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TWO SECTION

Board reviews testing program

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Testing and sleeping are mutually exclusive subjects, but the Springfield Board of Education managed to touch on both at its June 5 conference meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman made the presentations. The standardized testing study was prepared by the Curriculum Advisory Council. The council, which consists of 18 individuals, including 10 teacher representatives, five department chairs and one building principal, has been reviewing the testing program over the course of the last two years.

Results of the study bode badly for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the district's current exam. Given to grades 1

through 3 and 5 through 7, the test, described by Zimmerman as "old," does not keep pace with the district's current curriculum. The council instead unanimously recommended switching to the Terra Nova Test for the 2000-2001 school year, which Zimmerman, described as better aligned.

In a report issued by the council, the Terra Nova was also praised for its ability to align with the three state tests — the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment, the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and the High School Proficiency Test. Subjects that appear on the state tests — reading, language, writing, math, science and social studies — are all covered by the Terra Nova.

The Terra was additionally cited for its "multiple types of assessments," offering, as it does, both multiple choice or selected response items as well as open-ended questions. Zimmerman pointed out that the open-ended questions would result in the test taking longer to be scored, but referred to the extra effort as a "worthwhile investment."

According to the council's report, 150 to 180 school districts have already adopted the Terra Nova, including a number of districts comparable to Springfield in size and structure. As of September 1999, approximately 70 percent of the districts in the state using CTB/McGraw-Hill tests are jumping to the Terra Nova.

Estimated costs for the Terra Nova are \$7,000 for materials and \$12,000 for scoring, which the report described as "well within the budgeted amount."

School hours
Zimmerman also presented the board with a report prepared by the School Hours Committee. The committee, which dealt with issues concerning adolescent sleep patterns and school starting times, is a larger and more diverse group than that of the Curriculum Advisory Council. The committee includes not only teachers, counselors, principals and Board of Education members, but parents and students, and even one member of maintenance personnel.

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Planner pleads for site's rejection

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

Toting enormous computer-generated photo assimilations into the crowded chambers of the Springfield Planning Board, on June 7 the developers of a proposed 96-unit condominium "high-rise" at the former Baltusrol Swim Club attempted to show board members how removing 120 trees to implement their project constitutes "good planning."

"There will be plant material in front of the buildings," Pinnacle Community planning consultant Michael Tobia said. "We're not cutting down trees that we don't have to."

Planning Board members and the mayor responded to the planner's assurances with a plethora of questions and concerns about the overall

visual impact that four proposed three-floor, 24-unit condominium buildings would have on the Township of Springfield.

"When you're digging the foundation, you're going to lose those trees," Mayor Clara Harelik said, referring to one of the photo renderings. "You've given us a state-of-the-art, computer-generated photo assimilation of the project. Is that a state-of-the-art photo of the 120 trees that are going to be removed?" Harelik asked.

Tobia assured the board that all kinds of trees of various sizes would remain on the property and some additional trees would be planted.

"There are trees that are between the concerned property owners and the golf course," Tobia said. "We're not telling you that trees aren't com-

ing down. We represent there will be clearing."

But Board Chairman Richard Colandrea was quick to express his reservations about the number of trees that will remain on the eight-acre site.

"There are a lot of trees that are going to be removed to implement the project. Be realistic," Colandrea told the planning consultant.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Baltusrol Golf Club's attorney, Bruce Ogden, asked, the board for its permission to cross examine planner and architect Warren Bendixen, hired by the club to review the submitted for the proposed Baltusrol Heights project. Bendixen's 15-page report was also submitted into the public record and copies were distributed to each board member.

"The concerns we have at Baltusrol Golf Club are two-fold," Bendixen told the board.

Citing drainage problems and aesthetic reasons, Bendixen explained that increased water flow from the project would exacerbate the present erosion problem in a drainage brook that runs through the golf course property parallel to Shunpike Road.

"The erosion could cause the club to have to do major repairs," Bendixen said.

Bendixen pointed out that most of the trees on the hillside above Shunpike and Wilson roads will be removed to install a detention pond, retaining walls, the buildings themselves and associated parking areas.

"Virtually all of the trees will be

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Fishing friends



Photo By Barbara Nockali

Chilling their feet and angling for fish from the side of a kiddie pool are 6-year-old Kelly Goense, left, and 7-year-old Amelia Wilson. The girls attended the PTA's annual spring festival at Deerfield School in Mountainside on Saturday.

Springfield denied aid

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

When Tropical Storm Floyd passed through Springfield in September, it left behind a bill of about \$2 million. Saddled with significant damage to both its Municipal Building and Municipal Annex, the township turned to the state for help, but that help isn't coming.

To assist with the damage, the township applied to the state for \$400,000 in "extraordinary aid," a special fund established for municipalities under distress. But the township has been turned down, and now the money will have to be found elsewhere.

"We're evaluating what our next step will be," Mayor Clara Harelik said. "After Floyd, we put in for everything we could find, but it's not out of the ordinary no to get everything you ask for," Harelik pointed out that the "original plan" for the \$400,000, if the extraordinary aid fell through, was to take the money out of the township's surplus.

Township Administrator Richard Sheola said in March that the township had "a \$4 million cash on hand," of which \$2.4 million would be used to fund the budget. The \$400,000 would then come out of the \$2.4 million, keeping the township's tax rate at zero. Sheola has previously described Springfield's surplus figure as "very healthy."

In February, it was revealed that Springfield had been without flood insurance for at least 10 years. The township, uninsured during Floyd, has since purchased flood insurance, some of which Harelik said has already come in.

At the time the lack of flood insurance became known, Harelik announced that the township had taken out a bond of \$2 million — the approximate total of the overall damage — to be repaid over a period of five years. Sheola said that \$400,000 plus interest would have to be paid on the bond each year.

In December, Springfield also applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for \$1.38 million. According to Sheola, any FEMA reimbursement would go against the \$2-million bond, meaning that the balance, if one exists, would be paid over the five-year period, an amount certainly less than \$400,000.

Harelik described the FEMA money as "coming in slowly." She pointed out that in March the township received \$77,000 from the county, and, more recently, \$110,000 from the Union County fireholders, which the township has earmarked for two projects: flood-proofing of the Municipal Building and architectural planning for turning the present fire headquarters into a Police Department.

The Police Department, some of whose offices were located in the basement of the Municipal Building, "were severely damaged by high storm waters."

But although the township now has flood insurance, the fact that it was uninsured during the storm might prove a serious obstacle to getting full FEMA reimbursement. Charles McSloy, public assistance officer at the state Office of Emergency Management, told the *Echo Leader* in April that not being insured at the time of the disaster could result in Springfield facing \$1 million in FEMA deductions. The penalty, McSloy pointed out, stems from the fact that Springfield lies in a "100-year flood plain," or "special hazard area," a fact for which the township should have been prepared.

Zero tolerance for dumping in sewers

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Mayor Robert Vigilanti did a little police work last week and reported his experience to the Mountainside Borough Council at its Tuesday night work session.

"We have an ordinance that says you can't use our storm sewers as garbage bins," Vigilanti reminded the council. The mayor happened to be on Central Avenue when he caught sight of a landscaper dumping grass cuttings into a sewer. Vigilanti described the sewer as being filled "to within six inches of the top."

Unsure of the status of the ordinance, Vigilanti called the police and had them make out a report. It was subsequently discovered that fines for such dumping activities involve a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$1,000 for the first offense and a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,000 for the second offense.

Questions abounded as to the cost for cleaning the sewers of debris deposited by landscapers, and although no one had a figure readily available, it was largely agreed that the existing fines are too small.

"If it costs \$250 or so to clean it, then the \$250 fine is too small," Councilman Werner Schor said. Councilman Keith Tuner agreed, saying simply, "\$250 isn't sound like enough," while suggesting that the minimum fine be raised to \$500. Council President Glenn Mortimer

was also in favor of raising the minimum fine, along with a possible confiscation of landscaping equipment for repeat offenders. Vigilanti listened to all opinions, then decided to leave the topic for the time being. He promised, however, to "make an issue" of the subject at Tuesday night's upcoming regular meeting. "I've experienced enough of this," he said. "This is zero tolerance."

Communication towers
The borough's two sentinels, its communication towers, are awaiting a new customer. Omnipoint and Nextel are both reportedly interested, but the borough only contains sufficient space for one. If either company bids \$35,000 or higher on the tower, the result could mean annual revenue of about \$125,000 to the borough.

Vigilanti also suggested the possibility of erecting a third tower if Borough Engineer Michael Disko finds that enough area exists behind Borough Hall. Right now the two towers, 100 feet and 130 feet tall, respectively, contain three carriers, with AT&T the lone occupant of the 100-foot tower and Sprint and Bell Atlantic Mobile the two occupants of the 130-foot tower. The latter tower offers the space for a third carrier. The tops of both towers are also used for communications by the borough's emergency services.

Bids for the remaining space on the tower are due by June 27.

