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District plans for its future growth

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education convened at an earlier hour than usual on Tuesday to perform its yearly ritual of discussing the district's goals. With the 2000-2001 school year bowing on Wednesday, Chief School Administrator Conrad Schaller announced Deerfield School's population as standing at 640, with one student having been registered for the pre-school handicapped program as late as Tuesday afternoon. The school's staff was in attendance for a schoolwide meeting on Tuesday.

Schaller took a few minutes prior to discussing the district goals to clear up "a few odds and ends." He notified the board that the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment test had been recalled, pointing out that the rubric — the qualifications a student must meet when answering a particular question — were incorrect on the writing portion of the test. He also pointed out that Deerfield's technology lab had been shifted to a different classroom, for reasons of space.

Overall, Schaller was enthusiastic about the start of the new school year. "We're ready to open tomorrow," meaning Wednesday, "everything's in place," he said, concluding his brief review by expressing his satisfaction concerning the hiring of the district's eight new staff members.

The district goals themselves were introduced by Board President Pat Teaschler, who described them as "used to measure the district's effectiveness — for anything from facilities to curriculum to staff development."

The five suggested goals indeed covered a variety of topics. The board did not challenge the importance of any individual goal. But not surprisingly, a focus was placed on the first stated goal: planning for future facility needs.

"Financial concerns for these facility needs don't come out of our budget," Teaschler pointed out. "We need a referendum. I think that fact has to be stated in there."

"In hard language, we need to pass a referendum," board member Peter Goggi said. "Maybe passing a referendum is something we don't put out there until we make a decision on what we need."

Fellow board member Frank Geiger complained that the goal, as written, does not alert the reader to the fact that "a new building" — meaning an expansion of Deerfield — might be required. Board member MaryBeth Schaumburg warned against the goal being "too wishy washy. It needs to take a step."

Other goals, listed in order of appearance:

- Revise and align the Language Arts, Grades K-5, curriculum with the state Core Curriculum Content Standards, and implement it for the 2001-02 school year.
- Implement, review and evaluate the district's Language Arts 6-8, Social Studies K-8, and Science K-8 during the 2000-01 school year.
- Continue to further develop and implement an ongoing communication articulation network of administration, staff and parents with Berkeley Heights, regarding elementary and secondary curricula and school issues.
- Develop programs to enhance students' ability to become responsible citizens in school and the community.



Photo By Barbara Kozliska

Like at many other schools across the country, modular units dot the school grounds at Deerfield School in Mountainside. On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., the school board's long-range planning committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Education as to whether expanding Deerfield or reopening Beechwood School will help solve the space crunch problem.

School board to weigh expansion

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

In Mountainside, rising student enrollment is leaving the Board of Education with a limited option: either expand Deerfield School or reopen Beechwood School.

The district received a surprise earlier this year when a larger-than-expected number of parents registered their children for Deerfield's kindergarten. The 80-plus youngsters registered for the 2000-01 school year topped the district's anticipated incoming kindergarten population by more than 20 students. The actual registration figure conflicts with the lower figure established last winter in a demographic study conducted by Whitehall Associates.

An ad hoc committee, formed at the request of the Board of Education earlier this year to examine the space issue, has broken down into two subcommittees. The subcom-

mittees have been reviewing both the Deerfield expansion option and the Beechwood recsituation option. The ad hoc committee will present its findings at an open public Board of Education meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield cafeteria.

Beechwood School, which has been closed for nearly two decades, would require work to bring it up to current state standards, as Board of Education member Richard Kress pointed out previously. Bond costs would have to be evaluated to determine the feasibility of such a move.

Deerfield's current situation already involves several classes held in modular units, notably a music class and the district's before- and after-school program. A recent suspension of the school's home economist classes, due to the reallocation of Deerfield's cooking and sewing teacher, has left two rooms open.

Engineering firm hired to study downtown parking

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The feeling seems to be that shoppers are passing through Springfield a bit too quickly.

To make its downtown more attractive to shoppers, the Township Committee is eyeing the landscape for some improvements. The committee

took its first step toward the project two weeks ago by awarding a contract to the engineering firm of Keller and Kirkpatrick Inc. of Parsippany. The engineers have been selected to prepare what is being called a "downtown beautification and parking plan."

Township Engineer Sam Mardini

and Administrator Richard Sheola worked together to prepare a grant proposal to the county for \$10,000 in order to secure the engineering firm's services.

"The purpose of the grant was to do a study to improve and beautify the downtown," Mardini said. "We sub-

mitted the grant proposal to hire a professional to look at the area."

Mardini said he would expect to see "common parking areas on the north side of Morris Avenue, between Duffy's Corner and Church Mall. We'd also like to get some ideas about facades, lighting, some landscaping and street furniture."

According to engineer Robert Kirkpatrick, the firm will not make specific recommendations until the Township Committee has the opportunity to meet with business and property owners. Kirkpatrick views the proposal created by himself and Township Planner Bob Michaels as a means of "ensuring a partnership" between the factions.

"We'll get the two factions together first, before we make any recommendations they might not want," Kirkpatrick said.

The engineer pointed out that the Morris Avenue traffic "goes through too fast to allow for any impulse buying. It's usually predetermined shopping. We'd like to try to find a way to make the traffic slower, and to make the area more attractive. The commercial property owners have to clean up and fix up the buildings so people want to stop."

Kirkpatrick referred to several "traffic-calming devices," including the use of textured crosswalks and "speed tables," as methods of slowing traffic without the use of traffic lights. Textured crosswalks can easily be detected by motorists as their tires pass over them; "speed tables" consist

of a dip, sandwiched between two inclines, which forces drivers to slow down without damaging their vehicles.

In regard to parking and walking, Kirkpatrick said plainly, "vehicular and pedestrian circulation is not good," although he could not offer any specific suggestions for improvement. He did, however, cite the numerous parking lots behind the stores on the north side of Morris Avenue as a problem for having difficult access and for not being interconnected.

Mayor Clara Harelik has also noted the significance of the parking problem, referring to that particular aspect of the project as a "parking reconfiguration."

Duffy's Corner has been a particularly touchy parking region. The establishment of the township's jitney bus service last year, which transports commuters to the Short Hills Train Station, necessitated the designation of a number of parking spaces for its riders, angering local merchants.

The township, according to Kirkpatrick, faced the possibility of a downtown redevelopment plan "about five or six years ago, but no money came through." As for the financing of the current project, Kirkpatrick said, "I'd expect some money from the government and some from individual property owners. There's no Santa Claus — it has to be a cooperative thing. Everybody has to help themselves."



Photo By Barbara Kozliska

The limited availability of parking spaces in Springfield has township officials searching for ways to make the shopping district more attractive to shoppers. The Township Committee recently awarded a \$10,000 contract to an engineering firm to prepare a downtown beautification and parking plan.

Springfield's elementary students achieve course objectives

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

What's the objective and has it been achieved? That's the question Springfield school officials have had to answer.

A comprehensive attainment report for the 1999-2000 school year was presented at the Board of Education's Aug. 21 meeting by Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman. According to Zimmerman, the Edward V. Wallace, James Caldwell and Thomas L. Sandmeier schools all achieved their objectives, with the Florence M. Gaudineer School crossing the finish line on its public speaking course objective without incident, but striking a bump on route to its math objective.

Jonathan Dayton High School, while recording improved academic scores among all its students, fell short in the area of physical education, with less than 70 percent of its sixth-graders meeting or exceeding standards for physical fitness as determined by the President's Challenge, a nationally-recognized fitness benchmark.

Zimmerman and Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland were scheduled to meet with the county superintendent to discuss the results of the report last week. No word on the outcome of that meeting had been received at press time.

Seventh-grade students at the Gaudineer School tackled the district's public speaking course for the very first time.

