head Barry Bacheheimer asked Florio if the possible election of George W. Bush could result in the eventual overturning of the Roe vs. Wade decision, which upheld the legality of abortion. Florio was not confident that Roe vs. Wade would survive a Bush administration. "It's a woman, a Republican, who won't vote for him on that basis alone. Politicians shouldn't determine a woman's right to choose."

In speaking of his concern for environmental issues, Florio told the assembled students that his interest developed after reading Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring." The book's title alludes to the death of the environment.

Before departing, Florio encouraged those students eligible to vote to do so. "Democrat or Republican, those of you eligible to vote, vote. We should not be proud that so many don't vote. And vote in the primaries. In general elections you often hear people say, 'Well, I don't like either of them.' Well, fool, why didn't you vote in the primaries?"

Parking regulations debated for Short Hills Avenue, Tulip Road

Ordinance's hearing set for June 13

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Short Hills Avenue came back to the Springfield Township Committee Tuesday night, and brought Tulip Road along with it. The committee introduced an ordi-

nance two weeks ago amending parking regulations on Short Hills Avenue and its vicinity. The ordinance would create resident permit parking along not only Short Hills Avenue, but also Tulip Road, Crest Place, Park Lane and Spring Brook Road.

After the public hearing, the committee voted to amend the ordinance. The amendment leaves Tulip Road, at least in part, out of the deal. The ordinance, with the amendment, will return for a final hearing and vote at the committee's June 13 meeting.

The change removes the permit parking rule along the full length of Tulip Road, limiting permit use to the intersection leading from Short Hills Avenue, in a westerly direction, for 200 feet up Tulip Road.

Residents of Short Hills Avenue approached the committee earlier this year with their concerns about cars from two medical offices on Morris Avenue parking in front of their homes.

The usual Short Hills Avenue residents were in attendance to participate in the final hearing, along with a number of residents from Tulip Road who felt that the medical offices, at a distance of a quarter of a mile, are

situated at a safe enough distance from their homes.

A petition was circulated by Short Hills Avenue resident Dan Kirk. Kirk approached homeowners on Tulip Road, but did not come out with a complete list of signatures.

"I personally took the petition to all the neighborhoods," Kirk said. "Those who were home, signed. We didn't know it would be a hardship for anyone."

"The businesses are a quarter mile from our house," said Tulip Road resident Judy Klein. "It doesn't present us a problem." Klein claimed that she had never seen a petition, and had not even heard about the pending ordinance until reading about it in last week's Echo Leader.

Gloria Zuecker, another Tulip Road resident, called the pending ordinance "a hardship for us."

Gerl Bujnowski is literally in an interesting position, with a Short Hills Avenue address; but with her resi-

dence facing Tulip. "The parking spillover will be directly in front of my house," Bujnowski told the committee. "I'm sure of it."

"If we took Tulip out of it, you'd still have residential permit parking on your street," Mayor Clara Harelik said, referring to the location of Bujnowski's house. "Maybe part of Tulip can have some parking and some not," the mayor added, a route the committee ended up taking.

Committeeman Steven Goldstein was the only committee member against the playing around with the ordinance.

"I voted against it because I think we're doing it backwards," Goldstein said, after the meeting. "The Tulip Road issue can wait. I'd rather pass it as an ordinance right now. I don't think it's a problem to take Tulip out at a later date."

After extensive debate, the vote, seemed to please everyone. Two Morris Avenue business people in the

audience were not, however, satisfied.

Marc Merrill, owner of Jolan Photographers, and Lloyd Martinson, a business owner and tenant of Merrill's, both implored the committee to give them a small number of sunset spaces for their own use.

According to Merrill, the building occupied by Jolan once served as a residence; as such, Merrill felt his building should be "grandfathered," permitting three parking spaces.

"I have three suites in my building," Merrill said. "One building should be entitled to three spots for them. One parking space per suite is like one parking spot per house."

Committee members, while citing the value of business to the township, were not at all in favor of Merrill's idea.

"If we granted one business the right, we'd have to grant other businesses and we'd be right back to where we started," Committeeman Gregory Clarke said.

Newspaper offices will be closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday. The deadlines for the June 1 edition are as follows:

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- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.
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EVENTS

Stroke seminar will focus on risk factors

May is National Stroke Awareness Month. A seminar on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. seminar will focus on elevating awareness of stroke, the third leading cause of death among Americans. Every minute in the United States, someone experiences a stroke. This free educational seminar is being hosted by Brighton Gardens of Mountaineer, 1350 Route 22 West, an assisted living community with a special care center for people with Alzheimer's and related memory disorders.

Dr. Jeffrey Olin is the newly appointed director of the Heart and Vascular Institute of New Jersey and a Vascular Specialist. He will discuss the risk factors of stroke and will discuss ways individuals can reduce their risk. Olin is also the author of numerous publications relating to the topic. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Brighton Gardens at 908-654-4460.

Free computer skills seminars for seniors

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield Milliput 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 Paluski Savings Bank.

The second of the two-day workshops is scheduled for Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. The 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 Paluski Savings Bank at (973) 564-9000, ext. 13. Class size will be limited, so registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If demand exceeds class size, additional seminars will be made available at a later date.

Friends of library will host annual yard sale

The Friends of the Mountaineer library will hold their second annual yard sale on June 10 from 9 a.m. to

noon, in the commuter lot at the library.

The friends hope to collect household items, furniture, children's toys, games, etc.

Donations — only items that are clean and in working condition — can be dropped off at the library on June 5, 6, and 7 during the library's regular hours. Clothing and books will not be accepted.

In case of rain, the sale will be on June 11.

Dinner dance recognizes Springfield resident

The combined units of Springfield, Westfield, Mountaineer, Scotch Plains and Hillside B'Nai B'rith will have a dinner dance at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. to recognize the accomplishments of Beatrice Walter, an energetic and highly motivated woman.

Walters has been instrumental in the many fund-raising activities of the Springfield unit of B'Nai B'rith, and she has set a record in gifts and pledges of fiscal support over the five years.

Walters has always lived in New Jersey. Her elementary education was in the Union schools but she graduated from the premier high school of Newark, Weequahic High. At Weequahic, she was a stand out business student and established a speed typing record that qualified her for entrance in the national typing contest. After graduating from high school, she entered the business world as a legal secretary. During this phase of her career she worked for some of the foremost law firms in Newark.

Marriage and a family kept her busy, her husband, Sol, their son, James, and her grandson, Jonathan, have been but a few of the gems of her life. As an accomplished office manager she has been an integral part of her husband's business and manages their office. She also has time for oil painting, gardening and music. She still plays the piano and has lots of patience for growing some of the most beautiful impatiens in her garden.

Walter has entered some of her oils in local contests and is still hoping to win some recognition in this art form.

Catered by Exquisite Affairs Caterers, the dinner dance is a major fundraiser for the newly merged lodges/units of Eastern Union County whose membership has swelled to more than 500.

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.

