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Photo By Milton Mills

Sara Axelrod lends a helping hand to Svauana Vishnubhatta by positioning her cap at graduation ceremonies Monday evening at Governor Livingston High School. Axelrod will attend Ithaca College and Vishnubhatta is headed to New York University.

## First Governor Livingston class of the millennium commences

By John Celock  
Staff Writer

When the Governor Livingston High School Class of 2000 was born, Ronald Reagan was president. Thomas Kean was governor of New Jersey, the New York Islanders had just won Stanley Cup for the fourth time in a row and Cheers won the Emmy for best comedy show.

As the class graduates, Bill Clinton is president, Christine Whitman is governor, the New Jersey Devils are the Stanley Cup champions for a second time and Ally McBeal is the Emmy's best comedy.

Governor Livingston's first class of the millennium graduated on Monday evening amidst pomp and circumstance, tears, laughter and recognition of the class' unique place in Mountside and Berkeley Heights history.

"Ever since we entered elementary school, we have been told that we are the Class of 2000, the first high school class to graduate in the new millennium, and that great things are expected of us," Scholar Speaker Allison Pieja said.

Pieja, who will attend Princeton University in the fall, remarked that the class has lived up to the high expectations set for them by their elementary school teachers.

"Whether we were frantically pasting up images of Peter Pan flying into Neverneverland during hall decorat-

ing, edging out the other classes in volleyball tournaments and Class Clash, or organizing one of the best proms in New Jersey, our class has lived up to the expectations set out for us as freshmen, exhibiting teamwork and dedication at every step of the way," Pieja said.

She feels the class has made its mark on Governor Livingston and would be remembered for its teamwork.

"The legacy our class will leave behind goes far beyond our spirit and dedication. In the four years we've spent roaming the halls of Governor Livingston, we have enjoyed success in a variety of sports, extracurriculars and academics," she said.

Pieja went on to note the success of the softball and volleyball teams, the state baseball championship from last year, the nominations the school musical, "Pirates of Penzance," received from the Paper Mill Playhouse and success in a variety of academic competitions.

"We've worked hard to get to the top, and made some sacrifices along the way, but the success we've reached has been well worth the climb, and we've enjoyed ourselves throughout the journey," Pieja said.

Governor Livingston Principal Benjamin Jones agreed with Pieja that the class is one of the best he has seen.

"As principal, I am very proud of

this senior class. Since their entry as freshmen, they have always been a very academically motivated group and have maintained the standard of excellence at Governor Livingston," Jones said.

Commencement Speaker Kevin Riley, who will be off to the University of Scranton, said members of the Class of 2000 have had much experience being part of change and holding a unique place in local history. He said the students underwent a major change at the conclusion of their freshmen year at Governor Livingston.

The major change Riley referred to was the 1997 deregionalization of the Union County Regional School District. Until this time, the school was a regional school for students from Mountside and Berkeley Heights. After the deregionalization occurred, the school transferred to the Berkeley Heights school board and accepted Mountside students as well. The Class of 2000 is the last class to graduate who started when the school was Governor Livingston Regional High School.

"Although we got a brand new athletic complex from the regional district, it seemed a cheap consolation prize for losing a school filled with familiar faces. After deregionalization, we were introduced to a partially

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## Friedland sticks it out Superintendent search is temporarily stalled

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland settled a little deeper into his chair at the Springfield Board of Education's regular meeting Monday night.

Friedland, who declared his intention to leave his position last December, has decided to stick around a bit longer. At a conference meeting last week, board President Jacqueline Shanes announced the existence of a "verbal agreement" with Friedland, which would extend Friedland's contract beyond its scheduled June 2001 termination date and effectively put the district's superintendent search on hold. Friedland had originally given the board one year's notice.

Shanes said the board will spend the summer months "discussing the parameters of employment" with the 14-year superintendent. Friedland said he has changed his mind about retiring, and although no final deci-

sion has yet been made in regard to an extension, "the board and I have mutually decided to discuss it."

As a parting gesture, Friedland announced his intention last month to match funds, up to \$10,000, with donations given to the soon-to-be established Springfield Education Foundation.

With the superintendent issue temporarily at rest, the board knuckled down to the business of officially doing some reorganizing on Monday evening. Acting on a recommendation made by Friedland at the board's regular meeting May 15, board members voted to abolish the position of Athletic Director/Supervisor of Physical Education and Health. The vote restructures the position, christening it Teaching Supervisor of Physical Education and Health.

Last year was the first in which the district's multi-year reorganization plan went into operation. Included within the plan were the creation of a

series of teaching supervisor positions in math, science, library, science, social studies and English.

Friedland cited the success of the teaching supervisor approach, suggesting a streamlining of the current structure by creating supervisor positions in a small number of other areas, including that of health and physical education. Peter Falzarano, the current athletic director, would be making the transfer to the newly created position. The position would go into effect upon the appointment of a new high school assistant principal.

Friedland had called for "combining five positions into four" by creating teaching supervisor positions not only for health and physical education, but also for guidance and special education. The high school assistant principal position was created for "discipline, athletics and co-curricular activities."

## Parkway dog heads for new home

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

Bouncer looks like the kind of dog who could cause a five-car pile-up. The 73-pound Rottweiler got into a little trouble on the Garden State Parkway in April. Struck by a car, the animal suffered a concussion; the eventual puffer resulted from rush-hour volume.

Bouncer's concussion was successfully treated, and now the dog is getting acclimated to a new life in Texas, thanks to Detective Judd Levenson of the Springfield Police Department. Levenson paid for Bouncer's transportation to the Lone Star State.

But Levenson is only one in a chain of concerned people who came to Bouncer's assistance. After the accident, the dog was taken by the K-9 Division of the Union County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit to their own veterinarian, the Iselin Veterinary Hospital, where the concussion was treated free of charge.

According to Marjorie O'Neill of Iselin Veterinary, Bouncer only took "about two or three days" to get back on his feet, which she described as quite good, considering his injury.

It appeared, however, that Bouncer had been abused by his previous owner. O'Neill suggested that the dog's skittishness was a key factor in making the determination of abuse, with Levenson further pointing out that Bouncer had probably not only been abused, but trained as a fight dog—an idea fostered by an anonymous phone call, requesting the animal's return, received by police shortly after the rescue.

Bouncer got his name, according to Levenson, from the Sheriff's Office, for his ability to survive bouncing around in heavy Parkway traffic. Although Bouncer spent the bulk of his time with the department's K-9 division, some additional care came from Maria Zirger and Maryellen Tramazzo, employees of LaTorre Construction in Springfield.

Zirger and Tramazzo, both of whom have, in Tramazzo's words, "soft spots" for Rottweilers, took Bouncer into their homes on weekdays.

"I thought he was like a big baby," Tramazzo said. "He was a real companion, with some of the traits he did. He's a sweet dog."

Zirger said she and Tramazzo learned about Bouncer through an April 18 story about his misadventure in *The Star-Ledger*. The women tracked him to the Sheriff's Office. "We wanted to visit him," said Zirger. "He was all happy and excited to see people. We took him out of the kennel and gave him treats and toys."

An Internet inquiry from Riva Shaddock in Texas—whose son, an ex-marine officer and owner of three previous Rottweilers—solved the issue of the dog's new home.

Bouncer was taken to the airport on Sunday morning, and although he arrived with time to spare for his flight, the plane departed early. Bouncer left New Jersey for Texas on the 1 p.m. plane instead.

## Flag Day festivities



Photo By Jeff Grahl

To help heighten organ donor awareness in the community, on Flag Day, township officials, donors and staff from The Sharing Network raise a flag on the organization's front lawn. The flag was flown over the capitol building in Washington, D.C., during Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness week in April.

## Mayor: This is a major offense to the borough

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

The Mountside Borough Council took care of its business in a whirlwind 30 minutes Tuesday night, but it was enough time for Mayor Robert Vigilanti to deliver on a promise he made at the council's work session last week.

Vigilanti publicly expressed his frustration with out-of-town landscapers who dump grass cuttings, leaves and related debris into the borough's storm sewers, particularly after charging customers to cart them away. At last week's work session, the mayor assured council members that he would "make an issue" of the subject at Tuesday night's meeting. He did.

"This is a major offense to the borough of Mountside," Vigilanti told those in attendance and the TV-35 audience. He encouraged any residents who catch landscapers dumping into sewers to report what they see to the police department.

"It's not only a violation of borough ordinance, but in my opinion, it's individuals acting very irresponsibly, and I believe, unethically, because most of these landscapers charge homeowners to take the waste away," Vigilanti said.

Vigilanti called the sewer dumping an act of laziness and dishonesty, and cited clogged systems and problems with raccoons, possum and rats as two of the potential consequences.

Although the borough cannot keep track of all the landscapers working

within its limits, Vigilanti said he asked Police Chief and Acting Borough Administrator James Debbie to have flyers printed warning against the dumping, and to have them distributed to landscapers by police as they make their usual patrol of the borough.

Current fines for such dumping 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, fines that council members have previously said are too small. Some tentative ideas for increasing the penalty were discussed during last week's work session.

"It's a slap in the face to the community and the taxpayer," Vigilanti concluded.

Infrastructure improvements  
The council introduced a bond ordinance to authorize various capital improvements to the borough's infrastructure, at a cost of \$2.7 million. The improvements, currently being reviewed by Borough Engineer Michael Disko, will involve sanitary sewers, various road repairs and improvements to 21 streets and nine intersections.

Vigilanti said a public hearing on the ordinance will be next month. However, prior to that hearing, a letter, detailing the proposed improvements, will be mailed to borough residents.

Vigilanti expects the letter to go out by July 1.



Photo By Milton Mills

After concluding the tassle ceremony at Monday's commencement ceremony, the students of Governor Livingston's Class of 2000 ceremoniously tossed their caps up into the air. Hundreds came to witness the awarding of diplomas on the first graduating class of the new millennium.

## Bees set up camp near rec center

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

There's something in the outfield, and it doesn't make a major league salary.

A number of bees' nests, reportedly belonging to a non-stinging variety of the insect, have claimed the outfield portion of the softball field behind Springfield's Chisholm Recreation Center.

"I had an exterminator out here a year ago," Recreation Director Mike Tennaro said. "And I had a pesticide guy out here this year, who told me these insects nest in the ground. Both guys said they were non-stinging."

"As far as I know, not one person has been stung, although I know they're annoying," he added.

The bees were reported to Tennaro by his softball coordinator. The holes, Tennaro pointed out, can plainly be seen in the outfield grass. No exterminating, however, has been done.

"We wouldn't put pesticides down, not right now," the recreation director said. "We wouldn't do any spraying during the season, because we have kids out there right now."

The Recreation Department indicated that Western Pest Control of Mountside, with whom the township has worked before, provided consultation on the bee situation. However, Dan McArdle of Western was unable to confirm speaking with the township about the Chisholm situation.

"Some bees do come from the ground that don't sting," McArdle said. "But you still have to treat it because it's a nuisance. People see them and get worried."

McArdle suggested that the troublesome insects are perhaps cicada killers, wasps that actually resemble giant yellowjackets. Described as "solitary," cicada killers do not live in colonies or nests, although they do use the same general area for nesting purposes.

Females of the species dig burrows about one-half inch in diameter and 10 inches deep. Nesting sites are usually located in areas of bare ground. The male cicada killer does not sting; the female will sting only if handled, or otherwise touched.