Born to ride



Photo By Barbara Nockali

Two-year-old Connor Dooley takes a pony ride at Deerfield School's annual spring festival in Mountainside Saturday. The PTA-sponsored event featured children's games, rides, crafts and other amusements.

Mountainside Board of Education to implement new curriculum

By John Colock
Staff Writer

When Deerfield students return to school in the fall, they will be doing so with not only a new cafeteria staff, but with curriculum improvements as well.

On Tuesday evening, the Mountainside Board of Education adopted new curriculum guidelines in several subject areas. The board heard a presentation from Deerfield Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish and several faculty members. Keshish led a year-long review of the curriculum process.

According to Keshish, three main curriculum areas will be changed this year. These will be the kindergarten to eighth grade social studies and science curriculum and the sixth through eighth grade language arts curriculum.

Keshish explained to the board that all new curriculum standards will be brought into line with guidelines set up by the State Board of

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— Elizabeth Keshish

Education. She noted that this will include forming the curriculum around the mandatory state testing.

In the area of the sciences, Keshish said the new teaching blueprint will look across the board and show how science will relate to all other subject areas. She also explained the new assessment philosophy of the school district.

"Assessment is not testing alone. Assessment is all means of evaluating knowledge. All instruction should begin with assessment," she said.

Keshish also mentioned to the board that

more group work will be stressed in order to promote assessment.

Deerfield teacher Patricia Dunn explained a typical fifth-grade lesson plan in the sciences to the board. To illustrate her presentation, Dunn showed copies of the new teacher's edition of the text book to many members.

Dunn said that each lesson has many areas of assessment built into the chapters of the book. In addition to this, she noted that group projects are also included in order to better present concepts to the student body.

In the area of social studies, the new Deerfield curriculum will have several areas built into the overall Deerfield experience. These areas will include citizenship, political history, social history, cultural history, geography, the environment and economics.

In anticipation of new state testing standards, the fourth-grade social studies curriculum is being revamped. In the past, fourth-

grade students concentrated on New Jersey history. Starting in September, fourth-grade students will spend the majority of their time on New Jersey, but will also learn about the rest of the United States.

Deerfield teacher Lee Kline said fourth-grade students will still learn about New Jersey's role in the Revolution, state government, Lenape Indians and the state's colonial past. In addition, students will continue to supplement their New Jersey experience by visiting the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Waterloo Village. In addition to this, more will be taught about the remaining areas outside of the state.

"It should be an exciting year for the students and teachers, since there is a life outside of New Jersey," Kline said.

In order to accommodate the new fourth-grade curriculum, third-grade students will begin to learn about New Jersey. Third-grade students should expect to touch upon the Gar-

den State's agriculture, geography and geology.

The new middle school language arts curriculum will include an emphasis on research writing. In addition, students will be expected to use spelling words in their writing assignments. The spelling policy will not only be limited to writing class assignments, it will be enforced in other classes as well. Keshish said that to accommodate this, spelling lists will be distributed to the faculty on a regular basis.

"Students will be held accountable across the curriculum," Deerfield teacher Carol Dietz said of the new spelling policy.

Board member Richard Kress said he was pleased by the new curriculum guidelines and that he was happy that the process was not dictated solely by Keshish and included a lot of faculty involvement.

"I think that it is wonderful to have the staff as a part of the curriculum. It makes me feel proud to be a board member," Kress said.

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STUDENT UPDATE



Michelle Santoro



Barbara Goldstein

Goldstein graduates with honors from Montclair

Barbara Goldstein of Springfield received her bachelor's of science degree in business administration/marketing and management during Montclair State University's 2000 commencement ceremonies held May 22 at Continental Airlines Arena in Rutherford. She graduated magna cum laude and was named to the dean's honor list.

Goldstein was inducted into the college's chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society as well as "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." She is also member and served as treasurer for Epsilon Delta Epsilon National Honor Society for marketing, retailing and international business majors. She was on the executive board of Montclair State University's Marketing Association and served as editor-in-chief of their newsletter, "On Target."

Goldstein was also presented with the Jeannine Lanzarelli Award for Social Marketing, an award given to a student who best demonstrates strong social and community service skills.

Santoro plans to attend Florham-Madison site

A 2000 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Michelle Santoro of Springfield will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison campus this fall. Santoro plans to major in marine biology.

Ciasulli, DeAnna and Oels make dean's list

Mountainside residents James Ciasulli, Elizabeth DeAnna and Jamie Oels were named to Quinnipiac College's dean list for the spring semester. Quinnipiac is a private, coed college in Hamden, Conn.

Rosenhaft and Fishman achieve the dean's list

Denise Rosenhaft, daughter of Ed and Ellen Rosenhaft of Mountainside, and Eric Fishman, son of Sandy and Helene Fishman of Springfield, have achieved the dean's list at Bucknell University for the spring semester.

Harris receives degree from Haverford College

Lesley Harris of Springfield was among 285 students who took part in Haverford College's commencement exercises May 14. The daughter of Joel and Sandy Harris, she was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

Liab named to Brandeis University's dean's list

Adam Michael Liab, son of Martin and Linda Liab of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Brandeis University for his academic achievement for the spring semester.

Mentlik named to dean's list at Colby College

Jacob Mentlik of Mountainside was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Colby College in Maine. The son of William and Judy Mentlik, he is majoring in English and environmental policy.

Schuyler elected to Sigma Xi at Williams

Adam Schuyler of Springfield has been elected as an associate member in Sigma Xi, a national honorary society. Schuyler demonstrated his mathematics research ability through his work at Williams College in Maryland.

Trivett awarded juris doctor degree at Seton

Clayton G. Trivett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Trivett of Springfield, was awarded the juris doctor degree at the recent commencement of Seton Hall University School of Law. He has accepted a commission to the Naval Judge Advocate General's Corps beginning in September.

While attending the School of Law, Trivett coached varsity baseball and football at Jonathan Dayton High School.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Friday
• Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, hosts a special presentation at 8:30 p.m. called "D'ni Mizvah In Cherkassy: Rebirth of Yiddishkeit in the Ukraine."
Lori Kinghoffer will present her impressions of a first-time ever MetroWest women's mission she led to Cherkassy, Ukraine during Shabbat.
For more information, call the temple office at (973) 376-0539.

Monday
• The Springfield Environmental Commission meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.
• The Springfield Board of Education meets for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents "The Johnson Story" at noon in its continuing luncheon time video series: "Hollywood Movies: Old and New."
Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch to the show. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call the library at (973) 376-4030.
• The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Springfield Board of Adjustment meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming events
June 25
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, will host two planetarium shows. At 2

p.m., children 6 years old and older can learn about the affects the moon has on tides and slowing down the Earth's rotation. At 3:30 p.m., children between the ages of 4 and 6 years old can ring and clap along to the "Planet Song" while learning about our home, the Earth. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.
June 26

• Registration will begin for the Mountainside Public Library's summer reading program. This year the summer reading club's theme is "Book a Trip Through Time," highlighting reading through the millennium. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to register.
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.

June 27
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

June 29
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet for an executive session at 7 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Clausen Administration Complex.
Ongoing
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call (973) 912-2227.
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 11 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-4030.

Students receive awards from county vo-tech

More than 150 students, including several Mountainside and Springfield residents, were honored for outstanding performances during the annual awards night held recently at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools. This was the 26th edition of the ceremonies which traditionally take place prior to graduation in June.

In addition to plaques denoting their achievements, the honorees were awarded scholarships as well as checks in varying amounts. The funds were obtained through contributions from business and industry in the area as well as special events run by the UCVTs Awards Committee.

Making the presentations were Charles Mancuso, president of the

UCVTs Board of Education, Gail Immatteo, vice president, and board member Jane Lorber.
Heinz Ricken, coordinator of special projects, serves as chairman of the UCVTs Awards Committee, which includes Immatteo and Lorber.

Students receiving outstanding achievement program awards, mathematics awards, science awards and national vocational-technical honor society.

Automotive Technology: Massimo Lepore of Springfield, Outstanding Achievement Program Award.
Baking: Aaron Minkov of Springfield, Outstanding Achievement Prog-

Clerk's Office has election brochures

The Office of the County Clerk has issued a 2000 election dates brochure as a public information service to residents in Union County. The brochure is available free at area public libraries, Keane University Library, Union County College Library, municipal clerk offices, local board of education offices and at the Offices of County Clerk located in Elizabeth and Westfield.

This year an absentee ballot appli-

cation has been added to the brochure to ease the process for those voters who will be unable to go to their polling place due to school, work or health commitments.
The tear-off application for an absentee ballot must be sent to the County Clerk, postmarked no later than seven days prior to a school board, primary or general election.
In addition to dates, filing deadlines, and the absentee application, other important resources are included in the brochure including the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, the Union County Board of Elections and New Jersey Division of Elections.
Residents also may obtain a copy of the brochure by calling the County Clerk's Office at (908) 527-4787.
Union County election dates and absentee ballot applications are available on the clerk's website.

