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GOP will choose candidates today

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Clark, who retired three years ago after 35 years as a social worker. The 65-year-old said he likes to look at fundamental change versus the "glamorous things."

"I don't see this as politics but as public service," Clark said, citing infrastructure improvements to the sewer system and zoning and construction code issues as "things that I want to try to do." "Those kinds of things help people in town."

A licensed marriage and family therapist, Hirschfeld has been a psychology professor at Seton Hall University for two years, and at Union County College in Cranford for seven years. He has national certification as a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, consulting with insurance companies in regard to workers' compensation filings.

In addition, Hirschfeld, who runs his own small private practice, consults on issues of stress management and communication skills with corporations such as AT&T and BASF. He is the author of a recent book on marriage/love relationships, "Healily Loving," which is currently being used in a number of college courses. During his tenure as mayor, Hirschfeld helped restart the township's relationship with the Chamber of Commerce. He wrote the grant that provided for the jitney bus service from Duffy's Corner to the Short Hills Train Station, and has been instrumental in helping get the township's playground equipment changed, as well as child safety issues examined. He is proud of the fact that the municipal pool will "finally" have a consistent staff manager, and that the municipal tax rate has stabilized the

last five years.
On the Republican side, former committeeman William Ruocco, chairman of the Republican Committee, said Tuesday he is still talking to people. "I'm talking to four people right now. I'll need two and I'll definitely have two by Thursday, but so far it's hard to get people to make commitments. I haven't had definite answers from anyone."

Fellow Republican Marc Marshall, defeated by incumbents last year in the Board of Education elections, also declined to offer an opinion as to who might run. Speaking for himself, Marshall said, "I'm not interested. I've too much on my plate."

"Traditionally, in Springfield, people wait until 3:30 on the deadline day to file," said former mayor and committeeman Jeff Katz.

Ahold ready for potential litigation

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"I was trying to think objectively, as the lawyer I am, I listened to Mr. Segreto," Goldstein explained to those in attendance. "I wasn't emotional about the issue until Mr. Segreto started to speak. He kept telling us how he didn't want to appear to be arrogant, but he put it off the wrong way."

Segreto began by asking the committee if the ordinance in question was directed to Royal Ahold, to which Harelik plainly responded that it covered a number of properties in the Millburn Avenue area above and beyond Ahold's.
Segreto then presented the committee with an enlarged, double-spaced copy of select pages from the recent Supreme Court decision, referring them to the section in which two variances, issued to the building's previous occupant, Saks Fifth Avenue, in 1956 and 1968, were indeed transferable to Royal Ahold.
"The clarity of what the Supreme Court said is remarkable," Segreto

said after reading the passage. "This is the final word in the State of New Jersey. There's no recourse from it. Your office compels you to comply with the decision of the State Supreme Court."

Segreto assured the committee that he came to speak "in a friendly and conciliatory frame of mind," but proceeded to remind everyone in attendance of Ahold's wealth and determination in the matter.

"Ahold has made an important policy decision," Segreto said. "If Ahold folded his tent, it would give the wrong message to other municipalities — Ahold will go away. We are not going away. The investment in litigation is something Ahold can and will afford. We will build a supermarket. We believe the Supreme Court decision makes that result inevitable."

Despite Harelik's dissent on the ordinance, neither the mayor nor the rest of the committee consider the result inevitable — yet. The ordinance must first go before Union County

Superior Court Judge John Pisansky. Pisansky ruled against the township in a previous attempt to block Ahold from constructing its 70,000-plus square foot store. Although there appears to be little hope in having Pisansky rule in favor of the current ordinance, Ahold must still go before the township's Board of Adjustment to present its site plan application before the facility becomes a reality. Harelik has expressed her faith in the Board of Adjustment's decision-making ability several times.

"I do recognize the quality of life issue in respect to traffic and pedestrian crossings," Harelik said of the Millburn Avenue location.

"But on the legal side, I was yet to be convinced that this ordinance would pass muster. I trust that the Board of Adjustment will judge properly on the site plan review."

In other business, the Township Committee change the scheduled public hearing on the municipal budget. The budget will now be heard on May 9.

Two Dems, two Republicans to run

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Kramer ran for a seat on the council for three consecutive years.

Brociner, a veteran and the owner of a carpet business in East Hanover, last year lost to Turner and Mirabelli by approximately 200 votes.
Perrotta is finishing his first full

term on the council. He was elected in 1997 after completing the final year finishing the term of Bob Beatie. A bond trader on Wall Street, Perrotta has lived in Mountaineer nearly all his 33 years. He is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and holds a degree from Seton Hall University.

Originally from South Plainfield, Lane has lived in Mountaineer nearly five years. He is an attorney with the Westfield firm of Johnston, Skok, Loughlin and Lane.

Lane, 32, holds a law degree from Mercer University in Georgia and a bachelor of science degree in economics from Rutgers University.

Staff Writer Joe Lagana contributed to this report.

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Tuesday
• The Mountaineer Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Berkeley Heights Board of Education will meet for a combined conference and public meeting in the Clausen Administration Complex at 8 p.m.

Friday
Springfield's Senior Citizens extend a welcome to all for their program, under the direction of Bill Farley, featuring the Irvington High School Gospel Choir at 11 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.
Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Sunday
• A planetarium show examines the past and future of astronomy at Traldis Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.50 for seniors. For ages 6 and up with an adult.

• A tour of the deserted village of Felville with an illustrated slide lecture will begin at Traldis Nature & Science Center's visitor center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, at 2 p.m. A carpool to the village for a walking tour will conclude the tour. Study shoes are recommended and participants should be ages 12 and up. Admission is \$3. For more information call Judy Leibowitz at (908) 789-3670.

• A planetarium show examines the history of the Earth and the Moon's effects on it at Traldis Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.50 for seniors. For ages 6 and up with an adult.

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

Tuesday
• New Jersey State Police Sgt. Arlene Olchek of the High Tech Crimes Unit will present a computer workshop called Internet Safety for Parents. Two classes will be from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in the Computer Lab, Room 21, at Florence Gaudinier Middle School. Call (973) 376-1025 for information.
• Moonlight Meander, a program at Traldis Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, offers a night hike from 7 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required; call (908) 789-3670.

• The Mountaineer Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesday
• Zella R.P. Gelman will bring her counseling and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., for an ongoing course, "Write your life stories — memoirs writing made easy." Meetings will be the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Upcoming events
April 24
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

April 25
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video series, Traveling in the U.S.A. and Canada, at noon with a presentation of Yosemite National Park. Bring a brown bag for the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Mountaineer Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School, 302 Central Avenue, for an organization meeting.

April 30
• Springfield's B'nai B'rith will sponsor a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel for \$22, including breakfast at Bagel Chateau and 217 in coins from Resorts. The bus will leave from the Echo Plaza parking lot at 10:30 a.m. For information or reservations call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 during the day or (908) 277-1953 during the evening.

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Council drops salary ordinance issue

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

If the discussion at Tuesday night's Borough Council work session meeting is any indication, the proposed salary ordinance that dominated the council's business at times last year is dead.

All five Borough Council members were consistent in their comments regarding a salary ordinance: it consumed more of the council's time than it was worth and was blown out of proportion by people outside the council for political reasons.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti broached the subject Tuesday night since it promised the topic would be revisited after work on the municipal budget was completed. A public hearing and final approval on budget is scheduled Tuesday.

A committee created to study the idea of a salary last year recommended a \$1,500 salary for Borough Council members and \$3,000 for the mayor.

"I've always been for a salary," said Councilman Paul Mirabelli. "It promotes getting and keeping good people who are dedicated to the borough."

The borough has an ordinance for unreimbursed expenses up to \$1,200 per year.

"I think we spent a tremendous amount of time explaining it to residents. That time is better spent dealing with other issues," Mirabelli said. "Monetarily, it certainly is not that important to myself or other council members." He estimated the council salaries constitute one-tenth of 1 percent of the budget.

The idea of a salary is one "that tends to divide the community," said Councilman Glenn Mortimer. "We spent a lot of time defending it last year."

"It's unfortunate and insulting" that people made the ordinance out to be something political when it should not have been, said Councilman Ronald Romak. "It's not worth my effort."

Councilman Werner Schoo said he was proud the council came to such a decision which he described as "profound."

The term salary is what the stumbling block was, according to Councilman Thomas Perrotta. Other volunteers within the borough receive money, but it is not called a salary.

To attract volunteers, the council in the past several years agreed to pay rescue squad volunteers a stipend per call while volunteer firefighters had their clothing allowance increased and also are paid when they attend drills.

"When council seats become vacant, people are not rushing to the door," Councilman Keith Turner said, as evidenced last year when only one Democrat ran for election while two council seats and the mayor were up.

The aim of the ordinance was "more for the reimbursement for items construed as vague," said Turner. "We were never asking reimbursement for our time."

"I think we have the support of the community if we wish to go that route," said Turner, who cited a similar ordinance which passed quietly in a nearby municipality. But if the council were to forgo the ordinance, Turner said he would agree.



A 5-year-old hero who recently saved her little sister from choking on a ticket stub, Brianna Palumbo stands proudly next to her 8-month-old sister, Alexandra, and her uncle, firefighter Carlo Palumbo. Her uncle may have taught her the life-saving technique.

Youngster comes through in the clutch for her little sister

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

Little 5-year-old Brianna Palumbo is a real hero.

Just last month she and her 8-month-old sister were sitting in the living room of their Mountaintop home watching TV when the walkie-talkie began choking on a ticket stub. The older sister jumped off the couch and stuck her fingers down the smaller child's throat, swiping the lodged ticket from her windpipe.

Their mother, Chris Palumbo, was in the kitchen making dinner at the time. She said she was shocked when her oldest daughter came running into the room crying, panicked from the scary choking episode.

"I can't even begin to tell you how shocked I was. What were the odds of a 5-year-old doing that?" Palumbo said. "I don't think she had any idea that she had just saved her little sister's life."

Palumbo suspects her daughter either picked up the emergency choking technique in school or at her uncle's instruction. She said the whole family is emergency-oriented. The girls' father is a Springfield

Auxiliary Police Officer and their grandfather recently retired from the Mountaintop Police Department. But it was Brianna's uncle, Carlo Palumbo, who may have had more to do with her quick thinking that day, she said.

A firefighter with the Springfield Fire Department, Palumbo said he constantly instructs his niece on emergency situations.

"We go over choking methods about what to do if the baby is choking on something all the time," Palumbo said.

Other emergency scenarios they've practiced include phoning 9-1-1, memorizing her address and learning the stop-drop-and-roll fire technique, he said.

Brianna has realized her hero sta-

tus. She recalled the incident Monday afternoon when she visited her uncle at the Fire Department.

"I stuck my hands down her throat and pulled it right out and she threw up," the girl said. "The ticket was all soggy like my cereal."