At the Walton School — home of the district's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students — pre-kindergarten students exceeded the district's 85 percent anticipated success rate in the area of object classification, demonstrating a capability of classifying six objects by at least one physical attribute — either color, size, shape or texture — with 100 percent accuracy. A second objective, involving the identifying of all upper and lower case letters, and all consonant sounds except for "h" and "g," was also successfully met.

At the Caldwell School, students in grades one through four achieved the objective of a 0.10 increase on their 2000 Iowa Test Battery in the areas of comprehension and vocabulary skills. In grade two science, which includes Life Science, Physical Science and Earth Science, achievement levels were described as "the surpassing expectations" — an achievement credited to the program's "hands-on" teaching approach.

Sandmeier School was also successful in both its objectives, each of which touched on writing. The report cites "several noted improvements" in the writing of third-grade students, including better organizational skills and stronger "openings and closings." For the second year of this two-year objective, the report recommended a shift from descriptive to persuasive writing techniques.

Seventh-grade students at the Gaudineer School tackled the district's public speaking course for the very first time, and the results were satisfactory, with students expressing a lessening of anxiety and an appreciation and understanding of the importance of speech preparation.

In math, however, Gaudineer's level of attainment was described as "partially satisfied" as a result of the loss of one of the district's math teachers in mid-year. Pre-test results could not be located after the instructor's departure, leaving the district with only 48 students who were both pre- and post-tested, creating inaccurate final figures.

The report suggested making open-ended questions a "more integral part" of the math program, given Great Eight Proficiency Assessment testing. It also recommended a September meeting between the district's math supervisor and its teachers to discuss curriculum modifications for eighth grade.

Diswel new staff

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The bell rang Wednesday for classes in school districts around the state. Mountainside and Springfield, like many districts, have experienced a number of retirements and resignations among their faculty, along with increased enrollment, and are now welcoming new teachers.

Mountainside

"It's unusual and exciting for us," Deerfield School Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish said about the district's record of eight new faculty members. "We pulled it all together about a week ago, and there are no openings left. This is the largest new staff we've had in a long time."

More than half of the recently-filled positions reflect Deerfield's increased enrollment — a significant topic among the borough's Board of Education members these days.

Annie Corley, Deerfield's new kindergarten teacher, and Patricia Fitzsimmons, the new fourth-grade teacher, were both hired directly as a result of enrollment, with their classes added as fourth sections. Corley, who lives in Westfield, is "very excited about setting up a new kindergarten," according to Keshish. Corley's class consists of 20 new students. Fitzsimmons' Deerfield career kicks off with a class of 17.

Nara Fitts joins Deerfield as a part-time art teacher, to assist the full-time Lynn Slotkin. "The population has expanded," Keshish remarked. "Mrs. Slotkin just doesn't have the time to teach everyone."

Two other staff additions have resulted from a combination of factors: the ever-present enrollment issue, along with the expansion of the world language program. Margaret Grendon joins Deerfield as a part-time instructor in Spanish and world language, with Terence Wall signing on as a part-time French teacher. Wall also will assist with ESL and BSL — English as a Second Language and Basic Skills Instruction.

In the area of physical education, Keshish said a third full-time position had been created last year, "but this was the first time we had the chance to fill it."

The district's choice for its third physical education instructor, Marty Vlastacione, is not entirely new to Mountainside, having coached borough students in local swimming leagues. Keshish said that although the school's coaching positions have not yet been decided, Vlastacione's previous experience in that area makes him a candidate for perhaps coaching again.

Keshish described Karen Hillyer, the school's new media specialist, as "very experienced." Hillyer has been working with library assistant Julie Wolman to spruce up the media collection, and is planning to celebrate the media center's reopening with a Harry Potter event. Hillyer's new position opened as the result of a retirement.

Mountainside resident Laurie Maier has been tapped to become Deerfield's new seventh-grade science teacher. Maier, who recently taught at Parsippany-Troy Hills, has also taught science courses at night at Parsonage Dickinson University. The position was created as a result of the Middle School Teaming Project. See SPRINGFIELD, Page 3

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Saturday
• The Springfield Public Library resumes its regular Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For information call the library at (973) 376-4930.
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, continues its trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers 14 years old and older should bring lunch, a mug for a beverage, a shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if available.
Interested participants must pre-register by calling (908) 789-3670.

Sunday
• Congregation Israel of Springfield hosts its annual barbecue and picnic from 4 to 7 p.m. at Rosner Field on the corner of Irwin and Adams streets.
Reservations are required. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children between the ages of 3 and 12 years old. Children younger than 3 years old are admitted free.

Checks should be made payable to Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081 and should be brought to the attention of Sherry Silver. For more information call the Shul office at (973) 467-9666.
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, hosts two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m., children 6 and older can learn about the fall sky. Each family will get a fall sky map to take home.
At 3:30 p.m., children between the ages of 4 and 6 can hear sky stories from different cultures around the world, and learn how, long ago, they used their imaginations to create stories about the animals and people they saw among the stars.

Admission to shows is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors. Trailside offers a special family program, "Autumn Migrants," at 2 p.m. Families will have an opportunity to scan the skies for migrating birds, monarchs and dragon flies. Participants should bring binoculars, if available. Donations will be accepted.

Monday
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.
• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.
• Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Rosary Society meets at 7 p.m. at the church on Central Avenue in Mountaineer. A 7:30 p.m. service will be conducted by the Rev. Patrick Leonard, followed by a demonstration from the Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit at 8 p.m.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive session 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 Mountaineer Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave.

• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call (973) 912-2227.
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.
The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.
• Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, is accepting registrations for the next school year beginning in September. Kindergarten through third grade is scheduled to meet Saturdays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Fourth grade through seventh grade will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Eighth grade through 10th grade will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
For more information about the religious school program, or to register students for the fall term, call Cantor Amy Daniels at (973) 379-6646.

Wednesday
• The Springfield Board of Health meets for a regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Upcoming events
Sept. 17
• The Springfield Chamber of Commerce will present the Springfield Fall Festival and the Kiwanis Car Show at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The festival will include a disc jockey, rides, games and food vendors.
Rain date is set for Sept. 24. For inquiries call 21st Century Productions at (888) 4NISHOWS.

Sept. 19
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host its continuing luncheon video series at noon with "Armageddon."
Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the show. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kiernan graduates Army food service course

Army Pvt. Martin Kiernan of Springfield recently graduated from the food service specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Va.

Kiernan learned to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities, baking methods, field kitchen operations and general operation of Army dining facilities.
A 1999 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Kiernan is the son of Dave and Ann Hiedler of Springfield.

Plasse joins YSI Inc.

YSI Inc., headquartered in Yellow Springs, Ohio, has hired Michael P. Plasse for the new position of general manager for Victory/YSI in Springfield.

The former Victory Engineering Company, now in its 59th year, was acquired last June by YSI to complement its existing temperature business.

Schnakenberg earns political science degree

John Schnakenberg of Mountaineer was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in political science at commencement exercises on May 25 at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

A 1996 graduate of Governor Livingston High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Schnakenberg of Mountaineer.

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Library continues video series Sept. 19

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its luncheon video series "Hollywood Classics: Old and New" with "Armageddon" on Sept. 19 at noon.
"Armageddon," starring Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Liv Ullmann, is a meteor storm of action-adventure that has you on the edge of your seat forgetting to breathe.

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In October, a new luncheon video series will be starting. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

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Deerfield expansion decision hampered?

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

So far, the Mountside Board of Education knows only one thing for sure about Deerfield School: it's getting to be too small. But more is certain to be revealed when the two committees formed by the board to examine the space issue make their presentations on Tuesday.

The meeting, a public event, is not, as Board President Pat Tauschler specified, for the purpose of making a decision on what needs to be done. The purpose is simply to listen to and absorb the ad hoc committee's observations.