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Governor Livingston senior aces her SATs

By John Celock
Staff Writer

Who wants to get a 1600 on her SATs? The final answer is: Allison Pieja of Governor Livingston High School.

Pieja, a senior at GLHS, received a perfect score on her college admissions test after two tries. The first time she took the test she received a score of 800 on the math section. On her second try she received 800 on the verbal section. The SAT testing company tallied the scores together for her to receive the perfect score.

"The schools I was looking at were competitive and it helped to have a high SAT score," Pieja said of her reasoning behind trying for the perfect score.

Pieja took her first stab at the test in March of last year. Her second attempt was in May of the same year.

"I admit to not having done much to prepare for the SAT. Pieja did not take a review class for the exam and she says that she did not study in advance of her first crack at the test.

Before she took the test the second time, Pieja said she studied her vocabulary in order to raise her verbal score from 760 to 800.

During her four-year career at Governor Livingston, Pieja said most of her focus has been on sciences. This year she is enrolled in AP Chemistry

and AP Physics and last year she took AP Biology.

In addition, she has also taken AP History, AP Economics, AP Calculus, two years of AP English and AP French. Pieja has also been a member of the band class.

"My sciences were my electives. I took an early morning gym class so that I could fit it all in," Pieja said.

Prior to starting to take AP classes in her junior and senior year, Pieja said that she concentrated on the honors track of the classes.

"In a lot of my classes, AP courses were a natural progression. AP helps you prepare a lot for college," she said.

As for her college choice, Pieja will be enrolling at Princeton University next year to study engineering.

"I really liked the campus. They have a solid engineering reputation and a good liberal arts program as well. I will not get a one-sided education there. All of the students live on campus also, and I like that," Pieja said of her decision to attend Princeton.

Pieja applied to Princeton in the early acceptance category and was notified of her acceptance in December. Because she committed to Princeton at that time, she did not apply to other schools. If she had applied to other schools, Pieja said she would have concentrated on the other Ivy League colleges.

As for the field of engineering she will pursue, Pieja said that she has not made a final decision. She said Princeton will not require her to make the choice for about a year. She did note that she is leaning toward chemical engineering right now.

"I am looking to study engineering right now, since I'm looking to the sciences and math," Pieja said, noting that she preferred a hands-on profession to one which is more research oriented.

Pieja said that for her entire educational career she has been more focused on the math and science areas of the curriculum.

"I like the problem-solving aspects. It is interesting, and I like figuring things out. In history, you need to memorize the facts; in math you can figure it out for yourself," she said.

Outside of her academic interests, Pieja has taken an active role in the extracurricular life of Governor Livingston. She is a trumpet player in the marching band, a member of the winter and spring track teams, co-president of the Future Business Leaders of America, co-president of the French Club, co-captain of the Science Olympiad and an executive board member of the National Honor Society.

Pieja has been honored as a National Merit Finalist and as an Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, the winner of the Bausch and Lomb Sci-

ence Award, the Rensselaer Science Award, the Berkeley Heights League of Women Voters Citizenship Award, the Mercer State Science Day Award and several FBLA regional awards. She also earned a spot on the First Team of the Worrall Whiz Kids, featured in the second section of this edition.

Last summer, Pieja attended the Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University. While at Governor's School, she worked with other students from throughout the state on several group projects.

Pieja said she looks back on her four years at Governor Livingston fondly and she thinks that the school gave her a good base for the rest of her life.

"I think it is a really good school. They have some really good teachers in the math and sciences. In general, it is a good school at compared to other places," Pieja said of Governor Livingston.

Shenan Edgren serves as Pieja's guidance counselor at the high school. She said it has been a delight to work with Pieja this year. Edgren is new to the school this year.

"She is a wonderful student who has been instrumental in our winning of science olympiads. All of her teachers talk about her being a mature thinker who has original ideas," Edgren said.



Accredited with a perfect SAT score, Governor Livingston High School senior Allison Pieja admits she did not take a review class or study for her first crack at the test.

Call me, call me



Eight-year-old Stephanie DeMolla raises her hand to express her ideas about the future content of Weekly Reader magazine. The national children's magazine publisher visited third-graders at Deerfield School in Mountainside recently.

Short Hills Avenue residential parking established

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee met Tuesday afternoon and brought their youthful government shadows with them.

Students from Gaudineer Middle School, accompanied by their social studies teacher Merle Murphy and Principal Dennis McCarthy, sat in with the Township Committee. All committee seats were filled, including the mayor's, with students occupying all the primary township positions, right through township administrators, attorney, clerk and treasurer. Students were even selected to represent the fire and police departments.

Jon Denning, Boris Pivtorak, Lauren Ginsberg and Carol Rodriguez, occupied seats usually held by Sy Mullman, Steven Goldstein, Roy Hirschfeld and Gregory Clarke. Marie Samson served the township as mayor, with Michael Mohr as administrator, Aviad Haime Cohen as attorney and Catherine Andratsko as clerk. Justin Molinari sat in on the meeting with Fire Chief William Gras and Steven Tetamanti with Police Chief William Chisholm. Jaclyn Berkowitz and Adam Shai represented the roles of Treasurer and Recreation Director respectively.

According to McCarthy, the students were chosen as the result of a non-mandatory essay-writing competition. Students are asked to write on two themes: significant leadership qualities and their own personal vis-



Gaudineer Middle School students Michael Mohr and Marie Samson play the roles of township administrator and mayor, respectively, at Tuesday afternoon's Springfield Township Committee meeting. The actual administrator, Richard Sheola, and Mayor Clara Harelik were shadowed by their youth counterparts for the duration of the meeting.

ions for the future of Springfield.

"Your essays were optimistic and positive," Hirschfeld said. "You focused on the community, on what Springfield means to you, on the environment and on communication — a quality that's dear to me and to the mayor also."

The tone of the meeting, not surprisingly, was complimentary and non-contentious. Among the business, the committee voted to approve an ordinance establishing resident permit parking in the Short Hills Avenue area, a subject that has been talked about repeatedly over the course of the last few months. The vote was scheduled to be taken at the committee's last regular meeting, but neighbors of Tulip Road, one of the streets included in the permit parking region, asked to be released, necessitating an amendment to the ordinance and another vote.

The ordinance now includes Short Hills Avenue, Crest Place, Park Lane and Spring Brook Road. Parking issues were first brought to the com-

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Develop relationship with your father

When Father's Day arrives Sunday, many of us will be making special visits to our dads. We will take them to dinner or a sporting event, bring them a card and present or try to do something else special to mark this occasion.

There are many ways to celebrate the bonds between fathers and their children. Father's Day first began in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Wash., who wanted her father to know how special he was to her. Henry Jackson Smart had raised Dodd after her mother died. Because Dodd's father was born in June, she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in that month. It was not until 1924 that Father's Day was declared a national holiday by President Calvin Coolidge.

While this day offers us an opportunity to repay our fathers for everything they have done for us during our lives, it is also important to try and maintain a strong connection and good relationship with them throughout the year.

With an increase in the divorce rate and the growth of nontraditional families, the role of fathers is more important than ever. In addition to working to put a roof over our heads, clothes on our backs and food in our mouths, they provide the example of how we should work hard and apply ourselves in every aspect of our lives.

As we become adults, the relationship with our fathers naturally changes. We become more independent, and they may come to rely on us for assistance. Instead of a role reversal, we should look upon this as an opportunity to become equals and better friends.

There are many simple ways to retain and improve the bond with our fathers — simple visits and conversations, day trips or just watching a ballgame or a movie with them.

Some people wait until it is too late to tell their fathers how important they are in their lives. Those of us who still have our fathers with us should cherish them, not only on Father's Day, but every day of the year.

Graduation time of reflection

Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield and Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights will graduate another class of seniors within the next week.

The graduating seniors from both schools will go on to another phase of life.

Graduation is a time to look back on all the fond memories, friends and learning experiences that high school life has offered.

It is a time to remember those people, experiences and places that have shaped and molded your life as such an impressionable age.

The key to the future lies in the past.

However, graduation should also be a time to look forward.

The future is open like an unwritten book before these students.

And although high school may have been a great time in their life, it is hopefully not the best.

Hopefully, there will be many more good times to come, more places to explore, more knowledge to gain, and people to meet.

What they learn in high school is just a stepping stone to the greater wisdom they will gain through life's experiences.

What they fill the pages of the book of life with is mostly up to them, and somewhat dependent on circumstances and environment.

We encourage graduates to fill the book with chapters of love and wisdom, joy and compassion, and a thirst for knowledge.

We encourage them to stand their ground as an individual, share their knowledge and let their opinions be known.

Make each word count with carefully placed choices.

See each new day with fresh insight and renewed hope.

And they always should remember that in life, they sometimes make the mistake first, and learn the lesson afterward.

