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District aims for grant to bring Italian to kindergarten

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Le parole Italiane? In Springfield, students as young as kindergarten age may be getting a touch of Italian in their lessons.

Ken Mattfield, Department Chair of World Languages for the district, recently wrote a grant requesting \$25,000 from the Educational Office of the Italian Consulate General in New York City, to provide a partial salary for an instructor to come in and teach the language. The grant specifies that the language be taught to students kindergarten through grade six.

According to Mattfield, \$25,000 is the maximum amount offered by the grant, which may only be used for teacher salary.

The present curriculum offers a touch of Spanish in kindergarten and first grade. "Right now we have teachers integrating certain basic words into the classroom," said Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman.

"Words like colors, numbers and names of family members — father

and 'mother.' But we'd like to bring another language into the second grade — maybe right into social studies. This would help us get another instructor."

A world language specialist currently comes in once a week to perform Spanish lessons in grade two. "The same teacher also works with third- and fourth-graders in Spanish once a week and in the middle school, at grade five, does an Italian, French and Spanish exploratory program," she said. The exploratory program, according to Zimmerman, provides students with "a taste for the culture and a little language."

By grade six, students are permitted, with parental input, to choose a language on which to focus their studies. By the end of the eighth grade, students will have completed their first full year of study in the language of their choice.

Mattfield said the \$25,000 "works out to about half of a full-time teacher's salary" on the elementary school level. "We could possibly get a half-time teacher to move in to teach the

elementary program," Mattfield said, "but that depends on the talent pool." He also suggested using the regular French, Italian and Spanish teacher at the elementary level. Either way, a part-time replacement would be required.

"What we'd really like to offer are all three languages at the elementary school level," Mattfield said. "The state recommends that students in K-12 be exposed to more than one language during the course of their educational career."

"There's a different approach to world languages now," Mattfield said. "It was always considered something for college-bound students. But the state will eventually be requiring testing on it at the fifth-grade level, which puts World Languages on the same level with math and science."

Mattfield said the state-administered Elementary School Proficiency Assessment may include world languages as soon as the 2002-2003 school year. "But we don't know what that will look like yet."



Preparing for the Million Mom March in Washington D.C. on Mother's Day are, from left, Irv Rosen, Denise Drummond, Betty Rosen and D.C. Finnegan.

Moms on the march

Residents plan D.C. march Mother's Day

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The deaths of young people by handgun have left the nation in a state of constant shock and disgust. A handful of local moms have had more than enough, and are doing something about it.

"Everyone says, 'What a good idea, it should be done,'" said Denise Drummond, Springfield coordinator for the Million Mom March. The organization, established by Short Hills resident Donna Dees-Thomases, was created in the wake of the shooting tragedies at Columbine High School in Littleton, Col. and at the Glendale, Calif. community center last year.

Dees-Thomases, a mother of two, has designated Mother's Day, May 14, as a day for moms around the country to march on the Capitol in a protest against the nation's gun violence, and to express their impatience with the gun lobby for placing the rights of gun owners over the rights of America's youth.

"Why should we wait until we become victims?" Dees-Thomases asked. "It's an epidemic. We should be proactive. We have to act now."

Drummond, who has taken on the responsibility of spreading word of the march to Springfield's citizenry, became involved in the organization after learning of its existence through an article in *The Star-Ledger*. Drummond at first called Dees-Thomases, who in turn put Drummond into contact with Debra Wachspress, the organization's state coordinator. Drummond was the first person in Springfield to express interest in the event, and became its local coordinator.

Drummond, a six-year resident of the township, is the mother of 3-year-old twins. She described her role in the protest as "for their future."

According to Drummond, local businesses have been very supportive of her efforts. "I've sent letters to the school board, the PTA president, churches and synagogues in town, nursery schools, doctors, everyone I could think of," she said. Filers announcing the event

have been hung by Drummond in numerous businesses around the township; one dry cleaner, she said, even made a \$5 donation.

The only obstacle she encountered locally came from the public library, which refused to post the fliers, calling them "too political," and claiming they would also have to put up pro-gun information.

A nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian movement, the Million Mom March calls for "common sense gun policies." Child safety locks on all guns, criminal background checks for all gun purchases, licensing and registering of all guns with the proper authorities, limitations of one handgun purchase per month and the aggressive enforcement of all existing gun laws are among the policies the organization is looking to have established and upheld. The group does not seek to change any laws affecting hunting or sport shooting.

"We just want to see common sense exercised," Dees-Thomases said. "Isn't it common sense that you have a license for a handgun and register it — like you would a car?"

Dees-Thomases said the organization is holding meetings, "but we need to do more outreach." Drummond, for one, has reached out to the neighboring communities of Union and Hillside and said the organization's coordinators are also thinking about approaching colleges for assistance.