Carlo said educating children on emergency techniques is something that all parents should do with their kids at a young age. His sister-in-law said she hopes her daughter's success story can serve as an example of the importance of teaching emergency safety techniques in the home.

The Fire Department helps do its part by conducting training programs for first- and second-graders each October during Fire Prevention Week, Palumbo said.

Friendly's closes its doors for good

By Joe Lagara
Staff Writer

A familiar and friendly sight in Mountaintop has closed its doors and pulled out of town.

Friendly's Restaurant shut down its business March 27, after more than two decades at its Mountain Avenue address. The restaurant is one of 80 that have recently been shut down by the company. Another 70 "underperforming" restaurants will be shut down over the next two years.

"A representative or agent of Friendly's called me a couple of weeks ago and told me they're closing," said Valerie Saunders, Mountaintop's Zoning Officer. "They didn't have to give us notice."

Saunders said a number of residents called to inquire about the business' closure.

ness when they saw trucks at its door, packing equipment. "They thought that maybe there had been a fire," Saunders said.

"We had no idea that the move was happening," Mayor Robert Vigilanti said. "In fact it was renovated, big time, as recently as two years ago."

Daniel Blivise, one of the building's owners, was equally surprised by the departure. "We had no indication they were going to go," Blivise said. "It came as a major surprise. From what we gathered, they claimed it was one of their better shops in the area. Apparently they're reconsolidating. But we really couldn't force them going."

Blivise said that a new lease had just been prepared for the restaurant, although it had not yet been signed.

"They were good tenants," Blivise

said. "You couldn't ask for a better tenant — they kept the place beautifully, paid their rent and left on good terms."

Saunders said the building is zoned for anything from another restaurant to a retail business to an office building.

"We'll listen to any offers that come along," Blivise said. "It's a fine corner, a good business location."

The 80 restaurants closed by the company covered 12 states. In addition to Mountaintop, restaurants were closed in Livingston, Cedar Grove, Dover and Montvale, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut also have had restaurants closed. The Massachusetts-based company could not be reached by phone.

Mountaintop has both gained and lost an eatery since the first of the year. In January the Baja Grill, offering southwestern cuisine, moved into the neighborhood, settling in at the corner of Mountain and New Providence Road, across the street from Friendly's.

Kiernan completes food service specialist course

Army Private Martin D. Kiernan has graduated from the food service specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The service member learned to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities, baking methods, field kitchen operations, and general operation of Army dining facilities.

Kiernan is the son of Ann R. and David L. Heister of Springfield.

In 1999, he graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

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EDITORIALS

Pass both budgets

Mountainside and Springfield enjoy more than respectable school districts. Both are known as solid systems of education.

Like many school districts throughout New Jersey, Springfield and Mountainside are experiencing rapid growth in terms of enrollment. Just a decade ago, schools were trying to find ways to use empty spaces they had available, while now there is not enough space.

In Springfield, enrollment in kindergarten through eighth grade is twice what it was only 15 years ago. In Mountainside as well, school officials are studying whether to expand Deerfield School or possibly open Beechwood School to deal with a burgeoning enrollment.

Springfield's school budget asks the average property owner to pay an additional \$140 in school taxes next year in addition to a second question that would ask for another \$52. The total projected school tax hike of \$192 might be difficult to swallow for many residents. But the budget does not ask for much more other than to deal with increasing school population.

Staff is being added at several grade levels where the district expects enrollment increases. The teachers' contract stipulates salary increases of approximately 3 percent for union members.

The anticipated increase of nearly \$100,000 in special education costs is nearly inescapable, since much of it is mandated, and special education is an expensive part of any school district's budget.

The second question addresses concerns about security at the district's schools. Voters should approve the second question as well. Residents with or without children in the district can appreciate the importance of added security measures at schools given the tragedies that have occurred throughout the nation in recent years.

The average Mountainside taxpayer is being asked to pay \$40 more than last year in school taxes to raise nearly \$9 million for the budget. The school tax rate would rise from \$1.67 per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.69.

School taxes in Mountainside for the most part have been stable the past several years. The new school budget asks for a modest increase in taxes. An increase of \$40 for the average homeowner is nothing more than keeping up with expenses for the school district.

Springfield and Mountainside voters would do well to vote Tuesday and approve both school budgets.

Geiger and Schaumburg

When Mountainside residents step into the voting booth Tuesday, we ask that they cast their votes for Frank Geiger and MaryBeth Schaumburg for two three-year terms on the Board of Education.

Geiger has served three terms on the board, a total of nine years. There is a danger of complacency or status quo when board members serve several consecutive terms, but not in Geiger's case. He wants to continue being the borough representative to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, which is important in keeping continuity and communication between the two districts.

He also has high hopes for expanding the use of the library at Deerfield School as well as after-school activities. There is no complacency or status quo with Geiger.

Schaumburg is a write-in candidate. This means her name will not appear on the ballot. With new voting machines, this is much easier than it used to be. Simply select the personal choice column option and you will be prompted to type in the person's name on the keyboard below the ballots. It's easy but should you have difficulties, it is perfectly legal to ask poll workers for assistance.

Schaumburg seems to be a woman of action. She was involved in the district's Strategic Planning process and served on the Action Plan Committee for Partnerships. Schaumburg has been very active within the schools and PTAs. It seems a natural progression for her to make the step from PTA leader to Board of Education.

Show support

Unfortunately, Springfield's Board of Education election is uncontested, which likely will mean a poor turnout for the school budget. Simply because the incumbents do not have competition does not mean they have not served the district well.

Larry Lavee is going for a second term, while Jacqueline Shanes and Robert Fish will begin their fourth each. All three have given of their time to the community during their terms on the board and have agreed to continue doing so.



DERBY DAYS — Gathered together for the Cub Scouts' annual Pinewood Derby are Mountainside Derby area Mountainside Pack 177 members, from left, back row, Justin Quaglia and Andrew Jakubowski; middle row, Trevor Helm, Bobby Helongos, Bobby Goense, J.P. Zavadny, Andrew Hoydich and Matt Schaumburg; and front row, Christopher O'Sullivan, Danny Morgan and Jimmy Murdoch.

Common sense proposals seek to prevent tragedy

The Senate Report

By Donald T. DiFrancesco

Many times over the course of my 25 years as a legislator, I have supported initiatives that promoted the health and welfare of New Jersey children. I am very proud of my record on children and family issues and believe there may be no greater responsibility for a legislator than to serve as a guardian for all of New Jersey's children.

That is why I know that the legislative package dealing with gun safety and with gun-related crimes that I recently proposed is among the most urgent and important efforts I have ever supported. The four pieces of legislation contained in the package address the painful reality that children are being killed, wounded or threatened each and every day as a result of a criminal or accidental encounter with a handgun. They offer a common sense approach to an all-too-common tragedy.

A key element of this package is a childproof handgun proposal that Bryan Miller, executive director of Ceasefire NJ, and I have worked on together over the past few months. We believe we have now crafted a viable, effective proposal, one that has been endorsed by Ceasefire, as well as by the People United for Safer Handguns Coalition, a broad-based

group of 40 organizations that includes the American Academy of Pediatrics-NJ, New Jersey Parent Teacher Association, Association of Chiefs of Police, Council of Churches and Junior Leagues of New Jersey.

The legislation, which will be introduced at the next Senate session, would require the attorney general to determine when handguns with personalized, smart gun technology are available for retail sales purposes and, at that time, require all new handguns sold in New Jersey to have the recognized technology. As with the childproof handgun bill I sponsored last year, this legislation does not contain a handgun ban and it sets no deadlines.

The bill does, however, position New Jersey to take full advantage of the emerging smart gun technology in order to better protect our children. I also believe we should take

advantage of the significant advances being made in ballistics, advances that offer law enforcement a powerful investigative tool. Like the proposal recently unveiled by Gov. George Patanki, legislation has been drafted that would make New Jersey the first state in the nation to require a DNA of a firearm, which is as unique and distinctive as fingerprints, be obtained on all handguns transported into, sold, assigned or transferred in New Jersey and then registered in a national database.

I am also proposing we invest \$5 million into a national program that has helped put an end to violence on demand in some of the country's largest cities, including Camden. Known as "Project Exile," this get-tough on gun crimes program would enable New Jersey to prosecute gun cases on the federal level where much more stringent sentencing and bond rules prevail. In its first year of implementation, Camden has returned 70 federal indictments for crimes involving guns in that city.

Finally, the last proposal in this package would bring our state law into conformity with the federal law prohibiting the sale and possession of handguns by persons under the age of 21.

New Jersey already has the toughest gun safety laws in the nation and these mainstream proposals will maintain New Jersey's standing as a gun safety leader. How, ever, legal gun owners, sportsmen and hunters have nothing to fear from these proposals. These bills do not infringe on Second Amendment rights. They are not gun bans.

Taken as a package, these four proposals provide a common sense response to the senseless violence that threatens the safety of our children and our communities. Given the many high-tech advances, as well as public outcry for greater protection, the New Jersey Legislature has a real opportunity to act now on behalf of New Jersey's children and to act in a timely, responsible, fair and common sense way.

Danger has a new face in the year 2000 — the face of a child with a loaded gun in his or her hands. We as a state cannot afford to look the other way.

A resident of Scotch Plains, Republican Donald T. DiFrancesco is president of the state Senate, representing the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help bring criminals to justice

To the Editor:

CrimeStoppers is an organization of concerned citizens and business people who support by funding a program of financial rewards to those who provide information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals.

Up to \$5,000 can be paid — anonymously — to citizens who have information about serious crimes, and crime suspects. The money will be paid to people who provide information to law enforcement authorities through the CrimeStoppers program. Callers are given code numbers to be used in making arrangements to claim their rewards. Since 1984, the program has paid out more than 100 rewards to anonymous callers.

Union County's CrimeStoppers program began in 1984 and continues today as a strong force in the citizen's fight against crime. Our program is affiliated with CrimeStoppers International, an organization that originated in New Mexico more than two decades ago. Since then, more than 500 chapters in the United States, Canada, and other nations have collected information that has led to the arrest of thousands of criminals.

You can help by displaying the a decal in your place of business and by making a tax-deductible contribution to support the continuation of the program in our county.

Please mail your check today to Crime Stoppers of Union County, Inc., c/o Charles S. Mancuso, Independence Community Bank, 246 South Ave., Fanwood, 07023.

Simply by supporting Union County CrimeStoppers, you can help bring criminals to justice.

Ron Posyton, chair
Board of Directors

It will be a humane area where animals will be cared for with dignity and respect, not treated as disposable items. Planned properly, this center can be cost-effective, efficient, and animal-friendly, housed in a place to which the residents of all 21 municipalities in Union County can travel easily and safely. The Atlantic County shared animal program is a prime example of how effective such a facility can be.