At an executive session early Tuesday evening, the board briefly discussed the possibility of having the meeting, slated to be in the Deerfield cafeteria, broadcast on TV-35. But the threat of having the meeting's intention be misunderstood through a television broadcast is a factor Board of Education members felt they needed to consider.

"This information we're going to get is to aid us in planning," board member Peter Goggi said. "We may not use anything we hear, but we're assuming the ad hoc committee will present us with what we need."

Goggi suggested creating an agenda for the event, with a question-and-answer period for the public provided somewhere in the middle. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, however, was dead set against the idea.

"I don't want anyone walking out of the room that night thinking we have a specific plan in mind," Schaller said. "I'm not trying to keep the audience out, but if we turn it over to the public for comment too early, there'll be a problem. We should save the public comments for the end."

As for a tentative project time frame, board member John Perrin provided his associates with the news that the state now allows for a referendum to be submitted only during the months of September, December, March and January. A missed March deadline, which appears to be the most convenient date for the Board of Education to submit its referendum, would require another six months of waiting, a fact that fellow board member Frank Geiger called "ridiculous."

Although Perrin did not believe the board would be able to consider the ad hoc committee's decision in time for a March deadline, Tauschler felt March would be a feasible target date.

Springfield schools hire 24 new teachers

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Springfield
Out of a faculty of approximately 170, Springfield is welcoming 24 new teachers to its district this year. According to Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman, double-digit figures in new staffing for districts comparable in size to Springfield are "becoming somewhat usual."

Among the new hires are three in the arts — two in fine art, one in music — along with two math teachers and one math supervisor. The math supervisor position became available with the retirement of Jim Giordano earlier this year. Giordano was replaced by Ted Lebo, who taught for 21 years at Phillipsburg High School. Lebo also has college-level teaching experience.

Zimmerman was especially pleased with the district's selection of Lebo and the other math instructors. "The math — that's key," Zimmerman said. "There's a shortage of good and prepared math and science teachers."

Kristofer Kohler, hired earlier this summer as Jonathan Dayton's new head football coach, replacing the resigned Paul Sep, will also serve the district as the new guidance counselor at the middle school. "It's wonderful to have a coach working at the middle school level," Zimmerman pointed out. "It's a chance to develop a relationship with the students before they get to the high school."

Zimmerman proclaimed the district "excited" about the hiring of physical education instructor Kathleen Morriello, who holds experience in both dance and theater. Zimmerman said Morriello's dance training will help the district achieve its state Core Curriculum Content Standards in the area of dance and movement. The standards are part of a unified instruction designed to "refine perceptual, physical and technical skills."

The middle school has acquired a pair of sixth-grade teachers, an English teacher, science teacher and a combined English/social studies teacher. Dayton also has a new English teacher. A new elementary school library media specialist has been hired — "a difficult position to fill," Zimmerman observed. Five new elementary teachers also have signed on.

At Dayton, a "job share" arrangement, orchestrated by Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland, is now in operation. "Both teachers wanted part-time positions," Zimmerman said. "One in chemistry, one in biological and earth science." According to Zimmerman, Friedland decided on the job share notion as he interviewed the candidates.

As of June 28, Springfield's student population stood at 1,837. "We don't have final numbers for this year yet," Zimmerman said. "And there's still registration through this week."

Rocket scientists



Photo By Milton Mills

Matt Saverhoff, 13, left, and Danny Fernandez, 12, add wings to their own rocket ship in a woodshop class at Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School earlier this summer. Springfield's four-week summer school enrichment classes were attended by 248 kids from kindergarten to grade eight.

HEALTH

Board of Health will meet next on Wednesday

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

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Sept. 23 is Health Day

The Springfield Board of Health has announced that it will conduct a Health Day Sept. 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

The health program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC and HDL. Medical Laboratory of West Orange will conduct the blood testing. The SMAC 26 is an elaborate blood analysis, monitoring several bodily functions. The CBC test includes a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count, and differential count. The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease.

Events

Foothill Club plans to host luncheon and trip

The Foothill Club of Mountside will meet at noon today at the Heffield House for a luncheon.

Annual donations will be presented by club President Ruth Gouese. Guest of Robert Vighiani will be the may speaker. Guests are welcome.

Call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626 for a reservation.

The Foothill Club of Mountside will offer a bus trip to Mt. Haven Resort in Pennsylvania Sept. 28. The cost is \$40 per person including tax and gratuity.

Call Rove at (908) 232-4043 for an early reservation.

Book signing Saturday

On Saturday at 2 p.m., Barnes and Noble, Route 22, Springfield, hosts Richard R. Karlen, author of "Devil's Dance," who will engage in a discussion and book signing of his most recent novel, "Looking for Bernie."

In "Looking for Bernie," Karlen explores, in a span of one week, the misadventures of an alcoholic dentist and the impact that his alcoholism has upon his family. The novel takes the reader on an odyssey of the cities of Newark and New York in the year 1956, a time when America was struggling to come to grips with its moral deficiencies as a racist society.

Karlen grew up in Newark, attended the University of Chicago, and the New York University School of Dentistry. After spending three years in the Air Force, he returned to Newark and practiced dentistry for 35 years in the Ironbound Section, until he retired in 1995 to begin a new career as an author. He currently lives in Scotch Plains with his wife, daughter and twin grandchildren.

Karlen's most recent novel, "Answer Man," will be published this fall. For reservations, call Chris Wagner at (908) 233-6774.

Sha'arey Shalom is now accepting registrations

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield is now accepting registrations for the 2000-01 school year.

Kindergarten through third grade is scheduled to meet Saturdays from 9 to 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, a temple cantor.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School has a graded curriculum beginning in kindergarten and continuing through barbat 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 facets of their heritage through regular classroom learning activities, individual studies, trips, arts, crafts, music, dance, worship and retreats.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reformed Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Members are from the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding communities. 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.

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.

Commission hosts Clean Communities Weekend

The Springfield Environmental Commission is inviting volunteers to sign up for its eighth annual "Clean Communities Weekend." The event will be Oct. 14 and 15, rain or shine. Participants will receive free refreshments and T-shirts.

Volunteer groups and families will be assigned to various public sites around town, such as parks, parking lots and vacant properties, to collect litter that has accumulated over the past year. Garbage bags, gloves and necessary tools will be provided by the township. Each year's event nets more than 100 bags of litter and debris.

The program, funded by a grant from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, is designed to encourage volunteer cleanup of public lands and to educate the public about the need to control litter. Litter originates from several sources — such as motorists, pedestrians, uncovered trucks, illegal dumping and improperly packaged garbage — and can cause problems to people, animals and the environment.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Not just lip service

Earlier this month, a Temple Drive resident pleaded with members of the Springfield Township Committee for their help in dealing with the issue of speeding cars and partying wedding-goers on the residential street.

We commend Mayor Clara Harelik and Township Administrator Richard Sheola for their thoroughness in addressing this public safety matter. At the request of the two township officials, police patrols have been increased on the block to preserve the safety of the children who regularly play there.

We urge any resident who has a complaint or concern with any township issue to bring it to the attention of their local governing body. Elected officials are obligated by law to serve the interests of the people.

Members of the Township Committee have shown their enthusiasm for fulfilling this obligation time and time again. When grocery store giant Royal Ahold proposed to come to town, residents urged committee members to rezone the Millburn Avenue area. An ordinance passed by the committee limited the size of any incoming business to 7,000 square feet.

Earlier this year, Short Hills Avenue residents approached the committee with their complaints concerning employees from a local dentist's office parking and leaving their cars in front of their homes. In June, the committee approved an ordinance establishing resident permit parking in the Short Hills Avenue area.

Recently, the Township Committee invited Marion Avenue residents to a special session prior to a regular meeting to update them on the status of the water table problems — the cause of continual grief with Marion homeowners for years. Because township officials sought the help of the state's Board of Utilities, an investigation into the problem is likely.