Thursday

• The Springfield Chamber of Commerce meets for a regular meeting at 8 a.m. at the Sara Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall.

Sunday

• The Trailside Science and Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, sponsors two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m., children ages 6 and up can discover the effect that Earth's closest neighbor has on tides and the Earth's rotation. At 3:30 p.m., children ages 4 to 6 can hear "sky stories" from cultures around the world. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

• The Union County Board of Freeholders presents a Memorial Day Musical Salute to America with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountaineer.

A rain site has been planned at Cranford High School, 201 West End Place, Cranford.

Monday

• Members of Springfield's VFW, the American Legion and the Jewish War Veterans host a Memorial Day service at Veteran's Park on Mountain Avenue and Shampine Road at 10 a.m. Following the service, a parade will make its way down Mountain Avenue to Town Hall, where a second ceremony will occur with Mayor Clara Harelik addressing the gathering. Paraders with antique cars are welcome as are those with military paraphernalia and regalia.

• Members of Mountaineer NFW 10136 will march in Westfield's parade before proceeding to Fairview Cemetery for their own service this morning. A memorial service will be at noon at Constitution Plaza. A wreath-laying ceremony will conclude their remembrances.

• The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, offers twice worship services at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following services.

Tuesday

• The Mountaineer Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Wednesday

• In conjunction with Stroke Awareness Month, Brighton Gardens of Mountaineer, 1350 Route 22 West, conducts a free seminar on stroke and peripheral vascular disease at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Jeffrey Olin, director of the Heart and Vascular Institute of New Jersey, will discuss the risk factors of stroke and what individuals can do to reduce their risk.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. For more information call Brighton Gardens at (908) 654-4460.

Upcoming events

June

• Trailside Nature and Science Center celebrates National Trails Day with a guided nature walk along trails in the Watching Reservation of Lenape Park from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. From 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., volunteers can assist with bridge or hiking trail work projects.

The hike is open to all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Trailwork volunteers must be ages 10 and up. Pre-registration for both the hike and trail work projects is required. Participants should meet at the nature and science center in Mountaineer or the park office at Lenape Park in Cranford.

For more information, registration or directions call the center at (908) 789-3670.

• The Mountaineer Newcomers Club will sponsor a tour at Watching Stables in Mountaineer at 11 a.m. Children can see the horses and learn how they are cared for. After the tour, each child will have an opportunity to ride the horses.

A nominal fee will be charged, which will be determined by attendance. For more information call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-4694.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, will host two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m., children ages 6 and up with an adult can learn about Earth's closest neighbor, the moon.

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

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

June 7

• Trailside Nature and Science Center sponsors "Trots by flashlight" from 7 to 8 p.m. Children ages 6 and up accompanied by an adult can learn about amphibians during a brief indoor slide show before searching for frogs and loads in nearby wetlands using headlamps and nets.

Participants should bring a flashlight and appropriate footwear. Pre-registration is required by calling the center at (908) 789-3670.

June 8

• Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., Mountaineer will sponsor a talent show at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The event will benefit the Mountaineer Education Foundation and will showcase talent from throughout the community.

Volunteers of all ages are also needed to help with the sets and to be a part of the stage crew. For more information call Mrs. Maraffi at 232-8828, ext. 361.

• The Mountaineer Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. for a monthly meeting at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular conference meeting in the multipurpose room at Columbia Middle School.

June 10

• The Mountaineer PTA will sponsor its annual spring festival at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival will feature food, games, delectable treats, fun rides and other amusements. Rain or shine.

For more information call Sue at (908) 789-8629 or Maureen at (908) 654-7262.

• The Mountaineer Newcomers Club hosts its annual June barbecue from 6 to 11 p.m. at the home of Susan Beiner and Jason Beigel, 244 Pembroke Road.

The cost is \$38 per couple. An RSVP is requested by Tuesday by calling Michelle Sale at (908) 389-0559.

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Non-union employees get 3.8 percent hike

By Joe Lugar
Staff Writer

Salaries for non-union employees in Mountainside will be edging up a little in 2000. A resolution increasing non-union salaries by 3.8 percent was adopted by the Borough Council at its May 16 regular meeting.

Acting Administrator James Debbie described the increase as a "flat, across-the-board, 3.8-percent raise." The increase covers all borough employees, including Debbie, who also serves the borough as chief of police. As chief, Debbie is the only member of the department to be included in the increase. Borough officers have a separate union contract.

Negotiations on the police contract, which began in September 1998, culminated in a new contract in December. The contract offers a 3.9-percent increase, and will last through 2002. In 1999, borough officers received a 3.6-percent raise.

The Police Department's 3.9-percent was not lost on the borough's Administrative and Executive Committee. Consisting of Borough Councilmen Keith Turner, Thomas Perrotta and Paul Marchetti, the committee helped shape the new non-union raise.

"We took into consideration what the Police Department received in their negotiations," Turner said. "We also looked at the Consumer Price Index and took the advice of the borough's department heads, who do their own evaluation of their employees."

According to Debbie, the department heads use a rating system to evaluate their workers. A 15-page document detailing the rating process is provided, with six pages of actual evaluation to be filled out.

"There are different questions the department heads need to check off, plus areas for additional comments," Debbie pointed out. After the evaluation of the borough employees is completed, Debbie then undertakes an evaluation of the department heads themselves.

"You have to depend on your administrator and your department heads," Perrotta said of the process. "As volunteer commitment, we don't get to see many of these borough employees actually at work. That's why the evaluation is so crucial."

Perrotta said average salaries for non-union employees in neighboring towns also were taken into account in the shaping of the final figure.

Employees ranging from the borough clerk to the electrical inspector to school crossing guards to management of the borough's pool are covered by the increase. The Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer First Aid Squad are not covered since both receive stipends.

Both Perrotta and Turner referred to the increase as "fair." "The entire council" was involved in the process, Turner said. "It was a unanimous vote."

And away they go



Mountainside resident Bob Gilbert wheels his purchases away from the Union County Master Gardeners' annual spring garden fair and plant sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on Sunday.

Fallen fighter pilot's family finds closure

Former Springfield family hosts visit

By Joe Lugar
Staff Writer

On April 17, 1944, Norma Phillips Rollinson got the news. Her husband, Lt. Edward Phillips, a Mustang fighter pilot, was killed when his plane crashed in Skummeslov, Sweden.

The reason for the crash remains a mystery, although an attack from a German fighter seems a possible cause. Phillips was 27 years old at the time of his death.

A resident of Battle Hill Avenue in Springfield, he was the son of Charles Phillips Sr., a former Board of Education president and a Township Committee member. His mother, Catherine, was an active township volunteer.

The wreckage of Phillip's plane lay in the spot of his crash for nearly 50 years before being unearthed in 1992 by six aircraft enthusiasts from Sweden's Skummeslov Mustang Group.

In 1997, Norma Phillips Rollinson and her brother-in-law Frank Phillips had the opportunity to visit the site of the crash on the Svensfalt Farm, where a marker had been placed by the recovery team.