Since the time for choosing an animal control site is now so crucial to so many, please take a few minutes to call or write to your Union County freeholders, stating your concern about this matter, urging them to consider seriously a shared facility. Awareness of the concern of Union County voters might encourage quick action on this project.

Contact your local officials and urge them not to commit long-term to a facility at this point. Remind them that giving animals over to the lowest bidder is not really the best solution. Sometimes, as in the case of Garden State Kennels, it is not even a good one. This is an issue that transcends humane issues, important as they are. It involves public health and safety also, and cost should not be the sole criterion.

It might be effective to require officials responsible for selecting an animal shelter to tour a facility before committing to use it. Even if this does not touch their hearts, it should certainly open their eyes to the need for improved conditions in many instances.

MaryEllen Chanda
Plainfield

Our policy on letters and columns

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

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

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

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

The Observer also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Advertising and news releases will not be accepted by e-mail.

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Must push for county animal center

To the Editor:

On March 31, after many years of questionable care of the animals it has "rescued," Garden State Kennels in Long Hill Township closed its doors. This is the good news. The bad news is that many municipalities will be without contracts for animal control, looking, perhaps, to facilities that are already strained to the bursting point. It is not a case of simply picking another location and deciding to go there.

A committee is presently studying the feasibility of establishing a Union County animal control center. The group, chaired by former Westfield Councilwoman Peggy Sur, meets at the office of Sheriff Ralph Froehlich in Elizabeth. Sites are being investigated for a facility where stray and abandoned animals can be brought, where essential spaying/neutering will be done before offering the animals and their proper care can be presented.



Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town? Is your street in disrepair? Our readers can use our Infocourse hot line to speak out about any issue whether it is a question, comment, suggestion or opinion. That way, by telling us, you can tell everyone in town.

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We're asking

Have you filed your income taxes yet?



Richard Petersen

"Not yet. I'm retired. I'll send them out some time this week."



Miroslav Ivkovic

"I filled them out the first week in February and got my refund back several weeks ago."



Louis Barnansky

"I got mine back a month ago. I mailed my census in also."



Raimona Hagins

"I filled mine out in February."

EVENTS

Senior program Friday

Springfield's Senior Citizens extend a welcome to all for their program, under the direction of Bill Parley, featuring the Irvington High School Gospel Choir on Friday at 11 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

welcome and part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a change in employment or marital status. For membership information, call Heather Pisano at (908) 389-0455.

B'nai B'rith plans trip

Springfield B'nai B'rith plans a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel April 30. The package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield, at 8:30 p.m., and \$17 back in coins from Resorts.

The bus will leave from Echo Plaza Mall parking lot between Mountain Avenue and Route 22, Springfield at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$22 per person.

For information and reservations call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 days or (908) 277-1953 evenings. Mail checks to Jerry Kamen c/o Day Cleaners, 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. Reserve early.

Newcomers' egg hunt

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following member activities for the upcoming month:

Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt at "The Loop" Playground, Wachung Reservation at 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per per child.

May 6: Annual Newcomers Community Garage Sale. There will be a \$20 fee per address, and the club will provide the advertisement in local newspapers, promotional signs and community maps. Call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426 by April 17.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers, and to do everything possible to make them feel

A subscription to your newspaper keeps your college student close to hometown activities. Call 908-686-7753 for a special college rate.



Enjoying the celebration at Mountainside's annual mother/daughter awards dinner are, from left, Mary Greeley, LaShell DeCristoforo and Mary Pasko.

Scouts dole out Mother/Daughter Awards

Three hundred ladies celebrated March 31 at The Holiday Inn in Springfield for Mountainside's annual Mother/Daughter Awards Dinner and Dance. The evening began with the presentation of awards and recognition's to the town's most devoted leaders and scouts.

Laschell DeCristoforo, Mountainside's community manager, awarded five-year pins to Junior troops 517 and 815. Ten-year pins were presented to scouts Fiona Greeley and Angelina Krawec for their decade of service in scouting.

Mary Greeley, Anne Ehrhardt and Mary Paskow received Girls Scouts' 10-year combination pin. This pin is awarded women who have spent a decade in scouting as a scout and leader combined.

Greeley, one of the town's most ambitious leaders, also was awarded the 10-year leader pin. A certificate of honor

was presented to Mary Ann Cusano for her commitment to scouting for a total of 20 years.

The Leader Appreciation Award was presented to Paskow for the effort and expertise she regularly demonstrates within the Girl Scout Community. Maria DeAnna was presented with The Outstanding Volunteer Award. DeAnna has served Mountainside's scouting. The Geiger family was honored with the Outstanding Community Service Award for the countless acts of kindness they have demonstrated over the years to the Girl Scout Community.

Troop of the Year Award was presented to Junior Troop 517, for the beautification of a garden at Deerfield School. The troop, led by Diana McGee and Debbie Foster, implemented and coordinated with sister troops to create the Butterfly Garden at the school.

Ronnie Oppenheim M.S. in Ed.
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April 13, 2000

To My High School Seniors and Their Parents:

It isn't easy being a college admissions expert - especially now when criteria and the rationale driving admissions officers are going through rapid changes. Despite the uncertainty of the climate in which we were operating, once again you and I together, achieved great results. Whew!

As I have often said, "Applying to college is an art, not a science," let's add to that, it has become somewhat of a religious experience. For the past three years admission standards have gone through the roof as a result of a growing population of overly cautious applicants. The dozens of admissions counselors with whom I have been in contact have all been overwhelmed by the avalanche of extraordinary students applying to their colleges. Yet, despite the enormous odds, we have prevailed, we have succeeded, we have been ACCEPTED.

Congratulations to all of you for the fortitude you have shown and thank you for the faith you had in me to direct and guide you through this tumultuous and thrilling juncture of your lives. As your personal college counselor - it has been my pleasure to discover something uniquely special that lies within each one of you. It is my sincere wish that your college years will unlock your true potential and that this successful first step toward your independence will be only the beginning of a fulfilling life and career.

Live long and prosper.
Your friend and mentor,

Ronnie

PS A Word to Juniors and Their Parents:

I realize how busy you are as you prepare for the standardized tests and rigors of the most challenging academic year of your lives. But, it is also the best time to begin the initial phases of the college admissions process. My reputation for getting outstanding results is built on the amount of time and attention I give each student and therefore, I am forced to limit the number of new students with whom I will work. I highly recommend making an appointment now to avoid disappointment later.

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Phenomenal physics



Physics students, from left, Nicholas Upton and John James Lepiarz assist their teacher Mr. Fish with a few scientific tricks in a PTA sponsored program at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield.

Rings reported stolen

Springfield

A Springfield resident reported two gold rings and 70 assorted compact discs stolen from his Morris Avenue apartment April 7.

One ring, which included a round diamond, was valued at approximately \$800. The other, engraved with the initials "GST," is of unknown value. The victim told police that he suspected his brother of committing the theft by having broken into his apartment "numerous times" over the previous two months.

Two cars were reported stolen in the township Sunday, one from Independence Way, the other from Ruby Street. The Ruby Street vehicle, a 1997 Dodge Intrepid, was taken from the owner's driveway.

A cordless three-piece tool kit combo valued at \$300 was reported stolen from Sears Hardware Store on Route 22 East Saturday.

A pair of two-way VHF radios and one drill with a battery and charger were reportedly stolen from the office and locked upstairs closet of a Maple Avenue business April 5.

A delivery man for Airborne Express filed a Citizen's Report against an employee of Landmark Inc. on Center Street for having "refused to sign the shipment log," telling him to leave the premises "in a very aggressive manner." The contents of the delivered package are unknown.

Mountainside
An employee on an armored car owned and operated by Armored Transport of New Jersey was found to be in possession of \$11,000 and two controlled dangerous substances when he was arrested as the result of a sting operation April 5, according to police.

John Gallagher, 33, of Hillside, allegedly took cash belonging to a McDonald's account. According to Lt. Todd Turner, McDonald's failed to notify Armored Transport of the loss for three months, while the food service company conducted their own internal investigation, believing the

Department responds to overturned car

The Springfield Fire Department responded to Route 22 East near Summit Plains April 6 on a report of a car overturned in a stream.

The vehicle was found on its side, with the driver still inside. Firefighters secured the vehicle with rope and

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peeled back the roof by cutting the vehicle's "A" posts. The driver, who was not seriously injured, was extracted by firefighters, paramedics and the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Three medical service calls and one call for an activated alarm at the Municipal Building were answered April 7.

A gas spill at a Meisel Avenue business, a report of smoke in the area of Short Hills Avenue and Forest Drive, a car fire in a Morris Avenue parking lot and two medical service calls kept the department running April 6.

Three activated alarms, one activated carbon monoxide detector, two medical service calls and one report of smoke in a Tooker Avenue residence were handled by the department April 5.

A motor vehicle accident resulted in an engine fire for a 1998 Jeep April 4, with one minor injury reported. Two activated fire alarms and two medical service calls completed the business for the day.

The department responded to a Balmoral Way residence at 4:44 a.m. April 2 for a reported odor.

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theft to have been conducted by one of their own employees.

Mountainside's sting recovered not only the cash, but marijuana and what is thought by the department to be hashish, Gallagher, who is not considered a flight risk, was released on his own recognizance. He must appear before the Union County Superior Court.

Sanjaykum Patel of Piscataway was stopped for speeding on Route 22 West Saturday and arrested for driving while intoxicated Irvington resident Alex Davies was arrested at Route 22 East at Glen Road for having a suspended driver's license and registration.

Sean Omundsen, 28, of Linden was arrested at the Linden Police Department on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside for check fraud. Bail was set at \$5,000.

YMCA begins campaign

The Springfield YMCA, a branch of Summit Area YMCA, announces the start of its 2000 Annual Support Campaign, which raises funds for the Y's Financial Assistance Program.

Each year teams of YMCA volunteers solicit Y members and friends to contribute to this campaign, knowing that the money they raise will go exclusively to help children and families in the Y's community which primarily includes the townships of Springfield and Millburn.

No one is turned away from the Y because of an inability to pay. In 1999, the Springfield Y provided \$16,000 in membership and program support for children, families and adults who would otherwise be unable to come to the Y. These funds went primarily to children in the Y's child care and summer camps, making it possible for them to benefit from the Y's quality programs while their parents endeavored to provide for them.

As one mother of a child in the Springfield After School program put it, "Every day when I come home from work, I find my daughter smiling and happy. She's not only safe, but well cared for by a wonderfully caring and creative staff. We couldn't afford to keep her at the Y were it not for the Y's Financial Assistance Program. I don't know what we'd do without it."

In addition to child care and summer camp, the Y also provides assistance for seniors, adults with disabilities and others needing financial assistance. Anyone may apply. Confidential applications are available at the front desk.

We hope everyone will be able to take advantage of the Y's programs and activities and benefit from our emphasis on caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility," said Maggie Bauman, executive director of the Springfield Y.

