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TWO SECTIONS

THIS WEEK

NEWS

Design phase

Renovations of the Union County police headquarters and prosecutor's courtroom in Westfield likely will break ground in the fall following the approval of the architects to begin the design phase of the project. The project is expected to last 18 months. The headquarters is part of the county complex at 300 North Ave.

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Case is over

With more than \$2 million in restitution paid back in shared portions to all 21 municipalities in Union County, the Automated Modular Systems garbage transfer theft case is now officially over.

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THE ARTS

Spirit of success

A soft-spoken singer-writer-poetess has a specific goal in life.

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Unseen Nature

The Las Malinalli Gallery at Union Library will display "The Coast-Trail" by Marjorie DeAngelo as part of "Unseen Nature" at Union Library.

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NEW MEDIA

News updates

Get local updates throughout the week. Call our InfoSource hot line at (908) 686-9899. For a menu of items, see Page B3.

Web site

Visit our site on the World Wide Web, which can be accessed at <http://www.localsource.com/>.

WEATHER

Friday: Showers expected, 60°
Saturday: Parting shower and breeze, 59°
Sunday: Chance of showers, 56°

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Photo by Jeff Grabin

Steve Heady showcases the strength of his Boa constrictor. This week represented the Trailside Nature and Science Center's 10th annual Wildlife Sunday for borough residents and visitors to learn about reptiles and other creatures.

Mountanside nature and science center offers visitors a walk on the wild side

By Joe Lugara
 Staff Writer

Crocodiles and snakes and wolves oh my. The Trailside Nature and Science Center of Mountanside held its 10th Annual Wildlife Sunday. Over 1,000 people attended its various presentations, nature walks and demonstrations.

Bill Bosenberg of Snakes n' Scales and Turtle Tales held everyone's attention in the "Reptiles" demonstration by honoring his own Nile Crocodile. Bosenberg, a consultant in the field and a former educator at the Newark Museum, has a personal collection of over 1,000 reptiles.

Peter Peterson introduced his audience to an African Blackfooted Penguin, while Vinnie Rex exhibited and spoke on the subject of the wolfdog. Ruth Yabonoski, Trailside's Curator of Reptiles, provided hands-on demonstrations with live snakes from the center's collection.

Grant Siles of Siles Apianes pre-

sented live honey bees while demonstrating the use of specialized beekeeping equipment, with pure honey available for purchase. Jim DeFino of the South Orange Fire Department spoke about the effects of forest fires on landscape and wildlife and gave an informative demonstration of the fire-fighting techniques used in such circumstances. Renee Thomasi spoke about wildlife rehabilitation.

Visitors also were offered a Family Bird Walk led by members of the Walking Nature Club. A more generalized nature walk was guided by one of Trailside's experienced naturalists.

Next Sunday, the center will present a tour of the Village of Felville/Glenfield Park. A look at American rural life from around 1717, the four miles of trails and car pools about two miles to the village, where separate walks will be offered, one along the paved road only and the other leading down the mountain to the mill and the site of the highway and old

cemeteries. Recommended for ages 10 to adults, the tour starts at 2 p.m. and the fee is \$3 for each person.

The center's 20th annual Pet Fair will take place May 21. Presentations, talks and demonstrations will focus not only on domestic cats and dogs, but on horses, sled dogs and reptiles as well. Mark the date, a talk featuring L.E. Smith of Boulevard Veterinary Clinic, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Trailside is part of the 2,600-acre Watching Reservation, which is maintained by Union County. It was founded in 1941, the culmination of a nature program begun by the Union County Park Commission in 1927.

Aimed at creating an awareness of the plants, animals and geology of the area, it has gone from a seasonal museum to a year-round facility with "splendid displays, including a planetarium and a spectacular surrounding landscape. A recent \$500 gift from the former Mountanside Garden Club has resulted in newly planted trees.

Committee approves \$17-million budget

By Walter Elliott
 Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee, after months of review, passed the 1999 municipal operating budget Tuesday night.

The unanimous approval came after a 20-minute final public hearing. A \$17,066,486 budget is in effect for the calendar year. The bulk of the outlay, an anticipated \$11,292,618.77, is to come from local property taxes.

The new budget represents an increase of \$388,843 over last year. The proposed municipal tax rate, however, remains at \$1.06 per \$100 of averaged assessed property value for the third straight year. If the average home assessment is \$155,000, the municipal property tax bill, totals \$1,643.

The municipal tax rate, however, is only one of three parts of the property tax bill. The county tax, according to Township Treasurer Marie Sedlak, is expected to be \$0.62 per \$100 (her office forecasts a school district rate of \$1.65 per \$100).

The overall annual property tax bill, pending later approval of the school budget Tuesday, is to be an overall \$3.33 per \$100 of the assessed value. If the average assessed home is \$155,000, the average taxpayer would pay \$5,161.50 in school taxes.

"We spent a long time going over this budget, line by line," Committeewoman Clara Harelik said. "Whatever we could cut, we did. What can't be cut, we would find alternate ways of funding. I have to thank my fellow committee members, the municipal staff and especially Township Administrator Richard Sheola for their expertise."

"I've only been here 75 days and have reviewed 23 municipal budgets in my 24 years in the business," Sheola said. "I have never seen a budget so clearly laid out and so thoroughly gone over before."

The budget's passage did not go through without question: Resident Charles Jacques inquired about the 18-percent increase of the administrative budget from 1998.

"Since 1996, that comes out to about a 50-percent increase over three years," Jacques said. "I understand part of the increase comes from former Clerk Administrator Helen Keyworth's retirement. How and why the increases—and why, couldn't you anticipate their retirement?"

As for Helen's retirement, it was announced late last year so we couldn't anticipate the retirement funds," Sheola said. "Part of the problem is that state law doesn't allow us to set aside anticipatory funds beyond a year. We also had my job created and the promotion of Kathleen Witniewski to hers."

Keyworth, Springfield's only clerk administrator, announced her retirement in November and officially signed off last month. Sheola was hired as the first full-time administrator and Witniewski was promoted from the abolished deputy clerk post to full municipal Clerk Administrator and executive wages and salaries have increased from \$275,000 in 1998 to the current \$322,132.24.

Jacques also asked about hiring a central purchasing agent which Sheola responded that many of the department heads have taken state purchasing courses. Sheola, responding to Jacques' question of forming a motor pool, said two mechanics are designated to service all but the fire engines.