Of the march, Dees-Thomases said, "We're truly a grassroots organization. People are frustrated; they'll be finding their own way to Washington. We expect a lot of people within a 10-hour driving distance to get down there — and that includes, of course, New Jersey."

Dees-Thomases said the National PTA has endorsed the march, along with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the NAACP. Among the groups pledged to march on the Capitol include, according to Dees-Thomases, "Latino moms from East L.A., moms from the Oregon State PTA and groups of professional moms from Tulsa Okla."



Recognizing his accomplishment of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Springfield Mayor Clara Harelik congratulates Mike Quick of Springfield Boy Scout Troop 73.

Scout helps restore Cannon Ball House for Eagle badge

By Cathleen Taub
Correspondent

"It looked pretty shabby," Michael Quick says as he remembers the way the area in front of the Springfield's historical building — the Cannon Ball House — used to look. The fences were rusty. The writing on the building's two signs were illegible. The

paint was peeling. The site needed work.

Within three months, the area was transformed as Quick became an Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest rank one can obtain in the Boy Scouts. One becomes an Eagle Scout after completing a special community service project designed especially for

the occasion. Each Scout both creates and executes their own project.

Quick, a college freshman, restored the building's historical marker and the original wooden sign that had been in front of the house. This was not just a simple repair job. Quick had to tear off the signs' frames, provide

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Higher salary sought for dispatchers

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Theory: If you place an ad for a position, and you offer a respectable salary, more people are likely to respond.

According to Mountainside Police Chief and Acting Administrator James Debbie, the Police Department's communications officer position — a position formerly known as dispatcher — illustrates the theory.

"Our communication officers start at \$20,000," Debbie said. "I want to start at a higher salary to get a larger number of people to choose from. The starting salary's so low, I usually only get about a half dozen people to respond."

Debbie is looking to implement a 3.8-percent raise for the position for 2000, retroactive to Jan. 1. He said the Borough Council will be examining a salary adjustment for the starting position in its July work session.

The starting salary, at the time the switch in title from "dispatcher" to "communications officer" was made in 1997, was \$19,000. A 1998 ordi-

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Can I see?



Springfield Brownies work with clay to earn their Brownie badges. About 70 Daisy Girl Scouts and Brownies got together at a local church earlier this month to earn credit toward their their badges.

Township picks up new flood insurance policy

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Heeding the lesson of Tropical Storm Floyd, the Township of Springfield has purchased flood insurance.

Floyd's assault on Springfield last September left an extensive amount of damage estimated at approximately \$2 million. By February, it was discovered that the township had been without flood insurance for at least 10 years.

The new policy, with a reported \$21,000 annual premium, is estimated to provide \$1 million in coverage for both the Municipal Building and its North Trivet Avenue Annex, both of which were severely damaged by the storm. Township Administrator Richard Sheola was not available this week to confirm the figures.

Being insured will now make it possible for the township to receive assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The township applied for \$1.38 million in assistance from FEMA, according to a figure supplied by Sheola last December.

"We asked for \$1.38 million, but what you ask for isn't necessarily what you get," Sheola said in December. "You just put in the application and go through the audit."

According to an April 19 report in a daily newspaper, the township's FEMA aid is \$1.26 million.

However, Charles McSloy, public assistance officer at the state Office of Emergency Management, said the Springfield Municipal Building and Annex, located as they are in a "100-year flood plain" or "special hazard area," would be subject to FEMA deductions if the township did not carry flood insurance at the time of the storm. According to McSloy, the township will be facing \$1 million in FEMA deductions for not carrying the proper insurance.

"The premiums on flood insurance are very expensive, and there's quite a bit that it doesn't cover," said Mayor Clara Harelik in February, at the time the township's lack of flood insurance became known.

Sheola referred to the flood insurance deductible as "very high," giving a See FLOOD, Page 8

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• The Springfield Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. at the Sara Bailey Civic Center at Church Mall. Meeting agenda items include a Farmer's Market update, the Street Fair and a possible new banner program. For more information call (908) 352-0900.

• In honor of Earth Day, families with children ages 4 years and older can help save the Watchung Reservation from invasive exotic vines and thorns. Participants should bring gloves, pruning shears and loppers if available. Some tools, gloves and a snack will be provided. Learn how the spread of non-native plants is reducing the biodiversity of the wooded areas and participate in freeing the trees from clinging vines in a free workshop sponsored by the Board of Frecholders at 1:30 p.m. at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide.

Friday
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide, celebrates Arbor Day with a free tree planting workshop along the Red Trail from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Families with children ages 4 and up can learn why trees are important and how to identify some common ones.
For information call Judy Leibowitz at (908) 789-3670.