In most instances, Township Committee members have not merely paid lip service to these concerned citizens. Instead, they have taken these various issues seriously, even passing ordinances to ensure resolution. Maybe it's time for those who haven't attended one of the Township Committee meetings to give the idea some thought.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

A vacant privilege

With the end of August comes the unofficial end of summer. Students go back to school, vacation time has been used and boardwalks aren't as festive. Something else of great importance, which passes most people unnoticed, starts to take place — the politics of the November elections.

Many Americans don't understand the importance of voting, seeing it more as a waste of time rather than a privilege to participate in one of the most democratic governments in the world.

According to the Federal Election Commission, initiated in 1932, voter turnout for the last presidential election was the lowest since 1932, with only 49 percent of the voting-age population participating. Presidential elections produce a greater voter turnout than other years. Imagine what the three years between are like.

We urge residents of Elizabeth and Hillside to pay attention to the campaigning throughout the town, county, state and country to be able to make a wise decision in November. The beginning of September is usually the time when politicians increase their efforts to persuade voters.

Residents should pay attention to what candidates say and hold them accountable. It is the only way government will truly work because without the common man taking an active role in government — at all levels — politicians will be able to talk and not be held responsible for empty promises.

A shining example is former President George Bush's statement, "Read my lips; no new taxes." Read the lips of the local and national candidates this year and go out to vote. If not, you have no right to complain when decisions you don't like are made.

Some residents might feel they are a bit out of touch with voting and the issues affecting these towns, but there is no need to be overwhelmed because there are non-partisan organizations to help inform the public about voting properly.

Probably one of the best groups is the League of Women Voters, which many times sponsors local debates for elections and works with residents in the hope of making them responsible citizens and active participants in government.

Contact your local League of Women Voters and don't let your vote become a vacant privilege.



FRESHLY PICKED — Dolores Nahriy of Springfield selects some ears of corn from a produce stand at the Springfield Farmers Market. The market spent its final day in the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot last week. The market will move its operation to the lawn of the Springfield Library next week, where it will remain for the next eight weeks.

School year will bring exciting challenges

Superintendent's Report

By Gerard A. Schaller

Next to the quest for world peace, our nation's most important goal is the development of a high-quality educational system that will prepare all youngsters for a life in a fast-changing and complex world. Indeed, few people disagree with the belief of Clifton Fadiman: "There is an intimate connection between the survival of democracy and the quality of our public educational system."

With this thought in mind, the philosophy and the attitude of the Deerfield School has become rather important. I was reminded of this during a recent visit to a thriving business establishment.

While waiting in line, I noticed an interesting philosophy posted on a wall. It was especially stimulating because the employees obviously subscribed to the message. I believe the philosophy is appropriate to schools as it is businesses, and I have chosen to substitute the word student for customer:

- A student is the most important person in any school.
- A student is not an interruption of our work — he or she is the purpose of it.

• A student is not just a statistic — he or she is a flesh-and-blood human being with feelings and emotions like ourselves.

• A student is one who comes to us with needs and/or wants. It is our job to fill them.

• A student is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment that we can provide.

• A student is the life blood of this and every other school. Without him or her, we would have to close our doors.

The focus of the future should be on service and excellence. We are pleased, as educators of the Mountaintide School District, to have the opportunity to serve and work with your students. The importance of teaching and learning was well stated with the following quote, "From the desk where I sit, the answer to all

world problems is found in a single word. That word is education." Those words inspire and support the challenge and commitment we educators have for quality education in the Deerfield School.

The Deerfield School opened its doors to 632 students on Wednesday.

Much preparation took place during the summer to ensure that all classes and programs would be ready to offer an educational and enriching curricula. To assist with this endeavor, the district has employed eight additional staff members. Due to the increased enrollment in kindergarten, Mrs. Corley-Hand has been added to the roster. In fourth grade, we welcome Ms. Fitzsimmons. Ms. Fitts, a part-time teacher, will instruct our primary students. Mr. Visitation, joins the physical education/health department. Mr. Wall and Mrs. Grendon will be part of our world language program. Our media specialist, Mrs. Hillier, has been working diligently on the library's grand reopening celebration of Harry Potter. Our science department has a new member, Mrs. Maier.

The students and faculty last spring selected the theme "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" for the 2000-2001 school year. The logo was designed by Mrs. Slokin. A faculty and student committee will begin plans for the theme's development beginning in September.

On Tuesday, the Board of Education will hear the reports from the long-range planning committees addressing facility needs. Volunteer community members and staff have devoted a great deal of time and effort to this project. The future education in Mountaintide will be significantly impacted by decisions made as a result of the ad hoc committees' recommendations.

The new school year will bring exciting challenges and opportunities for the students, staff and the community. Know that we look forward to greeting new and returning students back to school.

Gerard A. Schaller is chief school administrator of the Mountaintide public school district.

People love their open spaces these days

My Two Cents

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The issue of open space is one of the few that inspire me to the extent that I will awaken in the middle of the night and start typing on my computer or scribbling notes anywhere I can. I think that's the case for many people, as evidenced by the turnout at the Aug. 25 freeholder meeting when the board agreed to place a public question on the November ballot regarding the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Open space is quickly vanishing not only in Union County, but everywhere, and people don't like that. Approximately 25 people spoke at the freeholder meeting, which is 23 more than usual. The freeholder meeting room was packed, and they were all there to talk about open space.

I think every chance we get we should acquire open tracts of land in Union County. If I had a choice between developing a tract of land for yet another strip mall or Home Depot in New Jersey or keeping it green, I'd go with open space each and every time. I probably wouldn't get elected if I ran for office because I'm too pro-open space; the construction lobby

would have a field day with me.

The idea of preserving open space is an admirable one although probably not cost-efficient. For every piece of land that is preserved, it means one less piece for the tax rolls. And every piece of land means more costs to maintain the property, whether it's a passive or active park.

But how many commercial entities do we really need in one town? For instance, does the Township of Union really need two Home Depots? Or a Wal-Mart within walking distance of a Target and Circuit City? Of course, those three retailers are being constructed off Route 22, where we're in desperate need of more of the same in addition to more traffic because it's just so easy to cruise down Route 22

in Union at any time of the day. Further along Route 22 West, in Watchung, another giant cineplex and Home Depot are under construction. Is it such a hassle to drive more than a mile to a store?

In the future, when we have a giant superstore on every corner and heavy thunderstorms cause massive flooding because parking lots can't absorb water like trees and grass, then we'll be sorry.

A developer has proposed an apartment complex on the former Balmatrol Swim Club property in Springfield, just off Shumples Road overlooking Route 78 and, on a clear day, Manhattan. The land was mentioned by a speaker from the New Jersey Conservation Fund during the Aug. 25 meeting as a perfect opportunity for a trust fund in terms of acquiring open space.

The freeholders decided they will present a 1.5-cent open space tax during a 20-year period to voters in the fall as opposed to the two-cent tax during a 10-year period as recommended by the Open Space Ad Hoc Committee. Interestingly, there was

zero public discussion on a 20-year tax at the Aug. 25 meeting because no one realized that's what the freeholders presented.

All nine board members failed to mention the 20-year aspect of the tax while residents expressed support for the 1.5-cent tax, even asking to keep it a two-cent tax. The freeholders never publicly discussed a 20-year tax, but whether it's 10 or 20 years, the trust fund likely will be approved by voters in November.

While the item is called an Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, only a fraction of the \$100 million raised during those 20 years will actually go toward acquiring land. Most of the tax will fund improvements to county parks, which is not a bad idea either, mind you, but whether voters will realize that I'm not sure. And once voters approve the tax, elected officials can point to the voters when they ask why their taxes have been raised.