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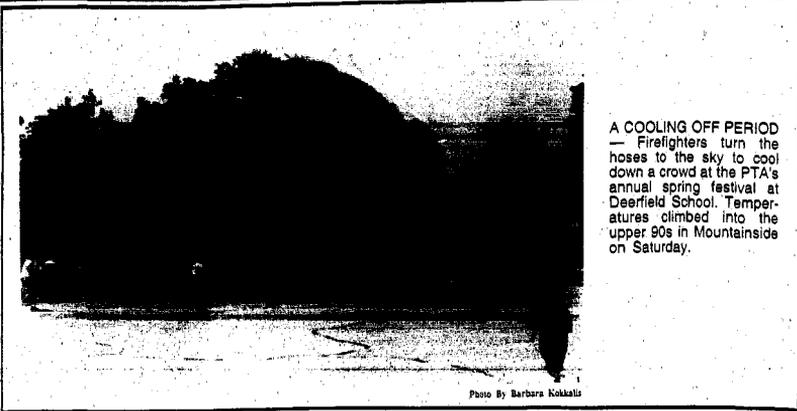


Photo By Barbara Kokalis

A COOLING OFF PERIOD — Firefighters turn the hoses to the sky to cool down a crowd at the PTA's annual spring festival at Deerfield School. Temperatures climbed into the upper 90s in Mountainside on Saturday.

It's time to save your lifeline, Springfield

Sadly, one of the township's most relied upon public services is facing dire straits.

After 50 years of aiding the citizens of Springfield with pre-hospital emergency care, the First Aid Squad is teetering on the brink of financial disaster. It is possible that by December, the squad's books could enter the red despite the Township Committee's recent decision to come to the squad's rescue with \$35,000 in additional funds to keep it operational through the end of the year.

How did this happen to such a stable entity in our community? The squad's president and the squad's captain both say it has much to do with fair to poor fund drive results and low membership drive yields.

Financial stability is key to any organization, especially a non-profit one that operates entirely on private funds and requires no tax dollars of any kind. Two fund drives a year provide vital donations from local residents and businesses, allowing the squad to purchase its state-of-the-art equipment and supplies.

But during the last few years, donations have dwindled — especially those from local businesses. That's downright disappointing and shocking, considering the number of business-based calls the First Aid Squad responds to throughout the year. It's no secret that the daytime population of the township swells each day because of the number of employees who work in Springfield's industrial and retail businesses. And, unfortunately, the squad, like many other volunteer squads across the state, is experiencing a severe shortage of manpower during the daytime hours.

Once consisting of a staff of more than 60, the squad now oper-

ates with only 25 active members and a handful of high school age cadets. As the community's primary medical service, the squad provides free care to the township's 14,000 people 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Last year, the squad answered more than 1,200 calls and provided mutual aid to five other municipalities.

Staffing of ambulances on a 24-hour basis has been a challenge for the squad in recent years, particularly during weekdays. Due to the consistent shortage of manpower, the First Aid Squad has been forced to contract two part-time paid EMTs to staff the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. shifts on Thursdays and Fridays. Their combined salaries have tacked an additional \$45,000 onto the squad's already crippled budget.

Volunteers are desperately needed to donate their time — only 12 hours a week and one Saturday or Sunday per month. No experience is necessary and EMT training, uniforms and papers are free. The squad even began an innovative observer program a few years ago to offer prospective members the opportunity to ride along on emergency calls to see if the work suits them.

If the squad is going to remain in existence, it's going to need a voluntary and monetary commitment from the people it has unconditionally served without charge for the past five decades. Six weeks ago, the squad mailed its spring fund drive forms to every household and business in Springfield. The results have been fair, at best, according to squad Capt. Liz Fritzen.

We encourage the people of Springfield to pull their resources together to save their own precious lifeline to the hospital. To volunteer for the Springfield First Aid Squad, call (973) 376-0400.

The squad is important community staple

Picture this: You can't breathe. Or this: Your child is bleeding uncontrollably.

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I'm sure those of you who read this newspaper last week are aware that the First Aid Squad is having some financial difficulties. The number of daytime volunteers is not at all where it should be, and as a result, the squad has been put in the position of having to hire a pair of EMS technicians to handle some hours. On top of all the regular expenses — the bandages, the oxygen, everything — the squad is now paying for these two outside pro-

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

professionals. What the daytime situation would be without them is anybody's guess.

This is a sorry state of affairs, folks. No good. Your volunteer First Aid Squad is as important to your township as the Fire Department or the Police Department. They're a key part of the emergency service picture. You may not need them now, but you might someday. The "out of sight, out of mind" approach, in this case at least, is a grievously wrong one.

Last week in this column, I wrote about the Church Mall parking lot and the Township Committee's discussions about reinstalling meters because of drivers who are leaving their cars there all day. Last week's theme is approximately the same as this week's: Give someone a service for free, and they'll abuse themselves right out of it.

The obvious difference here is, the township can live without a free Church Mall parking lot. It can't survive nearly as well without a volunteer first aid squad.

The Township Committee realizes the gravity of the situation, and has agreed, unanimously, to supply the squad with \$35,000 in assistance. But \$35,000 isn't the full answer to the problem — and this is everyone's problem.

It's not to be expected that the peo-

ple of Springfield should know the financial status of the First Aid Squad, but when the organization makes its plea for donations, the citizenry would do well to listen and act. I'm sure a reasonable number of people who've benefited from the First Aid Squad's services have later made their own contributions. For those of you who have, that's wonderful. For those of you who've received medical services from the First Aid Squad and later ignored its fund-raising communications, shame. And for those of you who don't contribute to the squad's coffers because you've been lucky enough not to have their defibrillator used on you, try to make yourselves aware of the fact that you can fall down the stairs, or develop a sudden dizziness, or injure your neck in a car accident just about any time.

Picture this: No First Aid Squad.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for your fair coverage

To the Editor:
I want to thank the *Echo Leader* and staff writer Joe Lugara for the coverage of the resignation of Coach Sep at the last Springfield Board of Education meeting. After reading his story, the best compliment one could give is he reported exactly the message I wanted to convey.

There are, however, additions that I feel must be made. I want to thank board members Jacqueline Shanes, Stephen Fishbein, Benito Stravino and Linda Duke. Although they were unable to change the outcome, they demonstrated a caring and commitment to making positive changes for the future.

Finally, I think that there should be a push by all to allow public input and attendance at athletic committee meetings so an outrage such as this does not continue in Springfield.

Dr. David Hollander
Springfield

Program recognizes drug abuse

To the Editor:
This past school year, the Union County Prosecutor's Office presented a program called "Family to Family" to various high schools and middle schools throughout Union County. The program was presented in Westfield, Clark, Garwood, Summit, Roselle Park, Union, Springfield and Berkeley Heights.

The program, presented in the evening commencing at 7:30 p.m. and lasting approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours, begins with a brief discussion of the dangers of drugs and the new "Drugs of choice," such as "Ecstasy" and other designer

drugs. After these opening remarks, the panelists, who are teen-agers from Day-Ton New Jersey, a Mendham-based substance abuse treatment facility, and their parents are asked to take their seats.

The panelists sit in the audience prior to the program so when they approach the stage it delivers a visual message to the audience that students and parents who look like themselves or their neighbors can be affected by drug and/or alcohol abuse. After the panelists have taken their seats on the stage, they present their stories in a very candid and straightforward manner. The students explain how they first became involved in drugs and how easy it is to obtain drugs.

The parents speak about the signs of drug abuse and how they erred by looking the other way and saying, "not my child, not my town." They also tell how their child's addiction has changed their lives and the lives of other members of the family. They address what parents can do to prevent this from happening in their family.

The success in ensuring attendance at this program lies in the involvement and commitment of the school district and the community. Unfortunately, sometimes it takes a tragedy such as an overdose-related death to focus attention on drug abuse among our young. That is why I have recommended this program to every school district.

Although I write this letter in my official capacity as the Union County Prosecutor, I also write as parent of high school students. "Family to Family" was not only able to better recognize drug abuse in their children but will also educate our children how such abuse can adversely impact their lives.

Thomas V. Manahan
Union County Prosecutor

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Dr. Andrew Bear and Robin Steckler

Steckler betrothed to Bear

Mrs. Gail Steckler Caprio of Mountaineer and Mr. Henry Steckler of Milford, Conn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Robin Heather Steckler, to Dr. Andrew Scott Bear, son of Mr. Fred Bear of South Orange and the late Teena Bear. Ms. Steckler is also the stepdaughter of Mr. Michael Caprio.

Ms. Steckler, a 1989 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, received a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1993. She is employed as a management consultant and is pursuing an MBA degree from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

Dr. Bear is a 1987 graduate of Columbia High School in Maplewood and received his bachelor's degree from Rutgers College in 1991. Dr. Bear received his doctorate of podiatric medicine in 1995 from Temple University and completed residency training at Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center in 1997. He is now in private practice in Belleville and Secaucus. The couple will be married Aug. 5. After the wedding, the couple will reside in Madison.

HEALTH

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: July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

First Aid Squad begins annual drive

Prepare now for emergencies. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad reminds residents that they are an important link in providing emergency

medical services to the township. Just the few simple following steps can make all the difference in the world:

- Remember to post emergency numbers on each phone.
- Learn first aid and CPR.