Another ground-nesting bee is the solitary ground bee, of which one type, known as the halictid, is called the "sweet bee" because of its attraction to perspiration. Halictid bees will give a mild sting.

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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.

**Today:**

- The Springfield Chamber of Commerce meets for a regular monthly meeting at 8 a.m. at Pulaski Savings Bank, 130 Mountain Ave.
- The New Jersey, Organ and Tissue Sharing Network in Springfield hosts its second annual golf invitational at 11 a.m. at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster Township.
- Proceeds from the event will be used to help educate the public about the life-saving work of the non-profit procurement organization.
- For a golf registration brochure or more information about the event call Gary Johnson at (973) 331-1070 or fax your request to him at (973) 531-1077.

**Friday:**

- Temple Beth Aham of Springfield hosts a joint installation of officers and trustees of the temple, men's club, women's league and Hazak following religious services at 8 a.m.

**Sunday:**

- Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, hosts two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m., children ages 6 and up learn about the effects 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 can sing and clap along to the "Planet Song" while learning about the Earth.
- Admission is \$5 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

**Monday:**

- Registration begins 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 meets for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.

**Tuesday:**

- The Springfield Township Committee meets 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 meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Center Ave.

**Upcoming events:**

**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.
- July 4
  - Springfield's second annual Fourth of July celebration will kick off at 4 p.m. at Meisel Field with numerous rides, games and food vendors. Fireworks are planned beginning at dusk, around 9 or 9:30 p.m.
  - Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under and includes unlimited access to all rides and games and a complimentary hamburger and soft drink.
  - Both admission and tickets for the Kiwanis Club fund-raiser are available in advance at local merchants.
  - For more information call the Union County Chamber of Commerce at (908) 353-0900.
- July 5
  - The Springfield Planning Board will meet at 7 p.m. for an executive session followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
  - The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Ave.
  - The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.
- July 11
  - The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a work session at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside.
  - The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. for an executive session 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 Center Ave.
- July 12
  - The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside.

**Ongoing**

- The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 300 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.

## EVENTS

### Sharing Network hosts golf invitational today

If you enjoy a good game of golf and want to contribute to a worthy cause, the New Jersey, Organ and Tissue Sharing Network — The Sharing Network — invites you to sign up for their second annual golf invitational by becoming a sponsor.

The golf invitational, in the form of four person scramble, will take place today at Fiddler's Country Club in Bedminster Township starting with registration at 11 a.m.

The Sharing Network announced that Rick Cerone, owner and president of the Newark Bears of the Atlantic Coast of Professional Baseball, will be League of Professional Baseball, will be their special guest. Cerone has a long and distinguished career in professional baseball and was a catcher for the New York Yankees for six years.

Co-title sponsors of the golf invitational are Barr Laboratories and Wyeth-Ayerst. Other sponsors are available. A platinum sponsor includes a foursome and sponsorship of a tee and a gold sponsor includes a twosome and sponsorship of a green. A silver sponsor includes a foursome and sponsorship of a Putting Contest. A bronze sponsor includes sponsorship of a beverage station, and a Pewter Sponsor includes sponsorship of a green.

All sponsorship levels include prominent listing on a Sponsorship Board, green fees and cart, locker room, refreshments, on-course beverages, dinner, and a contest are all part of the individual sponsorship packages.

According to Joseph Roth, president and chief executive officer of The Sharing Network, this is a wonderful way to enjoy a day of golf and help raise funds that will be used to educate the public about the life-saving work of the organization. The Sharing Network's second annual golf invitational is being produced by Golf Event Management of Somerville.

The Sharing Network is a non-profit, federally-certified, state-approved procurement organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant in New Jersey.

Last year in New Jersey, 444 transplant operations were performed, a 31 percent increase over 1998, but with 1,800 New Jersey residents on waiting list, we have to continue to get the word out about the importance of signing up to become an organ donor," Roth said.

The event will offer a full day of contests including first, second and third place Scramble Teams, ladies' and men's longest drives, straightest drive and closest to pin, among others. The event will feature a fund-raiser. To add to the excitement of the day, entertainment will be provided by long drive champion, trick shot artist and comedian, Jay Golden, an avid golfer and artist whose special golf-related humor has been enjoyed by golf enthusiasts for years.

To receive your golf registration

brochure, or for more information about the event, call Gary Johnson at (973) 331-1070 or fax your request to him (973) 331-1077. You may also call The Sharing Network, at 1-800-SHARE-NJ Ext. 3450.

### Summer school is set to begin on Monday

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 Monday to July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. The program includes courses in woodworking, arts and crafts, ceramics, gymnastics, computer technology, creative writing and publishing, cooking, science, basketball, rockery, tennis, study skills, algebra, reading, mathematics, music and fitness, to name a few.

Many classes fill early, so register for the summer adventure soon. The brochure and registration forms were available since early May. The registration fee is \$60 per hour-long course for the four weeks.

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

### Churches to sponsor a Can-Do-Kids project

The Springfield Presbyterian and the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist churches are turning Church Mall into a clubhouse of "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 5 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 at both 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.

### 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.

### Temple Sha'arey Shalom is now accepting registrations

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield is now accepting registration for the next school year beginning in September.

Kindergarten through third grade is scheduled to meet on Saturdays from 9:15-11:45 a.m.; fourth grade through seventh grade will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and eighth grade through 10th grade will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The underlying principle of the religious school is to instill in the students a sense of respect and pride for tradition.

"The school is so successful by providing a loving, supportive, atmosphere in which children can study their heritage by creating a feeling of community with Jews in other times and places; and by instilling a sense of responsibility for the well-being of all people," said Director of Education Amy Daniels.

Daniels said it can help in the pride of 5-year-olds who will help the rabbi and cantor lead a Sabbath morning service, a 10-year-old who discovers the joy of decoding the mystery of Hebrew letters, and a 15-year-old who develops a relationship with a resident at an old age home.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School has a graded curriculum beginning in kindergarten and continuing through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation. It is encouraged that children begin religious school training as early as possible.

The curriculum is designed to give students a broad understanding of various facts of their heritage through regular classroom learning activities, individual studies, trips, art, crafts, music, dance, worship and retreats.

Daniels keeps up to date on the latest in Jewish education and will participate with over 90 North American temple educators at a study seminar of the National Association of Temple Educators in Israel from Wednesday to July 9.

This historic event will partner Reform educators from North America with their colleagues in Israel. Highlights will include the study of Israel's culturally diverse population and the opportunity to learn about the advances in educational technology. Participants will explore archaeological findings and meet with dignitaries as well as leaders in the field of education and the Reform movement.

To register students for the fall 2000 term or for more information about Temple Sha'arey Shalom's religious school program call Daniels at (973) 379-6646.

The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood, and Brotherhood, and a strong social action program.



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# Dayton's top two graduates decided

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

They don't call them valedictorians and salutatorians anymore, but that's exactly what Dina Gordon and Jessica Lau are.

Gordon and Lau, both of whom left their high school years behind when they graduated from Jonathan Dayton School in the Sciences program, and was one of two delegates selected for the United States Senate Youth Program, in which two students from each state were chosen to travel to Washington, D.C. to observe the operation of that particular branch of the legislative body.

Lau is interested in government and has been put to good use within Dayton itself: as a member of the Student Council, she has served most recently as vice president, with previous service as secretary and president. Lau has been honored with the Rensselaer Institute Mathematics and Science Award and the National Merit Letter of Commendation. She has also received the Highest Average Award for English in acknowledgement of her excellence in that particular subject, and, with Gordon, has

earned membership in the National Foreign Language Honor Society — one of several honors they both share. Both are also Advanced Placement Scholars and members of the National Honor Society.

Gordon has been no less busy. Her studies have focused on the sciences and have resulted in awards from optical giant Bausch and Lomb, which she earned as a junior, and a Scholarship for Women in Engineering, an award presented yearly to one female senior. She holds the school's highest average in science, and, on the language side, French.

Gordon has been active in an organization called United Synagogue Youth, which performs a number of charitable activities, and has volunteered her free time to Overlook Hospital as what she described as a "runner — transferring papers and samples."

Before college draws her away, Gordon will have the opportunity to increase her hours to full-time at her job at the Steidle Financial Group, a Springfield-based company for whom she does filing, typing and phone answering.

Somewhat miraculously, Gordon, who has played the piano for 11 years, has found a few extra minutes in her schedule to write music and lyrics as part of the district's musical theater program, with some cross country and track in between. Gordon and Lau, in fact, have been track teammates.

Of beginning a new academic life away from Springfield, Lau said simply, "It seems like a natural next step. I'm attached to my friends, but I'm sure it'll be okay."

Gordon, who will be going to the very college her parents attended, at first found the idea of attending an urban-area college unappealing but has since settled into the idea.

"It has everything, academically, that I could want."



Photo By Jeff Green!

Teetering on the brink of their college careers, Jessica Lau and Dina Gordon are Jonathan Dayton's top two students from the graduating Class of 2000. Lau will head toward Harvard in the fall while Gordon departs for the University of Pennsylvania.

# Science duo tagged tops of team

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

They're both on the tennis team, but in science they're Ruth and Gehrig.

Jonathan Dayton juniors Mike Lyubavin and Sergey Khoroshevsky are the school's top science team players. Once a month, from January to April, the team takes a New Jersey Science League exam. Although four students participate in the exams, only the top two affect the scoring: so far, Lyubavin and Khoroshevsky have been the go-to guys. Their achievements have helped Dayton place eighth in the state in the league's 1999-2000 Chemistry I competition.

The exams are rigorous. Different aspects of each category — Biology I and II, Chemistry I and II, Physics I and II and Earth Science — are covered every month. The range of study is long enough to fill almost two full single-spaced pages on the league's "topic of study" sheet.

Lyubavin and Khoroshevsky have also been a hit at the Merck State Science Day. Out of 2,560 students participating from 161 schools around the state, Lyubavin ranked 16th in Chemistry I and Khoroshevsky first in the county in Physics II. Both are in their third year competing in the events, and said they expect to have a go at it again next year, in their final year at Dayton.

Although they have another year of high school left, Lyubavin and Khoroshevsky are already looking toward careers in computer programming and physics, respectively.

"I like the research part of physics," said Khoroshevsky, who has already taken two years of physics and computer science, and has plans to combine the two. Khoroshevsky pointed out that physics research can be effectively handled through computer-created simulations.

"You can use the computer at home to model mathematics that explain physical processes," he explained. "That's the big thing about computers; you don't have to have lab equipment. If you have some information that other scientists have discovered in a lab, you can use that in your computer work."

Of their interest in science, Lyubavin said simply, "Science explains questions about nature." For his part, Khoroshevsky likes the fact that "it's not just speculations. You use the scientific method and exact procedures to find an explanation for a natural process."

Science teacher and department chair Tom Gula described the pace of change for chemistry as much slower than the pace of change for biology, especially in regard to what "reaches down to the high school."

He pointed out that DNA is now taught at the high school level, with extractions made from plants and introduced into bacteria. Simple genetic fingerprinting is also practiced. Of having Lyubavin and Khoroshevsky in his Advanced Placement classes next year, along with their continued participation in the Science League, Gula said he has high hopes for their continued success.



Photo By Jeff Green!