The Springfield Municipal Pool budget was concurrently passed. It is a separate item, as the pool was chartered to be a self-sustaining entity. Jacques inquired about paying the electrical bill for the lights within the pool's field and for use of the parking lot.

"I see that the pool budget has also gone up 18 percent from last year," Jacques said. "Who pays for the electricity for the pool's ballfield lights—the pool or the taxpayer? I'm also concerned about municipal trucks using the lot, which can do more damage than pool customers' cars."

The committee took the opportunity to announce that the pool will hold non-members' weekend June 5 and 6. Those who have not registered between Monday and May 31 can enter the pool grounds at \$8 for each adult and \$5 for a child. It is hoped more people would consider joining the pool afterward.

The next Township Committee meeting is set for 8 p.m. April 27 at the Municipal Building.

Merchants share reactions to reserved jitney spaces

By Joe Lugara
 Staff Writer

The Springfield jitney service at Duffy's Corner, which provides transportation to and from the Short Hills train station, is causing a verbal tug-of-war between local merchants and Township Committee members.

James Wen, president of Hunan Spring, located at Duffy's Corner, waved his hand from the window of his restaurant at the reserved jitney spaces. "It was just a few on a Monday, a business day, and only five of the 30 spaces were occupied."

"That lot is used by people shopping from all over," he said, "not only for our residents and merchants, and employees."

Richard Hersh, of Hersh's Hearing Aid Center on Morris Avenue, added, "My customers are elderly and hard of hearing. It's easier for them to get in and out of my business when they park in back of my shop."

Consideration has stemmed over signs that read "Jitney Permit Parking Only, Park In Assigned Space Only."

"The signs make it look like there's jitney parking 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and it pushes customers away," Wen said. "They have no idea that it's for the period of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday on Friday. They see the signs and they just leave."

Believe that lot makes more sense for the jitney.

Bruce added, "The pool is only three-tenths of a mile from Duffy's Corner and it's closer to the train than the current jitney spot."

"Regarding the pool lot, Deputy Mayor Sy Mulligan said, "Only 11 people are signed up to use the jitney so far. We're not going to use the municipal pool lot for 11 cars. There's no problem for parking spots right now."

Concerning the "unused" spaces, Mulligan said the spots will be covered, as some already have. "We'll probably know in another two or three weeks where we'll be going with this. If the number of sold spaces stays low, we might just push the spaces toward the back," he said.

"We've made efforts to put together the signs for spaces that aren't being used," said Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik at Tuesday's Township Committee meeting.

Ron Kravitz, a local merchant and co-chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the township has already given back 31 spaces. "They're only taking 25 of the original 36 in my opinion, that's a fair deal," but I think the pool would be a better idea."

Rishel seem delighted with things as they stand. David Melman, who works at Mountain, had nothing but praise for the service. "It's terrific. It's

efficient, timely, and nice. Even if the pool is picked up 50 or 40 percent, our spaces would still have plenty of spots."

While riding the jitney bus, Township Committee member, Steve Goldstein, "Dave kept asking me, 'When's the jitney starting?' You can thank it of either as a detriment or an opportunity," Goldstein said.

As far as the merchants are concerned, having the entire lot at their disposal is a necessity. "My business requires 33 parking spaces, according to zoning regulation," Wen said.

"The mayor said to me that he didn't want the people working here to shop in Springfield and beautify the front of the business with flowers and things, which is wonderful, but now they want to take our spaces. It field, to take business away from us, doesn't make sense."



Residents wait outside moments after New Crown Bank opens in Springfield branch on Mountain Avenue Saturday. They stood 80 people thick before opening their accounts and drawing for prize money. New Crown opened in the former United Counties and CoreStates building, which was vacant for nearly four years.

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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...

Monday: The Springfield PTA and the Community Center Group will conduct a seminar on internet safety...

Tuesday: The Mountaineer Newcomer Club will hold a Ladies Night Out, an informal gathering at a motorist's house...

Wednesday: The Mountaineer Youth Baseball League will hold its annual dinner at Dorfield School...

Thursday: The Railway Valley Jerseyans, male a cappella singers in the "barbers shop" style will perform at a party at the Springfield Free Public Library...

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Call, Rose at (908) 292-4041 for more information. April 24: Later Day '99 will be held at Echo Lake Park from 9 a.m. to noon...

April 25: Kurt Gallagher's "Songs for Playful Children" will be presented at the Mountain State Public Library at 2 p.m.

April 26: The Springfield Rotary will conduct its 18th annual flea market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield.

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NEWS CLIPS

Workshops available for children, families

The Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountaineer is offering a new lineup of workshops this spring for children and families...

The new spring topics will interest children of all ages. Classes are offered for children ages two through four, with an adult, children ages four and five, and first through fourth grade students and families...

A workshop series called "After-school Explorations" is designed for first- and second-graders which will be presented every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in April, May and June...

Registration is required and the fee is \$8 per child per class. Registration is required for all workshops. For a complete spring brochure, call or visit Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, or call (908) 789-3670.

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Township to offer free rabies clinic

The Springfield Board of Health will offer a free rabies clinic Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. which will be offered for the vaccination of cats and dogs. The clinic will be held at the Springfield Public Works Building, Springfield. No appointments are required.

The public should follow some simple preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies. Rabies is a fatal disease that can be transmitted to humans from animals.

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Police departments combine to arrest jewel thief

Springfield
A Springfield man has a state prison address after pleading guilty to four burglaries in the township and in Mountainside April 7.

The man, identified as Richard Coppola, 49, stood before Superior Court Judge John Triarsi and confessed his crimes. Coppola confessed to breaking into a Tree Top Drive home basement Jan. 27. He said he stole some floral jewelry from a second-floor bedroom.

Coppola further described stealing jewelry and silverware from a Mountainside home Jan. 30 and breaking some rear window glass of a Smithfield Road home at about 12:37 p.m. on Feb. 9. He attempted to enter a Bryant Avenue home when he was surprised by the owner at about 1:04 p.m. that day.

The owner's phone call led to a joint investigation by Mountainside Detective Sgt. Todd Turner and fellow detectives Judd Levanon and Edward McNay of Springfield. They yielded Coppola's arrest several days later.