"The Y is for everyone, regardless of their circumstances. Our goal this year is \$5,000, which will help us meet the needs of our community. We

hope everyone will participate in this important campaign."

For information call Lucinda at (908) 273-3330.

Free computer skills seminars for seniors

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield/Millburn will sponsor free seminars on computer skills and usage for area senior citizens, it was announced by Patrick J. Paolella, Kiwanis president and vice president of Pulaski Savings Bank.

The first of the two-day workshops

are scheduled for May 5 and May 17 and again on May 24 and May 31, both from 3 to 4 p.m. Each workshop will include the following topics:

Introduction to the Computer, where participants will develop basic skills; Intro to E-Mail, which will feature free e-mail accounts; and Intro to the Internet, where participants will learn how to navigate the Worldwide Web and explore some sites of special interest to seniors.

Senior citizens interested in joining the workshops should call Paolella at Pulaski Savings Bank at (973) 364-9000; ext. 13.

Class size will be limited, so registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If demand exceeds class size, additional seminars will be made available at a later date.

Lions offer Vision 2000

A free eye screening program, entitled Vision 2000, is being conducted by more than 100 Lions Clubs throughout New Jersey, including the clubs in Springfield and Mountainside.

For more information about the eye screening call (908) 273-7697.

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GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 21ST
+ Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
+ Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, 3:00 p.m.
+ Living Stations of the Cross - presented by the Youth Group 8:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 22ND
+ Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. + Blessing of Food 12 noon
+ EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00 p.m.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Sayanlar in Delbarton's 'Guys & Dolls' musical

Jason Sayanlar, a Springfield resident, was in a leading role as Nathan Detroit when he performed in the musical "Guys and Dolls" at Delbarton school in Morristown.

Sayanlar is a highest honor student at Delbarton and a graduate of Gaudin school. Besides acting in "Guys and Dolls," he appeared in numerous productions at Springfield's Gaudin School, such as "King and I," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "South Pacific."

Lin named Finalist

Steve Lin has been named as the recipient of a 2000 National Merit Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Some 400 companies and businesses finance these awards for Finalists who meet their preferential criteria. Each year's competition for Merit Scholarships is intense, and the number of awards available is limited.

From more than one million students who entered the 2000 National Merit Program, only about 16,000

were named Semifinalists, on a state representative basis.

To advance in the competition and be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, a Semifinalist had to become a Finalist by fulfilling requirements that included submitting a detailed scholarship application and presenting a record of very high academic performance.

Honors at Seton Hall

Several local residents were named to the second trimester honor roll at

Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange.

Mountaineer resident Stephen Kress, grade nine, earned second honors.

The following Springfield residents earned first honors: Michael Basile and Ryan Farrell, grade 12.

Second honors: grade 12, Thomas Capucchio; grade nine, Dean Chencark and Robert Maul.

Commendation: grade 11, Justin Stefanick; grade 10, Scott Eberenz; grade nine, Kevin Dash.

First honors comprises students whose grade point average is above 4.0; second honors between 3.5 and 4.0; commended between 3.0 and 3.5.

student at Columbia University's Columbia College, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester.

The academic honor is reserved for students who have a 3.33 index or higher.

Students participate in Expo 2000 event

Students from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield participated in various events at the EXPO-2000 last month sponsored by the School-To-Career Grant from Union County College. The event was organized by Ivan Rubin, Tech/Prep & School-To-Career Coordinator at Union County College, and Charles Seron, principal of Jonathan Dayton High School.

The committee consisted of Jack Ford, Arthur L. Johnson; Diane Lobozzo, Abraham Clark High School; Antonette Modrak, Jonathan Dayton High School; Diane Seron, Linden High School; and Jack Shaw, Roselle Park High School.

Events consisted of Architectural Design/Cad, Entrepreneurship/Job Interview, Public Speaking, 30-Second Public Service Announcement, Stock Market and Webpage Design. Seniors Brian Jones and Richard "B.J." Jones won first place in the Public Service Announcement edited version. Senior Alexis Frank placed second in the Job Interview and earned an offer of an internship. Seniors Data Chesley and Marci Schulz placed second in presenting "That's a Wrap" in the Entrepreneurship competition.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Thursday, MARCH 21, 2000.

Application # 2000-1 Applicant: ELLER MEDIA COMPANY. Location: 706-266 MORRIS AVENUE, BLOCK 205, LOT 15. BILLBOARD SIGN A BILLBOARD VARIANCE AND HEIGHT VARIANCE DENIED.

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, and is available for public inspection.

Robert C. Kirsznick Secretary US15 ECL April 13, 2000 (\$7023)

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH765117

COUNTY: UNION COUNTY: NJ 07849

PLAINTIFF: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK AND BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEFENDANT: SIMONE KLEINMAN AND HEIDI R WILLEN NAKA HEIDI R L ENHART

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JANUARY 03, 2000

HELD DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, all successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sale.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being Tax Lot 14 in Block 2001 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield, and also commonly known as 244 Milltown Road, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. The dimensions of the premises are approximately 50.00 feet by

PUBLIC NOTICE

145.00 feet by 50.00 feet by 145.00 feet. The property is located approximately 550.00 feet from the intersection of Milltown Road and the southwestern side of Merial Avenue. This description does not constitute a full legal description of the premises and can be found in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Union.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND SIXTY-THREE CENTS (\$132,270.63)

DEFFENBAUGH VIT & BIRCHBY ATTORNEYS AT LAW WEST 80 CENTURY ROAD

PARAMUS, NJ 07653-0009

SHERIFF RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS

TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$141,083.87)

Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13, 2000 U7797 ECL (\$96.00)

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH753695

COUNTY: UNION COUNTY: NJ 07849

PLAINTIFF: MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY

DEFENDANT: DEBORAH SUE DOLAN, SHERIFF

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: FEBRUARY 02, 1999

SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 3RD DAY OF MAY A.D. 2000

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COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J. STREET & STREET NO: 955 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE LOT: 52704 TAX BLOCK & LOT: BLOCK 143 LOT: 3

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: CONDOMINIUM NEAREST CORNER: 37.87 FEET CONDOMINIUM

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$153,352.37)

WILLIAM M E POWERS JR. PO BOX 1088 MEDFORD, NJ 08055-9962

RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

TWO HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NINE CENTS

TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$176,418.09)

April 5, 15, 20, 27, 2000 U8147 ECL (\$87.00)

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, from Spring Liquors, Inc., trading as Spring Liquors, Inc. for premises located at 12 Stone Plaza, Springfield, New Jersey, for Planary Retail Dispensing License No. 2017-44-01-009.

renegotiators issued to Spring Liquors, Inc. for a Dispensing License located at 12 Stone Plaza, Springfield, New Jersey, for a Dispensing License No. 2017-44-01-009. The persons holding an interest in this license are Myung Ho Kuk, 55 Westwood Circle, Springfield, New Jersey and Daniel Gustak, P.O. Box 1141, Little Falls, New Jersey.

Anyone, if any, should be made known, Municipal Clerk, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. Myung Ho Kuk Spring Liquors, Inc. 12 Stone Plaza Springfield, NJ Applicant April 13, 2000 U8198 ECL (\$27.50)

Let The Bible Speak 1 Pet 4:11 We cordially invite you to come and hear these most important questions discussed from the Word of God: •Is Jesus Christ the head over all the (different kinds) churches in America today? •Did Jesus Christ EVER teach that one Church is just as good as another? •Did Jesus Christ EVER say to join the Church of your choice? •How many churches did Jesus EVER build or established, when and where (time and place)? •Does the New Testament (Lord's) Church exist today? •Does the Bible teach us which Church to be a member of? These questions and many more will be answered from the Word of God when you visit the Church of Christ. The Bible teaches us that failure to discern the TRUTH, from error is FATAL. Jesus warned: take heed, God is NOT mocked. Where you are now will determine where you will be in ETERNITY. Welcome to the Services of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Matt. 16:18, Eph. 5:23, Rom. 16:16, Col. 1:18) Millburn Mall Suite 5 2933 Vauxhall Road, Vauxhall, N.J. Sunday 10 A.M. Bible Study, 11 A.M. Worship Service 6 P.M. Evening Service, Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Bible Study We offer BASIC BIBLE STUDIES FREE If you have a Bible question, Please Call (908) 964-6356 Harry Persuad, Evangelist

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NEWS CLIPS

May Friendship Day at Central Presbyterian

The Summit Unit of Church Women United will sponsor the annual observance of May Friendship Day on May 5 at noon at Central Presbyterian Church on Morris Avenue, Summit.

Expanding on the theme introduced earlier this year in the World Day of Prayer Service... Talitha Kumi: Young Women, Stand Up! - May Friendship Day invites participants to meet some of the valiant women of the early Christian Church...

Worshippers will have an opportunity to reflect on their own valiant, faith-based actions, as well as on contemporary valiant women who have inspired their faith and life.

The speaker will be Jane Bedula, who is curator at the Macaulloch Hill Historical Museum in Morristown. The title of her talk will be "Women Into Words: Coverlets in America."

Reservations for the luncheon are necessary, tickets are \$6 and may be obtained from the representatives of the various churches, who serve on the Church Women Board.

Nursery school accepting applications for new year

The Summit Jewish Community Center Nursery School is accepting registration for the 2000-01 school year. Morning classes are available for children turning 3 and 4 years old by Sept. 30/Oct. 1 - depending on the child's residence.

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Afternoon classes are available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. The SJCC Nursery School offers a wide variety of afternoon programs that are also open to students not enrolled in the morning classes.

These extended programs include: Travelin' Tumbler, Music Preludes, Left Brain/Right Brain - a math and drama workshop - Creative Workshop, and Time to Discover. Also, the school offers a drop-in-with-notice program, "Extend Your Fun," open to the entire community.

Additionally, the Learning Adventures course for children in kindergarten or requiring an extra year of school before kindergarten is now registering students for 2000-01.

Learning Adventures is a secular program that focuses on enhancing the child's skills in all areas of the curriculum including language, literature, math, science, music, art, computers, and movement. This program is open to children who are at least 5 years old by Sept. 30.

Children who are in a half-day kindergarten program may attend, as well as children who need an extra year before beginning kindergarten. Learning Adventures will meet Monday through Thursday in two sessions: mornings from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoons from noon to 2:45 p.m.

Here come's the spring



Residents took to the outdoors during last week's warm weather, visiting local parks and enjoying the sun. Photo by Jeff Grath

Resource Center has parenting workshop

This spring, the Resource Center for Women is offering "Parenting for Emotional Health," a two-session workshop beginning April 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Daniel Goleman, author of the best-selling "Emotional Intelligence," maintains that emotional skills are at least as important as IQ in determining individual achievement in life.

These two sessions will explore the concepts of emotional intelligence, as they relate to parenting children from birth to 6, and ways to build emotional competencies in children.