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

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

RECREATION

Tennis badges required

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

The badges are available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, from 9 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once you obtain the ID, it will be validated year after year with no other charge.

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

Golf memberships are available at Rec Dept.

The Springfield Recreation Department announces they now have memberships available to the Par 3 Golf Course in Millburn.

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

The membership are on a first-come, first-served basis and are available at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, Monday through Friday from 9 to 4 p.m.

Applicants must bring in a photo to be put on the golf membership card. For more information, call (973) 912-2227.

After-school child care registration started

Registration for the Springfield YMCA Afterschool Child Care program for the 2000-01 school year is underway.

The YMCA provides quality child care at its state-licensed program for children in grades K to 6 who attend Springfield and Millburn public schools. New this year is a Pre-K

Wrap Around program for children attending the half-day pre-kindergarten program at Walton School.

YMCA child care provides opportunities and experiences that stimulate children's physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. The program is designed to allow children to explore and learn at their own pace. Activities include art projects, games, swimming, science, homework and more.

Morning and afternoon care is available. Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs. Space is limited, be sure to register early.

For more information, call Magie Bauman at the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

YMCA offers full-day camp for students

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

Under the direction of Steve Korba, youth program director, YMCA camp encourages children to make friends, enjoy sports and games, learn to swim, create projects and more. The core YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are emphasized through activities that help children build confidence and self-esteem.

Registration is currently underway at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Camp runs for eight one-week sessions beginning June 26. Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs.

For more information, call Korba at the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Painting with theorems



Using stencils, Deborah Bailey of the historic Miller-Cory House Museum shows fourth-graders at Sanderlier School in Springfield how the technique of stenciling can be applied to theorem painting.

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Mountainside cops make four arrests

Mountainside
 Mountainside police arrested Albert Brooks of South Plainfield on June 5 for several motor vehicle violations. He was stopped at a routine road check for failure to wear a seat belt, according to police reports. Police also discovered that he had a suspended driver's license and had warrants pending in Paramus and South Plainfield. He was being held on \$250 bail.

• On June 11, Mountainside police stopped Luis Medina of North Plainfield on Route 22 West. He was stopped for failure to maintain lanes. He was alleged to be driving while intoxicated and arrested, according to police reports.

• On June 5, Sanford Daniels of

FIRE BLOTTER

East Orange was stopped at a routine road check on Route 22 East. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

• On June 3, Wilbert Flores of Mountainside was arrested while a passenger in a car traveling on Route 22 East. He was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage under the legal age, police said.

Springfield
 • A vehicle belonging to a resident of Painted Post, N.Y., was stolen from the parking lot of the Holiday Inn on Route 22 West Monday. The vehicle included a number of personal items, including some chrome wheels valued

at \$2,100.

• A 1991 BMW belonging to a Florham Park resident was stolen from the JMK dealership on Route 22 East June 10. At 10:50 p.m., employees of Bennigan's on Route 22 West supplied Springfield police with a partial license plate number from a vehicle occupied by two white males who had run out of the restaurant without paying a \$31.10 check.

• On June 9, an employee of Bob's Stores reported the shoplifting of a pair of Timberland boots valued at \$150.

• A Linden Avenue resident reported two crates of cooking and dining-related items stolen from a storage unit on June 6. The objects were reportedly worth thousands of dollars.

Welcome to the jungle



Sixth-graders in Carol Deets' classroom at Deerfield School, from left, back row, Lyndsay Thomas, Hali Alpert, Tess Perrin, Jocelin Thau and, front row, Noelle Gostyla, Ana Lopez and Andrew Gennaro now have a big long-armed orangutan named Boomer to keep them company while reading and taking tests. The Unity Bank in Clinton recently donated the \$400 stuffed animal for Deets' jungle-themed classroom.

Spider, spill beckon department

Springfield
 • The Springfield Fire Department responded to the intersection of Henshaw and Franklin on Saturday for a motor vehicle accident with a spill. One call for an activated smoke detector was also answered.

• An early morning medical service call sent the department to an Ashwood Road residence June 9.

• All units responded to a Route 22 West business for a water flow alarm June 8. Two medical service calls were also handled.

• A gas grill fire at a Colonial Terrace residence was handled by the department June 7. An odor of gas, a downed wire and two medical service calls were also placed.

• The department sent a ladder

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truck to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Mutual Aid June 6. One, medical service call and one motor vehicle accident completed the day's business.

Mountainside
 • The borough's fire department responded to a Route 22 office at 8:45 a.m. Monday on a report of a smoke condition. The smoke was caused by an air conditioning motor. No injuries were reported. At 2:30 p.m., a broken water pipe at an assisted living facility on Route 22 touched off the building's alarm. Two rooms, including a laundry room, were damaged by water.

• A Ford Explorer, fully involved

in flames, was extinguished by the department at the Loews Theater parking lot on Route 22 June 11.

• A mischievous spider got into a fire alarm at Children's Specialized Hospital June 9, activating the device at 1:45 a.m. The spider was removed.

• A New Providence Road homeowner fell asleep on June 9 while cooling at 11:21 p.m. and woke to find the house full of smoke. The department used two fans to ventilate the structure.

• Smoke from a heating unit sent firefighters to a Route 22 gas station June 8.

• A report of smoke in a Knightbridge Road residence, a downed tree and power line on Summit Road and one activated smoke detector kept the department busy on June 6.



Freshman Julia Stravato and Sean Frank practice their CPR techniques at the Student Emergency Response team training class at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Churches to sponsor a Can-Do-Kids project

The Springfield Presbyterian and the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist churches are turning Church Mall into a clubhouse for "Can-Do-Kids" this summer.

Club Can-Do-Kids will see how children just like themselves fulfilled God's plan in Biblical times. Children from 3 years old through the sixth grade can join the club for Can-Do stories, Can-Do songs, Can-Do crafts and Can-Do fun.

Club meetings will be held at both

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churches on Church Mall from July 24 to 28 from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$5 per child and \$10 maximum per family.

For information, call (908) 245-6244 or (973) 379-4320.

Summer school is set for June 26 to July 25
 If you're looking for challenge, adventure and creativity this summer, the Springfield Summer School is the place to be.

The summer session will run from June 26 to July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily.

For enrollment or additional information, call Nicholas Corby at Sandmeier School at (973) 379-3420.

Seats available for trip
 The Springfield Senior Citizens have announced that there are seats available for an upcoming trip to Ellis Island on Sept. 25. The price will be \$25 a person, and a lunch should be brought by each participant.

The seniors will leave Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall in Springfield, at 9 a.m. and return approximately at 5 p.m.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
 EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH — "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE," 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Bible school for all ages. Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Nursery care — 5:30-7:00 p.m. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11: 6:00 p.m. Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 p.m. Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior-Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wine-Water Music Program. Super Senior 3rd Thursday at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Child Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
 TEMPLE BETH ARIEL 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-9239. Mark Wallach, Rabbi. Richard Madel, Cantor. Paul M. Pesner, President. Beth Ariel is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m. Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset. Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and Pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM
 TEMPLE SHARAY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Educator; Director; Nina Grossman, Pre-School Director; Murray Bell, President. Temple Sh'aray Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choirs, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with weekly Family Services at 7:30 PM.

Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-5. Adult Bible study and Thursday evenings for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post-bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN
 HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 01008 201-379-5225. Fax: 201-379-5887. Joel R. Yost, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek Lenten, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 222 Commonwealth Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kirsch, Pastor, (908) 222-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 9, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available, Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST
 THE SPRINGFIELD EMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in our spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Services start at 10:30 A.M. with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Services of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Youth Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other

opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markay at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m., the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose" and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshment, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week." Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908-277-1700.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL
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ROMAN CATHOLIC
 THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-716-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07991. 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 3:30 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM antiphonal Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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Student emergency team forms

At Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, when one has a medical emergency, the school nurse is called to assist. The school nurse now has some help in the form of the Jonathan Dayton Student Emergency Response Team, or JD-SERT.

The student response team was the brainchild of Dr. Charles Serson, who after being the only one to respond to a school employee who suffered a cardiac arrest last year, felt that a response team would be a good thing for the high school to have.

"I got the Springfield First Aid Squad to donate a jump kit and a group of kids who were interested," Serson said. "All that was missing was the training and the organization."

When Barry Bachemier was hired as the district social studies supervisor in September, he volunteered to help Serson get the team off the ground. Bachemier is a certified CPR and First Aid instructor in addition to being an EMT and paramedic for the past 15 years.

After soliciting students who were interested, a training class was conducted to train students in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Basic First Aid. Bachemier donated his time to instruct the students after school and each was furnished with a mini first aid kit and a CPR mask to carry with them.

"The students are now fully certified by the American Red Cross and some have expressed interest in gaining EMT certification," Bachemier said.