Court records indicate that Coppola has been sentenced for similar crimes in 1974, 1977, 1994 and 1996. His

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first sentence was for two years' probation for an October 1967 burglary at age 18. Coppola is scheduled to be sentenced July 9. He faces a 10-year sentence.

A Hillside driver's attempt to exit a clothing store for onto South Springfield Avenue left him a hit and run victim Monday. The victimist was trying to make a left-hand turn when a southbound black Nissan or Toyota struck him at about 4:26 p.m. The

black car continued on with front end damage.

An Edison Place owner reported that his building was tagged by graffiti vandals in several places Friday. The day's other incident was a tractor trailer driver saying he did not back into a fence on Cornell Parkway at about 1:40 p.m. Two witnesses said he did while backing up the Ford 9000 and a third said he did not.

Mountainside
The trail of two robbery and shoplifting suspects ended in Mountainside early April 7. The pair were

stopped over on Route 22 East by New Providence Road after matching descriptions of two people wanted for shoplifting \$3,000 in merchandise from Bndgewater Commons.

The first person presented identification which turned out to be that of a robbery victim. Another arrested was Tia Rodriguez, properly identified as Joseph Flores.

In conjunction with the two was Eva Lugo, 35, of Newark, who was found to be wanted by the Essex County Sheriff's Office for receiving stolen property.

Township department lends aid to Union

Springfield's equipment and personnel played a major role in putting out a house fire in Union Township April 5.

The crew of Ladder Truck One and Engine One arrived at about 4:45 p.m. to help Union battle a fire at 2 Cross St. Ladder One cut open the three-story apartment's roof while Engine One supplied some of the waterpower to extinguish the blaze by 6:30 p.m.

Township Fire Chief William Cras and Deputy Chief Donald Schwetz

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were part of the seven-town firefighting team. Forces from Elizabeth, Maplewood, Millburn, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains and Summit provided additional mutual aid.

The fire started the house, leaving its seven occupants homeless. Two infants suffered smoke inhalation and hypoxemia and two Union firemen suffered burns around their faces. The

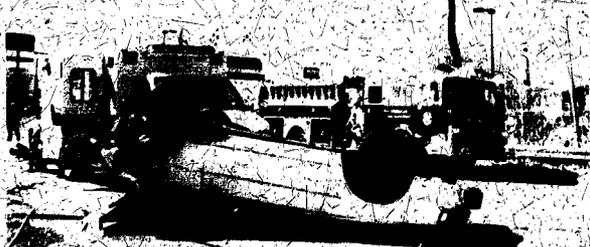
blaze, which is under investigation, may have been started by a lit cigarette igniting a couch, according to one victim.

Springfield's second engine had to leave for Route 22 East by the Union border for a two-car crash at about 2:57 p.m. that day. A Ford rear-ended a Buick in the left lane while both were passing Checkers Restaurant. The impact sent the Buick down the Rahway River embankment and overturned the Ford.

Fire police and first aid squad members promptly blocked Route 22 East until the occupants were removed and the wreckage cleared. The Buick pilot was taken to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Hospital while the Ford's driver and passenger to Union Hospital for injuries. Both vehicles were towed.

A Ford Windstar's attempt to enter the Bob's Store parking lot from Southbound Booth Springfield border ended in an accident at about 2:51 p.m. April 7. A Suzuki Swift rear-ended the Ford, causing an injury to one of the Windstar's passengers.

Fire and police units combined to assess and investigate the crash. The one Ford passenger refused on-site medical assistance and the Suzuki was towed.



Members of the Springfield Fire Department, Police Department and First Aid Squad arrive on the scene of a two-car accident on Route 22 April 5. Both vehicles were towed as drivers were treated for injuries at local hospitals.

Students receive lesson in their potential careers

Jonathan Dayton High School held its second Career Day for graduating seniors March 24. Fifty-six seniors signed up and 42 went out that day. The purpose of the day was to give seniors first-hand experience with a particular career of interest.

This year, more than 20 companies were involved in the mentoring process. Student experiences ranged from Polo-Ralph Lauren in New York City to Pulaski Savings Bank in Springfield.

The morning began with a breakfast sponsored by Charles Serson, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School. Mentors and students were introduced, and certificates of participation were issued to the companies.

The following companies were involved in Career Day: Harvonn, Elemenair, Inc.; Livingston; Hochstetl; Marlon-Russell; Bridgewater; Cosmar, Inc.; Clark; Jax Packaging Inc.; Josh Plainfield; Polo-Ralph Lauren, New York City; Infocup USA, LP; Linden; ICA Designs International, Inc.; Millburn; Lucent Technologies; Warren; NBC Television, New York City; Affiliates in Gastroenterology, West Orange; Children's Specialized Hospital; Mountainside; PageNet Inc., New York City; Pulaski Savings Bank, Springfield; JS Blade Advertising; Union; The Star-Ledger; Newark; Scheffing Plough; Union; Smith Barney; Short Hills; Paper Mill Playhouse; Millburn; CNS Comcast Television; Union; Overlook Hospital; Summit; and Roselle Park Middle School, Roselle Park.

At the end of the day, students discussed how beneficial this experience was. Many students felt more confident in the choices they have made concerning majors and potential careers.

Seeing the daily routine of the mentor and speaking with different departments in the company and participating in hands-on activities, the students received a more accurate view of that particular career.

Other students will be going July 7. These mentors who are involved are Trenton, Thunder, Trenton and Lamp Light, Pupils, et al., West Orange. A workshop for those students who selected psychology will be organized in the school with local psychologists in different fields.

YMCA offers spring classes

Registration for the Springfield YMCA's Spring 2 session began Tuesday at 7 a.m. The YMCA offers a variety of opportunities for preschool and school-age children to learn basic skill development, strengthen self-confidence and meet new friends.

Preschool classes include parent/child classes such as "Toddle Tots" and "Mommies & Me," and sports classes including soccer, basketball and ball. Older children in grades one through five can enjoy art classes including ceramics, coloring and painting.

Classes run April 26 through June 19. The Springfield YMCA is located in the Chisholm Community Center, 100 South Springfield Ave. For more information, call (973) 467-0838.

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Faigenbaum, Marshall, Fischbein

When Springfield residents go to the polls Tuesday for the Board of Education election, we urge all voters to choose Ken Faigenbaum, Marc Marshall and Stephen Fischbein.