Jonathan Dayton High School juniors Mike Lyubavin, left, and Sergey Khoroshevsky have been named the school's top science team players. The pair led the class on the New Jersey Science League exam recently.

## NEWS CLIPS

### 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. Now 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.

### 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 charges.

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, \$150; limited 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.

### 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.

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## EDITORIALS

### Go by the books

The Springfield Planning Board should take a close look at the township's ordinance before approving any of the variances that have been applied for by developers of the proposed Pinnacle Condominium Community.

For months, officials have listened to the testimonies of the applicant's planners, engineers and architects, who call their plan to build what would end up being the tallest residential dwelling the township has ever known "a public good." Springfield's own Environmental Commission expressed disapproval of the plan three months ago, stating in a letter to Planning Board members that "exceeding the present height limit of buildings to be constructed on land which is already on a hilltop will make them especially conspicuous and offensive."

The four proposed three-story condominiums would each exceed the building ordinance's height requirements for multi-residential zones. Only two stories are permitted. Moreover, according to the township's land use ordinance, two of the proposed structures qualify as four-story buildings since more than half of the height of both basements would be constructed above the average grade level.

The ordinance also clearly states that "no more than one principal building shall be permitted on any one lot" and it goes on to clarify that "the location of the principal building in critical areas shall be minimized." The planner has admitted that about 50 percent of the site would be built in this critical slope area. Many neighboring residents fear that potentially high storm water runoff could result in flooded conditions on their own properties.

The applicant's consultants have used all kinds of fancy technical jargon to sugarcoat the image of their preliminary plan. They've said it takes advantage of "site economics" and incorporates "economical density." Resident Marilyn Stiglitz has likened their plan to "hiding an elephant behind your couch." And we think that's a fairly accurate analogy.

The Planning Board has a 16-year track record of denying variances for the redevelopment of the former Ballusrol Swim Club property. It has wanted this long and should continue to wait until an applicant comes before the board with a site plan that promotes "the establishment of appropriate population densities and concentrations that will contribute to the well-being of person, neighborhoods, communities and regions and preservation of the environment." It's simply a matter of going by the books.

### Principles before profits

Perhaps the Mountainside Board of Education acted over-zealously in its willingness to recontract for cafeteria services.

Who knew that such a change was on the horizon or that after 10 years, the Deerfield lunch program wasn't cutting the mustard with its culinary panache anymore? The Mountainside mothers who first brought the hot lunch program to the school certainly seemed surprised. They openly expressed their disappointment and shock to the board when it voted 6 to 1 at its May 30 meeting to award a contract to Dowling Food Service Management of Tom's River.

The superintendent freely admitted that one of the attractions to Dowling was the fact that the company can guarantee a profit to the school district of between \$6,000 and \$11,000 a year. And that's all fine and good. But it was also confirmed that Dowling cafeteria staffing decisions have not been made yet, leaving the current staff wondering if it will be retained.

We believe that principles should be placed before profits in such a case. Guarantees should have been made to provide job security for the hard-working parents who have devoted the last decade working to put a hot meal on the table for Deerfield's school children. Board President Pat Taeschler said parental committees have occasionally complained about menu variety, but cafeteria employees argued that they had never heard those complaints. Board member Richard Kress, who voted against the contract's award, hadn't recalled any complaints either and reasoned that the cafeteria has not been losing money.

Maybe the board acted with haste in rushing to buy the latest, greatest food service vendor — one they will have to appease by investing in a new hot table, a cold table and an oven. It's not as if the former staff could not have beefed up its own menu, or in the very least, received some feedback from its school board before being yanked from behind the line.

*"Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill."*  
—Barbara Tuchman  
historian, author  
1979



**CORNFLOWER KIDS** — Using curling ribbon, Elizabeth Alley of the Historic Miller-Cory House Museum shows fourth-graders Henry Keppler and Olivia Hargrove how to tie together their cornhusk flowers. Students at Sandmeier School recently learned about the 18th century way of life.

### Half-hour can make a worth of difference

I'm an insomniac. I'm also a morning person. A more mystically oriented individual than I might say that I'm a morning person because I was born in the morning. A more practical individual — and I like to think I'm one of those — would say that I'm a morning person precisely because I'm an insomniac.

Uncle Joe will elaborate. For those of you lucky enough not to be one, insomniacs do most of their rare quality sleeping only about five minutes before they have to wake up. For me, that means awakening somewhat energized, but disturbingly cranky. The energy doesn't last long; usually by 11 a.m., I'm not worth the skin I'm printed on.

The School Hours Committee, organized by the Springfield Board of Education, has undertaken a study of the sleep patterns of adolescents, with

### Joe's Place

By Joe Lugano  
Staff Writer

a decision being made to start classes at the high school a half-hour later, beginning with the 2001-02 school year. According to the research, "biological factors" prevent adolescents from functioning well when they awaken much earlier than 7:30 a.m. I don't know what they mean exactly when they talk about "biological factors." I don't even know what kind of biological factors I have going.

Well, these biological factors are apparently a big thing — big enough

to push back the school's starting time. When I went to school, you couldn't push a school's starting time back with the Cadillac of bulldozers.

Without digging too far into anyone's personal biology, I'll just say that I think starting a little bit later is a solid idea. Even for those among us who thrive in the a.m., having to be somewhere at too early an hour is a physical strain. Getting out of bed, which is a relief to most insomniacs, and doing some work at your computer in your favorite lion-and-tiger pajamas is a far cry from being in a classroom or conference room with a group of weary people who want to kill the boss.

Kids don't need to be abused by unnecessarily early hours; neither do teachers, administrators, secretaries or maintenance people. If you want to

get a good performance out of someone, give them a reasonable starting time. A consistently early starting time is a back-breaker. It encourages fatigue and resentment, and that's about all.

Obviously, the whole world's not going to change its habits. Work will almost always start too early. But getting the school day started a little later — there's nothing in the world wrong with that. People get to be kids only once. They don't need to grow up with ugly, early, adult hours.

And don't forget that kids can also be insomniacs. As you heard here yourself, insomniacs very often get their best sleeping done in those spare hours before they have to officially wake up. A half hour can make a day's worth of difference. Good night.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Recent article really hit a nerve

To the Editor:

Your recent article regarding aides in the classroom at Deerfield School really hit a nerve in this writer.

My family which was comprised of nine doctors, two who originated the Beth Israel Hospital, Newark; a superior court judge; a retired superior court judge; two prominent lawyers; a former chief executive officer of a major local pharmaceutical manufacturer; a famous surgeon, who was the first to install a nuclear pace maker; a cousin, who after having her family, went on to secure two masters and a doctorate; and my son, who graduated with honors and is now an award-winning internist, all graduated from New Jersey schools and not one attended a class that used aides. I feel that our teachers are among the best and don't require aides in order to turn out well-educated students.

My feeling and others in town feel that the funds could be used to aid in keeping our streets clean, much like other towns in our area. I have always felt that young people serve every advantage to help them in becoming all that they can be. Concerned parents, and the best teachers will produce leaders that will carry on our future.

Many senior citizens like myself are working with a fixed income, and with a continuous, mounting cost curve, unless consideration in reigning in our unnecessary expenses, our senior cannot survive.

I served our country during two world wars, served without pay with our Police Department for four years and presently serve in a federal law enforcement agency, and I feel that those in control should lend a hand and keep costs down.

Melvin Krueger  
Mountainside

### Corzine's lavish spending won't end

To the Editor:

After primary election results, we have once again seen what money can buy — this time an election.

However, the purchase is not complete — more money must be spread around between now and November. Just doing what election laws permit? I am sure this was all legal and someone's freedom of speech should not be robbed even if they have hundreds of millions of disposable income. But it was a shameful campaign.

Jim Florio remained so invisible it was hard to believe he was taking this seriously, not that I have any love lost for him. It almost seems like he volunteered to be a sacrificial lamb.

If heaven forbid, Jon Corzine is elected, in the finest tradition of Congress, he will continue his lavish spending only this time, it will not be his money. His personal spending will end, and the time for his trying to spend our tax dollars will begin. Like Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg and Bob Torricelli. And it will be much more than \$35 million then.

Frank Marchese  
Mountainside

### Corzine's election was an insult

To the Editor:

Why is it that there are more "very wealthy" Democratic candidates — and that's a fact — than Republicans? And, it's ironic that they get their support mostly from lower-income voters.

Jon Corzine's cash-backed election is an insult to voters.

Joseph Chieppa  
Mountainside

### Thanks for outpouring of support

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the people of our district for their outpouring of support for my congressional effort.

I was touched by both the magnitude of support I received, and by the depth of community involvement in my campaign.

Although I fell short in this year's quest, please know that I will continue to steadfastly fight for the people of our district in the Legislature and beyond.

Assemblyman Joel M. Weingarten  
21st District

### Our policy on letters and columns

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

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

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

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



**DAYTON DELEGATES** — Jonathan Dayton High School juniors Alisandra Pullitt, left, and Alycia Johnson were selected to represent the Springfield American Legion as state delegates at an annual seminar at Rider University this weekend.

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Jeffrey Rhodes

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Gloria Horowitz

"Three."

**All of us are off to follow our own dreams**

"I hear America singing the varied carols I hear."

Walt Whitman penned these words to describe the lack of a definable "American Experience." Just as there is no singular American Experience, I feel that there is also no typical Governor Livingston experience, or a typical Governor Livingston student. I came to this realization as I sat down to write a speech, trying to find a common thread to tie us all together, and define our four years here.

I was unable to find those threads, because for some, our four years here have been a time of growth; for others, a time of stress. It has been a time of rebellion, a time of affirmation, a time of discovery, a time of rejection, a time of angst, a time of joy, or even a time of incredible change. However we look back on our time here, whatever it has meant to us, there is one thing we share: today, our graduation, a celebration of both our time here and the end of our time here.

There are many events that I identify with my high school years: memories of plays and debates, concerts and classes, the smell of wet wool, but not among my memories are sports games, movies, or a Governor Livingston prom. My friends have



Point Of View

By Allison Gaultieri

changed, as have my tastes and ideas. I did not become the person I imagined as a wide-eyed freshman, but I expect few of us have followed the paths we decided upon, and, indeed, our worlds opened up to include experiences we never could have imagined.

Songwriter Shawn Colvin wrote, "It's never clear what would come next, but that's the risk and that's the test." We've taken our risks and approached our tests, and now it is time to move forth, to find our place in our future and face a new set of risks and tests.

Today is our commencement, after all, not an ending, but merely the close of our childhood and the beginning of the rest of our lives. Many of us are going off to college, some to work, and several from our class are

going to serve our country in the armed forces, but all of us are off to follow our dreams.

Perhaps they are not the same dreams we dreamed as freshmen, or sophomores, nor will they necessarily be the dreams we will dream in the future. But as with all the dreams we've dreamed thus far, they will shape us and our dreams to come.

Take all of the different dreams we've dreamed, the risks we've taken, the deeds we've done and all we have achieved or failed, and what is there? What are we left with, from these years of Columbine and volleyball? A class of idealism and cynicism, a

class with, as I discovered, no defined character, one where each member has a sense of self on the eve of its entry into the world.

Each of our individual threads come together now and will radiate out from this day. Ladies and gentlemen, parents, teachers and friends, before you are my schoolmates, the class of 2000, a class that I am, I find, proud to be part of.