Students will take turns being "on-duty" and will respond as needed to medical emergencies that may arise. Sometimes they might be first on the scene until more qualified help arrives. Whether they are stabilizing a patient, keeping crowds back, showing a teacher what to do, or showing an ambulance or fire crew where to go in the building, the student volunteers of JD-SERT, under the direction of Serson and Bachemier, will be a valuable addition to the school.

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Grover elected to Jewish Historical Society post

Warren Grover, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Mount West, announced the election of Joseph A. Horowitz of Mountside to its board of trustees at the annual meeting held this week.

Horowitz has been an active volunteer at JHS since 1997. He is a graduate of New York University and NYU School of Law and practiced law in Newark and Perth Amboy for 46 years, the last 10 years as partner in

Horowitz and Horowitz, with his son, Victor.

He served as Municipal Court Judge in Springfield, where he resided for 29 years. He was a former president of the Trial Lawyers Association of Middlesex County, N.J. and also served as president of the NYU Alumni Association.

Horowitz is an avid musician, playing the piano for more than 50 years.

He also has played the organ and served for a short time as the organist at Temple Sha'Arei Shalom in Springfield, where he has been a member for almost 40 years.

Retired in 1999, he is presently chairman of the Speakers Committee of SCORE. He is married to wife Patricia, has two children, Victor of Warren and Judy of South Orange, and four grandchildren.

Headed for new frontiers



The Mountside Rotary Club recently sponsored a bicycle collection at Deerfield School. Members of Mountside's club and the Rotary Interact Club of Governor Livingston High School collected 46 bikes which will be sent overseas via the Pedals for Progress program to benefit the working poor in underdeveloped nations.

Summer reading program registration June 26

Registration for the Mountside Public Library's summer reading program for all school-age children and preschoolers will begin June 26.

This year, the summer reading club's theme is "Book a Trip Through Time," highlighting reading through the millennium. Bookmarks, stickers, prizes and certificates add to the fun of summer reading. School-age children may participate independently, while preschoolers are invited to share reading experiences with mom, dad or book-loving friends.

The Grand Finale Celebration will be Aug. 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the library to honor the participants with reading

certificates, along with "Funny Man" Ed O'Neill, who will create balloon friends for each child.

The Mountside Public Library will also offer summer storytime and craft sessions Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. from June 29 through Aug. 3. Storytime and craft sessions are for kindergarten through fourth grade students. Summer bedtime stories will be shared Tuesdays at 7 p.m. from July 11 through Aug. 1. Bedtime stories are being offered for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old, accompanied by an adult parent or caregiver.

All programs are open to Mountside residents only and require registration.

New officers are installed by Mountside Foothill Club

The Foothill Club, a community service group in Mountside, conducted its installation luncheon May 4 at B.G. Fields.

The new officers installed were:

President Ruth Goense, Vice President Iris Ubig, Recording Secretary Marie Harrison, Corresponding Secretary Constance Hontos, and Acting Treasurer Ruth Goense.

The Foothill Club donates funds to the Mountside Rescue Squad, the Hatfield House, the Volunteer Firemen and Community Volunteer Fund.

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"Since we sell exclusively Isuzu trucks, we're experts on them. We have enormous product knowledge of trucks and bodies, which we share with our customers," Veli says.

Setting a truck isn't like selling a car. It is not a matter of paint colors and interior upholstery. Rather, it's a matter of whether you want an 11,000 or 33,000-gross truck.

Veli says the secret to matching the right truck to the right customer is in learning what the customer intends to use the truck for.

"It takes a long time to sell a truck because it's more involved. A truck like this is a big expense, and the customers are going to be in the truck a long time. We want them to be comfortable," he says.

Hall & Fuhs keeps 20 Isuzu trucks in stock, representing various gross vehicle weights and wheel bases. Prices start under \$25,000 for a van body with gas and automatic transmission.

The newest truck on the lot is the 2000 model with a bigger, 175 HP diesel engine and a new automatic transmission.

"It's 175 horsepower rather than 125. That plus the new transmissions makes it a totally different truck. It gained better fuel economy and engine life. Isuzu says you can go up to 350,000 miles before it needs an overhaul if it's maintained properly," Veli says.

Like the entire truck line, the new model features a cab-over design that enables lighter turns than most domestic vehicles.

The 2000 model with a 109-inch wheel base will make a turn 7 feet tighter than a Ford Mustang Cobra. Another convenient feature is the ability to put up to a 20-foot body on a smaller truck. Ford and other makers accommodate up to 16-foot bodies.

Isuzu is the only Japanese-imported truck to offer gas and diesel engines. The gas engine is 250 HP and costs thousands of dollars less than the diesel. It is ideal for someone who needs a work truck but won't put a lot of miles on it each year. It's one of the many advantages Isuzu offers its customers," Veli says.

Hall & Fuhs has been matching trucks to owners in the tri-state area since 1928. Its reputation was so good that when Joseph Costigan bought the dealership in 1959, he kept the name.

Now, three generations of Costigans are involved with the dealership. Joseph's son, Tom, is president, and Tom's son, Brian, is the dealership's parts manager. Another son, Riley, works in the parts department.

The Costigans have lived up to the reputation established by the dealership's founders by providing high-quality trucks and expert service. Hall & Fuhs' service department staffed by ASE-certified mechanics, most of whom have been with the company for more than 15 years. An extensive inventory and excellent distribution support from Isuzu means parts are always available. The service department maintains and repairs all types of commercial trucks, foreign and domestic.

Business is good for Hall & Fuhs. Veli says sales have increased every year. As they have for the Isuzu company as a whole.

"Company sales are up 80 percent from last year," he says. "This has been our best year ever, and Isuzu has been the number-one selling commercial import truck for the 15 years they've been in the U.S."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

the approvals granted to the Applicant at a Special Planning Board meeting on May 18, 2000. Said approval has been filed in the Office of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield and is available for inspection.
Richard C. Sherman, Esq.
SHERMAN & SHERMAN, LLP
Springfield, NJ 07081
US9376 ECL June 15, 2000 (\$20.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Township of Springfield hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder whose proposal, in the Township's judgment, meets the requirements. The Bid will be valid for a period of 75 days from the last opening of bids. By Order of the Township Administrator.
Township Administrator:
US9376 ECL June 15, 2000 (\$20.75)



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Successfully stenciling their first apples are, from left, Carissa Clark, Jaclyn Ricci, Stephen Wortman, Adam Frank, Seth Benzell, Nate Sobel, Daniel Diococo and Christopher Bocket. Sandmeier fourth-graders recently learned about popular 18th-century crafts.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: BERNICE OUTKAMPS, deceased
Pursuant to the order of Judge J. LaCorte, in and to the cause of the estate of BERNICE OUTKAMPS, deceased, on the 8th day of JUNE, A.D. 2000, upon the return of the hearing on the creditors of the estate of said deceased, the undersigned hereby gives to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the undersigned proof of claim or affidavit in 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 prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.
Theresa Knobloch and William Knobloch, Executors
Barl A. Barre, Attorney
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Mountainview, NJ 07093
US9351 ECL June 15, 2000 (\$50.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR RENOVATION AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield has deemed it necessary to appropriate the fund of \$244,500.00 in funds available from the Capital Improvement Funds to pay the cost of the following capital projects:
a. Upgrade Warnings Bathroom - Municipal Building 20,000.00
b. Upgrade Warnings - Municipal Building 25,000.00
c. Fire Suppression System - Radio Room 8,500.00
d. Fire Suppression System - Fire Station 15,000.00
e. Wheel Drive Vehicle - Engineering Dept. 21,500.00
f. Fire Station - Reception 18,000.00
g. Maintenance Equipment for vehicles - Road 10,000.00
h. Fire Station - Pump Station 10,000.00
The funds hereby appropriated are authorized to be expended by the proper officers of the Township of Springfield for the uses and purposes hereby authorized in the form and manner permitted by law.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law applicable thereto.
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, afternoon, June 13, 2000, and that said Ordinance was duly adopted and the same was read at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on June 27, 2000, at which time and place any and all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, Township Clerk (\$29.25)

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b. Upgrade Warnings - Municipal Building 25,000.00
c. Fire Suppression System - Radio Room 8,500.00
d. Fire Suppression System - Fire Station 15,000.00
e. Wheel Drive Vehicle - Engineering Dept. 21,500.00
f. Fire Station - Reception 18,000.00
g. Maintenance Equipment for vehicles - Road 10,000.00
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KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, Township Clerk (\$29.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountaineer Planning Board on May 18, 2000 at the Mountaineer Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainview, NJ 07093.
Hereby giving to the holders of the Section 1009 (c) (6) - APPROVED:
US9376 ECL June 15, 2000 (\$50.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
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Summit standout Forsyth the best Wins MOC's 400 dash

Summit High School standout senior track and field performer Kurt Forsyth was not to be denied.

Sure he was undefeated in the 400-meter dash this year, but he wanted to prove that without a doubt he was the best in the state in that event.