During his 18 years on the school board, Faigenbaum has offered residents a wealth of experience in working with budgets through his profession as a CPA. He brings a measure of respect, decorum and common sense to the Board of Education and has proven his dedication to the township's schools.

Marshall, a challenger for a seat on the school board promises to add a fresh face and new ideas to a board that has sometimes demonstrated an uncomfortably high level of complacency. He emphasizes teaching students the ability to think and the importance of academics above extracurricular activities, and his graduate degree in public administration will aid in implementing the changes needed to increase the value of a public education in the township.

Fischbein possesses a clear sense of the positives and negatives of Springfield public schools and has demonstrated dedication to the township during his nine years on the Board of Education. He recognizes the importance of community involvement in public schools and the need to update technology for local students.

Goggi, Knodel

We urge Mountinside residents to cast votes Tuesday for Peter Goggi and Pat Knodel for the Board of Education. Together, they offer a sound historical backdrop coupled with fresh thought, enthusiasm and vested interest in the school district.

Goggi, a borough resident for nearly 10 years, holds a background in business administration that he applies as director of Tea Buying and president of the Royal Estates Tea Company, a division of Lipton. This fiscal expertise can prove advantageous in battling budget increases and future demands of taxpayers.

In addition, Goggi brings the idea of the "total student," one who does not only excel academically, but directly benefits from extracurricular opportunities as well. He already has proven his dedication to the board through his involvement in creating the Strategic Plan and through active participation in meetings.

A 26-year veteran of the board, Knodel maintains a passion and vision for education. She offers a solid foundation composed of school board experience within the municipality, the County and the state. While in the borough, Knodel has witnessed the closing of two elementary schools and, more recently, the deregionalization of the school system. Her thoughts, however, are focused on the present and future. This is evident through her commitment toward integrating technology into curricula in a cost-effective manner.

Vote yes

The Mountainside Board of Education has approved an \$8.8-million budget for the 1999-2000 school year with an increase of \$19,533 from this year's budget. The sum includes a 0.22-percent increase, a figure that will not affect the tax levy. We urge residents to vote in support of this budget during Tuesday's Board of Education election.

The zero-increase budget is largely a result of a \$300,000 surplus applied to the budget. The surplus was a leftover from the deregionalization of the school system two years ago, and Interim Business Administrator Frances Tolley wisely incorporated the funds into this budget rather than spend the money out over time.

Although Chief School Administrator Gerard Sehaller pointed out last week that this tax break will be "the last shot," residents deserve to see the benefits that were promised when deregionalization occurred: Using the surplus as part of the school budget and presenting taxpayers with a pleasing zero-increase budget was the most effective way to accomplish this goal.

The Springfield Board of Education also approved its school budget for the 1999-2000 school year, placing a figure of \$20,013,399 before voters Tuesday. In addition, a separate \$350,000 spending question for computer technology in the classrooms will share a space on the ballot. Springfield schools need to push themselves to the cutting edge of new technology if students are to be well-prepared for life in today's workforce. The benefits of a strong technological education should not be underestimated.

"If the press does not tell the people what is happening, who will?"

Hennie van Deventer
South African newspaper executive
1996



GREEN MEANS GIVE — From left, Mike Quick and Robbie Maul from St. James Boy Scout Troop 79 and Katie Pallito and Allison Sharpe from Cadette Troop 75 tie a green ribbon around a tree in downtown Springfield. The ribbon symbolizes support for April's Tissue and Organ Donor Awareness Month.

Playground safety a priority in our parks

As we approach the warm summer season, our children spend many hours in backyard playgrounds and in Springfield's public playgrounds and parks. During the past few years, we have improved the town's public parks, and we have researched and learned a great deal about playground safety and health. Here are some important facts to ponder and provide due diligence when having your child play outside.

Stop placing pesticides on lawns near playgrounds and where children play, which can include front lawns or backyards. It is not one that simply "washes off" the pesticide is absorbed into the ground. There is mounting evidence that children who come in contact with typical pesticides can get sick. Many of the chemicals in lawn pesticides are cancer-producing agents.

Solution: In town, the Recreation Department and Department of Public Works will not use any chemical pesticides near parks or in playgrounds. At home, if needed, use natural products such as neem, which is a compound from the neem tree. It is totally safe. Call Gardens Alive at (812) 537-8881 for information on this product.

Some private and public playground equipment has long been known to be unsafe and with improper ground-absorbing cover. We did a study of the town's playgrounds and found a large number of equipment was not in compliance with OSHA, ASTM and JPMA guidelines. You



may have noticed over the past two years the removal and replacement of some equipment and new ground covering.

Standards for playground safety are now finally in state law. In 1999, thanks to the effort of Assembly members Barbara Buono and Joel Weingerger, a new law was passed in the state requiring all public and private schools, day care centers, etc., with playgrounds meet all federal safety standards and have specific impact zones and impact-absorbing ground cover. The law says towns and schools can make up to five years to comply.

Springfield was ahead of many other towns and began to comply well before this legislation took effect. This law was passed due to mounting evidence that many many children were getting injured from falls on or from play equipment. The law requires at least five inches of specific impact-absorbing ground cover and impact zones of at least six inches of shock-absorbing materials as heights increase.

New materials such as crumb rubber from tires or shoes appear to be safe, don't deteriorate over time, and have superior impact absorption. The new federal standards on playground safety also recognize the superior value of this material.

At home, remember not to rely on grass or artificial grass. Children on equipment Place wood chips or rubber around and under the pile. Also be aware of the wood used in backyard playgrounds. Most wood is pressure-treated pine or cedar. This means there is an "acceptable level of toxic agents" in the product.

If you really want your child to be exposed to this risk, instead buy non-pressure treated redwood which is a harder wood and lasts longer. One major company which sells this product is Rainbow Out of California.

Speaking of playground equipment, don't forget that any equipment one purchases should have the stamp of approval from the Juvenile Products Manufacturing Association. If it does not, don't buy it. Make sure all play equipment is age-appropriate, properly installed, located in wide spaces and is not metal which can get very hot in the summer sun and cause burns. Avoid the color yellow on any equipment, as it attracts bees and wasps.

Be aware of some concerns parents in children's sandboxes. Some safety books advise to call the company before buying the play sand to

check that it is free of remanent and asbestos. Most play sand bags only say "iron-free" or "sanitized" on the label, which means very little.