The workshop will be led by Basking Ridge resident Leigh Rosoff, a parent educator who also offers individual parent skills coaching at the Resource Center for Women, and will include specific suggestions for helping children know and manage their feelings, get along with others, develop positive attitudes about themselves, handle conflict and maintain enthusiasm.

The fee for the series is \$30, \$20 for Center members and the registration deadline is April 20. All area parents and caregivers are welcome.

The Resource Center for Women, located in the parish house of the Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues in downtown Summit, offers a broad range of programs and services for women and girls from throughout Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties. Scholarship assistance is available for all Center programs and services.

For directions, registration information and for a complete spring program guide, call the center office at 273-7253.

The Resource Center for Women will offer the following short-term support groups beginning in late April and early May. Groups run for eight weeks, are facilitated by experienced therapists and are at the Resource Center for Women, located in downtown Summit.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE - 242 Shingletown Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackay, Sr. Pastor. Sunday 9:30 AM Bible Study for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery Bible Study. Junior/Young Men's Ministry. Adult Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Program: Super Session 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Call Jeff provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-2375, Fax: 201-379-8887. Joel E. Voss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 am, at JONATHAN DAYTON LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1000 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about all mixed children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave at Church Mall, Springfield, 376-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (July and August 9:30 a.m.), with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities and fellowship. Commence first Sunday of each month. Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Eating Group - 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT

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

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC

PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: 8:30 a.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AM 40 Maple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0519. Mark Malach, Rabbi; Richard Naddi, Cantor; Paul M. Peyer, President; Alan Amich, Executive Director. Weekly services Mon-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun. Thurs. 10:00 AM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset. Sandeys, 8:30 AM. Festival of Holy Maccabees 10:00 AM Family and community services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are also classes for both High School and pre-Religious School age children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth grades, and a boy's Adult Education program. A Senior League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours. 973-379-4351.

METHODIST

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

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL

VISIONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP "RAISING OUR VOICES FOR POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY" 242 Shingletown Road, Springfield (located at Evangel Baptist Church). Office located at 1112 Spruce Drive, Mountain-Plain, Phone: 908-928-4212. Pastors, Paul & Sharon Duns. Worship Service - Sunday at 10:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Ministries include: Singles, Married Couples, Women, Men. We welcome anyone who is someone to come and worship with us.

RESTORATION FAMILY CHURCH

You and your family are invited to join us for worship! All are welcome!! Dynamic Praise & Worship Non-denominational, multicultural, full gospel fellowship. Now serving the Springfield, Union area. Call now for prayer or further information 973-763-5534. "You've tried everything else now TRY JESUS!"

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA

306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipatory Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHARON SHALOM 78 S Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Dabkin, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pines, President. Temple Sh'aray Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM.

TEMPLE EMANUEL-EL

756 E. Broad St., Westfield 909-232-6770. We are an active Reform Synagogue emphasizing Jewish tradition, education, youth, & social justice. Join us for Passover services. Service for First Day Pesach Thursday, April 20 at 10 am. Service for Last Day Pesach Wednesday, April 26 at 10 am. Yizkor will be observed. Rabbi Charles A. Krolloff, Rabbi Renee B. Goldberg, Rabbi Mary L. Zamore, Cantor Martha T. Novick, Executive Director Carolyn Shavitz, President Adam Bengali.

TEMPLE ISRAEL Of Union

2732 Morris Ave., Union 908-687-2120. Passover Services: Wednesday, April 19th - 6:30 pm; Thursday, April 20th - 9 am & 8:30 pm; Friday, April 21st - 9 am & 8:15 pm; Saturday, April 22nd - 7 pm; Sunday, April 23rd - 9 am; Thursday, April 27th - 9 am - 7:30 pm; Friday - April 27th 10 am. Rabbi Meyer H. Korman, Cantor William Walton, President Dorothy Kishner.

Join Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim this

Passover for Hallel - Psalms of Praise. Holiday and Sabbath Services will continue throughout Passover. Sijum Bekhorim, Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Wednesday, April 19, 7:15 p.m. Morning Service, Thursday, April 20, 9:30 a.m. (with Hallel). Evening Service, Thursday, April 20, 7:15 p.m. Morning Service, Friday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Gary Karlin, President Patricia Werschulz. 338 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 908-278-9231.

CRUISE ON DOWN TO "THE DEN" THIS SUMMER! Purchase any Newark Bears 15-Game Mini-Plan for the 2000 Season at Riverfront Stadium and receive a FREE* New York Harbor Lunch Cruise aboard a Horizon Cruises luxury yacht. Choose from the following Newark Bears Mini-Plan: 15 select games during the 2000 season. Box Seats only \$140 each. DON'T MISS THE BOAT!! CALL TODAY 973-483-6900.

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All in the Jewish Family. A Community Forum on Inter marriage. Speaker: Egon Mayor, Ph.D. Choice of Workshops. SUNDAY • MAY 7, 2000 • 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Aldefman Campus • 901 Route 10 • Whippany, New Jersey. Call Lynne Wolfe (973) 884-4800, ext. 192. United Jewish Federation of MetroWest, Sponsored by Outreach to Intercultural Families. Late Lunching, Coffee and Chair. Cynthia Plachin, Service Chair. Co-sponsored by: Jewish Community Institute, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, New Jersey Three Branches Administration of Rabbinical Council of the State of New Jersey, Jewish Family Service of Interfaith, Jewish Community Center of Summit, Jewish Education Association of Morristown, Rabbinical Council of Morristown, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Morristown County.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

St. Mary's Church of Rahway
232 Central Ave. • Rev. Michael J. Feketic, Pastor

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY
Masses: Saturday 9 a.m. • Sunday 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. (Hispanic)

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Masses: 6:30, 8 a.m., 12:10 (noon), 7 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 9 a.m.
Stations of the Cross (Hispanic) - 6 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Easter Vigil Liturgy - 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY
Masses - 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. (Hispanic)

Come Worship With Us

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Palm Sunday, April 16

9 a.m.: Slovak Pasie Service • 11 a.m.: English Communion service

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 20, 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY, April 21

9 a.m. Slovak communion followed by Slovak Pasie
7 p.m. English Tenebrae service

EASTER SUNDAY, April 23
Communion Services:
9 a.m. Slovak • 11 a.m. English

The Rev. Leah L. Lavelle
301 Tucker Ave., Union
908-688-0714

Orchard Park Church
1264 Victor Ave Union
908-687-0364

"Sharing God's Love and Truth
In A Meaningful and Relevant Way"

Palm Sunday Weekend
Children's Easter Fair
April 16th 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Children Ages 3-10
Games, Videos, Prizes, Fund!
(Parents encouraged to stay)
Call church by Friday
April 14th to register

Easter Weekend
Good Friday
April 21st - 7 p.m.
"Resurrection" - Film Presentation

Easter Sunday
April 23rd - 11 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service

St. Paul Lutheran Church
83 Galloping Hill Road, Elizabeth
908-351-0294

The Rev. Dr. F.G. Neiderhiser

Maundy Thursday Services
12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm

Good Friday Services
12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday 10:00 am

Come and share in the celebration of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection

Evangel Baptist Church
242 Shunpike Road • Springfield
973-379-4351

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 21st AT 7:30 PM

COME WORSHIP WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. THIS SERVICE INCLUDES SINGING, SOLOS and SPECIAL MUSIC, A DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE AND THE SERVING OF COMMUNION.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION
APRIL 23rd AT 10:30 AM
A SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION BY:
THE CHOIR OF EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Come Celebrate the Easter Holy Season with us!
B.T.A.E.M.O.

Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church
Pastor: Rev. Bohdan Lukic, C.S.S.R.
Liberty Ave. & Bloy St. P.O. Box 701
Hillsdale, NJ 07205 • 908-354-0472

Date	Services	Time
April 16, 2000	Palm Sunday Liturgy	9:00 am
Holy Thursday	Reading of 12 Gospels	5:00 pm
Good Friday	Exposition of the Holy Shroud	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday	Blessing of Easter Baskets	6:00 pm
Easter Sunday	Resurrection Matins. Easter Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets	8:00 am

Church Of St. Catherine Of Siena
19 King St., Hillside • 908-351-1515

Multi-lingual RECONCILIATION (Confession) Service

APRIL 14 - 7:30 PM
RECONCILIATION (Confession)

APRIL 15 - 4:15 PM
HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Wednesday, April 19 - 7:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY
Mass - 7:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
3:30 PM - Liturgy of Passion & Death of Christ
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM - 12:15 PM

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
2222 VALUXHALL ROAD, UNION, (908) 686-3967

Rev. Donald I. Beaud, Pastor

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

Is your life as empty as the cross or tomb? Join us for a "life-changing" week during Holy Week and find true joy, peace and purpose for your life through the crucified and risen Messiah and Savior, Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY, April 16: Processional Worship with Communion at 8 & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 20: Communion Worship at 7:30 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 21: 30 minute meditation at 12:15 pm, Tenebrae Worship 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 23: Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am; Communion Worship at 8 & 10:30 am

"A Life-Changing Week"

The Antioch Baptist Church
640 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield (973) 379-1465

Easter Sunday Services

The pastor and congregation of Antioch Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to the community and others to worship and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunrise service will start at 6:30 a.m. Then our regular service will start at 11:00 a.m. In which we will continue to celebrate Easter Sunday. Our music ministry will render selections at both services that will be an inspiration to you as they are to us every Sunday morning.

Again we welcome you to worship with us regardless of who you are. God bless you.

A Promise Kept

Hundreds of years previous a promise was made to a people. Jerusalem of old saw its fulfillment. "Behold thy King cometh into thee, meek." King Jesus entered the city riding on a young donkey, not exactly a symbol of power and authority. But God's promise to us all was made and kept - a King that would come with help and hope. As Jesus entered Jerusalem many stopped their activities and worshipped Him. They received their help and hope. Why not us today? The promise was kept! Help and hope are extended to you and I. Let us take the next step - toward Jesus the King.

Trinity Pentecost Holiness Fellowship
Rev. Frank Sforza (908)276-6244
THF1@juno.com

Call for service schedule.

Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter

Corner of East Third Avenue & Walnut Street, Roselle • (908) 241-1250

Holy Thursday, April 20, 2000 • 7 PM

Good Friday, April 21, 2000 • 3 PM - Passion Service • 7 PM - Stations of the Cross (Youth Group)

Holy Saturday, April 22, 2000 • 8 PM - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 23, 2000
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12 Noon

Rev. George D. Miller
Rev. John Spino

HALLELUJAH!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Our church will be open for prayer and reflection from 12:00 to 3:00 on Good Friday.

Palm Sunday Services at 9:30am

Easter Sunday Please join us for worship at 9:30am
as we sing our praises to the Lord. Children Welcome.