Now the recovery team will return the favor. On June 10, the group will meet with the pilot's widow and brother at the home of Frank Phillips' daughter, Hope Phillips Hazen, in West Vernon, as part of a Phillips family reunion. The gathering will then visit St. Steven's Cemetery, where Phillips is interred. After that, they will proceed to the Springfield Municipal Building to view the plaque on which Phillips' name is listed.

Frank Phillips described the crash site as "farmland, soft ground." According to his calculation, the fatal flight was his brother's 27th mission, although a newspaper obituary listed Phillips' total number of missions over the continent as 35. The same obituary states that Phillips had been awarded the Air Medal only two weeks before.

The plane's parts were eventually assembled and identified by the recovery team. During their 1997 visit, the pilot's brother and widow viewed pieces of the single-seater Mustang, and had the rarer chance to meet with the man who witnessed the accident. Hilding Bengtsson, a worker at the Svensfalt Farm, took Phillips' body back to the farm in a horse-drawn carriage.

The visit provided no specific answers, but did leave Phillips' widow with the distinct feeling "that Edward is here with us now."

Bengtsson said he heard engine noises and two detonations, and saw something fall from the aircraft just prior to the crash. Phillips' Mustang crashed into the ploughed field at high speed, with several explosions following.

Apparently, it was Phillips' body that Bengtsson saw fall from the plane. The young pilot tried to jump, but his altitude was too low and his parachute did not have time to open.

Examination of the wreckage revealed a number of bullet holes in the aircraft, but the evidence is not conclusive of an attack. Exploding ammunition, caused by the crash, may have produced the holes.

Phillips was born in Newark in 1917 and graduated from Roselle Park High School in 1934. Beginning in 1937, he tried several times to apply for pilot training in the U.S. Army Air Corps, but a slight depth perception deficiency caused him to be rejected.

As the possibility of war loomed, Phillips enlisted in the Coast Guard. Hoping for a transfer, he was eventually able to make the transition to the Air Corps after its expansion following Pearl Harbor. He was accepted as an Aviator Cadet on May 15, 1942.

His Coast Guard discharge papers identified him as, "Seaman, 1st Class, with an excellent character."

Phillips graduated from the Advanced Flying School in Alabama in 1943. He married Norma Griffiths in 1942, as a cadet. As a newlywed, in November 1944, he left for Europe.

Library expands new collection of audiobooks

The Mountainside Public Library has recently expanded its new collection of audiobooks on compact disc.

Books on tape have long been one of the most popular offerings at the library, and new technology has now made many books available on CD. With combined support from the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library and a grant from the New Jersey State Library, the library has been able to double its original core collection to approximately 80 titles.

Recorded Books, a company that sets the industry standard for audio books, is rapidly expanding its list of CD books titles geared toward both

adult and younger listeners.

New titles for adults include: "The cat who sang for the birds," Lillian Jackson Braun; "Pulse," "Sunset unlimbed," James Lee Burke; "Elementary stories of fire and ice," A.S. Byan; "White oleander," Janet Fiech; "The Judas pain: A Lovejoy mystery," Jonathan Gash; "Gold by Gemini: a Lovejoy mystery," Jonathan Gash; "Mrs. Pollifax and the lion killer," Dorothy Gilman; "Practical magic," Alice Hoffman; "The bean trees," Barbara Kingsolver; "Be cool," Elmore Leonard; "The hundred days," Patrick O'Brian; "I use wed."

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EDITORIALS

Can we get some honor here?

It's Memorial Day again, and we could all look forward to a three-day weekend, or four, if we take off Friday. After all, isn't that what Memorial Day has come to mean to so many Americans across the country?

Every year, there are fewer people attending Memorial Day parades or simply paying respect — in some form or another — to war veterans, and more and more people looking at the national holiday as a vacation day.

A large portion of our younger generation goes to the shore for the weekend. Others spend the day sleeping and relaxing, or catching up on work around the house without giving a moment's thought to our war dead.

This is wrong. We have all heard the message before, but it's worth repeating: Men and women have died for this country and the freedoms we have, and we must show our respect to them because they preserved that freedom by paying the ultimate price.

Even if you work Monday or are planning to go away for the weekend, we urge our readers to take some time out of their day to honor the men and women who died in war. Say a prayer, sit in silence or at least appreciate the sacrifice our soldiers made.

Most people do not realize how fortunate we are to live in America and have rights no one can take away from us. Most people don't realize what life is like in countries such as Cuba or North Korea, where you can't practice certain religions or even voice an opinion against the government.

Granted, this country has its problems — corruption, growing immorality and a larger class distinction, to name a few — but American soldiers have died for that intangible concept we all know America could be.

Our founding fathers risked their lives for that same concept by taking a stand against Great Britain and stating in the Constitution, "In support of the Declaration of Independence with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honors."

Since the Revolution, American soldiers have sacrificed their lives and fortunes, but for Memorial Day, all we are asked to do is pledge our honor.

In the dictionary, the word memorial is defined as something designed to keep remembrance alive, and Memorial Day is defined as a legal holiday in "honor" of those who died in war.

It is only one day out of the entire year. Is that too much to ask?



THE HEAT IS ON — Racing to put together figures using giant tangram shapes are Sandmeier School students Erin Cunningham and Danielle Montesano. Hands-on games and activities at Sandmeier's recent math carnival provided students with concrete examples of abstract mathematical concepts.

Crazy Horse's letter was not responsible

Sometimes it's not the message, it's the messenger.

A few weeks ago, the Mountainside Board of Education received a communication from Chief Roy Crazy Horse of the Commission on American Indian Affairs in Tranton regarding Deerfield School's Indian head logo. Dated May 2000, the letter — a faxed form letter, of all things — sent its "best greetings at the start of this school year" to the district. School starts in May? Have the parents been told?

The letter refers to the board's "responsibility" in having an American Indian logo. Terms such as "out-right prohibition," "vigorous protest" and "lawsuits have been filed" pepper the letter's third paragraph alone.

A scant few words later, the state commission expressed its pleasure at having "the opportunity to deal with the issue in the same friendly and

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

cooperative manner which has generally characterized recent relationships with American Indian peoples in New Jersey." Prohibitions, protest and lawsuits to friendliness and cooperation — that's quite a jump in so few words.

The letter, while making a valid point, is undeniably threatening. It's quite possible to be literate and hostile at the same time, and the author of this missive, whether Chief Roy Crazy Horse or someone else, has demon-

strated that they have the technique down pat.

The sincerity of the issue isn't being questioned here. Everyone and their pet knows that Native Americans are serious about this topic. But the fact that the concern was expressed in a form letter is not classy, to say the least. Faxed, and casually referring to the wrong time period, the communication is arrogant in its assumption of immediate mutual importance. We'll be pleased to assist you, it says; we'll recommend videotapes, speakers and written materials for study. We look forward to your reply. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

I have no doubt whatsoever that the board's cooperation will be sincerely appreciated. But the board has other things to worry about right now; things involving their students, for instance. First things first.