Some companies, if you ask, will come right out and tell you that sand which is silica-based, if breathed in, can cause silicosis and other lung diseases. It's rare, but it is not recommended to keep silica-based sand. We must keep the air clean. However, it is not dusted out periodically, and fleas which can bite and other factors find their way into the sand.

The main idea is to let our children play in a safe, secure environment where we all can have fun and relax to enjoy the summer. Take note of the changes in ground covering and equipment at the pool playground and in town parks. We are also working with the county to place a few playground in Matpel Park.

Let us know if you have any suggestions or concerns. Call me at town hall at (973) 912-2200. For product safety standards or information on playground safety, call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at (800) 658-2772 for automated information and brochures. Have a great and safe summer and see you at the pool and in the parks.

Roy Hirschfeld is a member of the Springfield Township Committee.

Simple pleasures are missing from daily life

We really live in a fantastic world. All the marvels we could find in fiction as young children have come to pass.

While our parents and grandparents were amazed by man's ability to fly, we have seen that people born in the early part of this century, not only have seen many fly, but they have seen men walk on the moon, seen pictures back from far-off galaxies and peek further and further into the universe.

Just in the field of communications, the changes have been drastic. I grew up in my life, first of all, not having had a telephone. In many instances, that \$4 or \$5 a month was just too expensive in an era when many people were out of work for long periods of time.

Then, when the telephone came to be a staple around the ordinary home — and that really was a thrill after World War II — it really much was the main means of communication between individuals and companies.

Of course, there were other lines of contact, including the telegraph lines and U.S. mail. In those pre-cell-phone days, the main carrier made a trip to each home twice a day and telegrams were delivered to the door, usually by rapping boy's a bicycle from the local telegraph office.

But today's world is very different. Nowadays, people expect communications to be instant, accurate and on demand, just looking at the television

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

news also brings along the message that very same news can also be viewed on the station's website. Evidently watching the news once on the television screen is not enough; a look at the website evidently enhances the knowledge it does not.

It's a world of change we have the latest services call jobs. How many things have been seen people standing in the middle of Springfield Avenue holding a phone and having a conversation put in the open air. Of course, there are phone booths on Springfield Avenue, but evidently it is more convenient and maybe more chic to use a cell phone.

The proliferation of cell phones had led to situations about auto accidents caused by their usage while driving, which is probably a modern-day version of pulling on the lipstick and looking in the rearview mirror while driving.

But, with all this technology, what kind of a life do we really have in this 21st century to live? While we certainly remember that much of the old days were not great, there was an order and a natural peace in the old

days that seems to be missing from today's world.

Not too many years ago, the film "Faretter Camp" was making the rounds. And, not too surprisingly, it is often shown on cable television. And, it certainly must be popular, or advertisers would not be supporting the video. But, why is that film so popular?

Forrest Gump was supposed to be "simple." Yet, there was a warmth and understanding about him that reached even the hearts of the most cynical. Why was that the case? Today we have the technology. We have the know-how to do many things that were out of the past. We have computers. We have fast cars. We have fast planes. We marvel at all these wonders. But, almost anyone who is honest will admit something is missing.

Forrest Gump may have been simple and did not enjoy great intellectual powers. But he had several qualities which many people today don't have and probably wish they did.

One of those qualities is the freedom to choose what they want to do. Just try and apply for a job in a company and say you don't have computer skills. You probably couldn't even get a job. Our country's system has created a system where computer skills to become the primary.

What about job security? In the olden days, if you didn't like the job, you

could move on. If you like the job and you will you could stay. That's an option of the past. Anybody can be doing an excellent job and find themselves unemployed because of corporate takeovers and mergers which in no way reflect on the employee. In other words, the money bottom line comes first, and the employee is just a means to that end.

There is a peace lost in the world of today. Everything is so hectic and frantic. We rush to go to the Turnpike. We rush to go off the Turnpike. We rush to get to meetings, then we hope the meeting won't last too long, so we can get to the gym in "between times." In between times, there's supposed to be time for family, for fun, for simple pleasures. But, there never seems to be any of that kind of time.

Yes, we live in a wonderful world of technology; with medical advances, in-and-out surgery and a myriad of so-called conveniences.

But, yes, something is definitely missing. Probably it's that old human touch when neighbors automatically saw what needed to be done and just walked over and did it, without making an appointment.

We are definitely missing a lot these days. And, we are all suffering from the lack of freedom of choice and the simple life.

A resident of Summit, Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.

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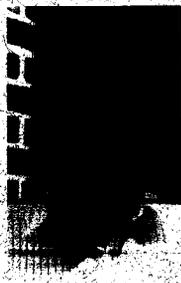
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"There seems to be not enough spaces for merchants, and that's true along the whole length of Morris Avenue."



Jerry Balletti

"There's a controversy about Duffy's Corner nearby — ifta spaces for commuters will take away from customers. Otherwise, parking gets busy on the weekends and slow in the summer."



Clavon Irving

"It isn't bad, depending on the time of day. Sometimes the traffic is heavy along Morris Avenue and I go around to Duffy's Corner."

'Mr. NJ' to address club

John T. Cunningham, known as "Mr. New Jersey" because of his vast knowledge of the state's history, will be the guest speaker of the College Women's Club of Mountaineer. Everyone is invited to attend the program Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

No matter what aspect of New Jersey is of interest to you, undoubtedly the subject will be covered in one of Cunningham's numerous publications. "You, New Jersey, and the World" is used in nearly every school system in the state. His latest book, "Railroads in New Jersey: The Formative Years," published in 1997, is a beautifully illustrated volume relating to rail activities until the eve of World War I. The response has been so great that Cunningham is currently working on a sequel.

A native of New Jersey, Cunningham attended Morristown High School and graduated from Drew College in Madison. He worked as a reporter for the *Morristown Record*, while attending college, then taught at Morris County Junior College, and eventually worked at the *Newark News*. He served in the Pacific during World War II.

After the war, Cunningham returned to the *Newark News* and



John T. Cunningham

wrote a series of articles on railroading in New Jersey. This assignment was probably the turning point of his career. He became immersed in New Jersey history, traveling the state from north to south, east to west, before the advent of the Parkway and Turnpike. He got to know New Jersey that has vanished.