Kenilworth Community United Methodist Church
455 BOULEVARD, KENILWORTH • 908-276-1956

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROSELLE

Corner of Chestnut St. and Fifth Avenue • (908) 245-1611

Palm Sunday - Service 10:00am

Holy Week Bible Study & Prayer - 12 noon & 7:30pm

Maundy Thursday - Communion Service 7:30pm

Good Friday - Service 7:30pm

Easter Service of Light - Communion Service - 7:00am
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Palm SUNDAY, April 16th 10:00am at Jonathan Dayton High School

Maundy Thursday, April 20th 7:30pm at Holy Cross Church

Good FRIDAY, April 21st
1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30 Walk thru Holy Week at Holy Cross Church
7:30 Tenebrae Worship Service at Jonathan Dayton High School

EASTER SUNDAY, April 23rd 10:00am at Jonathan Dayton High School
Celebration Service

Services are held in Springfield at Jonathan Dayton H.S. 139 Mountain Ave., or Holy Cross Lutheran Church 639 Mountain Ave., as indicated above. To register your children for Walk Thru Holy Week or for more information call Holy Cross Church at 973-379-4525 or visit us at www.holycrossnj.org

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7:30 P.M. Worship Service
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EASTER DAY - APRIL 23
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Child Care is available at all services. For further information about worship and other events, please call the Church Office: 686-1028
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Walk Thru Holy Week

The annual Walk Thru Holy Week for kids is being offered by Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield, on Good Friday, April 21. Children ages 3 to 10 participate in hands-on experiences depicting Jesus' last week on Earth. Stops on the tour include a Palm Sunday Parade, foot washing and an empty tomb where children are treated by an angel carrying a message and Easter treats for all. Register for a 2 or 2:30 p.m. tour by calling (973) 379-5257 or by e-mailing hvckymj@aol.com. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Hadassah presents Holocaust survivor

Klara Samuels of West Orange, Holocaust survivor and first-time author of her experiences, will be the featured speaker at the Springfield Hadassah's Holocaust Memorial program tonight at 8 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. Samuels, author of "God Does Play Dice: The Autobiography of a Holocaust Survivor," Bantimbridge Books, daughter of a Warsaw, Poland, doctor and his wife, was a 12-year-old when Nazi Germany attacked Poland, according to Springfield Hadassah co-presidents Dorothea Schwartz and Irene Chotiner.

The author, a former chemistry and physics teacher at Livingston High School, for 26 years, begins her 320-page book with her life before the war, her tribulations during the war and her life in the present. Eleanor D. Kuperstein, program vice president, said. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

Miriam Gerstwin of Springfield, a Holocaust survivor, will lead the candle-lighting service memorializing

the six million Jews murdered by the Germans, Kuperstein said. The public is welcome. Hadassah is the largest women's volunteer group in this country with a membership of 300,000. It takes a strong stand on women's health and reproductive rights. It also supports projects in Israel which include job training, technology, two major research hospitals and resettlements for thousands of emigrants to Israel.

Beth Ahm Tot Shabbat

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, plans its next Tot Shabbat Program Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon. Tot Shabbat will continue on a twice monthly basis. The first of each two will be Tot Birthday Shabbat with a birthday for that month's birthdays. Each Tot Shabbat will include special visits from Diane Peyser and Cantor Richard Nadel.

The program is open to all. There is no requirement to be affiliated with the temple or pre-school.

Taize prayer services

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield, is offering Taize Prayer Services every Wednesday in Lent. A simple dinner of soup and bread will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, to be followed by a Taize Prayer Service from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. A free will offering will be requested.

Taize is a small town in France, where hundreds of thousands of people visit each year so that they can worship, grow in their relationship with God and enjoy Christian fellowship with people from all over the world. Worship at Taize includes singing and more singing.

All people from all denominations or no denomination are welcome at the

Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church.

For more information or directions call the church office at (973) 376-1695.

Holy Week services

The First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, announces a full schedule of Holy Week services in the sanctuary, 210 Morris Ave., on the corner of Morris and Church Mall. All are welcome and encouraged to join the worship and to rejoice in praise.

The Palm Sunday Service begins at 10:15 a.m. Rev. Daniel J. Russell will preach on the sermon topic "DARE to Follow Jesus," Despised And Rejected Enlightened. The Church School children will sing and help to distribute palms to all. The Senior Choir has chosen a special anthem.

On Maundy Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m., the service will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In addition, the attending congregation will be given the opportunity to write a prayer, between the worshiper and his/her God, to take this folded prayer and to nail it to a crude cross of 6-foot timbers that is leant across the altar.

"Whenever I need to reflect on my commitment and need to restore my faith," writes elder Ethel C. Smith, "I turn to the prayers that were nailed to the cross. It turned that stark, brown wooden cross pure white heartfelt prayers. These prayers are removed immediately after the service and buried. These ashes reappear, in the form of a cross on your forehead on the next Ash Wednesday."

Easter Sunday celebrations at the Risen Christ will be two-fold. The 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in conjunction with the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be outdoors, weather permitting, at 37 Church Mall or indoors in case of

rain. A fellowship continental breakfast will follow.

The Festival Service of Worship will be in the Sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. with the annual Lily display and special music from the Senior Choir including the "Hallelujah Chorus." Participants are reminded of the alphabet memory verse for the month "Sing and make music to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19.

Contributions of canned or boxed foods beginning with the letter "S" will be received at all services. In addition to the food pantry offering, the loose change collection to support Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund will be received.

Sha'rey Shalom plans open house May 6

Temple Sha'rey Shalom Religious School, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will have an open house on May 6, from 9 to 11 a.m. for prospective families with children ages 4 to 7 years old.

The primary grade religious school program meets once a week on Saturday mornings and includes a family Shabbat worship service at 9 a.m. Children will then visit the classrooms and participate in school activities. The principal and school committee representatives will be available to speak to parents about the school and the synagogue.

Questions about Temple Sha'rey Shalom's religious school program or to RSVP for the May 6 open house, call Cantor Amy Daniels, director of education, or Sharon Moesch at (973) 379-6646.

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

Lunchtime travel videos

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present "Traveling The USA & Canada in its Lunchtime Video series Tuesdays at noon.

The series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

April 25: Yosemite, Washington, Oregon and northern California.

May 9: Yellowstone, The Grand Canyon, Zion, Mt. Rainier, Redwoods and Crater Lake.

May 23: A guide to America's National Parks.

June 6: National Parks of Canada. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

Japanese film on tap

The 1998 Japanese film "The Eel" will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., today at noon and 7 p.m.

"The Eel" is a 1998 release of a Japanese film directed by Shohei Imamura. The story poses the question — is redemption possible after committing a heinous crime?

Released from prison eight years after killing his wife and her lover in a jealous rage, a man resolves to divorce himself from all human emotions. The only thing he takes with him is his nonjudgmental pet eel. His isolation is suddenly threatened when he meets a troubled young woman who uncannily — and unnervingly — resembles his late wife.

Supernatural fantasy segments underscore the growing tension. Contemplatively paced and laced with humor, the haunting film won the Golden Palm Award at Cannes.

The next film in this series, "Cinema Paradiso," Italian, 1988, will be shown May 11.

Funding for this program has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. It also is funded in part by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library.

Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

'Write Your Life Stories'

Zella R.P. Geltman will be bringing her counselling and training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to hold an ongoing course, "Write Your Life Stories; Memoirs Writing Made Easy on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required.

Geltman will offer methods by which memoirs writing can be made easy, how to get started, having a purpose, how to tell stories, making a list of ideas from life experiences, tips on editing, suggested reading, and how working with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's stories.

Geltman, a resident of West Orange, attended Rutgers University and Keane College, now University. Since 1985, Geltman has been a group facilitator in Human Relations, Adult Singles, Building Self Esteem, Writing as Therapy, Stress Management, Memoirs Writing at such places as Daughters of Israel, JCC Barnes and Noble and Montclair Adult School.

The dates are Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, and April 19, May 3, 17 and 31, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 6 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, and continuing until further notice.

For information call (973) 376-4930.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church
587 Springfield Avenue, Summit

Palm Sunday - April 16
7:30, 8:30, and 11:15am Festival procession with palms and a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord

Maundy Thursday - April 20
12:00 noon and 7:30pm Remembering the Last Supper. Pastor Dreyman preaching: "The Hungry Banquet."

Good Friday - April 21
9:30am Children's Service 12:00 noon Good Friday Service 7:30pm Liturgy of the Cross

The Easter Vigil - April 22
7:30pm Liturgy includes the lighting of the Easter Fire, a Service of Reading Remembrance of Baptism, and Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday - April 23
7:30am, 8:30am, and 11:15am Pastor Dreyman preaching: "Running from The Resurrection."

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 20, Church - 7:00 pm
(Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

Good Fridays - The Passion and Death of the Lord
April 21, Church - 3:30 pm
Living Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:30 pm
(Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
April 22, Church - 8:30 pm
(Morning Prayer - 8:30 am)

EASTER SUNDAY
Church (Lower Church)
7:30 am, 9:00 am (8:05 am), 10:30 am (10:35 am), 12:00 pm (12:05 pm)

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Palm Sunday Service
April 16 - 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday Communion
April 20 - 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Services
April 23
10:45 AM

First Congregational Church
(United Church of Christ)
1340 Burnet Ave., Union

Maundy Thursday, April 20
Holy Communion at 6:30 with a Soup Dinner

Easter, April 23

Morning Breakfast at 9:45
-with an Easter Egg Hunt for Children

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-with Special Music and Communion

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Members & Friends

Maundy Thursday Service
with Open Communion
April 20, 2000 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service
April 21, 2000 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Faces at the Cross
Come when you can...Leave when you must

Easter Sunrise Service
Led by Rahway Clergy
Hazelwood Cemetery
Vanderhoven Chapel
April 23, 2000 6:00 a.m.

Easter Celebration Service
Come WORSHIP with US 10:30 a.m.
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Summit United Methodist Church
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MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 20, 7:30 pm

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Holy Communion
and Tenbrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY
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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - April 15-16
Masses 5:30 p.m. Saturday;
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon Sunday
Outdoor procession with palm at 9:00 and 12:00 noon

Holy Thursday - April 20
Masses of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday - April 21
Outdoor Stations 2:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 p.m.
Living Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.
presented by the Youth Group

Holy Saturday - April 22
The Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.
Blessing of the Easter Fire begins in the Lower Parking Lot

Easter Sunday - April 23
Masses at 7:30, 9:00 (with children's choir), 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 noon

OBITUARIES

Tina Weinberg

Tina Weinberg of Scotch Plains, formerly of Elizabeth and Springfield, who turned 103 in July, died March 29 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Weinberg lived in Elizabeth and Springfield before recently moving to Scotch Plains. She was a life member of Hadassah, Deborah and the Sisterhood of Temple B'nai Israel, all of Elizabeth.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Stanley Weinberg; a sister, Mildred Kay; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Beatrice Vogt

Beatrice Vogt, 90, of Springfield died March 31 in the Pine Rest Nursing Home, Paramus.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Vogt lived in Belleville before moving to Springfield 22 years ago. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Frossenville Chapter, Jersey City, the Grad Army Republic and the Senior Citizens of Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Thomas; and two grandchildren.