The proper way for the Indian commission to have handled the situation, the considerate thing to do, would have been to first acknowledge the board's regular responsibilities, its busy agenda. The commission wishes the board success in its endeavors, but that isn't enough.

The board has to address this letter. There's no question about it. But it has to be addressed in good time, according to the board's priorities, as I'm sure it will.

The Commission on American Indian Affairs doesn't seem to have heard of the word empathy. In their letter, there's no attempt to have the Mountainside Board of Education share in its concern. In fact, the district is made to sound like a guilty party. The use of the phrase "your responsibility" certainly has an implication of guilt about it.

Better access

Two bills in the Legislature would give New Jersey residents better access to public records, but they are being stalled from a vote in the Assembly and Senate by Attorney General John Farmer Jr., who feels approval of the bills would give too much power to residents and the media.

Assembly bill 1309 and Senate bill 866 would amend the Open Public Records Law, a law that hasn't been updated in 37 years and one that is considered one of the weakest access laws in the nation. Since the new bills are supported by Gov. Christine Whitman, Assembly Speaker Jack Collins and Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, we urge the three most powerful people in New Jersey government to light a fire under our attorney general and get him to realize that his stalling tactics will do more harm to this law than good.

The bill would make all government records public, except those that are exempted by law, executive order or a court ruling. There would be added strength in the proposed law in that an official who wrongly denies someone access to any records could be fined up to \$1,000.

Sadly, this has become known as the "newspaper bill" because the New Jersey Press Association and most newspapers it represents support A1309 and S866. That term leaves a negative connotation because it makes us in the newspaper business sound like we're all tabloid journalists trying to find out as much private information as possible. In actuality, newspapers are supporting the bills on behalf of the residents of the state. These bills would give us the power to examine records more freely and stop government officials from using loopholes to deny us access to public records.

We're supporting these bills in an effort to keep government open to the people. Just as the state newspaper association is lobbying to get these bills passed, we ask our readers to write to the governor, Senate president and Assembly speaker voicing their concerns.

If the Legislature does not act on these bills in June before its summer hiatus begins, chances are these bills would lose strength come September. If that happens, we would lose the possibility of strengthening a terribly weak law.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to our postal patrons

To the Editor:

Postal Patrons of Westfield and Mountainside, as president of the National Association of Letter Carriers Local Branch 1492, I wish to thank you for your participation in our annual food drive on May 13. Your donations enabled us to stock the Food Bank with 25,000 pounds of food. We exceeded last year's amount by 5,000 pounds. The generosity on your part will help the food bank get through the summer.

I also wish to convey heartfelt thanks from "Possumnose Minnie" to all the wonderful children who stopped by with food and hugs during her visit at the Post Office.

Thomas J. Murphy, president
NALC Local Branch 1492, Mountainside

Let's help out our seniors, officials

To the Editor:

There is an alarming crisis happening in America which the political candidates and our current elected officials are ignoring. It is the plight of a large segment of elderly Americans who are barely able to survive on their low, fixed incomes when faced with constantly escalating expenses for basic needs.

These older Americans are subsisting on fixed incomes which have not increased for a long time. Since many of them retired 10 to 20 years ago, they are coping with rising living costs for food, medical care, medicines, clothing, utilities, apartment rentals and/or real estate taxes on their homes, and other basic expenses.

Financial problems are rapidly mounting which are overwhelming them, and making their golden years miserable. Government benefits are given to the very poor, but not for struggling middle-class American citizens just above the poverty line.

The politicians, particularly those running for public office, in trying to attract the senior citizen vote, have endlessly expressed their views on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, some of which make sense, and some whose ideas are hopelessly ridiculous. What about low fixed incomes?

However, help is desperately needed to assist those older persons on fixed incomes. So, here are a few ideas to fill this void in the political mind:

- Give a larger or extra deduction on the Internal Revenue Service form to American citizens over the age of 65 to make up for higher general living costs.
- Lower the amount on the IRS form for medical deductions, or allow persons over 65 to declare all of their medical bills and prescription costs without any minimum allowance. Now, only those persons with huge medical expenses qualify for a medical expense deduction.
- Freeze real estate taxes on senior citizens' primary homes nationwide for as long as the senior citizen occupies the home, similar to the system used in California for many years.
- There are many senior citizens living on fixed income who are in good health, and who could take full or part-time jobs where hard-working, well-disciplined, skilled employees are needed in today's job market.
- Why not allow those over 65 to earn the first \$5,000 completely income tax free for a one-year period, and then if they should continue to work, they would be taxed by the normal method? Those extra dollars could offset increasing

medical costs and escalating property taxes.

Let's ask the candidates and current office holders to solve some of these problems. Perhaps some action will be taken after they hear many requests by telephone calls and letters from hundreds of ordinary citizens.

H.H. Hardgrove
Springfield

Who do they think they are?

To the Editor:

It is with great interest that I read your story about the flap over the Deerfield School Indian mascot.

Several issues come to mind: What is the Commission on American Indian Affairs? Who do they purport to represent and are they a legitimate organization? A search on Yahoo found nothing. OK, maybe they do not have a web site and are a very new organization. Their approach reminds one of some governmental agencies. Do what we want or we'll sue you.

So what could be their motivation? Do the youngsters who attend Deerfield School develop a negative stereotype of American Indians and grow up to discriminate and defame them in their personal professional lives? Hardly seems likely.

Do American Indians at Deerfield somehow feel uneasy about the mascot — that they are unduly singled out and made to feel "different"? If there are Indian students at the school, maybe we could ask them. Do the students do a modified Atlanta tomahawk chop at sporting events and get national media coverage? Maybe they should stop that. Is the CALA offended by the mascot? Last time I looked, the Constitution does not guarantee that no one will ever be offended — it is a daily part of living that someone or something — like New Jersey property taxes or that driver who gave you the finger on the drive to work — will offend you.

We know that the Mountainside Board of Education has more important matters with which to deal. One would think that the Commission on American Indian Affairs has more pressing problems to work on than this frivolous activity involving a small school in a Union County just trying to go about the business of educating young children.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

Editor's note: The Commission on Native American Affairs is a division of the Secretary of State and "was developed to establish programs and projects to promote the cultural, educational and social development of the state's Native American community." The commission can be reached at (609) 984-6623.

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—Elaine Povich
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Get in there



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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Work Shop Session of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield on Monday, June 5, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex Building, 1000 Springfield Road, Springfield, New Jersey.
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk
U9195 ECL May 25, 2000 (53.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Keneth Timarco, 1115 Hackett Drive, Block 8, Lot 3 A. Construction of retaining wall, contrary to Section 1006(c)(5) of the Ordinance.
Various issues may be discussed and action may be taken.
Ruth M. Reed, Secretary
U9100 ECL May 25, 2000 (510.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

Application # 2000-5
Applicant: Jeffrey Carrier
Site Location: 52 Mages Ave. Block 3508 Lot 4
For: a rear yard variance to build a deck.
Vote: approved.