In addition to his 38 published books, Cunningham has also written scripts for 20 historical/film and documentaries and authored several thousand magazine articles. His many awards include an Emmy for the best-written documentary film in 1983.

Dayton seniors honored with Bloustein scholarships

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Steven Weiss was "happy" to make the Bloustein scholarship awards presentation at the Summit City Hall April 8. While Weiss was one of the 17 seniors receiving a certificate from Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole and Joel Weingarten, he was the only Jonathan Dayton High School representative to make the ceremony.

"I first heard about the Bloustein award in the mail," Weiss said. "The Department of Education sent the guide. I also got congratulated by the guidance department."

The six white were named are more than the year. Dayton's Director of Guidance, Dumreck Seyler, said "The award is second in prestige to the National Merit Association award. It shows that Dayton is producing a quality education for its students."

Other Dayton seniors receiving the scholarship were Lina Cherias, Deborah Gill, Joshua Ravitz, Scott Sambur and Jennifer Saracino.

The Bloustein scholarships are given out to high school seniors who have scored at least 1200 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test and are ranked in the top 10 percent of their class. "We have 50 students to be named from the Union County part of our district," O'Toole said. "That's one of the largest classes awarded."

O'Toole and Weingarten then called the 50 names from the Common Council Chamber. Six of those named were from Dayton but only Weiss came forward for his certificate.

None of the seven high schools from five towns scored a perfect attendance record. Summit and Union each had 17 students named but 13 appeared. He "one from Summit's Crary Prep of Roselle Park High School was able to attend the ceremony."

"There was little time to ponder whether the Easter recess or a conflict about the date led to the high attendance," Weiss, the 16 other seniors and their relatives were given certificates and photo opportunities within 20 minutes. Many had never met their state legislators before or knew much about the Bloustein awards.

"I got called into the guidance office, where I was congratulated," Summit senior Jesse Cox said. "I also got a letter from the state Department of Education."

"I never heard of the Bloustein award before," said classmate Elizabeth Hiltenthan. "I'm going to Princeton University, so every scholarship award helps."

The Bloustein scholarships were created to encourage some of New Jersey's top-ranked high school seniors to attend the state's colleges or universities. One of the conditions of receiving the \$1,000 a year is to start and stay in a state institution of higher learning.

The education department named the scholarship after the late Edward J. Bloustein, as to recognize his innovation and dedication to excellence in education. Weingarten said "While as commissioner of education, Bloustein made Rutgers University co-ed in 1972 and brought its athletic department into big-time college sports. Rutgers now has an enrollment of 47,000 students."

Weiss said he is still deciding which school to go to — which may present a problem with the Bloustein New Jersey school requirements. Most seniors are to declare their post-high school plans around May 1. The Bloustein scholarship will not be awarded to students going "out of state."

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Drivers receive recognition

Starting today, the Springfield Police Department will be initiating a campaign to recognize safe motor vehicle drivers in the township.

After observing a driver perform a safe and courteous act, the Police Department's traffic officer will stop the motorist and issue a special citation to the driver. This citation will enter the driver into a random drawing for a recognition award.

The awards will consist of certificates that allow the driver to dine at a special restaurant in the township, up to the limit specified on the certificate. Drawings for the awards shall be performed by the police department during a random drawing. The department will hold four drawings based upon 80 drivers in each segment.

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City arboretum plans May Day

Reeves-Reed Arboretum volunteers will celebrate the tradition of a May Day Maypole Dance and other family activities May 2 to celebrate the arboretum's 25th anniversary and the co-sponsoring Junior League of Summit's 70th year. The event will be cancelled if it rains.

Registration is due April 22 and admission is free with a suggested \$15 donation-per-family, payable at the door.

Planned from 10 to 4:30 p.m. are maypole dancing, baby animals, a balloon artist, trackless train, children's crafts, parade, refreshments and live entertainment.

The original maypole dance was one of the first public programs offered when the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit was founded in 1975.

Volunteer co-chairs Megan Hagerly and Lisa Park are assisted by Leanne Badges, Stacy Beckett, Lisa Brownfield, Laura Gibson, Abbie Cranz, Mary Eckert, Cathy Facchetti, Jenni Heals, Arbolofant Trustee Barbara Humphrey, Denise Kelly, Lizanne Kenney, Sheila Smith and Liz Taylor, all of Summit.

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OBITUARIES

T. Emil Tallaksen

T. Emil Tallaksen, 83, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Summit, died April 16 at home.

Born in West Orange, Mr. Tallaksen lived in New Vernon and Summit before moving to Basking Ridge. He was a custom home builder in Morris, Somerset, Union and Essex counties for 40 years and retired in 1990.

Mr. Tallaksen served in the Army during World War II. He was an elder, a Sunday school teacher and served on the building committee, all of the Long Hill Chapel, Chatham. Mr. Tallaksen was a longtime member of the board of trustees of King's College, Brantford, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth, two sons, Lawrence C. and Robert M., three brothers, Arthur, Norman and Gordon, a sister, Thelma Everswick and eight grandchildren.

Gertrude Schoch

Gertrude Schoch, 88, of Springfield died April 6 in an Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Schoch lived in Springfield for 40 years. She was an assembler for 11 years with Springfield Tool and Die and retired 23 years ago.

Earlier, Mrs. Schoch had been a bookkeeper for many years with J. Brunner and Son, a Newark auto repair business. She was a member of the Women's Club of the Second Reformed Church in Irvington and the Springfield Senior Citizens Group One.

Thomas P. Romano

Thomas P. Romano, 81, of Summit died April 11 in South Florida Baptist Hospital, Plant City, Fla.

Born in Orange, Mr. Romano lived

in South Orange and Millburn before moving to Summit in 1957. He was a custodian at Columbia High School, South Orange, for 30 years and retired in 1984.

Mr. Romano served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Senior Citizens Club and the 60 Plus Club of St. Teresia Church, both in Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Amelia; a daughter, Anna L. Ricciardi, a son, Thomas J.; three brothers, Santo, Joseph and Anthony, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Catherine Newman

Catherine E. Newman of Summit died April 5 at home.

Born in South Carolina, Mrs. Newman lived in Summit for most of her life.

Surviving are a son, Frederick A. and three grandchildren.

Dorothy Robinson

Dorothy E. Robinson, 90, of Springfield died April 6 at home.