John Chamberlain

John E. Chamberlain, 92, of Springfield died April 3 in the Inglemoor Care Center, Livingston.

Born in New York City, Mr. Chamberlain lived in East Orange before moving to Springfield in 1949. He was an underwriter with Travelers Insurance Co., New York City, for 47 years and retired in 1972.

Surviving are his wife, Clare; a

son, John E.; two daughters, Clare A. Reilly and Ruth M.; a sister, Lucy M.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joseph Doboviczky

Joseph Doboviczky, 87, of Maplewood, formerly of Springfield, died April 6 at home.

Born in Portage, Pa., Mr. Doboviczky lived in Springfield and Lakewood, Fla., before moving to Maplewood three years ago. He was a layout operator with General Electric, Kearny, for 45 years before retiring. Mr. Doboviczky served as a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II. He was a former deacon at Bethlehem Mesgry Presbyterian Church, Linden.

Surviving are a brother, Andrew Jr., and a sister, Vilma Torovini.

Robert J. Kennedy

Robert J. Kennedy, 86, of Westfield, formerly of Springfield, safety pioneer, lawyer, outdoorsman and craftsman, died on March 21.

Mr. Kennedy, who had lived in a family-owned tree farm in Buckingham County, Va., where for decades generations of Kennedys slept in the family-built cabins there, also lived in Washington, D.C., New York City, Union and Springfield for 55 years before moving to Westfield two years ago.

He received a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1935 and a law degree from Temple University in 1939.

During World War II, Mr. Kennedy served as a safety engineer in a munitions

factory in Des Moines, Iowa, where he introduced such ideas as safety shoes, safety glasses and dress clothes. He persuaded many companies and factories to use his safety advances. He and his brother, William, also purchased the first of many parcels of land in Dillwyn, Va. The tree farm is one of the largest private tree farms in the country.

Mr. Kennedy was recognized by the Virginia Forestry Association in 1995, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Va., and the American Tree Farm Association as the 1975 Tree Farmer of the Year. He established the Acom-Alinda Foundation, a non-profit organization for those in need.

Mr. Kennedy spent 48 years with the law firm Hammond, Kennedy and Whitney Inc., specializing in company mergers. He worked until the age of 80. Mr. Kennedy was involved with the Boy Scout Union County Council and in 1958, received the highest award given to an adult Scout, the Silver Beaver.

Both of his sons, Jan and Kit, received the highest Scouting award, the Eagle badge. He also served on the finance committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield in the 1950s.

Also surviving are his wife, Lucille; a sister, Bertha Louise Suzette Smith; and four grandchildren.

Carol Cohen

Carol Cohen, 75, of Springfield died April 8 at home.

Born in Richmond, Va., Mrs. Cohen moved to Springfield in 1952. She was a social work supervisor with the Union County Welfare Board in

Elizabeth and Plainfield for 35 years and retired in 1997. Mrs. Cohen graduated in 1946 from the University of South Carolina, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. Surviving are two sons, David and Richard; a sister, Florence Sterling; and four grandchildren.

Charles Meyer

Charles Meyer, 79, of Dover, formerly of Springfield, died April 7 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mr. Meyer lived in Irvington and Springfield before moving to Dover. He worked for Red Devil Tools for 33 years and retired in 1983. Mr. Meyer served in the Army during World War II.

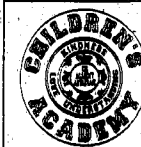
Surviving are his wife, Catherine; a daughter, Nancy Treiber; two sons, Charles and Gene; and two grandchildren.

Charles A. Murphy

Charles A. Murphy, 80, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Springfield, died March 29 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Orange, Mr. Murphy lived in Springfield before moving to Berkeley Heights. He was a tree surgeon in the Union County area. Mr. Murphy served in the Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 51.

Surviving are a daughter, Colleen Siegfried; a son, Patrick; three sisters, Doris Robertson, Mabel Barbaio and Grace; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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State champion GL baseball team honored at parade

The 1999 Governor Livingston High School Group 2 state championship baseball team was honored at last Saturday's Mountaineer Youth Baseball Opening Day Parade.

The Highlanders captured their first-ever state championship in baseball last year, following a 21-4 mark.

Governor Livingston first defeated Dover, Mendham and Chatham to win a second consecutive North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 crown.

GL then defeated North Jersey, Section 1 winner Hawthorne in the Group 2 semifinals before topping Scotch Plains champion Gateway 4-2 in the Group 2 final at East Brunswick Tech in East Brunswick.

The Highlanders won 17 of their final 18 games. They only lost during that span was to eventual first-time champion Cranford in the Union County Tournament semifinals.

In 1998, GL finished 21-7 after falling in Glen Rock 8-7 in the Group 2 semifinals at Linden's Memorial Field.

Glen Rock dropped down to Group 1 last year and ended up winning the Group 1 state championship when it defeated Riverside 3-2 in the title game at Tom's River North. Glen Rock also finished 21-4 last year.

GL senior pitcher Bob Phillips won all five Highlander playoff games last season and finished the season year on a 11-3 record and 11-game winning streak.

The Highlanders were sparked offensively by the outstanding hitting of twins Mark and Eric Cantagliano, Hank Hansen, Derrick Weinbauer, Terence Reilly, Jason Guadagnolo, Chris Butler, Rob Findlay and Brian Schmidt.

GL also finished first in the Mountain Division standings of the Mountain Valley Conference, averaging its only loss to Immaculata.

Here's a closer look at Governor Livingston's 1999 state championship season:

- 4-1 (A) Gov. Div. 13, Hillside 3
- 4-3 (A) Cranford 9, Gov. Div. 1
- 4-6 (H) Gov. Div. 11, R. Cath. 10
- 4-0 (A) Han. Park 4, Gov. Div. 3
- 4-1 (H) Gov. Div. 12, Union 7
- 4-5 (H) Immaculata-19, Gov. Div. 6
- 4-16 (A) Gov. Div. 8, Union Cath. 3
- 4-17 (A) Gov. Div. 11, Summit 1
- 4-24 (H) Gov. Div. 7, Tappanbrook 5
- 4-26 (H) Gov. Div. 11, Johnston 1
- 4-29 (A) Gov. Div. 16, Roselle 2
- 4-27 (A) Gov. Div. 23, R. Cath. 7
- 4-30 (A) Gov. Div. 14, Johnson 6
- 5-6 (A) Gov. Div. 5, Immaculata 4
- 5-10 (H) Gov. Div. 14, Brentley 2
- 5-1 (H) Gov. Div. 13, U. Cath. 3
- 5-15 (H) Gov. Div. 14, Rahway 4
- 5-21 (H) Gov. Div. 2, Dover 1
- 5-22 (A) Cranford 13, Gov. Div. 3
- 5-25 (H) Gov. Div. 6, Mendham 2
- 5-27 (H) Gov. Div. 12, Dayton 2
- 5-28 (A) Gov. Div. 15, Chatham 1
- 6-1 (A) Gov. Div. 8, Hawthorne 0
- 6-5 (A) Gov. Div. 4, Gateway 2

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Runs for 236 (44)
Runs against 109 (436)

Safe into third



Photo by Bill Allen/NJ Sportsman

The Governor Livingston High School baseball team was looking to snap a two-game losing streak Tuesday when it was scheduled to play Johnson in Clark in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division play. The defending Group 2 state champion Highlanders, who began the week at 1-3, won their first game of the year against Cranford on April 5, posting a 7-3 victory at home. Cranford defeated GL twice last year, once in regular-season play and again in the Union County Tournament semifinals. The Highlanders are scheduled to host Roselle today at 4 p.m.

GL pitcher is perfect

**By John Zucal
Staff Writer**

RAHWAY — A perfect game can be the epitome of a pitcher's career. It's a time when the pitcher and fielders are in sync, with nary a mistake marring their performance.

Most pitchers would be happy with just one perfect game, but Governor Livingston senior pitcher Gina Turturiello came within several inches Friday of pitching two on consecutive days as the Highlanders defeated Rahway 14-0 in a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division contest.

Turturiello barely missed the plate outside on a three-half pitch in the third inning, allowing the Indians their only runner. Turturiello, last year's Union County Player of the Year, retired the final nine batters for a second consecutive no-hitter.

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The upperclassman hurler began her streak a day earlier, retiring all 21 batters she faced in a 9-0 home victory over Roselle Catholic. Turturiello also belted a two-run double, while Jen Calabrese had three hits and Heather McDonald plated two runs in the sixth inning.

Governor Livingston took control against Rahway in the opening three innings, scoring six times in the second and four more in the third for an 11-0 lead.

Holding a 1-0 lead after a first-inning RBI-double by McDonald, Kerri Moore scored Gina Picciotto with a single in the second. Peg Lallis followed with a two-run triple before Calabrese and McDonald had RBI-singles and Turturiello brought in the final run of the inning on a fielder's choice. Calabrese and McDonald had three hits and three RBI apiece.

McDonald's two-run single highlighted the third inning, while Meghan Butler tallied two runs with a fourth-inning single and Moore brought in the 14th run with a fifth-inning sacrifice fly.

The victories improved Turturiello's and Governor Livingston's record to 2-1.

"The perfect game was probably the best thing a pitcher can do -- to have no one on base," Turturiello said Friday. "The defense, they were always there, and our catcher (Calabrese) called a good game -- the always calls a "rod game." Head coach Jerry Britt concurred with Turturiello on Calabrese.

"I don't know if there's a better catcher around," Britt said. "She has a great arm, a great attitude and hits the ball hard. She was 6-for-7 in her first two games."

For Britt, it only seems like he has eiched the Turturiello name onto his lineup cards forever, for the softball team has become a family affair.

"Gina's sister, Felicia, was our pitcher when Gina was a freshman," Britt said. "Her sister was an outstanding pitcher and helped us win a county championship (in 1997, pitching four UCT shutouts).

"Now it's the same thing over again," Britt continued. "Another sister, Kristen, is on the team as a freshman."

Turturiello helped Governor Livingston to a 21-3 record last season and a second UCT title in three years. The Highlanders shared the MVC-Mountain Division crown with Immaculata.

Turturiello wants more before she receives her diploma in June. Last year the Highlanders had a 15-game winning streak snapped by West Essex 5-3 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals. GL outsized the opposition 174-24 last year, shut out 12 opponents and was 14-0 against Union County teams, including 4-0 in the UCT.

"We have a lot more potential this season than last," Turturiello said. "Hopefully, we can work on that for the conference and postseason."