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, Township of Springfield and is available for public inspection.
Secretary
Robert C. Kikpatick
U9103 ECL May 25, 2000 (59.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONCERNING "UNSATURATED" TO ESTABLISH ON-STREET, RESIDENT ONLY PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND LICENSING.

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KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk
U9101 ECL May 25, 2000 (\$6.00)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: HENRY S. SWIDER, Deceased.
Pursuant to the order of James S. Lacer, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 18th day of May, A.D., 2000, upon the application of the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecution of recovering the same against the subscriber.
Witness my hand and the seal of said County of Union, New Jersey, this 23rd day of May, 2000.
Jeffrey R. Bassell, Attorney
2282 Hamburg Turnpike
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of MountainSide in the MountainSide Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, MountainSide, NJ on June 6, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. on the following projects:
1. "Granite Point, 290 Sherman Street, Block 7A, Lot 20." Nonconforming wall sign.
2. "MountainSide Battery, 887 Mountain Avenue, Block 13, Lot 4.A." Window sign.
3. "Thomas, 1605, 23rd, Castle Avenue, Block 16.R, Lot 5A." Garage addition, contrary to Section 1006(c)(15) of the Ordinance.
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Pathways is offering seminars for women and their families

Pathways, a local non-profit program that provides breast cancer resources, will offer three seminars open and free to the public.

On June 6 at 7:30 p.m., Rabbi William Horn and Chaplain Kay Locke, will present a discussion titled "Discovering Spirituality: Everyone Has a Spiritual Dimension: Discover your Spirituality Whether You Venture into a Church or Synagogue" at the Resource Center for Women, 51 Woodland Ave., Summit.

Horn's background includes several board representations in Summit organizations, former Board of Directors of the Family Services Association of Summit, former member of Youth Adjustment Committee of Summit, and former President of Summit Ministerial Association. Horn has been rabbi for Summit Jewish Community Center since 1962.

Kay Locke is currently the Protestant Chaplain at Morristown Memorial Hospital and hospice chaplain in Summit. Locke has been seminarian and hospital chaplain at Calvary Episcopal Church. Her background includes certification for State of New Jersey as NJ EMT Instructor and certification as American Heart CPR Instructor. She has

also been past president and trustee of Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

The program is open to anyone in the community interested in discovering the path leading to spirituality. The program is for persons dealing with cancer, traumatic illness, chronic illness and for their friends and those who care about them. Their presentation together will help us "keep hope in the midst of challenge."

The second seminar will be presented by Connie Core, RN, from The Women's Cancer Center, Morristown Memorial Hospital June 13 at 7:30 p.m. Core will speak about the detection and treatment of ovarian cancer at the Connection for Women & Families, 79 Maple St.

A panel discussion is scheduled for June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Connection for Women & Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. The panel is the aerobic director from The Connection, Nancy Wildenatter, and New Providence Chiropractor, Dr. Joseph Frasco, and the Connection Yoga Instructor, Luc Byle. The program is an interactive panel discussion on improving the quality of life through exercise, nutrition, breathing techniques and healthier habits for people undergoing cancer treatment.



Master Gardeners, from left, back row, Rosemary O'Brien of Summit, Dorothy Cox of Summit, Joan Ryder of Summit, Niida Rivera of Springfield, Rosemarie Goulden of Springfield, and, front row, Karen Garizzo of Mountainide, Karen Bonacorda of Springfield and Grace Kingsbury of Cranford transformed an overgrown area outside the Trailside Museum in Mountainide into a deer resistant landscape garden last month.

Gardeners program open to all residents

A beneficial event for the environment occurred last month when the Master Gardener Class of 2000 transformed a primarily unattractive and overgrown area outside the Trailside Museum in Walchung into a beautiful deer-resistant landscape garden.

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For further information regarding the Master Gardener Program call Rutgers Cooperative Extension at (908) 654-9554.

Resource center to address wage gap

In a presentation titled "Where's Our 2 Cents? The Wage Gap and Related Issues for Women," a panel of speakers will address the issue of the wage gap that exists for women and minorities and its implications for the future on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Resource Center for Women in downtown Summit.

This presentation is one in a series titled "Election 2000: Making a Dif-

ference for Women," sponsored by a coalition of area women's groups including the Resource Center for Women, the Older Women's League, Summit Business and Professional Women, Summit College Club, the Summit/Berkeley Heights League of Women Voters, and the Morris County chapter of the National Organization for Women.

In spite of the 1963 Equal Pay Act

and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, women still earn an average of 27 percent less than men. The speakers will address the existing wage gap and its implications for women, the related issues of pensions, retirement benefits, Social Security and insurance, and proposed legislative remedies including The Fair Pay Act that is currently before Congress.

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Windows damaged by runaway automobile and leaping deer

Springfield
The Pinkava Express Station at Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue was assaulted by a deer Friday. The animal reportedly jumped through one of the station's 2-by-3-foot windows, ran through the establishment and dashed out the front door. No injuries were reported.

• The Colonial Motel's coffee shop on Route 22 was struck by an out-of-control car Monday.

According to police reports, the 1988 Honda, owned by a Plainfield resident, was left running in the parking lot with a female minor in the passenger seat. When the driver exited to go into the motel, the 15-year-old slid out into the driver's seat and put the

POLICE BLOTTER

car in gear, causing it to crash into the window of the coffee shop. No injuries were reported.
• An Elizabeth resident was struck in a hit-and-run incident in the Bannigan parking lot Monday. The victim, who received only a "very minor injury" according to a police report, was allegedly hit by what was described as an Oldsmobile Cutlass as it pulled out of a handicapped space. The vehicle, was discovered to be owned by Elizabeth resident Hernandez Cortes.
• A Roselle Park resident and a Cranford resident both reported damage to their cars caused by attempted

motor vehicle thefts May 20. Damage to both vehicles, a 1999 Jeep and a 1995 BMW, were nearly identical.

• A pair of Chrysler transmissions, equaling \$3,000, were reported stolen from an auto on Route 22 Wednesday. Autoland management has identified two employees as the alleged robbers.

• An Irvington resident identified as Eric Bulla, 18, was arrested May 16 and charged with simple assault and disorderly conduct. A landscape trailer owned by the OEL Corporation was robbed of \$975 worth of equipment while it was parked on Fadem Road.

Missing were two chain saws, a leaf blower, a weedwacker and a hedge trimmer, the report stated.

Illegal leaf burning causes a brush fire on Saw Mill Road

Mountainside
On May 19, the Mountainside Fire Department responded to a brushfire on Saw Mill Road. The firefighters reminded the homeowner that it was illegal to burn leaves in the borough.

• Firefighters responded to an activated alarm at the Mountainside Library May 19. No fire was detected in the building.

• Firefighters responded to an activated alarm in a Bristol Road industrial building May 18. The alarm in the building had been triggered by an electrical storm.

• On May 18, a power surge set off the carbon monoxide detector in a home on Kings Court.