Born in Chicago, Miss Robinson lived in Connecticut and Kearny before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. She was a self-employed dog groomer for 30 years and retired 15 years ago. Earlier, Miss Robinson had been a librarian at the Kearny and Bloomfield public libraries for five years. She was a member of the Women's Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield.

Surviving are two sisters, Isabel Mercy and Marion Lynette and a brother, A. Monroe.

Elaine Ship

Elaine Ship, 72, of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Springfield, died

April 5 in Sumner Hospital Medical Center, Las Vegas.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Ship lived in Springfield for 25 years before moving to Las Vegas three years ago. She was a salesperson with Walter Bauman Jewelers in Short Hill, for 10 years and retired in 1990.

Surviving is a daughter, Franette Goldenberg.

Margaret T. Dill

Margaret T. Dill, 72, of Summit died April 7 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Dill lived in Hillside and Short Hills before moving to Summit, while maintaining a winter residence in Ludlow, VT for 30 years. She was a past chairperson with the ladies group of the Suburban Golf Club in Union.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Albert D., two sons, Albert D. Jr. and Andrew, three daughters, Andrea Harbison, Adeneme Schenewolf and Aimee, and five grandchildren.

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13 Thur. Long Valley	6 Tues. Bridgeport	26 Mon. Bridgeport	20 Fri. Nashua
14 Fri. Long Valley	8 Tues. Bridgeport	27 Tues. Bridgeport	21 Sat. Atlantic City
15 Sat. Long Valley	9 Wed. Bridgeport	28 Wed. Somerset	22 Wed. Long Valley
16 Sun. Long Valley	10 Thur. Bridgeport	29 Thur. Somerset	23 Thur. Long Valley
17 Mon. Long Valley	11 Mon. Nashua	30 Fri. Somerset	25 Fri. Long Valley
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24 Mon. Nashua			
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OBITUARIES

James A. Corradi

James A. Corradi, 69, of Santa Barbara, Calif., formerly of Summit, died April 4 at home.

sent to him by their first lady, Patricia Savino.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Marianne, three sons, David, Stephen and Jack, a daughter, Barbara Gray, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Corradi was president of the New Jersey Nurserymen's Association, the New Jersey Horticultural Council, the Royal Club in Summit and the Rutgers-Cook College Board of Governors. He was vice president of the New Jersey State Flower and Garden Show for 12 years and served in the United Campaign of Summit.

Mr. Corradi served on the board of directors of the YWCA in Summit, was a member of MENA, a Unitarian member of the Fairmount Country Club in Chatham. From 1980 to 1994, he was general manager of the Hope Ranch Parks, Homeowners Association. Mr. Corradi served on the board of the Chiffonade Landscape Contractors' Association and was president of the LaCunche County Club and Novetta Chapter of Toast-

Joseph Panella

Joseph Panella, 89, of Summit died April 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Lucy, four daughters, Nancy Santucci, Marianne Massa, Joan Melilli and Gail Werner, 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Henrietta Lustig

Henrietta Lustig of Glen Ridge, formerly of Union and Springfield, died April 8 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Ornella Schiavone

Ornella Schiavone, 51, of Springfield died April 8 in Union Hospital.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Worship Calendar listing services for Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Jewish-Reform churches.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Soccer Club of Springfield holding tryouts May 8 at Gaudinier Middle

The Soccer Club of Springfield will be holding tryouts Saturday, May 8 at the Gaudinier Middle School for its fall 1999 and spring 2000 traveling teams.

The Club will sponsor boys and girls teams for players born between 8-1-83 and 7-31-92.

The Soccer Club of Springfield is affiliated with the NJYSA and plays in the Morris County Youth Soccer Association.

These tryouts are open to all area residents. Pre-registration is required.

Person registrations will be held at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center on Monday night, April 19 and Tuesday night, April 27 from 7-9 p.m.

More information may be obtained by calling the Club at 908-273-5509 or e-mail at scspringfield@aol.com.

Mountainside Youth Baseball holding fundraiser this Saturday

Mountainside Youth Baseball, a non-profit organization, is holding its third annual silent auction/fundraiser this Saturday.

There will be several hundred people from the area in attendance. Proceeds from this event will be used for league expenses.

More information may be obtained by calling Carl Angelo at 908-232-7181 or Michael Fahrini at 732-340-9205.

Dayton High School baseball team scheduled to host Breakley, R. Park

The Dayton High School baseball team will play at Breakley Park on Monday and Tuesday nights, April 19 and 20. The team will be playing at Breakley Park on Wednesday, April 21. The team will be playing at Breakley Park on Thursday, April 22. The team will be playing at Breakley Park on Friday, April 23. The team will be playing at Breakley Park on Saturday, April 24. The team will be playing at Breakley Park on Sunday, April 25.

Dayton lost its season opener at New Providence 5-0 April 6 and then last Thursday was edged by host Bound Brook 6-4.

Building junior catcher Lorenzo Williams batted a double and drove in two runs.

Dayton High School softball team opens its season with a 14-10 win over NP

The Dayton High School softball team opened the season with a 14-10 win over New Providence on Tuesday night at the Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division victory over visiting New Providence April 6.

Stadium senior third baseman Tracey Salathello hit for the cycle, hitting a single, double, triple and home run. She also drove in five of Dayton's 14 runs.

Gov. Livingston softball team began the week at 3-0; baseball was 2-2

The Governor Livingston High School softball team began the week at 3-0, defeating North at home against Millard 13-0 and Washington Hills 2-1 at Roselle Catholic 11-0.

Stadium pitcher Gina Turinello tossed a five-hitter in blanking the Lions April 6 in Roselle. She struck out eight and walked six and also belted a two-run single.

Travis, Gov. Middle senior football who was a senior in 1997, played the Hurricanes in the Virginia Tech "Footmen" championship, throwing 100 shutouts in UCT play.

Jim Calabrese, singled home Heather Kane with the winning run in the victory over Washington Hills.

The baseball team, 2-2 on Tuesday, has a tough one to handle on Saturday at the Millburn Tournament. After Jason Gagliardi scored on a Mark Carafano sacrifice fly to tie the score at 3-3 in the top of the seventh, the Hornets scored the winning run on the bottom of the seventh.

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Dayton junior Cohen helps team skate to second place MVP finishes first in skills competition

Dayton High School junior Jared Cohen participated in the Glacier Spring Breakout Ice Hockey Tournament in Willow Grove, Pa. as a member of the Cranford Hockey Club's Midget Division team.