Forsyth came from behind to win the 400 in 47.97 to finish ahead of Lenape's Mohamed Kanu, who finished in 48.24. Kanu holds the indoor state 400 record and was considered by many the race favorite.

Forsyth, who will continue his track and field endeavors on the Division 1 level at Manhattan College, credited his coach Rich Thomasy for gaining confidence in himself. Forsyth is Summit's first MOC winner.

Fifth at last year's MOC, Forsyth was in third place with 100 meters to go when he made his move and surged past Kanu. The remainder of the top six included Khary Sharpe of Eastern third in 48.65, Jade Smith of Camden fourth in 48.65, Anderson Alphonse of Elizabeth fifth in 48.89 and Marlin Gross of Bridgeton sixth in 48.93.

Forsyth came from a great distance behind to beat Alphonse at the Elizabeth Minutemen Games in May, a finish that allowed him to gain a great deal of confidence.

Forsyth also captured the 400 in the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division, Union County, North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 meets.

In the Group 2 meet at Egg Harbor, Forsyth won the 400 in 48.51 and the 200 in 21.90.

Dayton track athletes turn in outstanding performances

Dayton High School boys' track and field athlete Justin Azran had an outstanding senior season for the Bulldogs.

Azran competed in last week's 32nd annual NJSSAA Meet of Champions held at South Brunswick after qualifying performances in the Group 1 and North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 meets.

Azran won the sectional shot put event this year for the third consecutive season, winning with a throw of 50-4.5. His winning throw last year was 49-2 and as a sophomore 45-3.

In this year's Group 1 meet, Azran placed sixth with a throw of 50-2 to advance to the MOC for the second straight year.

Azran, Dayton's boys' scholar-athlete this year, also qualified in the sectional meet in the discus with a throw of 120 feet.

Azran will continue at the University of Florida.

In the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division meet last month, Azran won the shot put event for a second consecutive year with a throw well over 50 feet.

Girls' have four win medals in conference meets. Dayton's girls' team had four win medals at the MVC-Valley meet held at Ridge High School.

Junior Olga Oksav placed second in the high jump with a mark of 4-10, junior Sara Abraham finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 80-0, junior Rachel Mendham was fifth in the discus at 76-0 and freshman Jamie Neville was fifth in the 3,200 in a time of 14:40.

Oksav also placed second in the Union County meet and the Group 1 meet this year in the high jump with marks of 4-10 and qualified for the Group 1 meet last year in the high jump as well.

Springfield Girls Softball League competition begins to heat up

The Springfield Girls Softball League threw out the first pitch of its 35th anniversary season by featuring a series of thrilling contests, highlighted by the exciting exploits of Colleen Spadora, the flame-throwing Athletics righthander who has fanned more than half of the batters she has faced so far.

The Martins are sparked by the play of Rachel Dushkin. Her prodigious blasts have provided her team with many high points so far.

Cassie Tile and Kim Kraemer have been playing extremely well so far for the Blue Jays.

As always, the Rangers, coached by Richie Huber, remain a formidable foe. Amanda DiCocco and Danielle Schwartz lead a balanced attack that has the Rangers at the top of the league standings.

Springfield Junior Baseball League All-Star Teams play each other twice

The Springfield Junior Baseball League held its traditional All-Star festivities during Memorial Day weekend.

The Major League Green and Red All-Star Teams first played May 27 in Kenilworth and then met May 29 at Roessler Field in Springfield.

The Green team defeated the Red team 5-2 in Kenilworth and then won 12-7 in Springfield.

Here's a look at the two teams that were selected:

Green All-Star Team Coaches: Don Ankodovich (Minniti's), Doug Cincel (Padres), Lloyd Grossman (Royals), John O'Reilly (Rockies), Jorge Portal (St. Theresa's). Players: 7-Steven Becker (Minniti's), 11-Jason Cappa (Padres), 5-Jason Drastler (St. Theresa's), 8-Jason Gilligan (Minniti's), 6-Joej Marz (St. Theresa's), 9-McPaul Ogbonna (Minniti's), 1-Ryan O'Reilly (Rockies), 4-Jorge Portal (St. Theresa's), 12-Evan Ring (Padres), 13-Zach Silverman (Royals), 10-David Steinman (Padres), 3-Kenny Suarez (Rockies), 2-Stephen Suarez (Rockies).

Red All-Star Team Coaches: Neil Dworkin (Cubs), Stan Parman (Mets), Drew Stern-Charles (Giants), Steve Yasinski (SICA). Players: 5-David Barbone (SICA), 9-Paul Belliveau (Mets), 13-Jordan Fish (Royals), 3-Jake Floyd (Giants), 1-Joseph Fumagueri (Giants), 14-Zach Goldberg (Royals), 11-Jimmy Guarino (Cubs), 6-Dennis Hoag (SICA), 12-John Manzano (Cubs), 7-Matt Parman (Mets), 10-David Sauerhoff (Cubs), 8-Gregg Steffaneli (Mets), 4-Andrew Yasinski (SICA), 2-Brandon Stern-Charles (Giants).

For the Green team in its 5-2 win at Kenilworth, O'Reilly scored when he stole home. Kenneth Suarez brought home a run with a bloop hit and Stephen Suarez drove in a run with a sacrifice. George Portal drove in the fourth run with a hit and Kenneth Suarez scored the fifth run.

Belliveau drove home Hoag with a double and then stole home for the Red Team's two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Gilligan drove home two runs with a double for the Green Team in its 12-7 victory. Floyd belted an RBI-double for the Red Team in the top of the seventh.

Summit Lacrosse Club squads stick it to their opposition

Summit's 6th grade team turned in an outstanding performance in beating West Essex 7-0 on its home turf May 31.

Justin Oplinger scored three goals, while Casey McGuire, Rob Hillenbrand, Morgan Griff and Will Gruetzmacher slammed one home each.

Also playing well for Summit were Nick Herber, Michael Keane, Mark Kinney and goalie Andrew Bell on defense, Logan Bartlett, Kevin Feeny, Charlie Grano, Jeremy McAuley and Chris Sneekus in the midfield and Tom Bell on attack.

Summit's 3rd/4th grade team played well against NYC DOCS, although it fell by a 6-4 score.

Ben Grimm scored off an assist from Willie Nedrow and chri Alieri scored off an assist from Owen Dismore to give Summit a 2-0 lead.

Also playing well for Summit were Mark Burian, Zack Schiffer, Patrick Trousdale, Jason Harden, Chad Wiedmaier, Pat McCabe, goalie Peter Jones, Christian Kefo, Kyle Mahoney, Robbie Weeks, Jack Muller and Mike Sawyer.



Photo by Bill Allen/NDJ Sport Action

Governor Livingston catcher Eric Cantagallo belted a two-run double in a 7-3 win at home against Group 3 finalist Cranford on April 5 and then connected on another two-run double in GL's 10-6 win at Pequannock in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 preliminary-round game on May 22. Cantagallo also blasted a two-run homer in a 7-6 win at home against conference rival Johnson on May 4.



Governor Livingston shortstop Mark Cantagallo blasted a three-run home run in a 17-2 win against visiting Roselle Catholic on April 28 and then belted a grand slam in a 28-0 win at home over St. Mary's of Elizabeth on April 29. Cantagallo also had a two-run single, to help GL defeat host Rahway 5-2 in conference play on May 2.



Governor Livingston freshman righthander Dan Drake struck out 15 and tossed a one-hitter in shutting out Roselle 14-0 in Berkeley Heights on April 13. He also had three hits and three RBI in the game. Drake, who also defeated Rahway on a five-hitter to improve to 3-0 at the time, pitched against Mendham in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final won by the Minutemen 16-3 in Union on June 2.



Governor Livingston's Jason Guidiciopietro takes a swing in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game against Mendham in Union on June 2. Although GL was defeated 16-3, the 10th-seeded Highlanders did manage to reach the sectional final for a third consecutive year, winning the title game in 1998 over Summit and in 1999 over Chatham. Guidiciopietro had two hits in last year's win over Chatham.

GL baseball among best down stretch Did well to sport 18-12 mark

By J.R. Parachini

Sports Editor

The Governor Livingston High School baseball team was one of the hottest in the state down the stretch.

After a sub-par 3-9 start, the Highlanders reeled off 15 victories in 17 games to reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game for a third consecutive season.

Although 10th-seeded GL's season came to an end when it was defeated by top-seeded Mendham 16-3 in the sectional final at Union on June 2, the Highlanders did extremely well to finish their 2000 campaign with a winning record of 18-12.

GL won at seventh-seeded Pequannock 10-6, was victorious at second-seeded Dover 6-5 and was triumphant at third-seeded Chatham 5-3 to reach the sectional final again after winning the section as the top seed last year and as the fourth seed in 1998.

Here's some highlights from the last three seasons of Governor Livingston High School baseball.

2000: The Highlanders finish 18-12 and reach the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game for a third consecutive season.

GL wins 15 of 18 after a 3-9 start.

The Highlanders won state playoff games at Pequannock, at Dover and at Chatham to reach the sectional final as the 10th seed against top-seeded Mendham.