FIRE BLOTTER

• The Mountainside Fire Department provided mutual aid to the Springfield Fire Department May 17.
• Firefighters responded to an alarm at a church on Central Avenue May 16. There was no fire in the building and the Fire Department reset the alarm, the report stated.
• On May 11, firefighters responded to an assisted living facility on Route 22 to reset an activated alarm.

Springfield
• Firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business May 19 to rescue

a person trapped in an elevator.
• On May 19, firefighters handled a water condition at a business on Fadem Road.

• On May 18, Springfield firefighters responded to a water condition at an apartment complex on Morris Avenue.

• Firefighters responded to an apartment fire at a complex on Trey Drive May 17. Firefighter extinguished the fire upon arrival, ventilated and checked for extension, the report said.

• There was a trash can fire at the Union County Shooting Range May 17, according to fire reports.

OBITUARIES

Howard Henschkel

Howard A. Henschkel, 90, of Mountaintide died May 15 in the Mountaintide home of his daughter, Dr. Seena H. Newark.

Born in Newark, Mr. Henschkel lived in Rossmore and Jamesburg before moving to Mountaintide two years ago. He owned Highway Displays Inc. of West Orange and Westfield for many years. Mr. Henschkel was a member of the Rossmore Country Club and Old Tappan Country Club.

Also surviving is his companion, Martha C. Wells.

Rosalyn Gerber

Rosalyn Gerber, 73, of Springfield died May 17 at home.

Born in Boston, Mrs. Gerber lived in Springfield for 40 years. She was an administrative assistant at Keen University, Union, before retiring. Mrs. Gerber was a member of the Sisterhood of Beth Aham, Springfield, and a life member of Hadassah of Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Allen, and two daughters, Susan and Lynn.

Wilfred Murphy

Wilfred "Jack" Murphy, 72, of Springfield died May 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Morristown, Mr. Murphy lived in Summit before moving to Springfield 42 years ago. He was an operating engineer for Operating Engineers Local 68 in Caldwell for many years and retired in 1993. Mr. Murphy was a trustee with the Silver Beach Association of the Jersey Shore, a member of Monsignor Francis C. Coyle's Knights of Columbus

Council 5560 in Springfield and the Giblein Association in Caldwell.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; a son, Bill; a daughter, Margaret M. Walsh; a sister, Lois Bauer, and eight grandchildren.

Sanford Saunders

Sanford M. Saunders, 68, of Springfield died May 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Saunders lived in Springfield for 30 years. He was a printer with XRC, Englewood Cliffs, and retired in 1991. Mr. Saunders was a lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

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Memorial Day ceremony set Monday at noon

Members of Mountainside VFW Post 10136 will march in Westfield's parade before proceeding to Fairview Cemetery for their own service this morning. A memorial service will be at noon at Constitution Plaza. A wreath-laying ceremony will conclude their remembrances.

Mountainside PTA plans annual spring festival

The Mountainside PTA will sponsor the annual spring festival at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., on June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are invited. The spring festival will feature fun activities for all ages, including food, games, deejay, rides, amusements, pony rides and Father's Day crafts. For more information, call Sue at (908) 789-8629, or Maureen at (908) 654-7262.

Mountainside Newcomers Club plans June activities

The Mountainside Newcomers Club has announced the following member activities for the upcoming month:
 • Saddle up for a tour of the Watchung Stables on the Watchung Reservation on June 4. The children will see the horses and learn how they are cared for. After the tour, each child will have a chance to ride the horses. A nominal fee will be charged, which will be determined by the number of children attending. The tour will begin at 11 a.m.
 For more information Call Susan McCarthy at (908) 654-4694.
 • The club will sponsor its annual barbecue June 10. This year's barbecue will be at Susan Buchner and Jason Beigel's home, 244 Pembrock Road, on June 10 from 6 to 11 p.m.

The cost is \$38 per couple. RSVP to Michelle Sale at (908) 389-0559 by Tuesday. All checks should be made payable to "Mountainside Newcomers Club" and sent to Michelle Sale, 513 Woodland Ave., Mountainside. For membership information call Heather Pisano at (908) 389-0455.

Deerfield School talent show will be June 8

Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside will sponsor a talent show June 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The event will benefit the Mountainside Education Foundation and will showcase talent from throughout the community. Volunteers of all ages are also needed to help with the sets and to be a part of the stage crew. For more information call Mrs. Maraffi at 232-8828, ext. 361.

Golf outings benefit Children's Hospital Foundation

Two golf outings hosted by the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation have been scheduled this summer to support the hospital's programs for children with special needs.
 The eighth annual golf outing to benefit CSH's Toms River facility will be June 12 at 12:30 pm at the Shore Oaks Golf Club in Farmingdale. More information can be obtained by calling Sheila Pisano at (732) 797-3801.
 The foundation's 11th annual Gold Classic to benefit CSH's Mountainside location will be July 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Monclair Gold Club in West Orange. More information may be obtained by calling the foundation at (908) 301-5410.

An unusual find



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Art Froehlich of Westfield purchases a Woodpepper plant at the Union County Master Gardeners' annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale Sunday in Mountainside.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Mountainside Cardinals playing better

After a 1-1 start, the Mountainside Cardinals have been playing a lot better as of late.

The youth baseball team defeated the Athletics 7-3 to start the month of May as Chris Trimmer belted three doubles and Mike Adashev and Amanda Quaglia had two hits and two RBI each to support the victory.

Dylan Turner led the Cardinals over the Tigers 9-5 as he banged out three hits and drove in two runs. Ed Munoz, Josh Thompson and Alex DeRose had two hits for the Cardinals, while David Carber had two hits for the Tigers and Nick Barbera and Frank Rubino each belted doubles and scored runs.

The Cardinals followed that win with an exciting 7-1 tie against the Red Sox. It was the second time that the teams played to a 7-1 tie, but this time the Cardinals scored the game's final six runs to tie the game after being down 7-1.

Nick Bravo and Ryan Conde had two hits and two runs each and John Catalano blasted a long, two-run homer for the Red Sox.

As darkness fell at the onset of the top of the fifth inning and the Red Sox leading 7-1, the Cardinals struck for eight hits in a row, highlighted by Ross Talbert's double and Munoz delivering the hit that tied the game as the Cardinals batted around. Quaglia made two excellent defensive plays in the bottom of the fifth to help preserve the tie.

After two consecutive wins and a tie put their record at 3-1-2, the Cardinals were defeated by the first-place Martins 5-2. Paul Mirabelli, Ian Drew and Ben Camargo played well for the Martins, while Amy Vitale had a hit and made two excellent defensive plays and Elizabeth Cronin played well at catcher for the Cardinals.

Next up were the Tigers again as the Cardinals looked to get their offense back in gear. Trimmer blasted a grand slam deep over the center field fence in the second inning and Alex DeRose and Adashev each had three hits in the victory as the Cardinals improved to 4-2-2.