The tournament was completed March 19-21. The first game against the home team, Glaciers ended in a 1-1 tie.

The second game against the Lawrence Flames was won by Cranford 4-1.

Cohen, a Springfield resident, scored two of the goals and assisted on one of the other two to earn MVP honors for the game.

Cohen received a trophy for his MVP effort.

The third game against Massapequa was won by Cranford 4-0.

Cohen scored one goal and assisted on two others. The fourth and final game was won by the Glaciers 2-0 as they scored their second goal into an empty net.

For posting a 2-1-1 record, the Cranford squad finished in second place.

There was also a skills competition, which Cohen participated in.

Cohen scored 2-of-3 breakaway goals for his skill level. His competitors went 0-for-3 in this event as Cohen captured first place honors.

It was a great way for Cohen and his Cranford teammates to conclude an outstanding 1998-99 season.

Baseball card show Saturday at RC

By J.R. Parachini Sports Editor

There was a very good reason why coordinator for Miller was unable to attend last year's annual baseball card show at Roselle Catholic.

The Roselle resident who was a standout baseball player himself, starting at Linden High School, was laid up in a hospital bed after his colon ruptured following an attack of diverticulitis.

He underwent an emergency operation at Rahway Hospital the day before the event and was hospitalized for about eight days before his release.

This year Miller is back better than ever to be among the guests that arranged for the 11th Annual Comic, Baseball Card and Sports Collectible show, that will be hosted by the Roselle Catholic High School Men's Association this Saturday.

The show, which will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will be held in the school's gymnasium, located on Raritan Road in Roselle.

Having what happened to the last year was truly unexpected, said Miller, a Roselle resident since 1970 and a 1932 graduate of Linden High School. "I'm looking forward to Saturday and I think it will be our biggest show yet."

Miller, an ex-New York Yankee farmhand, made the Linden head baseball coach, Herb Messeri, proud Miller, who was a catcher.

Messeri, who was a baseball and football coach at Linden before becoming the principal, attends the show annually with his son, who is a dealer.

This year's show will also feature legends from the New York Yankees, New York Mets, former Major League star, the 1933 Heisman Trophy winner and the Brooklyn Pioneer, the Ladies of Baseball as well as the movie *A League of Their Own*.

The Heisman Trophy from the Downtown Athletic Club in New York will also be on display. Wisconsin senior running back Ron Davis of Overbrook will be the leading candidate to win the Fred Hinman Trophy of the 20th century.

The last New Jersey resident to win the Heisman was Carlton Mike Rader of Newark in 1963 when he ran for over 2,000 yards for the No. 20 College team who finished 12-1. Rader is a member of the Orange Bowl.

More approximately 100 of baseball's top players. The collection of the show and features will include the following: *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Players*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Pitchers*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Catchers*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Outfielders*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Infielders*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Managers*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Owners*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Fans*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Moments*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Games*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Seasons*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Teams*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Players*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Pitchers*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Catchers*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Outfielders*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Infielders*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Managers*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Owners*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Fans*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Moments*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Games*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Seasons*, *Major League Baseball's 100 Greatest Teams*.

It's play ball for Spring Minutemen Games Sat., festives Sunday

The 1999 baseball season officially begins this Sunday at Rutgers Field for the Springfield Minutemen program, although several league games are scheduled to be played this Saturday.

In addition to opening day ceremonies, team and individual photos will be taken.

Youth Baseball

As many as six Major League teams will be comprised of several 7th graders, many 6th graders, some 5th graders and one exceptional 3rd grader. Here's a look at this year's Major League rosters.

Care Station Angels: Stan Purman-manager; Matt Perman, Brandon Stern, Charles Joe-Fumaguer, Jordan Fish, Zach Silverman, Greg Stephani, Pablo Torres, Philip Ferreira, Zach Modell, Adam Hirst, Chris Mallico.

Ovenbrot Jewelers Royals: Neil Weiss-manager; Jared, Wes, Cory, Roger, Jesse, Fawcett, Michael Manning, Steven Mandel, Jesse Gaidinis, Steven Lyndler, Ryan Weller, Nicholas Pagnoni, Marco Pannella, Zach Linka, Aristandou Piratas, John O'Reilly-manager; Ryan O'Reilly, John Pflug, Kenneth Suarez, Stephen Suarez, Josh Goldman, Matt Farley, Randy Henig, Danny Fernandez, Matthew King, Paul Beliveau, Bruce Jurekovic.

Dinobus Auto-Hot Dogs: Denny Cirelli-manager; Patrick, Cincely, Jim DeMuro, Jack Floyd, Kyle Canton, Michael Stromeyer, Scott Cheroff, Zach Goldberg, Barry Stein, Keith Salarino, Keith Dworkin, Matt Sauchnik.

Louis Puppulo Land Surveyor Phillies: Jose Mitrotrando-manager; Jose Mitrotrando, Steven Teitanianni, Michael Kronen, Louis Puppulo, Donald Cherry, Ryan Walsh, Matt Wasserman, Fred DeCorte, Steven Stocki, Sagar Patel, Alan Stenberg.

Freddy's Promotions Orioles: Fred Silverman-manager; Lee Silverman, Sara Stimpson, Michael Tiss, David Tarullo, Nick Delviscove, Michael Mohr, Adam Sherman, Justin Molinar, Brian Komoser, Yakov Shvartzman, Jeff Fogel, David Stenberg.

Deerfield grad Mattioli excels in gymnastics

Kyla Mattioli, a graduate of Deerfield School in Mountainside, competed in the Level 10 Pennsylvania State Gymnastics Championships March 28 in Chambersburg, Pa.

A member of the Parkettes Gymnastics Team, Mattioli competed in the Sr. A 16-17 age division; she became the Pa. state champion on the uneven bars and won the silver medal on vault.

Mattioli placed second in the all-around with an impressive score of 33.325.

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Block that shot



Springfield Minutemen 7th grade basketball player Dan Scorsone No. 54 on the left, goes up to block a shot while teammate Leo Ferraro, No. 23 on the left, Jordan Garber, No. 45 in the middle and Harris Tuchman, No. 15 are ready to assist. The Minutemen had an outstanding season this year, with several of their players now competing on the upcoming township championship.