Allison Gaultieri was a commencement speaker at this year's Governor Livingston High School graduation. Gaultieri plans to attend Hobart and William Smith College in the fall.

**Dayton Juniors selected as state delegates to attend state seminar**

Springfield's Continental Unit 228 of the American Legion Auxiliary will be represented by girls' state delegates Alycia Johnson and Alisandra Pulliti at an annual seminar on June 30 at Rider University.

Lillian Fasman and Christina Florio were chosen as alternate delegates. All are members of the junior class of Jonathan Dayton High School.

"Our Springfield unit of the American Legion Auxiliary has participated in this excellent program since our founding in 1950, and we are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year," said the unit's girls' state chairman Hazel Hardgrove.

The girls' state program has been in operation since 1937. This year's students will be living on the campus of Rider University and will go to lectures given by elected officials on the state, county and municipal governments and on career options by parents.

sons in the medical, legal and other fields.

The main focus will be on participation in a mock election wherein the students will be divided into the national and federal political parties. They will then have the option of running for office or taking an appointive or supportive position such as campaign manager.

**What's yours look like?**



As kindergartener Ned Saltovochi works on his Sandmeier banner, third-grader Kevin Handell glances over his shoulder during the school's recent first-grade orientation.

**OBITUARIES**

**Bertram Cooperman**

Bertram Cooperman of Seminole, Fla., formerly of Springfield, a pharmacist, died June 13 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Cooperman lived in Irvington and Springfield before moving to Seminole 25 years ago. He owned Fay's Pharmacy, Newark, for many years before retiring. Mr. Cooperman was a graduate of Rutgers University School of Pharmacy, Newark. He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Barry and Rick, and two grandchildren.

**Robert J. Reed**

Robert J. Reed Sr., 71, of Trenton, formerly of Springfield, died June 12 in the Capital Health Center at Mercer.

Born in Newark, Mr. Reed lived in Springfield before moving to Trenton 31 years ago. He was a trial court administrator with the state of New Jersey Mercer County Vicinage for 31 years and retired in 1997.

Mr. Reed was appointed in 1988 to the Mercer County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and served as its chairman from 1966 through 1999.

Surviving are his wife, Tatiana Los; two sons, Robert Joseph Jr. and Adam Benedict; a sister, Kathleen R. Tilton, and two grandchildren.

**W. Parnel Bray**

W. Parnel Bray, 83, of New Providence, formerly of Springfield, died June 14 at home.

Born in Norwalk, Conn., Miss Bray lived in Springfield for 15 years before moving to New Providence, three years ago. She graduated in 1938 from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, where she received a degree in sociology.

Miss Bray was a social worker at the Church of All Nations, New York City, under the noted social worker Thelma Burdick. She retired in 1970 as an Extraordinary Medical Expense

counselor with Bell Laboratories, Murray Hill, after 25 years of service. During World War II, Miss Bray served with the USO in San Antonio, Texas. She was a member of the American Telephone Pioneers, Springfield Emanuel United Church and the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 2, where she served as treasurer from 1989 to 1990.

Surviving is a sister, Joan I. Bray.

**Dorothy Bearison**

Dorothy Bearison, 91, of Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died June 15 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Bearison lived in Newark and Springfield before moving to Florida 20 years ago. She was a counselor with the Newark Board of Education.

Mrs. Bearison was a life member of ORT, Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training, and a member of its Newark chapter for 50 years, where she served in various capacities before becoming president. She later joined ORT in Boca Raton.

Surviving are three stepsons, Leonard, Henry and Dr. David Bearison; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Leonard DeTaranto**

Leonard DeTaranto, 83, of Jupiter, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died June 15 at home.

Born in New Jersey, Mr. DeTaranto lived in Springfield from 1958 to 1983 when he moved to Florida. He operated his own electrical business in Springfield for more than 25 years.

After retiring, Mr. DeTaranto worked as an electrical maintenance technician for the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 12 years and the Union Police Department. He was a member of the Scotchwood Masonic Lodge, Scotch Plains, and the Jupiter Light Lodge 340 F&AM.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Mildred; two daughters, Phylene Garbasz and Arlene; a brother, Anthony, and a sister, Antoinette Gonder.

**Coloring buddies**



Coloring their paper dolls during first-grade orientation at Sandmeier School in Springfield are third-grader Justin Mott, left, and Walton School kindergartener Anthony Cluffi.

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### AT THE LIBRARY

#### Library begins summer hours starting July 1

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., is beginning its summer hours.

Starting July 1, the library will be open on summer Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. The library will be closed on Sundays during the summer. All other hours remain the same: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The library will be closed on July 3 and July 4 for the Fourth of July holiday. Regular hours will resume Sept. 9.

Bookdrops located by the entrance are open after library hours for the return of all materials, including magazines, videos and compact discs. No overdue fines are charged for days when the library is not open.

For more information call the library at 273-0350.

#### Library has new releases

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., has announced a selected list of new titles are available.

##### Fiction

Tom Connelly, "Honour redeemed"; Mercedes Lackey, "Brightly burning"; Louis L'Amour, "Off the mangrove coast"; M.R.D. Meek, "A house to die for"; and Peter Tremayne, "Valley of the shadow."

##### Nonfiction

Chuck DeLancy, "Photography your way"; Peter Genovese, "The great road trip: U.S. 1, Maine to Florida"; M.F. Graves, "Cancer"; George Grubin, "Grubin's guide to vintage guitars"; Josh Karlen, "The indispens-

able guide to classic men's clothing"; "Key moments in fashion"; David Keys; "Catastrophe"; Liz Langley, "Popart"; Meriwether Lewis, "The essential Lewis and Clark"; John Pearson, "Blood royal"; Ann Powers, "Weird like us"; Paul Prudhomme, "Chef Paul Prudhomme's Louisiana tastes"; Hal Rothman, "Saving the planet"; Howard Shapiro, "Dr. Shapiro's picture perfect weight loss"; and Joan Sutherland, "Who betrays Elizabeth Bennet?"

##### Unabridged audiobooks

Edna Buchanan, "Garden of evil"; John Jakes, "The Americans"; Ed McBain, "The last best hope"; Malachy McCourt, "A monk swimming"; and Monty Roberts, "The man who talks to horses."

To find out the availability of these and other titles, stop by the library and

visit the reference desk, or call 273-0350.

#### Royal Doulton character jugs on display at library

For the next month, a collection of miniature Royal Doulton character jugs will be on display at the Summit Free Public Library.

#### Spanish database service

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., announces the debut of Informa, a new electronic database service that provides thousands of articles published in popular Spanish-language magazines and pamphlets.

Informa is available on all of the Summit Library's Internet terminals. No library card is required to use this service and access to Informa is free.

For more information call 273-0350.

### Field Day fanatic



Lincoln-Hubbard School first-grader Kely Klair waits for her turn at the beanbag toss. The school hosted its annual field day earlier this month.

### Eighth-grader wins t-shirt design contest for Heritage Festival

Rebecca Messner has been named the winner of the t-shirt design contest for the Summit Cultural Heritage Festival. An eighth-grader at Summit Middle School, Messner was one of more than 120 Summit Middle School students who entered the contest this year.

The winning design features a human face filled with different aspects of the stars and stripes. "Summit Cultural Heritage Festival...because we are all the same on the inside," appears above the face.

"I could have filled in the compartments of the face with the colors of the different races," Messner said. "But I wanted to show what we all have in common, so I used variations of the stars and stripes in red, white and blue."

"Buying a festival t-shirt will be a great way for people to show their support for the festival," festival co-chair, Mia Andersen said.

The Summit Cultural Heritage Festival t-shirt will be sold at City Hall, the Summit Kings Supermarket and the Suburban Chamber of Commerce, 71 Summit Ave., beginning in early July. It also will be sold at the Fourth

of July event at Memorial Field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Summit Street Fair on Aug. 5 in downtown Summit.

Messner's design was one of four finalists. The other finalists were eighth-grader Megan Haggerty and seventh-graders Ellen Rose and Julia Castellanos.

"All of the designs were wonderful. Selecting the winning design was extremely difficult," Andersen said. The designs are on display at the Summit Public Library.

"We are extremely grateful to Middle School art teacher, Eloise Townsend for coordinating the contest at the Middle School. Ms. Townsend worked with many of the students to help them master new and more complicated computer graphic skills in their efforts to develop their designs," said festival co-chair Jesse Butler.

"We have a beautiful, new computer graphics lab at the middle school and the festival t-shirt design contest was a great way for the students to develop their skills with the new programs and equipment," Townsend said. "I was overwhelmed by the power-



Summit Middle School eighth-grader Rebecca Messner was recently selected the winner of the Summit Cultural Heritage Festival t-shirt design contest.

ful messages and diverse designs the students developed. They did an outstanding job, and it was extremely difficult to narrow the entries down to the four finalists. The students at Summit Middle School are very talented and creative. It is a pleasure to work with them."

"Harry Wilson, chairman of the Art

Department for the Summit Public District has ensured that his department is a great resource for the community. He uses community events as real life experiences to help his students develop their skills," Andersen said.

The Summit Cultural Heritage Festival is scheduled for Sept. 24.

### A renowned architect



Renowned Princeton architect Michael Graves, left, was recently presented with the Ann G. Stein Memorial Award for Arts Person of the Year by the New Jersey Center Visual Arts in Summit. Mayor Walter Long congratulated Graves on his achievement.

### Summit Republican City Committee re-organizes for new term

The Summit Republican City Committee of Summit has re-organized for 2000-2002.

The Republican City Committee runs for re-election every two years on the even years in conjunction with the Republican Committee of Union County. A nominating committee is formed to suggest a new slate of officers for the next term.

This term's nominating committee chair was Elwood Cornog and com-

mittee members were Betty McColligan, former Union County Freeholder and mayor Frank Lehr, Art Scheffler and Helen Huber.

The nominating committee made the following recommendations for the slate of new officers and presented to the Summit Republican City Committee: Chair, Eric Munoz; 1st Vice Chair, Dorothy Burger; Vice Chair of Finance, Dr. James Hatfield; Treasurer, John Staunton; Assistant Treasur-

er, Harry SanFilippo; Secretary, Alice Stanger; Corresponding Secretary, Betty McColligan; Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Cox; County Delegate, Helen Huber; Alternate County Delegate, Al Dill Jr.; Sergeant at Arms, Julie Sandor.

Nominations were presented to the newly elected Summit Republican City Committee and the officers were voted in. Munoz, Burger and Hatfield were

sworn in by Summit Mayor Walter Long.

Frank McDermott was presented with a gift from the committee. McDermott has served for 12 years as the chair of the Republican Committee of Union County. McDermott is a former state senator and senate president, a senior partner with Apruzzese & McDermott, chairman of the Turnpike Authority and serves on the Governor's Council.

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### Simon says 'stretch'



Fifth-grader Melissa Montagna of Deerfield School in Mountainside learns how to use math on the job. Students recently attended classes with people of different professions to learn how math is used in everyday life.

### Summer reading program registration set

Registration begins on Monday 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.

### Ten treated for exposure

By Joe Lugara  
Staff Writer

A small fire at the A.K. Stamping Company in Mountainside Saturday night resulted in a number of employees being treated for exposure to chemicals.