In the end, anything with the phrase open space has a good shot at passing rather easily.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Assistance of residents is needed

To the Editor:
Editor's note: The following letter was sent to all Mountaintide residents.

The purpose of this letter is to personally invite you, as a resident of our community, to a special meeting of the Planning Board as it begins the process of renewing the Mountaintide Master Plan.

The board would like to hear from persons such as you who, by their interest, associations or position, might assist us by expressing their thoughts, concerns or advice for planning consideration by the board. This special meeting will be held at Borough Hall on Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. Let me provide some background.

New Jersey law requires municipalities to re-examine and update their Master Plan every six years. The Mountaintide Master Plan was last adopted in

January of 1995. Consequently, the Planning Board has set a completion goal of Dec. 31 for upgrading the current plan.

In order to obtain a broad perspective, the Planning Board wants to receive observations, comments and recommendations from borough residents, leaders of community groups, business representatives, and municipal staff and officials. It is our hope that you can attend the September meeting to speak of planning problems that you see as unresolved or to identify new issues.

If you would prefer to write your comments, please do so and send them to my attention at Borough Hall. Also, please call Ruth Rees at (908) 232-2409 if you have any questions.

The cooperative assistance of Mountaintide residents in the planning process is needed, is valuable, and will be very much appreciated.

John Tomsine, chairman
Mountaintide Planning Board

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's take action on raging fires

To the Editor:
 Emperor Nero fiddled while Rome burned! The Clinton administration and the current United States Congress are fiddling around while millions of acres of America's precious forests are furiously burning, and endangering human lives, animals, homes and entire communities.
 Washington officials seem to be more interested in political conventions, giving time and taxpayers' money to Africa and Colombia, and raising the minimum wage. Political candidates argue over their hypothetical plans for education and health care. Little, if any, attention is being directed to quell the many spreading fires in over 10 western states.
 The lack of interest and action by the federal government to put out these huge fires is disgusting. Brave western firefighting groups are doing heroic work, but they are being overwhelmed by the many large and merging conflagrations.
 It is a well-known fact that spontaneous fires are expected each year when lightning strikes in dry forests. Knowing this, why weren't the armed forces with their helicopters, land-moving machines, etc., immediately deployed to extinguish these fires before they destroyed so many of our great natural resources? A pittance of help from the armed services was sent recently.
 It is not too late to bring in many troops and their supplies from all branches of our armed forces to effectively fight these raging fires. Let's take action as soon as possible!

Hazel Hardgrove
 Springfield

Our policy on letters and columns

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Rob Lamana

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Rupert Adams

"It wouldn't bother me at all."

National Rifle Association opponents need symbol of their own

Ever hear that saying, "There's a bullet with your name on it?"
 According to a recent TV spot, the National Rifle Association, in its efforts to beg for members, is offering a commemorative silver bullet with Charlton Heston's name on it. An honor for Heston, I'm sure, but a nauseating offer by my standards — and I don't have anyone in my life who's been killed or wounded by gunfire.
 Although I can assure you, if I did happen to have a gunfire victim in my life, I'd be beside myself with fury about the whole thing. No, that's not accurate. I am absolutely beside myself with fury about the whole thing now.

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
 Staff Writer

Make no mistake, a bullet is a strong symbol. And the difficult thing for non-handgun people, the people on the barrel-opening side of the gun,

is that they don't really have a symbol strong enough to fight back with. I say let's get a symbol. It would be too easy to dredge up a picture of a gunfire victim. That's the kind of technique the anti-abortion people use when they pass around photos of dead fetuses. But how about this one: the same bullet, with the same sheen and the same signature, but with a droopy head. A missile that couldn't ding a slice of processed cheese.

If the NRA weren't hurting so badly, they wouldn't have bothered to produce such an inaptly spot and such a barbarous enticement. Business must be slipping, and when business slips, you have to market yourself a little more. So how about a commercial hosted by an unemployed film actor who thinks he's Moses, Ben-Hur, Michelangelo and now "The Rifleman"?

The NRA is a misguided missile. Its entire notion of its nebulous free-

dom concept is tied up in its artillery, a point made clear by the second most absurd image in that television spot, the one of Heston behind a dais waving a rifle in the air. That's really Heston's big scene, Heston the actor at work. That's the one that communicates exactly what the NRA wants to communicate: wild abandon. Raise your guns, you Davy Crocketts! Fire a few shots in celebration of freedom! Try not to hit anyone! But if you do, remember, some lead in the gut is the

very least we have to pay for the price of our freedom!
 I can't see that. What I see is a bullet with a limp head. With Charlton Heston's name on it.
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Temple Beth Ahm will host pianist

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 Dworkin has been involved in performing arts since age 5. He has played starring roles in numerous shows and has played piano and clarinet with a number of orchestras.
 A Sloppy Joe dinner at a \$10 advance payment will be served at 6 p.m. Payment must be made by Sept. 18, by both members and non-members who wish to attend.
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Stolen cars, hit-and-runs keep PD busy

Springfield

- A suspect identified as Anita Albert, 21, was arrested and charged Aug. 30 with the attempted theft of a number of laminated driver's license covers from the Division of Motor Vehicles on Center Street. Albert was issued a summons and released.
- Later that day, an Elizabeth resident identified as Charles Levy, 40, was arrested at a Norwood Road residence on a contempt charge.
- The same day, a vehicle belonging to a Troy Drive resident was stolen from the Stop-Rite parking lot on Morris Avenue, with a vehicle owned

POLICE BLOTTER

- by a Fresh Meadows, N.Y. resident disappearing from the vicinity of 32 Morris Avenue. A Short Hills resident, parked in the lot of 727 Morris Turnpike, returned to their vehicle to find damages resulting from a hit-and-run incident.
- A Maplewood resident, traveling south on Baltusor Way, lost control and struck a tree on the right-hand side of the road Aug. 29. The driver claimed to have been distracted by the dog in the back seat. No injuries were reported. A 4-by-8-foot pane of glass

- at the I.C. Shell gas station on Mountain Avenue was reported smashed earlier in the day.
- In a separate incident, a 6-by-9-inch glass window was reported as broken in the front door of Joan Photographers on Morris Avenue sometime between Aug. 26 and 28. The smashed pane was located next to the door's deadbolt lock.
- An Elizabeth resident, yielding for traffic on Route 22 West, was struck from behind by a car that subsequently fled Aug. 27. The Elizabeth driver described the vehicle as a white Chevy Blazer with a New Jersey plate number of JDK-104. A second hit-

- and-run was reported as having occurred in the parking lot of the Morris Avenue Shop-Rite.
- A white described as a "gold-colored Honda" was allegedly the cause of a hit-and-run accident on Hillside Avenue Aug. 25.

Mountainside

- A man identified as Lawrence Wayne Johnson, 41, of Plainfield, was transported to Mountainside by Plainfield police Aug. 26 on a warrant out of the borough for \$1,235.
- That same day, a suspect identified as Carl Young, 59, of Brooklyn, was arrested on Route 22 West for driving while intoxicated.

Mountainside FD responds to house fire

Mountainside

- The borough's Fire Department responded to a Sheffield Street office for what proved to be an activated alarm Sept. 2.
- An activated alarm sent firefighters to Deerfield School Sept. 1.
- Mountainside was one of 11 fire departments called in to assist with a Roselle Park house fire at 1200 Morris Street which killed a 77-year-old woman Aug. 31. The department rotated between station coverage and the fire scene from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- Two calls for activated alarms were also answered.