Quaglia pitched two strong innings for the Cardinals, who played their first game without Max Conner, who dislocated and broke his pinky fingers earlier in the week.

Rubino and Mike Saldida paced the Tigers offensively as each belted a double and connected on two singles.

 The following are Mountainside Recreation League Pony League results:

Mountainside Mustangs 13, Kenilworth 3; Matt Smith, Joe Nicastro, and Joe Pijanowski pitched well for Mountainside, while Matt Hiller did an outstanding job at catcher. Brian Arignoni, Justin Polce and Hiller belted doubles for the winners.

Mountainside Mustangs 15, Westfield 6; Justin Polce, Joe Nicastro, and Joe Pijanowski pitched well, while Feller, Chris DiVito and Pijanowski did well to execute a double play. Zack Janick played well in the outfield, DiVito and Pijanowski belted doubles and Brian Arignoni had an extra-base hit as he blasted a triple.

 David Sklar's two-out double to right-center capped a four-run last inning rally as the Springfield Giants youth baseball team defeated Berkeley Heights White 7-6.

 Matt Traut and Mike Tiss scored the tying and winning runs. Anthony DeNicolo and Jesse Fischbein pitched well and Scott Cheroff made three outstanding defensive plays.

 The Giants did well to even their record at 4-4 in the nine-team Suburban League, which features players ages 13-14.

 The Springfield Recreation Department now has available rosters for the 2000 Women's Softball League.

 The season will begin in the middle of June and continue through August. Team captains may pick up team rosters at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on 30 Church Mall in Springfield.

More information may be obtained by calling 973-467-4608.

Football clinic a success



The Springfield Minutemen Football Clinic held this month at Meisel Field was a success as the first off-season clinic in recent memory drew 30 boys entering grades 4-8. Players worked on blocking, receiving, running the ball and shucking. The boys were given a workout sheet to use to better prepare for the fall season.

Summit will host New Prov. on Thanksgiving Day in 2001

Hilltopper gridders won't play on holiday this year

By J.R. Parachini

Sports Editor

The Summit Hilltoppers and the New Providence Pioneers football teams have finalized agreements to play a Thanksgiving Day game in 2001.

Over the past several months, officials from both school districts have been working out details that would allow the teams to meet on that date.

Since Summit and New Providence are members of different athletic leagues, a number of other school districts' football schedules had to be adjusted to enable the game to be played.

Summit, a Group 2 school, is a member of the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference and New Providence, Group 1, is situated in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

The 2001 game is scheduled to be played in Summit at Tatlock Field. The game marks a return to a long history of Thanksgiving Day games and a rivalry between the two communities that took place annually from 1965 to 1981 and then again from 1987 to 1990.

Summit leads in the series 11-9, although New Providence has won the last three Thanksgiving Day games.

Both superintendents, Dr. Michael Knowlton of Summit and Dr. Geoff Gordon of New Providence, said that while the renewal of this rivalry is exciting for both communities, plans for future Thanksgiving Day games beyond 2001 between the two teams is contingent upon either league realignment in their respective athletic leagues or implementation of the recently proposed NISAA system of scheduling football games throughout the state.

Since Parsippany Hills moved out of the Hills Division and into the IHC's larger schools for Division for the 2000-2001 school season, Summit has a non-conference game this year against Delaware Valley on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at Tatlock.

Summit has an interesting schedule this year, one that does not include a Thanksgiving Day game. Although the Hilltoppers are opening on Week Zero, Summit will not

get a week off prior to the playoff cutoff date which is Thanksgiving Day.

The Hilltoppers will play on nine consecutive weekends, with their last scheduled regular-season game being at Hanover Park on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. — an annual SAT Saturday.

A playoff game or sectional consolation game will take place the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 11.

Here's a look at Summit's 2000 football schedule:

- SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL Football 2000**
 Sept. 9 Delaware Valley, 1:30
 Sept. 16 Dover, 1:30
 Sept. 23 Mendham, 7:30
 Sept. 29 at Morris Hills, 2:30
 Oct. 7 Weehauk, 1:30
 Oct. 13 at Parsippany Hills, 7:00
 Oct. 21 at West Essex, 1:30
 Oct. 28 Mount Olive, 1:30
 Nov. 4 at Hanover Park, 2:00

The Hilltoppers open with three consecutive home games, the third a night game against Mendham. Summit has five home games in all and the first of four road games will be played on a Friday afternoon in Rockaway against Morris Hills, the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Summit has struggled during its first four seasons in the Hills Division of the IHC, posting an aggregate record of 10-28.

Three of Summit's victories have come against its Thanksgiving opponents as the Hilltoppers won 20-0 at Mendham in 1996, beat the Minutemen 26-20 in overtime at home in 1997 and downed Weehauk 29-19 in Newark in 1998.

Summit went 57-44 in the 1990s (.564) and, as a member of the National Division of the Watchung Conference, qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs for five consecutive seasons from 1991-1995. The Hilltoppers reached the sectional final four consecutive years from 1992-1995 and won the championship in 1993 and 1994.

Summit Lacrosse Club teams stick it to various opponents

The following are Summit Lacrosse Club results:
 Summit 8, West Essex 5 (5th grade): Summit scored the game's final seven goals to post the come-from-behind victory. Scoring for Summit were Terry White, Patrick Darby and Tom Flomont, who found the net twice. Matt McDonough helped set up one of the goals and Brian Wilson made a number of excellent saves in goal. Sam Kenyon showed some great speed clearing the ball out of the defensive end of the field and Granger Jewett provided some hard checks which caused West Essex to turn the ball over.

Mountain Lakes 4, Summit 2 (5th grade): Terry White and Keller Wiedmaier scored, Wiedmaier's goal an excellent behind-the-back shot that got past the Mountain Lakes' goalie. Also playing well for Summit were Brian Wilson and Tony Landis in goal. Sam Kenyon, Eamon Terry, Conor Smith, Connor McKenna, Henry Burchenal and Pat Darby.

Summit 9, Westfield 6 (6th grade): Summit improved to 4-1 with this victory at Washington School in Summit. Justin Oplinger scored twice, while Rob Hillenbrand, Griffin Kern and Charlie Gano found the net once each in the first half for Summit. Casey McGuire, Logan Bartlett, Oplinger and Will Gruetzmacher each had an assist.

Strong support was shown throughout the game by mid-fielders Chris Sniekus, Jeremy McCauley, Davey Weeks and Tom Bell and by attackman Carter Kegeles and Ben Nadler. The powerful defensive team of Mark Kinney, Sean Thomas, Tom Geisel and Michael Keane, with Andrew Bell in goal, kept the Westfield offense to just two goals in the first half.

During the second half, the offense kept the pressure on by scoring four more goals. Two were scored by Oplinger and one each by Gano and Hillenbrand. Assists went to Hillenbrand, Kern and Gano.

Mountain Lakes 11, Summit 3 (6th grade): Mark Garcia and Morgan Griff scored unassisted and Andrew Jones scored off an assist from Kevin Feeney for Summit's only goal at Mountain Lakes. Andy Sigler, Phil Powers, Tod Reynolds and Nick Herbst also played well for Summit.