According to Mountainside Fire Chief Marc Franciosa, the fire, which started on the second floor of the Globe Avenue business around 10 p.m., resulted from a heating process used by A.K. involving mineral spirits and paraffin. Franciosa said that the fire had been partially subdued by an employee with a dry chemical extinguisher just prior to the department's arrival.

The Union County Hazardous Materials Team, along with the Mountainside Volunteer First Aid Squad, were both summoned. Approximately 10 employees were treated on the scene for exposure to the burning materials, although, according to Franciosa, the treatment was done purely "as a precautionary

measure." No one who was treated was transported to the hospital.

Firefighters scoured the building for individuals who might be trapped, but found none. Pops containing the burning chemicals were removed from the area containing the heat source and further extinguished. Franciosa described the damage to the building as "minimal."

Franciosa said the fire has changed A.K.'s approach to handling such chemicals. "A.K.'s management has been very cooperative in working with us," the chief said. "We previously walked through their building with their safety and maintenance supervisor — we try to do that with all the big businesses in town."

A manufacturing company, A.K. handles "a wide variety of chemicals," according to Franciosa, "although probably not more than any other manufacturing company in town." Mountainside sent all three of its engines to the scene.

### Taking the prize



Displaying their prize-winning entry from a county-wide logo design contest for the Union County Gifted and Talented Association are Deerfield School fifth graders, from left, Nora Kinney and Toni DeCristoforo of Mountainside.

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# Seniors close the door on GL

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 new faculty and we were exposed to a whole new learning atmosphere," Riley said.  
 He shared the feelings of he and his classmates as they started their senior year in September.  
 "I, like many others, had only one goal for my final year: Actually two. The first was to graduate, but the second, which in my mind was the most important, was to have fun. It was to be my last year here and I was finally king of the hill. All I could do was look back, realize all of the fun I had, and enjoy the view from the top," Riley said.  
 Senior Class President Whimsey Pafford, who will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison, followed in the footsteps of those who preceded her at the helm of the graduating class in presenting the class gift to the school.  
 In her brief remarks, Pafford spoke of her dedication to the school and

how she was surprised to have served three terms as president.  
 "I never thought that I would serve my class as president for three years. To this school and the kindness of my peers I owe everything," Pafford said as she presented the class gift of two wooden flower planters.  
 As the speeches concluded, the class came forward to receive their diplomas from Berkeley Heights Board of Education President Helen Kirsch, Board Vice President Gayll Fisher, Mountainside Board of Education President Patricia Tasechler and Frank Geiger, the Mountainside board's representative to the Berkeley Heights school board.  
 In addition to the attendance by both school boards, the ceremony was attended by other educational dignitaries. Mountainside Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, Berkeley Heights Superintendent of Schools Richard Brava, Berkeley Heights Assistant Schools Superin-

tendant Joan London and Governor Livingston Assistant Principal Mary Ann McAdam also witnessed the class' graduation.  
 Tasechler said she was excited for the members of the first graduating class of the 21st century.  
 "I thought that it was a lovely ceremony. There is a lot of talent in this class. I am happy for all of them," she said.  
 Riley ended his remarks by telling the audience and the world that the class is ready to leave their place on top of the hill and set out to conquer the challenges before them.  
 "We will march on, like we have in the past, into the awaiting world. So watch out world, here we come, and we will come, because when we set our minds to do something, we get it done. That is what makes us so unique. We are no ordinary class, we are the Class of 2000, and we will succeed. We just will not settle for anything less."



Eagerly waiting for the culmination of their high school experience are, from left, Mann Priya Bhasin, Ywai Ming Siu and Diana Stratis. Bhasin will attend George Washington University, Siu will attend the University of Michigan and Stratis plans to attend Messiah College.

Photo By Milton Mills

## Stuttering video available at Springfield library

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary-school-age youngsters.  
 Now some new help is available for parents, teachers and speech-language pathologists at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in the form of a videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter.  
 "It's meant to give speech language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stuttering in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the non-profit Stuttering Foundation of America.  
 The video features students from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk openly about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.  
 For more information about obtaining your own copy call toll free at (800) 992-9392.

## All together now



During an Arbor and Earth Week celebration at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, children and teachers relaxed in the gym after planting a tree in front of the school building. Singing songs together are, from left, back row, music teacher Ginger Haselden and guidance counselor Robert Burkhardt and, front row, pre-kindergartener Nina Marie Petrilli and kindergartener Anthony Maldonado.

## Students of the quarter



Florence M. Gaudineer School's students of the quarter are, from left, fifth-grader Jonathan Bari, sixth-grader Rosemary Garofalo, seventh-grader Mike Mannarino and eighth-grader Teddy Chelis. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks Club to recognize exceptional students who are selected by the teaching staff based on character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability.

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 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield, by PHILLIP STALLIE and ANNIE STALLIE for minor subdivision approval relative to Lot 53, 54 and 55, Block 2501, Berwindgas Tax Map and also known as 925-17 and 402 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey; variances relative to Lot 53 and 54 (10 ft. required — 10 ft. provided) for Lot 54, Block 2501; side yard setback (5 ft. required — 3.50 ft. provided) for Lot 55, Block 2501 upon easement after subdivision and the plan approval waiver for Lot 55, Block 2501 being granted to existing curatory property and site plan approval in absence of waiver. All above sections relate to the zoning ordi-

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 nance of the Township of Springfield. Also any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified. At the request of the Planning Board, This Application is made for premises located at 402-17 and 402 Block 2501 Lot 53, 54, and 55, Springfield Tax Map. This application is now calendar a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 P.M., July 5, 2000 at the Municipal Building, Jersey and when the Calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by your attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the Office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning

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 Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trent Street, Springfield, New Jersey.  
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### 2000 Municipal Budget Amendment TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues-Current Fund	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
1. Surplus	\$2,415,000.00	\$2,920,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,507,785.00	3,830,878.15
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	475,000.00	380,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	11,685,439.00	11,288,803.40
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$18,083,224.00</b>	<b>\$18,399,481.55</b>

Summary of Appropriations-Current Fund	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$7,988,260.00	\$8,003,260.00
Other Expenses	5,784,452.00	4,902,820.15
2. Deferred Charges - Special Emergency	416,800.00	332,514.40
4. Debt Service	1,638,817.00	1,741,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$18,083,224.00</b>	<b>\$18,399,481.55</b>

Summary of Revenues 2000 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
1. Surplus	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 365,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 372,000.00</b>

Summary of Appropriations	Anticipated From	Anticipated To
3. Debt Service-Interest on Bonds	15,000.00	22,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 365,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 372,000.00</b>

Notice is hereby given that the budget amendment was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union on June 13, 2000.  
 A hearing on the budget amendment will be held at the Municipal Building on June 27, 2000 at 8:00 o'clock (P.M.) at which time and place objections to the budget amendment for the year 2000 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. Copies of the detailed Budget amendment are available in the office of Kathleen Wisniewski, Township Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, (973) 912-2200, during the hours of 9:00 (A.M.) to 4:00 (P.M.) U9512 ECL June 22, 2000 (Fee: \$280.50)

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## Garden goodies



Taking a look at the candy house and garden scene they recently read about in "The Secret Garden" are, from left, Patrick Nika, Erika Yasumaru, Francesca Cameron and Jessie Torrado. The edible exhibit was on display in the library at Franklin School in Summit.

## Oak Knoll receives \$100,000 grant

Oak Knoll has received a \$100,000 grant from the William E. Simon Foundation to expand the school's community service program among its students, faculty, parents and alumni.

The Simon Foundation was established by the late William E. Simon, former U.S. Treasury Secretary and father to Oak Knoll alumnae Mary Simon Streep and Leigh Simon Porges. The grant to Oak Knoll will endow the Carol G. Simon Community Service Fund, named after Porges' and Streep's mother.

"With income generated by this gift, we will be able to open our Spirit Day opportunities for service to 300 students rather than 75," said Oak Knoll Annual Giving Director Nora Peyton.

## Falorca graduates from Academy of St. Elizabeth

N'Jinga Falorca of Summit graduated from the Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station on June 4. She plans to attend the College of Saint Elizabeth in the fall.

Falorca is the daughter of Michael and Idomina Edwards of Summit.

## Oak Knoll sophomore wins essay competition

Catie Cambria, a sophomore at Oak Knoll School in Summit, recently won first place in the 19th annual Philip E. Hoffman Human Relations Essay Competition.

Cambria won \$500, and a plaque was given to Oak Knoll in recognition of her accomplishment.

This year's human relations topic concerned conflict resolution in today's society. Students were asked how they go about resolving conflicts on different levels to make this a less violent world.

Three hundred students from public and private high schools in Essex, Morris, Union, Bergen and Passaic counties submitted entries.

## Martini achieves dean's list at Quinnipiac College

Summit resident Lauren Martini has been named to Quinnipiac College's dean list for the spring semester. Martini is majoring in occupational therapy.

Quinnipiac is a private, coed college in Hamden, Conn.

## STUDENT UPDATE



N'Jinga Falorca

## Crowell to study abroad in Nairobi in the fall

Timothy Crowell of Summit, a Union College liberal arts major, will be participating in the college's fall term abroad program in Nairobi, Kenya.

A 1998 graduate of Summit High School, Crowell will spend the ten-week term taking two courses focusing on East African literature and language study and a class on the cultural heritage of East Africa at the University of Nairobi.

## Rocker takes prize at Choate Rosemary Hall

Chalotte Rocker of Summit has been named the recipient of the Mar-

gone Brampton Harvey prize for exemplary effort in her sophomore year at Choate Rosemary Hall secondary school in Wallingford, Conn. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Rocker of Summit.

## Marricco inducted into vo-tech honor society

Lauren Marricco was among more than 150 students honored for outstanding performances during the annual awards night held recently at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools.

Marricco was inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society.

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 UCVT's Awards Committee.

## Three residents earn diplomas at vo-tech

Three Summit residents were among the more than 350 students, including members of the Day, Evening and Adult High Schools, awarded certificates of course completion when the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools held their 33rd annual graduation ceremonies on Friday.

Graduates from the day session included Jason M. Holmes and Suzey D. Miranda.

Simon Sheridan received his adult high school diploma.

## Garry and Reddy earn their degrees at Brown

Nicholas Garry and Jhansi Reddy have both received bachelor of science degrees from Brown University in Providence, R.I.

A geology-physics and mathematics major, Garry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Garry of Summit. He was member of the Sigma Xi honorary society.

A neuroscience major, Reddy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jagad Reddy of Summit. She graduated magna cum laude and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi honorary societies.

# Kent Place School installs Bosland as 10th Head of School during ceremony

Kent Place School in Summit recently installed Susan Collins Bosland as the 10th Head of School.

Bosland has devoted her life to education and comes to Kent Place with a great deal of experience and a strong commitment to all-girls education. She attended Laurel School, an all-girls, independent school in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and went on to Denison University to receive a bachelor of arts degree in biology.

She began her independent school career at Kingswood School Cranbrook in Michigan, where she taught science in the middle school. She later joined the faculty of Newark Academy in Livingston, teaching in both the middle and upper schools before becoming director of the middle school. Her duties were far-reaching and long-lasting, from supervising the expansion of the division to 130 students to creating an Honor Code and Code of Conduct.