GL's first game of the year was a 2-1 non-conference loss at Watchung Hills on April 1. Calabrese was 2-for-3 with all three RBI.

H.S. track athletes excel

**By John Zucal
Staff Writer**

SUMMIT — Governor Livingston's track teams enjoyed a banner day Saturday as the Highlanders took part in 14 events during the annual Summit Relays.

The Highlanders had one team winner as Erinne Perret, Kristen Ratajan, Christine Murphy and Dana McCurdy combined to easily take the small-school 400-meter relay in 52.4 seconds. Hanover Park finished second in 53.9 seconds. The small-school division includes schools in Groups 1 and 2 as well as Parochial B.

The boys gained second-place finishes in three events. In the team shot put, Mark Felezotta, Mark Porzio and Ed Barrett of Mountaineer threw a combined 124 feet, 2 1/2 inches to finish behind Hanover Park. Brian Bergski, Marty Moroney and Colin Price followed with a 406-6 combined performance in the team javelin, while Steven Bergeski and Dan DeCliviera teamed to go 21-6 in the team pole vault by Ridge at 22 feet.

The girls added second-place finishes in the sprint medley and 800-meter relay.

Dayton High's long-jump duo of Rich Jones and Matt Fischer combined to place second 41-3, 9 3/4 inches. New Glinius and Ryan White jumped a combined 41-3 1/4 to win the event for New Providence.

The long jump was the only varsity top-5 placement for the boys' or girls' track squads at Dayton. It gained a third-place finish in the novice shot put, for freshmen and sophomores, when Scott Hollander, Eric Buttmann and Jake Morana combined to throw 89 feet, 8 inches.

Other Mountaineer residents who helped Governor Livingston to top-5 finishes included Frank Palumbo, Patrick Barresi and Joe Ciaulli, who teamed with Colin Price for third in the freshman 1,600-meter relay; Joe King, who joined Moroney and Rob Hernandez for second in the novice shot; Matt Strenzyk, who teamed with Steven Bergeski, Palumbo and Barresi for fourth in the varsity shuttle hurdles; and Brian Drossel, who was part of the fifth-place team in the varsity 400-meter relay with Brian Bergeski, Frank Fernandez and Chris Gibson.

GL boys' head coach Joe Hubert said he has been happy with the Highlanders' performances, which included the Mountain Division title in the Mountain Valley Conference Relays the school hosted April 1. The girls' team also won the division crown as they outpointed all schools at the meet.

"We've medaled more often this season -- we don't score in one or two specialties," Hubert said. "We usually have a good relay season, but this one has been better." We're pretty pleased with the progress the boys have made in the first few weeks.

Other non-winning top-5 finishes for Governor Livingston, including finish, time measurement and leaders, included:

- BOYS' Intermediate hurdles — 5th, 3:25.3 behind Madison (3:02.0), Roselle (3:04.4), Hanover Park (3:10.2) and Morris Catholic (3:23.4).
- Discus — 5th, 212.9 behind Hanover Park (237-11), Ridge (234-0), Mid-Deer (224-4) and Summit (218-4).
- GIRLS' Sprint medley — 2nd, 4:26.7 behind West Essex (4:24.7), 3200 relay — 3rd, 10:48.9 behind Ridge (10:34.5) and Kent Place (10:44.7).
- High hurdles — 4th, 1:15.2 behind Caldwell (1:13.4), Hanover Park (1:13.8) and Ridge (1:15.0).
- 800 relay — 2nd, 1:51.8 behind Roselle (1:51.3).
- Long jump — 3rd, 29-8 1/2 behind Chatham (29-10) and Caldwell (29-9 1/2).
- High jump — 3rd, 9-4 behind Madison (9-6) and New Providence (9-4, placed ahead on misses).

Minutemen football clinics in May

The Springfield Minutemen's football program will have two clinics for boys presently in third through seventh grades May 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Metel Field.

Dayton High School head football coach Paul Sep and some of his players are scheduled to assist the Minutemen coaching staff during the two May clinics. To participate in the clinic, a registration form must be completed and submitted at the recreation department in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., before Sunday, April 30. Call 973-912-2228.

Dayton baseball has senior flavor around the diamond

**By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor**

With nine seniors in the starting lineup, this year's Dayton High School baseball team is ready to prove that experience is a key ingredient to attaining a certain level of excellence.

The Bulldogs, under the leadership of third-year head coach Lou Della Pia, have a squad that has grown the past two years under Della Pia's tutelage.

"The majority of our team has been here the past two years," Della Pia said. "We have team unity."

Della Pia is assisted by varsity assistant Clayton Trivette and volunteer Eric Serio. Both are former Dayton baseball standouts who also starred in the collegiate ranks.

Another former Dayton standout, Jason Mullman, is the freshman coach. There is no junior varsity team this year as there was no freshman squad a year ago.

"Hopefully we will be able to field three programs next year, that's the goal," said Della Pia, who has guided Dayton to a 6-13 record last year and 7-11-1 mark two years ago.

Della Pia noted a commitment to the weight room in the off-season and expects a little more power in his lineup this year.

Dayton did score 11 runs in its season-opener at home last Thursday, but was defeated by New Providence 17-11 in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play in Springfield. The Bulldogs then fell the next day to Bound Brook 5-3 at home in Valley competition.

Those two games came after the April 3 home-opener against St. Patrick's was postponed and the April 4 contest at Manville was rained out.

Dayton sought to win its first game of the year at Newark East Tuesday. The Bulldogs were scheduled to make up the St. Patrick's game at home yesterday and are scheduled to remain at home for a contest today against Oratory Prep.

Dayton's top pitchers include one senior, one junior and one sophomore. James Cariello, a junior, is the No. 1 starter and senior Rich Stranier, No. 2. There's also sophomore Ryan Stromeyer.

"When Cariello is on his game, he's good at keeping the ball low," Della Pia said. "When he pushes off the mound he can reach the mid-to-high 80s. He's come a long way since his freshman year."

Shanley might not have the fastball that Cariello possesses, but can be just as effective when he's on.

"Rich has a nice change up," Della Pia said. "He's not going to overpower people, but he can keep hitters off balance."

Handling the staff will be senior catcher Lorenzo Williams, and on occasion, Shanley.

The infield includes senior Brian Berger and sophomore Brian Birch at first base, senior Chuck Beyer and freshman Yuri Portugal at second, a combination of Shanley, Beyer and senior Ian Cordoni at third and Cariello and Cordoni at shortstop.

A senior outfield consists of Dave Wyche in left, Adam Slater in center and Jesse Stromeyer in right.

Slater and Stromeyer were voided co-captains by their teammates. Wyche is a rarity in that he bats righty and fields lefty, while Slater may also see some time at the catcher position.

Other varsity members include senior outfielder Keith Allen, junior pitcher Mike Arnold, sophomore shortstop Sean Cordoni, junior catcher Kahl Goforth, junior outfielder Russ Haywood and sophomore outfielder Justin Woodruff.

"We're hoping that our bats will be a little more potent this year," Della Pia said. "We still have good team speed and our defense has improved."

This year's senior class includes Shanley, Wyche, Williams, Ian Cordoni, Beyer, Slater, Berger, Stromeyer and Allen.

Wyce and Berger banged out three singles each in the game against New Providence. Berger had an RBI-single in the contest against Bound Brook.

Upcoming April 13: Oratory Prep, 4:00; April 14 at Brasley, 4:00; April 18 at Roselle Park, 4:00; April 20 North Plainfield, 4:00; April 23 at St. Mary's, 4:00; April 27 Manville, 4:00; April 28 at New Providence, 4:00; May 2 at Bound Brook, 4:00; May 4 at St. Patrick's, 4:00; May 5 at Rahway, 4:00; May 9 at Oratory Prep, 4:00; May 11 Brasley, 4:00; May 12 East Side, 4:00; May 16 Roselle Park, 4:00; May 18 at North Plainfield, 4:00; May 20 at Gov. Livingston, noon; May 22 at Union, 7:00; May 23 St. Mary's, 4:00; May 25 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00; May 26 Delaware Valley, 4:00.

Dayton softball wins season-opener

**By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor**

For the second consecutive year the Dayton High School softball team began the season with a victory over New Providence.

However, this year the Bulldogs are out to do better than last season's 4-13 finish.

"We want to improve game-by-game and if we do I think we can achieve at least a .500 record," first-year head coach Dave Rennie said.

Rennie is also the head coach of the Dayton girls' basketball team and guided the Bulldogs to an 11-11 mark this year after his record his first two seasons at the helm was 7-34.

Standout sophomore athlete Esther Aizenberg, who averaged 11 points during basketball season, is one of five returning players from last year's team. The leadoff batter is the team's starting centerfielder and will also see time at third base.

"Esther provides a lot of speed at the top of the order," Rennie said. "She'll get on base a lot for us and she's a real sparkplug at shortstop."

Dana Rutkowski, a junior, returns as the team's No. 1 pitcher, with senior Karyn Schochman in reserve.

"Dana's speed has improved," Rennie said. "She had a private coach in the winter and can really mix her pitches up well."

Freshman Valerie Zloty is the catcher and the infield consists of junior Christine Florio and sophomore Lauren Belliveau at first base, junior Christina Tomasiello at second, freshman Juliana Stravato and Aizenberg at third and senior Rachel Tis at shortstop.

The outfield consists of senior Jamie Yorpin in left, Aizenberg in center and senior Jessica Felkin and Belliveau in right.

Other varsity performers include senior Alana Steele, a utility player, and Maria Zolotarsky, a sophomore outfielder.

In addition to Aizenberg, the other returnees from the 1999 squad are Rutkowski, Tis, Yorpin and Falkin.

In the season-opening Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division victory over New Providence, Rutkowski went the distance, striking out seven, walking three, allowing five hits and two earned runs in seven innings.

Dayton's offense was spread out as it scored three in the first inning, one in the fourth and then three more in each of the sixth and seventh innings.

The Bulldogs banged out 14 hits, with five players getting to each. Florio was 2-for-5 with three RBI and one run, Aizenberg was 2-for-5 with two runs and three steals, Belliveau was 2-for-4 with one RBI, Rutkowski was 2-for-3 with one RBI and two runs.

Tomasiello belted one of two Dayton extra-base hits in the seventh inning, connecting on a three-run homer. One of Belliveau's hits was a double.

"Rachel has been hitting the ball well and her and Florio should be driving in a lot of run for us this year," Rennie said. Belliveau has a lot of pop in her bat and should hit with more power this year. Yorpin walks a lot and gets on base for us."

Dayton's overall record and MVC-Valley record stood at 1-1 entering Tuesday's scheduled home-opener at Mount St. Mary's of Watchung. As of the writing of this story late Monday afternoon it was reported that we might get more snow on Tuesday (two days ago). Unbelievable.

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