The Minutemen top the Union to win their first sectional crown in baseball.

GL won the section in 1999 and 1998.

1999: The Highlanders finish 21-4 and win their first-ever Group 2 state championship in baseball, beating South Jersey champion Gateway 4-2 in the final at East Brunswick Tech.

After a 4-3 start, GL won 12 in a row.

The Highlanders won state playoff games at home against Dover, Mendham and Chatham to win the section for a second consecutive season and then defeated North 1, Group 2 champion Hawthorne 8-0 at Ramapo College in the Group 2 semifinals.

1998: The Highlanders finish 21-7 and win their first sectional title since the early 1980s.

After a 1-4 start, GL won 20 of its last 23, with two eight-game winning streaks in the mix.

The first eight-game winning streak included wins over powerhouse Immaculata, Ridge and undefeated Elizabeth in the UCT quarterfinals.

After losing to Summit in the Union County Tournament semifinals, GL won eight straight again before falling to Glen Rock 8-7 at Linden's Memorial Field in the Group 2 semifinals.

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Quite a comeback after 3-9 beginning

The Governor Livingston High School baseball team almost won 21 games again and almost won North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 again.

That didn't seem likely at all after a 3-9 start.

But since April 27, the Highlanders went on to fashion a 15-3 record, reach the sectional final for a third consecutive season and finish with a winning record of 18-12.

GL was 21-4 last year and 21-7 in 1998, both years winning the North 2, Group 2 crown.

In the state playoffs, 10th-seeded GL won at Pequannock, won at Dover and then won at Chatham before falling to top-seeded Mendham at Union High School.

In the Union County Tournament, GL blanked St. Mary's of Elizabeth 28-0 at home before falling to Union 1-0 in Union in the first round.

The loss to Union snapped a nine-game winning streak. Five days earlier the Highlanders blanked Union 6-0 in Union in a non-conference, regular-season game.

After falling at home to Immaculata on May 11, the Highlanders reeled off five more victories before being defeated by Mendham.

GL's record the past three seasons is an outstanding 60-23 mark that includes three consecutive sectional finals, two straight sectional championships and a first-ever Group 2 state crown.

Here's a look at Governor Livingston's outstanding 2000 season:

4-1 Hanover Park 5, GL 4 (A)

4-5 GL 7, Cranford 3 (H)

4-6 Roselle Cath. 9, GL 8 (A)

4-8 Summit 8, GL 1 (A)

4-11 Johnson 7, GL 5 (A)

4-13 GL 14, Roselle 0 (H)

4-14 Immaculata 13, GL 3 (A)

4-19 Rahway 7, GL 4 (A)

April: GL suffered another loss 4-24 GL 11, Pequannock 8, Rim (A)

4-25 Ridge 7, GL 1 (H)

4-26 Woodbridge 8, GL 7 (H)

4-28 GL 17, Roselle Cath. 2 (H)

4-29 GL 28, St. Mary's 0 (H)

4-29 GL 19, Summit 3 (H)

5-1 GL 6, Union 0 (A)

5-2 GL 5, Rahway 2 (A)

5-3 GL 19, Hillside 1 (H)

5-4 GL 7, Johnson 6 (H)

5-5 GL 12, Union Cath. 2 (H)

5-6 Union 1, GL 0 (A)

5-9 GL 19, Roselle 0 (A)

5-11 Immaculata 7, GL 5 (H)

5-16 GL 15, Union Cath. 4 (A)

5-22 GL 10, Pequannock 6 (A)

5-26 GL 7, Roselle Park 2 (H)

5-30 GL 5, Chatham 3 (A)

6-2 Mendham 16, GL 3 (A)

Record: 18-12

UCT: 1-1

North 2, Group 2: 3-1, finalists



Governor Livingston's Hank Hansen has proven to be one of the best players in Union County over the past three seasons, helping lead the Highlanders to three consecutive North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship-game appearances. The senior first baseman blasted a three-run homer in GL's 16-3 loss to Mendham in this year's sectional final at Union on June 2. Hansen was one of a number of talented players from Mountainside who helped spark the Highlanders to a final record of 18-12. GL, last year's Group 2 state champion, won 15 of its final 18 games after a 3-9 start and reached the sectional final as the 10th seed.

OBITUARIES

Mary R. Johnson

Mary R. Johnson, 77, of Springfield died June 6 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Trenton, Mrs. Johnson lived in Union before moving to Springfield 38 years ago. She was a bank teller for 12 years at United County Trust, Springfield, and retired in 1986.

Surviving are five sons, John Jr., Michael, Richard and Edward Johnson and Jay Avelino; two daughters, Kathleen Dohn and Sharon; and 15 grandchildren.

Blossom Goodling

Blossom E. Goodling, 71, of Mountside died June 6 in the Warren Township home of her son, David.

Born in Erie, Pa., Mrs. Goodling moved to Mountside 45 years ago. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church Council.

Also surviving are two daughters. Site plan draws some discord

(Continued from Page 1) gone," he said. "I'm very concerned that all we're going to see is a large foundation of a building and a retaining wall. We really will see it from the course."

Bendixen explained that, according to the township's ordinance, two of the proposed buildings will be considered as four-story buildings by the building code officials.

"Sixty-one percent of the wall area of the basements is above grade, making them four-story buildings," Bendixen said. "Every part of your ordinance does not allow this."

In the end, Bendixen pleaded with the board to reject the major variances requested by the applicant that would allow three stories of residential occupancy in a zone that has historically only permitted two stories.

"To change that is not good zoning or planning," Bendixen said. Within the concluding statements of his report, Bendixen refers the board to one of the section's of its own land use ordinance.

Bendixen further suggested that the board follow the recommendations of its own Environmental Commission. In an April 26 letter to the Planning Board, Chairwoman Eleanor Gural noted that "our commission believes that granting variances which allow added height to the buildings in this township creates a precedent which may gradually change the small town environment our citizens presently enjoy."

School's hours are examined

(Continued from Page 1) A research study of adolescent sleep patterns, prepared over a 20-year period by Brown University in Providence, R.I., along with articles on the subject in newspapers and education journals, has ignited a national interest in the topic among educators.

Researchers have reported that adolescents require more sleep time than adults or young children. Biological factors have been cited for making it difficult for adolescents to fall asleep prior to 11 p.m. and to wake up much earlier than 7:30 a.m.

Research suggests that school districts adopt later high school starting times, to better allow students to receive eight or nine hours of sleep. Classes at Dayton currently begin at 7:45 a.m.

Zimmerman described Brown's sleep-deprived notion as "a generalized idea," but pointed out that the committee recommended a starting time of at least a half hour later. The change would not go into effect until the 2001-2002 school year.

Linda G. Christensen and Carol E. another son, James; her mother, Violet W. Harcourt; two brothers, Samuel Harcourt and the Rev. Philip Harcourt, and five grandchildren.

E. W. Rackowski Sr.

Edward W. Rackowski Sr., 87, of Holiday City in Berkeley, formerly of Springfield, died June 9 at home.

Born in Summit, Mr. Rackowski lived in Springfield before moving to Berkeley 24 years ago. He was a postal clerk with the United States Postal Service in Springfield for 30 years and retired in 1970.

Mr. Rackowski was a member of the Polish-American Club of Tom's River. He was associated with the Bahusost Golf Club in Springfield for the past 50 years and was a golf tournament director for the New Jersey State Senior Golf Association. Mr. Rackowski worked with the United States Golf Association on three U.S. Opens including operating the main scoreboard in 1967.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Tillie; a son, Edward W. Jr.; two brothers, John and Thomas; four sisters, Mary Picoarla, Val Cerciello, Helen Lapointe and Barbara Humphrey; and two grandchildren.

Jerry Masucci

Jerry Masucci, 84, of Springfield, formerly of Hillside, died June 9 in Tonnies Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Masucci lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield. He was a mail handler with the United States Post Office, Jersey City, for 12 years and retired 19 years ago. Earlier, Mr. Masucci had been a trimming buyer in the New York garment district. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 3197 and Columbian Seniors, both of Hillside.

Surviving are his wife, Frances; a son, Robert; a daughter, Janice Di Stanio; a sister, Elsie Conti; and two grandchildren.

I love my dad



Tattoo artist Joe Beierle honors 12-year-old Kristin Rizkallah's request for a tattoo for dad Saturday at the PTA-sponsored annual spring festival at Deerfield School in Mountaineer.

Springfield VFW installs its officers

On May 28, the VFW Battle Hill Post 7683 of Springfield conducted its installation dinner at the Springfield Elks.

Chaires Remlinger, the installing officer, installed the new Commander John Del Russo, Senior Vice Com-

mander Pete Kutzmak; Junior Vice Commander Sal Gibaldi; Quartermaster Stan Wisniewski; Adjutant John Ernest; Chaplain Ed Cardinal; Service Officer Dom Casternovia; Trustees Bill VanRiper, Stan Wnek and Sid Weinstein.

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