Her impact on the Primary School was equally significant. Under her leadership, the Primary School saw full enrollment with waiting lists for many grades. Bosland can also be credited for her research and work on girls' leadership styles, which had an impact on the curriculum and provided support for the creation of the Girls' Leadership Institute, a summer program for middle school-aged girls.

In 1997, she left Kent Place for Teachers College, Columbia University to pursue a master's degree in educational administration with a concentration in private school leadership. She returned to the Kent Place campus as Interim Head of School in July 1999.

Bosland recently received her master of arts degree. During her studies at Columbia, she was the recipient of a Barnes Fellowship and a Klingenstein Fellowship.

More than 500 guests gathered in the Field House to mark the occasion. To welcome Bosland in the Kent Place tradition, candles were lit and well wishes were given by students, parents, faculty, staff, trustees and alumnae to symbolize the school's maxim, "With wisdom she lights the way."

The Primary School Chorus and the Handbell Choir performed musical selections under the direction of Edsel Thomas and the Upper School Ensemble and Chamber Singers performed under the direction of Music Director Warren Brown.

In her remarks, Bosland spoke about her vision for the school—to create an open-door environment that gives voice to each student's unique perspective and call to leadership. Her outlook is one that is reflective of Kent Place's mission to join academic rigor with community-minded awareness and concern.

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**STUDENT UPDATE**



Barbara Maul

**Maul to attend Maryland**

Barbara Anne Maul of Springfield graduated from the Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station of June 4. Maul plans to attend the University of Maryland in the fall.

She is the daughter of Robert and Teresa Maul of Springfield.

**Residents graduate from vo-tech schools**

Several Springfield and Mountain-side residents were among the more than 350 students, including members of the Day, Evening and Adult High Schools, awarded certificates of

course completion when the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools held their 33rd annual graduation ceremonies earlier this month.

Graduates from the day session included Mountain-side residents Wilben A. Flores, Miguel J. Frigoso and Aldo D. Hreszany, and Springfield residents Ernest A. Della Sala Jr., Jessica L. Hartmann, Attila M. Vigilante, Russell A. Werner and Aaron Minkov.

The commencement addresses were delivered by student speakers Paul J. Gaiens of Union, Law Enforcement, and April Chevon Morgan of Plainfield, Allied Health Program.

Superintendent Thomas J. Bistocchi followed with his message to the students and then presented the candidates, Class of 2000, for graduation. He was assisted by John Crowley, principal of the UCVTs, Robert Gliwacky, assistant principal of the Adult High School, introduced the Adult High School candidates for graduation while Heinz Ricken, supervisor of the Adult Evening School, introduced the Evening School candidates.

Conferral of certificates was performed by Charles Mancuso, president of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education.

**Sayanlar recognized**

Jason Sayanlar of Springfield has been recognized for his outstanding

achievement in Spanish IV at Delbarton. The private boys school recently held an awards convocation for underclassmen who showed outstanding performance in academics and activities.

**Andrasko receives James E. Nugent Award**

Joseph Andrasko of Springfield has been named the recipient of Delbarton's James E. Nugent Award. The award is presented to a Delbarton student who best exemplifies the spirit of giving himself to others.

**Bookbinder is delegate**

Pamela Bookbinder, daughter of Mitchell and Nancy Bookbinder, was Jonathan Dayton High School's delegate to the HOBY Leadership Retreat last month at the Sheraton at Newark Airport. Bookbinder will be New Jersey's female representative to the HOBY Worldwide Leadership Conference to be held at George Washington University the week of July 21.

**Schnur and Stark excel at Muhlenberg College**

Randi Schnur, daughter of Susan Ormer, and Jodi Stark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stark, both of Springfield have achieved the dean's list for spring semester 2000 at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Penn.

**Traffic accidents draw police attention**

**Springfield**  
A 1997 Mazda, driven by a Basking Ridge resident, slid approximately 80 feet after it was rear-ended by another vehicle operated by a Union resident at the Hillside Avenue-South Springfield Avenue intersection Friday.

The Mazda, travelling west, ended up facing eastbound. The Union resident, who was reported by one witness as moving at "a high rate of speed" as he approached the intersection, claimed that his accelerator had been stuck.

The driver of the Mazda that first requested an ambulance for her child as a precaution, but later declined the service, transporting the child to the hospital herself.

• A truck owned by Accurate

**POLICE BLOTTER**

Reconstruction of Chatham lightly struck a Springfield pedestrian as it turned the corner at Henshaw Avenue and Mountain Avenue June 14. The pedestrian was not injured.

A 1999 Kia Sportage, owned by an Old Bridge resident, was stolen from Morris Avenue the same day.

• Two locker room thefts at Bally's Fitness on Route 22 East resulted in the loss of \$100 cash and a credit card to a pair of Newark residents.

• Roselle Park resident Betty Doering was arrested when she attempted to obtain a driver's license under an assumed name June 9. Doering was charged with attempting to obtain a license while suspended, obtaining a

license through fraud, falsifying a license application and driving while suspended.

**Mountain-side**  
• Police arrested Shawn McClain of Plainfield on June 15. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license and no insurance on Route 22 West.

• On June 13, Mark Gianni of Orange was arrested on Route 22 West. Police observed Gianni driving a blue Cadillac with no inspection sticker. The license plates were checked by police and determined not to be on file with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles. After police stopped the vehicle, it was determined that his license had been suspended and he had traffic tickets totaling \$517.

**Department handles a series of consecutive highway accidents**

**Springfield**  
• The Springfield Fire Department spent more than four hours on Route 78 last Thursday handling a variety of motorcycle accidents, accidents and fluid spills.

The department first headed out at 8:43 a.m. for a medical service call at mile marker 48.4. After returning to fire headquarters, the department was summoned to the highway again, at

**FIRE BLOTTER**

10:53 a.m., at nearly the same location, for a motor vehicle accident involving a car and an 18-wheel tractor trailer.

A diesel fuel spill from the right saddle tank of the 18-wheeler was contained by firefighters, to prevent it from entering nearby storm drains.

The Summit Fire Department, along with members of the Union County Hazardous Materials Team, were on hand to assist with the spill. During the clean up, another motor vehicle accident, this time involving a rollover, was reported.

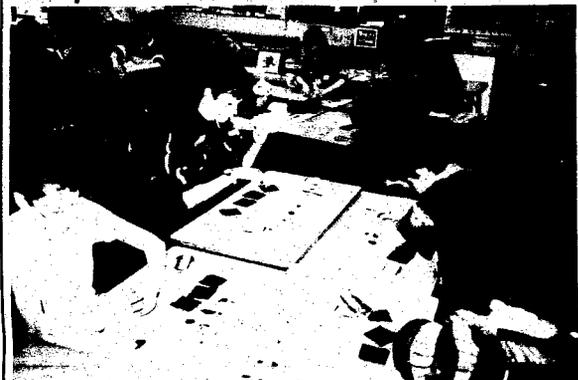
**Mountain-side**  
• Five activated fire alarms sent the department out between June 14 and 18.

**A hidden child**



Eighth-graders at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield recently had the opportunity to speak with Holocaust survivor Maude Dahme, 'a hidden child' during the Holocaust. Dahme and her sister were given to a neighbor to be raised with new identities and religions when her parents were sent to a concentration camp in The Netherlands.

**Samples of stencils**



Fourth-graders at Sandmeier School in Springfield learn how to make an apple picture by stenciling different parts with different colors. The students recently focused on 18th Century craft-making while studying about the state of New Jersey.

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# Governor Livingston does out senior awards 2000

Governor Livingston High School graduating seniors received awards and scholarships during a special program June 7 at the high school. Academic Excellence: Allison Pizaj and Howard Chou.

Parent-Teacher Association Awards for Excellence: Art Jessica Schreuders; Business Education: Elizabeth Chesler; English: Debra Fisher; Foreign Language: Megan Timmermann; Family Consumer Science: Jillian Gaglione; Industrial Arts: Stephen Cash; Instrumental Music: Jonathan Wu; Mathematics: Allison Peja; Science: Howard Chou; Allotson Peja; Social Studies: Michael Watson; Vocal Music: Kassandra Cizausli.

### President's Education Awards Program

Outstanding Academic Achievement: Sharon Cheng, Howard Chou, Lindsay Crow, Kara Fallace, Natalya Hasan, Krishna Huff, Anjni Keswani, Eric Levy, Cindy Lin, Julia Lordi, Craig MacGregor, Joseph Mayer, Heather Michéda, Steven Michéda, Indrani Mondal, Pallavi Naresch, Sharel Ongchin, Mark Papier, Arizon Peja, Andrew Poon, Karen Rizzoli, Jessica Schreuders, Morgan Timmermann, Michelle Tubbs, Christopher Vassil, Michael Watson and Jonathan Wu.

President's Award For Educational Improvement: Edward Barrett, Jared Mervin, Jill Maguire, Robert Mullens and Nikiletta Makris.

Outstanding Members of the National Honor Society: Anjni Keswani, Christopher Vassil.

### United States Presidential Scholars Program — 2000

National Honor Society Class of 2000: Ann Chang, Sharon Cheng, Elizabeth Chesler, Howard Chou, Lindsay Crow, Krishna Huff, Anjni Keswani, Debra Fisher, Jill Gaglione, Natalya Hasan, Krishna Huff, Anjni Keswani, Daniel Kim, Eric Levy, Cindy Lin, Julia Lordi, Craig MacGregor, Joseph Mayer, Heather Michéda, Steven Michéda, Indrani Mondal, Pallavi Naresch, Sharel Ongchin, Andrew Poon, Karen Rizzoli, Jessica Schreuders, Morgan Timmermann, Michelle Tubbs, Christopher Vassil and Jonathan Wu.

High School Science Awards for Outstanding and Distinguished Service: President, Mark Cantagallo; Vice President, Robyn Juba; Recording Secretary, Jennifer Curo; Treasurer, Eric Cantagallo; Corresponding Secretary, Justin Zimmerman; Editor-in-Chief, The Highlander, Jared Mervin; Assistant Editor of The Highlander, Stovana Vignathalingam; Managing Editor of The Highlander, Elizabeth Chesler; Photographer, Christina Souder; News Editor of The Highlander, Pallavi Naresch; Feature Writers of the Highlander, Matthew Stenczak, Thomas Ehrhardt.

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TREND Service Awards: Stephen Cash, Elizabeth Chesler, Jennifer Curo, Michael Fenton, John McMillin, James Ruff.

Literary Magazine: Anna Souvorov.

Student Activities: Sharel Ongchin, Sheryl Service Awards: President, Whitney Pafford; Vice President, Madeline West; Secretary, Gina Pisano; Treasurer, Heather McDonald.

Berkeley Heights Women's Club Scholarships: Sharel Ongchin, Indrani Mondal.

The Wood Family Scholarship: Jonathan Wu.

The Jonathan Kostal Memorial Scholarship: Justin Zimmerman.

Governor Livingston Faculty Scholarship: Jennifer Curo.

Senior Class Scholarship Awards: Whitney Pafford, Robyn Juba, Madeline West.

Governor Livingston P.T.A. Scholarships: Brian Bailey, Edward Barrett, Howard Chou, Cara Fallace, Natalya Hasan, Kaitie Kohler, Craig MacGregor, Nikoleta Makris, Devon Monahan, Tara Mondelli, Emily Perret, Andrew Poon, Matthew Stenczak, Erin Watson.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society Scholarships: James Finley, Karen Rizzoli.