FIRE BLOTTER

- Two calls for activated alarms were placed Aug. 30.
- The department responded to an Old Grove Road residence on a report of a wire down Aug. 28. The wire was revealed to be a cable wire.
- **Springfield**
- A smoke detector problem sent the Springfield Fire Department to an Irwin Street residence Sept. 2.
- A trash can fire at the corner of Morris and Mountain avenues was extinguished by firefighters at 1:33 a.m. Sept. 1. Two motor vehicle acci-

- dents, a hydrant problem at Temple Drive, a possible lightning strike, a refrigerant leak and two medical service calls completed a busy day for the department.
- Calls for an electrical problem in a Morris Avenue business, a motor vehicle accident and an odor in an Alden Road residence were handled by the department Aug. 31. There were two medical service calls.
- A set of keys dropped down a Mountain Avenue sewer sent firefighters out just after rush hour Aug. 30. Three medical service calls and one call for a reported car fire were also answered.

- Two medical service calls and one call for an activated alarm were placed Aug. 29. One call for a leaking gas grill was handled at 5:45 p.m.
- Firefighters responded to two motor vehicle accidents Aug. 28. Three medical service calls, a lock-out and one call for an activated alarm completed the day's activities.
- Two early morning calls — an activated alarm and a fluid spill on Route 22 East — were fielded by the department Aug. 27.
- A dumpster fire at a Dundar Road business was extinguished by firefighters Aug. 26.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Seats available for bus trip to Ellis Island

The Springfield Senior Citizens have announced that there are seats available for an upcoming trip to Ellis Island 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, Church Mall in Springfield, at 9 a.m. and return approximately at 5 p.m.

More information can be obtained by calling Theresa Herkalo, senior coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

Foothill Club meets first Thursday of each month

The Foothill Club meets on the first Thursday of each month at B.G. Fields. Organized in 1963, the Foothill Club contributes to many special causes in the community. Many inter-

esting programs and trips have been planned for the coming year.

Anyone interested in joining can contact President, Ruth Goense at (908) 233-5253.

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- Sept. 10: **Shofar Services (7 pm)**
- Sept. 11: **Pathways School Open House (11:00 am)**
- Sept. 12: **Shofar Services (8 pm)**
- Sept. 13: **High Noon Hashem (Chatham High School)**
- Sept. 14: **Yeshiva Hashem (Chatham High School)**
- Oct. 1: **Yeshiva Hashem (Friends Meeting House)**
- Oct. 2: **Yeshiva Hashem (Chatham High School)**
- Oct. 3: **Yeshiva Hashem (Chatham High School)**

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

Just about 48 hours to kickoff. That holds true for five area teams, those being Union, Elizabeth, Rahway, Cranford and Summit, as the 2000 season is about to commence this weekend.

The above five area teams are running through their final pre-season practices today and tomorrow as they will kick off their 2000 seasons on Saturday.

Our other eight area squads will be participating in their scrimmages this weekend and will open next weekend.

Union County powers Union and Elizabeth, the winningest programs in the county during the 1990s, are scheduled to open on the road Saturday, Union at Irvington and Elizabeth at Kearny — both Watching Conference-American Division clashes.

A Watching Conference-American Division game features Cranford at Westfield.

Rahway, now in its second year in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, and Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division member Summit have non-conference games scheduled.

Rahway is set to play at South Plainfield, while Summit will host Delaware Valley at Tallock Field.

Union, Elizabeth, Linden, Rahway and Johnson qualified for the state playoffs last year, with Elizabeth capturing the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 title and Rahway reaching the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship game for the first time in 15 years.

Among the Top 40 senior players in the state this year, according to *The Dennis McCarthy Report*, are Hillside linebacker Anthony DeGannes (6-4, 220), Linden cornerback Greg Parker (5-11, 175) and Rahway defensive lineman Dan Garay (6-2, 240).

There have been several coaching changes among area teams as Rahway, Brearley and Dayton have new head coaches.

Paul Sep, a 1977 Linden graduate and longtime Linden assistant, is now the head coach at Rahway after serving as the head coach at Dayton for one season last year.

Dave Curtin, one time the head coach at Wardlaw-Hartridge, takes over the reins at Brearley after Mike Londino stepped down.

Kristofer Kohler, the defensive coordinator at Ridge the past four seasons, is now the head coach at Dayton.

The playoff cutoff date is the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 4, with the playoffs and consolation games scheduled for the next weekend.

The final state of playoff games is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, Dec. 2.

This could be the final year that 20 sectional champions will be crowned, as a proposal for eventual group champions is trying to be worked out for the 2001 season.

The proposal would include conference realignments and each team around the state playing an extra game and starting earlier.

Key dates this year include: SAT Saturdays: Oct. 14, Nov. 4
 Playoff cutoff Saturday, Nov. 4
 Saturday playoffs: Nov. 11-12
 Nov. 18-semifinals, Dec. 2-finals
 Consolation weekends: Nov. 10-11

WEEK ZERO
 Saturday, Sept. 9
 Rahway at South Plainfield, 1:00
 Union at Irvington, 1:30
 Elizabeth at Kearny, 1:30
 Cranford at Westfield, 1:30
 Delaware Valley at Summit, 1:30

JR's picks for Week Zero
 South Plainfield over Rahway
 Union over Irvington
 Elizabeth over Kearny
 Westfield over Cranford
 Summit over Delaware Valley

PRE-SEASON 2000 TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

1. Union
2. Elizabeth
3. Linden
4. Johnson
5. Hillside
6. Roselle Park
7. Rahway
8. Brearley
9. Summit
10. Cranford
11. Roselle
12. Gov. Livingston
13. Dayton



Springfield's Temple Sha'arey Shalom softball team won its second league championship in three years by sweeping Clark's Beth Or last month by scores of 10-6 and 22-6. Springfield completed an outstanding season with an impressive 13-1 mark and is 36-3 the past three seasons. Sha'arey won the Northern Division with a 10-1 record, capturing their sixth division title in its nine-year existence. Sha'arey's only loss was to arch rival Cranford Beth El. Sha'arey's 36-3 record over the past three seasons includes a perfect 14-0 mark in 1998 on its way to its first league title. Sha'arey defeated Clark 2-0 that year in the best-of-three championship series. Knealing, from left, are Brian Berger, Jack Pellet, John Kronert, Steve Jammik and Jeff Nahmias. Standing, from left, are Gary Dushkin, Mike Sklar, Jeff Kronert, Neal Berger, Mark Beckelman, Mitch Aronson and Bart Fraenkel.

Springfield softball squad wins league championship Sweeps to second title in three years

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Springfield's squad consisted of Gary Dushkin, Mike Sklar, Jeff Kronert, Neal Berger, Mark Beckelman, Mitch Aronson, Bart Fraenkel, Brian Berger, Jack Pellet, John Kronert, Steve Jammik, Jeff Nahmias, Andy Slater, Jason Mullman and Steve Goldstein.

The Central Jersey League is made up of a Northern Division, with teams from Springfield Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield Beth Ahm, Cranford, South Orange and a Southern Division, with teams from Clark, Edison, Menucha and Woodbridge.

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After earning a bye in the first round of this year's playoffs, Sha'arey once again met Cranford in the second round after Cranford defeated South Orange.

Cranford jumped out to a 9-4 lead after three innings. Springfield pecked away at the deficit and was able to tie the game at 9-9 in the fifth inning.

Springfield, behind better pitching and excellent defense, was able to go on and post an impressive come-from-behind victory, winning the game in the bottom of the last inning.

That win put Springfield up against Southern Division winner Clark, which defeated Edison JCC in their division final.

In Game 1, Springfield scored four times in the first and then led 7-3 before Clark closed to within 7-6 in the sixth inning. Sha'arey scored three more times in the sixth inning to put the game out of reach and come away with a 10-6 triumph.

In Game 2, Clark got off to a quick 6-0 lead after three innings. Again, Springfield came roaring back, scoring seven runs in the fourth inning and nine in the fifth en route to the 22-6 victory. Springfield finished its 2000 season with a 13-1 mark.

Summit will still be very strong

Lee, Jann provide offense

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

Soccer fans who like scoring may be inclined to check out the girls' soccer team at Summit High School, where the Hilltoppers may need to score more to duplicate last season's successes.