Chatham 5, Summit 3 (6th grade): Mark Garcia scored two unassisted goals and Gordon Pepe scored off a rebound of a shot by Andrew Jones. Billy Tully played well in goal for Summit and Nick Herbst, Phil Powers, Scott Garibaldi, Scott O'Sullivan and Kevin Feeney also played well.

Summit goes 1-3 in Hopewell Valley Tournament (6th grade): First was a 9-2 loss to Hicksville, N.Y., as Jon Olliverter and Scott O'Sullivan scored. Next was an 11-4 setback to Abingdon, Pa. as O'Sullivan scored three times and Morgan Griff once. Next was a 7-2 loss to Camel Manor, Maryland as Olliverter scored twice. Finally was a 5-2 win over Farmingdale, N.Y., as Kevin Feeney, Griff, Billy Tully, Allegretti and Jones found the net.

Summit 5, Randolph 2 (6th grade): Mickey Swift scored Summit's first goal and then Justin Oplinger the next four as Summit won in the rain in Randolph. Goalie Andrew Bell had a stellar performance in net with several great saves. He was assisted on defense by Tom Geisel, Michael Keane, Mark Kinney and Sean Thomas.

Summit 9, Ridgewood 3 (6th grade): Logan Bartlett scored unassisted and Justin Oplinger off an assist from Casey McGuire to get Summit off to a strong start at Washington School field.

Summit 4, Mountain Lakes 4 (7th grade): This game at Mountain Lakes ended in a tie after two overtimes. Nick Siefkus scored in the first period and Jake Leckey found the net twice in the second for Summit, an assist going to Mike Dugan. Goalie Pete Britt played outstanding.

Dayton baseball eyes 2.1 success

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

The Dayton High School baseball team has improved a great deal this year, sporting a 12-9 record and No. 9 ranking in Union County as of Tuesday. The Bulldogs have already doubled last year's win total and are looking forward to winning in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 state playoffs. Dayton finished 6-13 last year, dropping three of its last four games after not qualifying for the sectional playoffs.

Dayton earned the seventh seed in this year's section and is scheduled to play at second-seeded Cedar Grove in a quarterfinal.

Here's how the section was seeded: 1-Roselle Park, 2-Cedar Grove, 3-Glen Ridge, 4-Boonton, 5-New Providence, 6-North 13th Street Tech, 7-Dayton, 8-Verona, 9-North Warren.

The other three quarterfinals include Verona or North Warren at Roselle Park, New Providence at Boonton and North 13th Street Tech at Glen Ridge. The semifinals and final are scheduled for next week.

In Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play, Dayton split with Roselle Park and defeated New Providence once.

To clinch the state playoff spot, Dayton came back to beat Brearley 10-8 at home in conference play. Senior catcher Lorenzo Williams had a game to remember as his third home run, a three-run shot in the bottom of the seventh, lifted the Bulldogs to the victory on May 11, the day before the cutoff date.

Williams also blasted a two-run home run and a solo shot, connected on a triple and drove in a total of six runs. Brian Berger belted an RBI-triple as Dayton improved to 9-8 with the win and put Brearley at 9-10, thus eliminating Brearley from qualifying in the section.

Dayton went on to beat Newark East Side 12-6 the next day to get in with a 10-8 record. Ian Cordoni slugged a home run, a two-run triple and an RBI-single in the home victory. East Side was one of only two teams, as of Tuesday, who had a victory over one of the state's best teams — Keamy.

Dayton bested Roselle Park 7-3 in Springfield on May 16 as Williams tossed a six-hitter. James Canello blasted a two-run homer and Cordoni had two singles, a double and two RBI.

Adam Slater had a single and a run in a 3-2 loss at Valley Division champion North Plainfield last Thursday.

GL baseball wins state tourney game; GL softball in UCT semis tomorrow

The Governor Livingston High School baseball team has had an interesting season, one that continued after another win on Monday.

The 10th-seeded Highlanders ousted seventh-seeded and host Poquanock 10-6 in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 preliminary-round game in Poquanock.

GL improved to 15-11, winning for the 12th time in its past 14 games after a 3-9 start. The Highlanders will now play at second-seeded Dover in the quarterfinals. The semifinals and final are scheduled for next week. Last year GL, seeded first, beat eighth-seeded Dover 2-1, scoring the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning on an error.

GL has won the section the past two years and last year won the Group 2 state championship for the first time.

Andrew Gropper earned the mound victory over Poquanock, the junior lefthander aided by an 8-0 lead after two innings. Pete Caggiano belted a three-run double and Eric Cantagallo connected on a two-run double.

GL's softball team, winners of two of the past three Union County Tournaments, will face (weather permitting) Westfield tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at Linden's Memorial Field in the first UCT semifinal.

The Highlanders were 18-4 as of Tuesday and winners of 13 of 14 since a 5-3 start.

The second UCT semifinal tomorrow night is fifth-seeded Cranford vs. top-seeded Union. The final is set for Saturday at 5:15 p.m. at Memorial. Union has won the most UCTs with nine and won six in a row from 1991-1996. GL won in 1997 and 1999 and Westfield won its last title in 1998. Cranford has never won the UCT.

Standout senior right-hander Gina Turruell tossed a three-hitter and Heather McDonald drove in three runs to help the Highlanders shut out Randolph 4-0 in Randolph May 17.

GL earned the fourth seed in North 2, Group 2 and will host fifth-seeded West Essex in a quarterfinal. Last year West Essex ended GL's run, beating the Highlanders 5-3 in a sectional semifinal in Berkeley Heights.

Dayton boys' tennis played Mountain Lakes in North 2, Group 1 championship match

The Dayton High School boys' tennis team, 11-1 at the start of the week, was scheduled to play Mountain Lakes Tuesday at Whippany Park in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final.

Dayton, having one of its best seasons ever, is sparked by the play of singles players Felix Mill, Dan Osi and Dan Deloiacono and doubles players Jared Weisman and Sergei Khorochevsky and Chad Freundlich and Chase Freundlich and Brian Sperber.



Photo by Barbara Wagner

Summit High School standout girls' lacrosse player Ali Ballantyne scored three goals to give her 55 on the season as the Hilltoppers bested town rival Oak Knoll 16-8 last Thursday in Summit. Katie Arlington, Emily Gamble, Rachel Krom, Kate Garside and Liz Sheridan had two goals each for Summit, which had a seven-game winning streak snapped by Columbia 11-5 May 13 in South Orange. Liz Gamble had two goals for Summit in that game. Summit will play at Jefferson in the North Jersey, Section B state playoffs.

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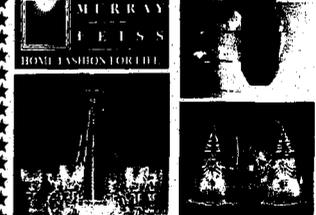
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