The Margaret & Frank Shepard Memorial Scholarships: Jonathan Wu, musician, Debra Fisher, Brandon Front.

Giulio Colombo, presented by The Berkeley Heights Chamber of Commerce: Brian Bailey.

Berkeley Heights Lions Club Scholarships: Pallavi Naresch.

Berkeley Heights Lions Club Dr. Heinz Stuedel Memorial Scholarship: James Ruff.

Berkeley Heights Lions Club Scholarships: The Auberg-Swiss Scholarship: Christopher Vassil; The Di Maio Ristorante Scholarship: Kerri Cizausli; The Door Boy Scholarship: Jeffrey Gara; The Berkeley Florist/Chanos Roll Scholarship: Gina Pharis.

Charlene Harvey Memorial Scholarship: Allison Peja.

Veterans of America Scholarship: Elizabeth Chesler, Daniel Kim, Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship — Ladies Auxiliary: Kevin Riley.

Berkeley Heights P.T.A. Area Council Scholarship: Jessica Schreuders.

The Berkeley Heights Education Foundation Scholarships: Lindsay Crow, Heather McDonald.

Reading Society Scholarships: Nicole Karayianidina, Hilary Miller, Devick Monahan.

Highlander Booster Club Scholarship: Jeremy Ferguson, Jason Gujdicapietro, Steven Hoesly, Michael Laucellita, Tara Mondelli, Gina Piccolino.

Louis Jennifer Memorial Scholarship: Elizabeth Chesler.

Singly Hill Players Award: Mark Papier.

BRITE Competition, sponsored by the National Starch & Chemical Foundation: Eric Levy, Steven Michéda, Indrani Mondal.

Berkeley Heights League of Women Voters Citizenship Award: Christina Covello.

Union County Guidance Counselors Association Award: Rory Mansfield.

Union County Drive to CARE Scholarship Award: Justin Zimmerman.

The United States Military Academy — Offer of Admission: Adrian Alejandro Meyer.

ACT ROTC Scholarship at Fordham University: Brian Pritchard.

Principal's Special Service Award: Robyn Juba.

The American Association of University Women Scholarship, Summit College Chapter: Allison Peja.

The Rotary Club of Mountaineer Scholarships: Mary Burbach, Julia Lordi.

Mountaineer Education Association Scholarship: Danielle Denny.

Mountaineer Board Education — Present: Resentell Scholarship: Edward Barrett.

Tricia Derosa Memorial Scholarship: Gina DeCastro.

Mountaineer Newcomer's Club-Caitlin Clark Memorial Scholarship: Eric Cantagallo.

Mountaineer Lions Club: Marisa Rivieccio.

Mountaineer Holyoke College Book Award: Kristen Joham.

Fairfield University Book Award: Bonnie Silberbogen.

Phi Kappa Phi Spirit of Community Awards — Honoree: Tommy P. Lillis, Jonathan Wu.

National Current Events Contest: Placed 1st and 2nd in the Nation: John Flynn, Nicholas Pace.

National Current Events Contest: Placed 1st in Nation: Nicole Banerjee, Edward Barrett, Elizabeth Chesler, Kerri Cizausli, Alaina Clemente, Michael Criscitello, Jay Datto, Lauren Elkin, Thomas Ehrhardt, Frank Fernandez, Gerardo Fernandez, John Flynn, Matthew Grant, Megan Halderman, Pamela Hoffman, Alex Hox, Jeffrey Karl, Michael Laucellita, Christopher Monahan, Jared Mervin, Cathy Nallin, Nicholas Pace, Steven Paltuch, Gina Piccirillo, Jon Thomas, Nils Parkuhle, Gina Turturello, Michael Wallstein, Drew Walter, Justin Zimmerman.

Smith College Book Award: Jenna Burnett.

National Merit Coporation Scholarship Association Finalists: Allison Guallieri, Natalya Hasan, Anjni Keswani, Pallavi Naresch, Sharel Ongchin, Allison Peja.

National Merit Coporation Scholarship Association Letters of Commendation: Sharon Cheng, Howard Chou, Lindsay Crow, Kara Fallace, Natalya Hasan, Anjni Keswani, Eric Levy, Joseph Mayer, John McMillin, Indrani Mondal, Pallavi Naresch, Sharel Ongchin, Mark Papier, Arizon Peja, Andrew Poon, Karen Rizzoli, Jessica Schreuders, Morgan Timmermann, Michelle Tubbs.

The Governor's School Award of 2000: Environmental-Vijay Varma; Music-Kristin Joham.

The Governor's School Nominees: Dance-Jennifer Scherer; Music-Emily Porch; Science-Susan McDonald; Theater-Eric Maggari.

New Jersey Star Ledger Scholar: Recipient: Allison Peja.

Coca Cola Scholarship Semifinalist: Jennifer Lynn Curcio.

Bausch and Lomb Award: Susan McDonald.

State League: Charles Bong, David Chen, Zhey Chen, Sharon Cheng, Howard Chou, Jason Crow.

Lindsay Crow, David Dempsey, Oliver Eng, Angeni Keswani, Eric Levy, David Lin, Susan McDonald, Indrani Mondal, Satomi Morimoto, Pallavi Naresch, Ben Nhan, Sharel Ongchin, Allison Peja, Andrew Poon, Midulla Raman, Yiwey, Shieh, George Tewfik, Michelle Tubbs, Vijay Varma, Vivek Venkatachalam.

Science Bowl: Howard Chou, Roger Grosse, Eric Levy, David Lin, Allison Peja, Andrew Poon, Rahul Ram, Vijay Varma, Vivek Venkatachalam.

Placed second in state: Sharon Cheng, Howard Chou, Jon Hamill, Anjni Keswani, David Lin, Susan McDonald, Sharel Ongchin, Jessica Pfund, Allison Peja, Andrew Poon, Rahul Ram, Yiwey Shieh, George Tewfik, Vijay Varma, Vivek Venkatachalam.

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National Spanish Examination Awards: State of New Jersey High Scores: Spanish 5 BN — Jennifer Garza, 9th place; Spanish 2 — Sandra Zah, Katelyn Fenton, 10th.

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## Dayton baseball team did well to post 12-10 record

### Five Bulldogs earn All-Conference honors

By J.R. Parachini  
 Sports Editor

The Dayton High School baseball team did well to post a winning record of 12-10 and qualify for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs this season.

Several Bulldog standouts received All-Conference recognition from the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference for their outstanding efforts.

Those players included outfielder Jesse Stromeyer, catcher Lorenzo Williams, first baseman Brian Berger, shortstop James Cariello and Adam Slater.

Stromeyer and Slater banded out two hits each in a 5-2 win at Brearley on April 14. Berger blasted a home run in that contest and Cariello earned the mound victory, tossing a four-hitter and striking out 11.

After belting a double and scoring Dayton's only run in a 7-1 loss at Roselle Park on April 24, Cariello singled home Stromeyer in the bottom of the sixth to help Dayton win 4-3 at home over Manville on April 27. Cariello had two hits and three RBI in that victory.

Berger belted an RBI-double and an RBI-single and Williams connected on a two-run double in an 8-5 win at New Providence on April 28.

In the preliminary round of the Union County Tournament on April 29, Williams and Ryan Stromeyer combined on a five-inning, one-hit shutout as the Bulldogs blanked St. Patrick's of Elizabeth 12-0 in Springfield.

Berger had three singles and scored three runs in an 11-10 loss at Bound Brook on May 2. Stromeyer had two singles and an RBI in a 5-2 loss at Rahway on May 5.

One day later against Cranford in the first round of the UCT, Dayton was eliminated by the eventual repeat champions 12-2 in Cranford.

Williams was 3-for-3 with a home run and four RBI and Cariello also blasted a home run in a 20-5 win at St. Pat-

rick's in regular-season play on May 8.

In completing the regular-season conference sweep of Brearley at home in Springfield on May 11, the Bulldogs received three home runs from Williams in a 10-8 victory. Williams blasted a solo shot, a two-run round-tripper and then won the game with a three-run blast in the bottom of the seventh.

Williams also connected on a triple in the contest and drove in a total of six runs.

Williams tossed a six-hitter in stopping Roselle Park 7-3 at home in conference play on May 16. Cariello belted a two-run homer and Ian Cordoni connected on two singles, a double and drove in two runs.

Slater belted a single and scored a run in a 3-2 road loss to North Plainfield in conference competition on May 18.

Dayton's season came to an end on May 25 when it was defeated by Cedar Grove by the score of 15-5 in Cedar Grove in the 7-a.m. North 2, Group 1 quarterfinal.

Berger plays in All-Star Games.

Brian Berger was one of only nine seniors from the Mountain Valley Conference who were selected to play in last Saturday's annual NJSIAA All-Star Games at Princeton University.

The only player from Dayton selected, the slugging first baseman played for the North Jersey Section 2 squad and helped it defeat South Jersey 7-6 in 10 innings.

Berger was one of 100 players from around the state who were selected to play, each of the four sections in New Jersey represented by 25 of their best players.

Berger, who will continue at Rutgers University, impressed the Bulldogs in batting average this year with an impressive .575 mark. He is presently playing for the Springfield Senior American Legion baseball team.

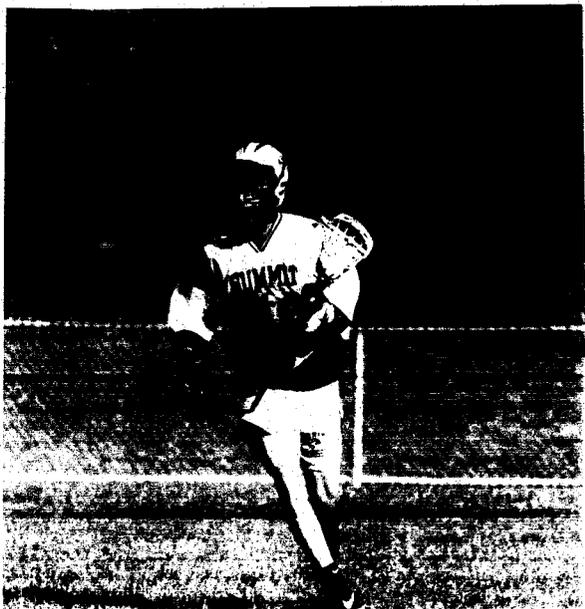


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Summit High School standout boys' lacrosse player Tim Martin finished fourth in the state in scoring this year with 96 points on 34 goals and 62 assists. The third-team All-State selection helped Summit finish 17-2, reach the NJSIAA Tournament quarterfinals and finish with a No. 5 state ranking.

## Summit lax elementary teams excel

The following are Summit elementary grade lacrosse team results of games played last month:

**Summit 6th grade 4, Westfield 3:** Rob Hillenbrand and Casey McGuire scored in the first half for Summit, while Justin Oplinger assisted on those goals and scored twice in the second half at Washington School in Summit. Andrew Bell, Mark Kinney, Sean Thomas, Michael Keane, Griffin Kern, Logan Bartlett, Will Gruetzmaier, Chris Sniekus, Jeremy McCauley, Morgan Griff, Davey Weeks, Tom Bell, Mark Garcia and Ben Nadler also played well.