The girls' squad set a school record for victories by going 15-5-2 last season. Summit reached the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final and the Union County Tournament semifinals during 1999.

But gone will be their ace in the nets, Stephanie Bruce, who was among six seniors who graduated in June. Also missing this season will be Shante Cofield, who quickly gained acclaim as a freshman sweeper. Cofield is recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament injury.

High School Girls' Soccer

But head coach Matt Lachman stressed the need to not dwell upon the losses, but look forward to the season. Summit will have enough players returning, including its top leading scorers last season, to have a strong chance for a successful campaign.

Sophomores Jana Lee and Karen Jann led the Hilltoppers in scoring last season, Lee with 20 goals and Jann with 14.

"Jana is very quick and one of the few girls who plays soccer year-round," Lachman said. "She has a good shot and finishes well — she has a knack for the goal."

"Karen is extremely strong," Lachman continued. "She has a stronger, longer shot than Jana, and she's tough to take off the ball."

In the midfield, junior Valerie Muebeck joins senior co-captains Nicole Fotiates and Andrea Posada as likely starters.

"Nicole is our playmaker," Lachman said. "She distributes the ball well and can make some goals for us."

Summit may have as many as five backs in the defensive half, including seniors Shannon Garvey and Kim Gianis, juniors Mackenzie Clark and Liz Essig and sophomore Lindsey Lecky.

Lachman called Garvey, a stopper, Summit's "workhorse" who will be a third-year starter.

Replacing Bruce will be freshman Beth Dickey, whom Lachman has confidence in, but understands the perils she may face guarding the net against older, more-skilled players.

"Beth has done a little better in practices than was expected," Lachman said. "She's a very athletic, but she does lack varsity experience."

Providing support for the Hilltoppers will be senior fullbacks Melissa Jewett and Megan Hunter, along with juniors Nikki Amigoni, Arielle Densen and Vicki Passione.

Lachman said Summit's season will come down to how strong it plays defensively.

"My first three years we had Stephanie," Lachman said. "She'd make the saves, we would get one or two goals and we would win."

"Our success will come down to how well we play defensively. We're going to score, but we're not sure how much we can keep opponents off the scoreboard. This year we might have to win a game 3-2 or 4-3."

Lachman expressed optimism for his club, which begins its season Monday at Oak Knoll.

"The players will have to have a different mindset this season," Lachman said. "If things fall the right way, we can win."

Schedule: Sept. 11 at Oak Knoll, 4:00; Sept. 12 at Dover, 4:00; Sept. 14 at Mendham, 4:00; Sept. 18 Morris Hills, 4:00; Sept. 20 at Livingston, 4:00; Sept. 22 Parsippany, 4:00; Sept. 26 West Essex, 4:00; Sept. 28 at Mount Olive, 4:00; Sept. 29 Union, 4:00; Oct. 2 Hanover Park, 4:00; Oct. 6 Dover, 4:00; Oct. 10 Mendham, 4:00; Oct. 12 at Morris Hills, 4:00; Oct. 18 at Gov. Livingston, 4:00; Oct. 20 at Parsippany, 4:00; Oct. 24 at West Essex, 4:00; Oct. 26 Mount Olive, 4:00; Oct. 30 at Hanover Park, 4:00.

Women's hoops available

The Springfield Recreation Department is introducing a Women's Open Basketball Program for Springfield residents age 21 and over.

The program is scheduled to commence next Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Chisholm Community Center in Springfield.

Participating will be every Thursday night from 7-9. The Chisholm Community Center is located on 100 S. Springfield Ave.

More information may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 908-912-2227 or 467-4608.

L.A. Law (15-4) will be play for title

Nilsen Detective Agency and The Office captured Union County Senior Football League championships as the 2000 summer season for the two squads came to a conclusion late last month.

The only championship that had yet to be decided was in the 60 Division as L.A. Law (15-4, win division) was scheduled to meet Pioneer Transport in the championship series.

Nilsen Detective Agency defeated Antonas Pub & Grill 21-9 in the 50 Plus Division 1 championship game, while The Office edged Rahabco 11-9 in the 50 Plus Division 2 championship contest.

L.A. Law downed El Giardino Restaurant 21-13 and Pioneer Transport defeated Mangal Realtors 14-8 to reach the 60 Division championship series.

Here's a look at the league's final playoff games in 50 Plus Division 1 and 50 Plus Division 2 and the next three in 60 Division:

50 Plus Division 1
 championship series
 Antonas Pub & Grill 14, Nilsen Detective Agency 9; Joe Terilli, Don Montebusco and Jerry Fenuolo had three hits each. Al Throssa blasted a two-run homer and Brian McDermott belted the game-winning hit, a home run, for Nilsen.

50 Plus Division 2
 championship series
 Nilsen Detective Agency 21, Antonas Pub & Grill 9; Nilsen exploded for 12 runs in the seventh inning to clinch the division playoff series. Al Throssa had five hits, Jerry Barrett four and Jim Venezia, Bruce Biletti, Bob DeBella, Mike Volpe and Phil Spinetti three each. Ron Ivory and Brian McDermott each blasted three-run homers.

Governor Livingston Football

Sept. 16 Hillside, 1:00
 Sept. 22 at North Plain, 7:00
 Sept. 29 at Ridge, 2:00
 Oct. 7 Roselle, 1:00
 Oct. 13 at Rahway, 7:00
 Oct. 21 at Dayton, 1:00
 Oct. 28 Johnson, 1:00
 Nov. 4 Manville, 2:00
 Nov. 23 Immaculate, 10:30

Governor Livingston Boys' Soccer

Sept. 8 at Immaculate, 4:00
 Sept. 12 Union Catholic, 4:00
 Sept. 14 Rahway, 4:00
 Sept. 15 Hillside, 4:00
 Sept. 19 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
 Sept. 21 Roselle, 4:00
 Sept. 23 at Brearley, 10:00
 Sept. 26 at Johnson, 4:00
 Sept. 28 Ridge, 4:00
 Sept. 29 Immaculate, 4:00
 Oct. 3 at Union Catholic, 4:00
 Oct. 5 at Rahway, 4:00
 Oct. 10 Hillside, 4:00
 Oct. 12 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
 Oct. 17 at Roselle, 4:00
 Oct. 18 at East Side, 4:00
 Oct. 24 Johnson, 4:00
 Oct. 24 at Ridge, 4:00

Governor Livingston Girls' Soccer

Sept. 8 Immaculate, 4:00
 Sept. 12 at Union Catholic, 4:00
 Sept. 14 at Rahway, 4:00
 Sept. 15 Hillside, 4:00
 Sept. 19 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
 Sept. 21 at Mount St. Mary, 4:00
 Sept. 26 Johnson, 4:00
 Sept. 28 Ridge, 4:00
 Sept. 29 at Immaculate, 4:00
 Oct. 3 Union Catholic, 4:00
 Oct. 5 Rahway, 4:00
 Oct. 10 at Hillside, 4:00
 Oct. 12 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
 Oct. 17 Mount St. Mary, 4:00
 Oct. 18 Summit, 4:00
 Oct. 24 at Johnson, 4:00
 Oct. 26 Ridge, 4:00

Governor Livingston Field Hockey

Sept. 7 Oak Knoll, 4:00
 Sept. 14 at Ridge, 4:00
 Sept. 18 at Mendham, 4:00
 Sept. 19 Mount St. Mary, 4:00
 Sept. 21 at Johnson, 4:00
 Sept. 26 North Plainfield, 4:00
 Sept. 28 at Roselle Park, 4:00
 Sept. 29 Delaware Valley, 4:00
 Oct. 3 at Oak Knoll, 4:00
 Oct. 6 at Watchung Hills, 3:45
 Oct. 7 at Cranford, 10:00
 Oct. 10 Ridge, 4:00
 Oct. 12 at Mount St. Mary, 4:00
 Oct. 17 Johnson, 4:00
 Oct. 19 at North Plainfield, 4:00
 Oct. 24 Roselle Park, 4:00