**Summit 5th grade team wins Franklin Lakes Tournament:** Summit posted a 4-1 record.

Summit advanced to the semifinal round with a 2-1 record, first posting wins over Franklin Lakes 4-0 and Westfield 3-0 before being edged by Ridgewood 3-2.

Summit then edged Hopewell Valley 4-3 in the semifinals before blanking Kinnelon 2-0 in the title game. Kiefer Wiedmaier and Henry Burchenal scored for Summit.

Also playing well for Summit were Doug Ancey, Doug Vreeland, Terry White, Patrick Donovan, Robert Moore, Patrick Darby, Will Sheridan, Sam Kenyon, Eaman Troy, Brian Wilson, Anthony Landi, Paul Curmi, Granger Jewitt, Brian Smith, Dan Piedmont, Connor McKenna and Connor Smith.

## Baseball fever



Blake McLaughlin of Mountaineers spent the day with New York Yankee All-Star centerfielder Bernie Williams. Outback Steakhouse sponsored the baseball clinic at Pace University in Pleasantville, N.Y. The day's activities included catching, running, sliding and one-on-one batting skills with Bernie Williams.

## Grid clinic a success



The Springfield Minutemen football program held its second clinic last Saturday at Meisel Field in Springfield. This clinic, like the first in May, was well attended. Any player not yet registered must do so immediately at the Springfield Recreation Department on 30 Church Mall.

## Summit lacrosse teams had excellent seasons

### Standout boys', girls' honored for efforts

The Summit High School boys' and girls' lacrosse teams had outstanding 2000 seasons.

The boys' reached the NJSIAA Tournament quarterfinals and finished with an excellent record of 17-2, ranking No. 5 in the state.

The Hilltoppers were led by the high-scoring antics of Ned Britt and Tim Martin, the two finishing among the top five scorers in the state.

The girls' state champions a year ago, were sparked by the play of Ali Ballantyne, who finished 14th in the state in scoring with 62 points.

Summit boys' mentor Jim Davidson was selected as the state's Coach of the Year by *The Star-Ledger*. His two-year record at Summit is a sparkling 33-7 and includes consecutive trips to the NJSIAA Tournament quarterfinals. Summit was 17-2 this year and 16-5 last season.

Britt, who will continue at Yale, was second in the state

in scoring with 106 points on 69 goals and 37 assists. Martin was fourth with 96 points on 34 goals and 62 assists.

As a matter of fact, four of the top five scorers in the state hail from Union County as Johnson sophomore Matt Poskay led the state again with 118 points and Kevin Nolan of Johnson was fifth with 96. Poskay set the state record for most goals in one year with 88 and most points with his 118. Nolan tied the state mark for most assists in one season with his 77 this year.

Britt, who had 208 career points, and Martin were All-Fitch selections at attack as were Rob Messner and Matt Tsang on defense.

Tsang was a second-team All-State selection and Martin third-team. Ballantyne and Abby Hunt were North Jersey League All-Stars Division selections. Ballantyne was also an All-State selection.

## Summit, GL, Dayton grid teams open home

The Summit, Governor Livingston and Dayton high school football teams will open their 2000 seasons at home this year.

Here's a look at schedules of 13 of the 17 football playing high schools in Union County.

**Union**  
 Sept. 9 at Irvington, 1:30  
 Sept. 15 at Elizabeth, 7:00  
 Sept. 22 East Side, 7:00  
 Sept. 29 Kearny, 3:00  
 Oct. 7 at Plainfield, 1:30  
 Oct. 14 at Westfield, 1:30  
 Oct. 20 at Shabazz, 7:00  
 Oct. 27 Linden, 7:00  
 Nov. 23 Scotch Plains, 10:30

**Elizabeth**  
 Sept. 9 at Kearny, 1:30  
 Sept. 15 Union, 7:00  
 Sept. 22 Plainfield, 7:00  
 Sept. 29 at East Side, 7:00  
 Oct. 7 at Irvington, 1:30  
 Oct. 14 at Linden, 1:30  
 Oct. 28 at Westfield, 1:30  
 Nov. 3 Shabazz, 7:00  
 Nov. 22 Cranford, 7:00

**Linden**  
 Sept. 16 at Westfield, 1:30  
 Sept. 23 at Shabazz, 10:30  
 Sept. 29 Cranford, 2:00  
 Oct. 7 at Scotch Plains, 1:30  
 Oct. 14 Elizabeth, 1:30  
 Oct. 21 at East Side, 1:30  
 Oct. 27 at Union, 7:00  
 Nov. 4 Plainfield, 2:00  
 Nov. 23 Kearny, 10:30

**Rahway**  
 Sept. 9 at South Plainfield, 7:00  
 Sept. 23 Immaculata, 1:00  
 Sept. 29 at Bound Brook, 7:30  
 Oct. 7 at Hillside, 1:00  
 Oct. 14 Gov. Livingston, 2:00  
 Oct. 21 Ridge, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 Roselle, 1:00  
 Nov. 4 at New Providence, 2:00  
 Nov. 23 at Johnson, 10:30

**Cranford**  
 Sept. 9 Westfield, 1:30  
 Sept. 16 at Scotch Plains, 1:30  
 Sept. 23 at Morris Hills, 1:30  
 Sept. 29 at Linden, 2:00  
 Oct. 7 Shabazz, 1:30  
 Oct. 14 East Side, 2:00  
 Oct. 21 Plainfield, 1:30  
 Oct. 28 at Irvington, 1:30  
 Nov. 22 at Elizabeth, 7:00

**Johnson**  
 Sept. 16 Ridge, 1:00  
 Sept. 23 at Roselle, 1:00  
 Sept. 30 at Manville, 1:00  
 Oct. 7 Immaculata, 1:00  
 Oct. 14 at Bound Brook, 2:00  
 Oct. 21 Hillside, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 at Gov. Liv., 1:00  
 Nov. 4 at Dayton, 2:00  
 Nov. 23 Rahway, 10:30

**Hillside**  
 Sept. 16 at Gov. Liv., 1:00  
 Sept. 23 Ridge, 1:00  
 Sept. 30 at Roselle, 1:00  
 Oct. 7 Rahway, 1:00  
 Oct. 13 at Immaculata, 7:00  
 Oct. 21 at Johnson, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 Roselle Park, 1:00  
 Nov. 3 at Bound Brook, 7:00  
 Nov. 23 Brearley, 10:30

**Roselle**  
 Sept. 15 at Immaculata, 7:30  
 Sept. 23 Johnson, 1:00  
 Sept. 30 Hillside, 1:00  
 Oct. 7 at Gov. Liv., 2:00  
 Oct. 14 Ridge, 2:00  
 Oct. 21 North Plainfield, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 at Rahway, 1:00  
 Nov. 4 Brearley, 2:00  
 Nov. 23 at Roselle Park, 10:30

**Dayton**  
 Sept. 16 New Providence, 1:00  
 Sept. 22 at Manville, 7:00  
 Sept. 28 at Bound Brook, 7:00  
 Oct. 6 at Roselle Park, 2:00  
 Oct. 13 Gov. Livingston, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 at Brearley, 1:00  
 Nov. 4 Johnson, 2:00  
 Nov. 22 at North Plain., 7:00

**Governor Livingston Highlanders**  
 Sept. 16 Hillside, 1:00  
 Sept. 22 at North Plain., 7:00  
 Sept. 30 at Ridge, 1:00  
 Oct. 7 Roselle, 2:00  
 Oct. 14 at Rahway, 2:00

**Summit**  
 Sept. 9 Delaware Valley, 1:30  
 Sept. 16 Dover, 1:30  
 Sept. 23 Mendham, 7:30  
 Sept. 29 at Morris Hills, 2:30  
 Oct. 7 Weesquahic, 1:30  
 Oct. 13 at Parsippany Hills, 7:00  
 Oct. 21 at West Essex, 1:30  
 Oct. 28 Mount Olive, 1:30  
 Nov. 4 at Hanover Park, 2:00

**Roselle Park**  
 Sept. 15 North Plainfield, 7:30  
 Sept. 23 at Roselle, 1:00  
 Sept. 30 North Plainfield, 1:00  
 Oct. 6 at Manville, 7:30  
 Oct. 14 at Dayton, 2:00  
 Oct. 20 Bound Brook, 7:30  
 Nov. 3 Immaculata, 7:30  
 Nov. 23 Roselle, 10:30

**Brearley**  
 Sept. 16 Bound Brook, 1:00  
 Sept. 23 Roselle Park, 1:00  
 Sept. 30 North Plainfield, 1:00  
 Oct. 7 at Ridge, 1:00  
 Oct. 14 at New Providence, 2:00  
 Oct. 20 at Manville, 7:00  
 Oct. 28 Dayton, 1:00  
 Nov. 4 Roselle, 2:00  
 Nov. 23 at Hillside, 10:30

**Dayton**  
 Sept. 16 New Providence, 1:00  
 Sept. 22 at Manville, 7:00  
 Sept. 28 at Bound Brook, 7:00  
 Oct. 6 at Roselle Park, 2:00  
 Oct. 13 Gov. Livingston, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 at Brearley, 1:00  
 Nov. 4 Johnson, 2:00  
 Nov. 22 at North Plain., 7:00

**Immaculata**  
 Oct. 21 at Dayton, 1:00  
 Oct. 28 Johnson, 1:00  
 Nov. 4 Manville, 2:00  
 Nov. 11 Playoffs/Cons.  
 Nov. 23 Immaculata, 10:30

*What do you say* to thousands of people who have given their time, talents and knowledge to help others through an emergency?

How do you tell these people that you appreciate and admire all they have done — and continue to do to keep a company and its customers up and running even in the most adverse conditions?

How do you compensate people for the loss of their holidays, special events, family time and vacations so they can pull together and repair the damage that nature has wrought?

How do you explain the importance of the jobs these people do to the families who have not seen nor spent time with them for the past six weeks so that others could benefit from their work?

How do you tell these thousands of dedicated, talented people that they are valued and appreciated?

How? Just like this.

## *Dear GPU Energy Employees,*

For the past six weeks, Mother Nature has thrown everything in her bag of tricks at the GPU Energy service area. From Lake Erie to the Atlantic Ocean, in a service area that provides electricity to more than 2 million customers, the GPU Energy system has been hit with hail storms, heat waves, thunder and lightning storms and winds of more than 70 miles per hour.

Through it all, GPU Energy employees have given their time and talents to report to the hardest hit areas to do what they do best—get the lights back on. They have worked tirelessly and selflessly, 24 hours a day, in the field and in the offices, patrolling lines, performing clerical work, answering phones, checking in supplies, distributing dry ice and water and repairing damage.

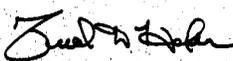
In a perfect world, emergencies would start during a normal business day. But, this is not a perfect world. This is the business of providing reliable electric service—all day, every day.

GPU Energy employees have been called in to work in the middle of the night, on weekends, on days off, on Mother's Day and Memorial Day. And they have responded. They have been asked to leave their families, their plans and their holidays to report to areas that have been ravaged by storm damage. And they have responded. They have been asked to do work in conditions that the rest of us try to avoid—in storms, rain, hail and heat. And they have responded. They have been asked to do this work in one quarter of the time that it normally takes. And they have responded. And through it all, they have been asked to continue to keep the day-to-day operations of the company going. And they continue to respond.

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