Governor Livingston Girls' Tennis

Sept. 8 at Rahway, 4:00
 Sept. 11 Roselle Park, 4:00
 Sept. 12 Roselle, 4:00
 Sept. 15 Johnson, 4:00
 Sept. 19 at Immaculate, 4:00
 Sept. 21 at Mount St. Mary, 4:00
 Sept. 22 Union Catholic, 4:00
 Sept. 26 at Ridge, 4:00
 Sept. 28 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
 Sept. 29 Rahway, 4:00
 Oct. 3 at Roselle, 4:00
 Oct. 4 Westfield, 4:00
 Oct. 10 at Johnson, 4:00
 Oct. 12 Immaculate, 4:00
 Oct. 17 Mount St. Mary, 4:00
 Oct. 18 at Scotch Plains, 4:00
 Oct. 19 at Union Catholic, 4:00
 Oct. 24 Ridge, 4:00
 Oct. 26 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00

Governor Livingston Cross Country

Sept. 19 host Immaculate and Rahway, 4:00
 Sept. 26 with Hillside at Ridge, 4:00
 Oct. 3 with Union Catholic at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
 Oct. 10 with Johnson at Roselle, 4:00
 Oct. 18 Mountain Valley Conference meet at Ridge, 1:00

Practice makes perfect



Beth Kowitz practices her stick-handling skills at a field hockey camp held at the Summit Canine Complex in Summit last month. Summit High School's varsity squad is scheduled to open its 2000 season at home on Monday against Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division foe West Essex at 4 p.m.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The following is the lunch menu for Springfield elementary and middle schools for September:

Sept. 6: Hot dog on a bun, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Baked beans, apple juice, milk.

Sept. 7: Chicken patty on a bun, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Sept. 8: Cheesy pizza, Choice of 1, 2 or 3: Mixed vegetables, pears, milk.

Sept. 11: Waffles with sausage, syrup, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Hash browns, orange, milk.

Sept. 12: Fish sticks on a bun.

Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Cole slaw, peach, milk.

Sept. 13: Chicken nuggets on a dinner roll, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Corn, chilled fruit, milk.

Sept. 14: Hamburger on a bun, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Potato rounds, mixed fruit, milk.

Sept. 15: French bread pizza, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Sweet peas, pineapple, milk.

Sept. 18: Cheese steak on a hero roll, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Corn niblets, applesauce, milk.

Sept. 19: Chicken nuggets, 1/2-slice

pizza, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Carrots, fruit, milk.

Sept. 20: Grilled cheese on white bread, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Potato rounds, pineapple, milk.

Sept. 21: Spaghetti with meat sauce and bread, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Green beans, chilled pears, milk.

Sept. 22: Pizza, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Tossed salad, grape juice, milk.

Sept. 25: Hot dog on a bun, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Barbecue beans, pears, milk.

Sept. 26: Chicken patty on a bun, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Mixed vegetables, peaches, milk.

Sept. 27: Cheeseburger on a bun, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Chopped broccoli, 1/2-cup with fruit, milk.

Sept. 28: Tacos with twin shells, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Shredded lettuce, apple juice, milk.

Sept. 29: Pizza with cheese, Choice of 1, 2, or 3: Carrot sticks, pineapple, milk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Springfield Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on September 21, 2000 to be held at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Ave., starting at 7:30 p.m. The application being heard is application #0200-18 for Site Development, Inc., Springfield and Morris Ave., Block 209, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 for preliminary and final site plan, minor subdivision and variances to construct a CVS Pharmacy and Commerce Bank. Formal action may or may not be taken.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick
Board Secretary
U1524 ECL Sept. 7, 2000 (\$6.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1388 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on September 28, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this special meeting is to re-examine the Master Plan, issues regarding the Master Plan will be discussed and action may be taken. All are welcome to come and participate.

Ruth M. Reese
Secretary
U1622 ECL Sept. 7, 2000 (\$5.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2000-18 on behalf of Tera Alchemy for a variance or other relief so as to permit the addition to be erected which violates the front setback less than 30' on the premises located at 151 Short Hills Avenue and designated as Block 209, Lot 12 on the Springfield Tax Map.

The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trent Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Yvan Bronshteyn
Applicant
U1521 ECL Sept. 7, 2000 (\$10.25)

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2000-14 on behalf of Tera Alchemy for a variance or other relief so as to permit the placement of a central air conditioning unit which violates the left side yard set back on the premises located at 151 Short Hills Avenue and designated as Block 209, Lot 12 on the Springfield Tax Map.

The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trent Street and available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Taryn Plewa
Applicant
U1517 ECL Sept. 7, 2000 (\$10.25)

AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz band to play at Palmer Museum Sept. 24

Mary Feinsinger's Klezmer All-Stars will perform at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.

Mary Feinsinger's "Klezmer All-Stars" are four outstanding musical artists who combine their talents to present a unique sound in klezmer music — often called "Jewish Jazz." They offer an exciting mix of traditional and original klezmer tunes, Yiddish songs, and gypsy, Russian and Latino melodies. Their lively music will delight audiences of all ages.

Feinsinger co-wrote and performed in the 1998's Off-Broadway "Hot Klezmer" and was co-founder, vocalist and keyboard artist of "West End Klezmerin." A Juilliard graduate in voice, she has performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House and the Lincoln Center. She currently serves as cantor of the Rossmor Jewish Congregation in New Jersey and teaches at Mannes College of Music.

Margot Leverett is at the forefront of the new generation of klezmer clarinetists, and performed original and traditional music for TV, dance, theater and the concert stage. Leverett's new CD, "The Art of Klezmer Clarinet," is pure klezmer clarinet party music.

Barry Mitterhoff, mandolin, guitar and tenor banjo, is one of New York's foremost performers and instrumental teachers. He has performed with The New York City Ballet orchestra and

played the mandolin at a 1999 Metropolitan Opera premiere.

Peter Stan, on accordion, was a member of the West End Klezmerin. Born in Australia into a musical family from Yugoslavia, he brings the richness of Balkan music to the All-Stars.

This program is free and open to all, with an attendance limit of 12 people. Tickets will be available beginning today at the circulation desk.

For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Nets donate tickets

The New Jersey Nets have donated four free tickets to the Springfield Library for two township children to attend a home game during the 2000-01 season, along with an adult of their choice.

Any child who has joined the 2000 Summer Reading Club is eligible. The home game will be chosen by the Nets.

For more information, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

Museum to feature local artist in solo exhibition

The monotypes on silk and encaustic paintings of Maplewood artist Barrie Andrews will be featured in a solo exhibition, called "Terra Alchemy," at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library until Oct. 7.

Andrews paints deftly colored, metaphorical landscapes from her drawings and imagination. They have a dreamlike, luminous quality and stem from the investigation of four

images: bridges, islands, portals and bells.

Andrew's sensitive approach to monotype is achieved by alternately painting and wiping etching inks in layers of different viscosity on an acrylic plate. She then carefully prints a single, unique impression from the plate on silk fabric using a large etching press. Andrews's newest work in encaustic combines her affinities for transparency and vibrant color. The ancient art of encaustic is accomplished by painting on paper mounted on wood with hot, pigmented wax and manipulating it with tools and torches.

A reception for the artist will be held Sept. 9 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. To arrange to meet with the artist, call Andrews at (973) 761-0773.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours of the exhibit are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours, starting Sept. 24, will be from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Writing course offered

Zella R.P. Gelman has brought her training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to conduct an ongoing course called "Write Your Life Stories: Memoirs Writing Made Easy."

The meetings will be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the meeting room at the library. No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required.

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