Sunday
• Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, features a brunch and lecture at 9:30 a.m. President of the Jewish Education Service of North America, Jonathan Woocher, will speak. Admission is free. For information call (973) 376-0539.

• The Springfield Rotary Club sponsors its 19th annual flea market at the Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nearly 150 vendors are expected. Rain date is scheduled for May 7.

• A planetarium show delves into the history and future of astronomy from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. Admission is \$3 for children ages 6 and up and \$2.55 for seniors.

• The second annual cantonal concert begins at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. Reserved sea-

ting is \$25, general admission is \$18 and students and seniors are \$15. For tickets call (973) 376-0539.

Monday
• A Mountaintide Public Library, Constitution Plaza, presents a lecture on "The Big Band Era" at 7:30 p.m. The lecture features an audio presentation by Stephen Marcone, chair of the Music Department at William Paterson University. The program is free and open to the public. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to reserve seating space.

• Casting registration begins for the talent show that will be sponsored by the Deerfield School of Mountaintide on June 8. Interested performers may register at the main office at Deerfield through May 5. Volunteers of all ages are also needed for the stage crew. For more information call Mrs. Maraffi at (908) 232-8828, ext. 361.

Tuesday
• The Mountaintide Board of Education meets for a rescheduled reorganization meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center.
• A Yom Hashbuh Observance features speaker Jeffrey Glanz from the Kean University Holocaust Resource Center at 5:45 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. For information call the temple at (973) 376-0539.

Wednesday
• A planetarium show featuring the Aquarid meteors kicks off at 8 p.m. at the Trailside Planetarium, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. Families with children ages 6 and up can learn what meteors and asteroids have to do with the extinction of the dinosaurs, life on Mars, the shape of Earth's continents and the origins of the moon. Participants should bring binoculars or a telescope if available along with a blanket or lawn chair to view the visible planets and stars in the spring sky. Pre-registration is required and admission is \$4. Rain/cloud date is May 4. For information call (908) 789-3670.

Upcoming events
May 4
• The Foothill Club of Mountaintide will meet for lunch at noon at B.G. Fields. Officers will be installed followed by Bingo. For reservations call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626.

May 6
• The Mountaintide Newcomers Club will sponsor its annual community garage sale. There will be a \$20 fee per household.

For information and registration call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

• Volunteers ages 14 years and older are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Trail work will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. Participants should bring lunch, a mug for a beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if available. Pre-registration is required. Call Judy Leibowitz at (908) 789-3670 to register.

• Trailside's 21st annual pet fair will be at 2 p.m. for people and pets at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide. A stray pet contest, guided walks, carnival games and demonstrations by the Morris County 4-H Stead Dog Club and the Union County K-9 Division are planned. Admission is \$1 per person. Children ages 7 and under and pets are free.

• The Fanwood Board of Health will conduct a Health Day from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fanwood Municipal Building, 75 N. Marine Ave. The program is open exclusively to residents of Springfield. All fees must be paid upon registration.

May 21
• Springfield B'nai B'rith will sponsor a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel for \$22, including breakfast at Bagel Chateau and \$17 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. RSVP by Wednesday.

Ongoing
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sara Bailey Civic Center, 300 Church Mall, Springfield from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information call (973) 912-2227.

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines with one year's date.

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

EVENTS

'Dare to Dream' baseball tour scheduled tonight

Mizuno presents the 2000 Baseball Tour "Dare to Dream" at the Ball Park, 1 Silver Court, Springfield, today from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The tour will include glove making and glove-repair demonstrations by a Mizuno craftsman, interactive baseball skills contests and much more.
For information call (973) 376-9295.

For the tour in 2000, Mizuno has added a 30 x 15 x 15 inflatable batting cage where fans can test their hitting skills and win prizes. Fans of all ages will have an opportunity to spin the same wooden bats used by professional Major Leaguers.

The Dare to Dream Workshop is a customized truck and trailer that has been transformed into a mobile baseball exhibit. Mizuno will have four vehicles on the road in 2000. One vehicle will make stops throughout the Midwest and western United States while the second will cover the East Coast.

Mizuno will have Major League athletes on hand at several stops to sign autographs and take pictures. Chipper Jones, Mike Piazza, Tom Glavine, Tim Lincecum, Ron Gant, Javier Lopez, David Justice and Todd Helton are just a few of the athletes that have appeared at Dare to Dream events.

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Annual St. James Parish Festival May 3 to May 7

The 2000 St. James Parish Festival will begin Wednesday and run through May 7. In addition to exciting new thrill rides and great home-made food, the festival this year will feature a nightly Tin Can Auction.

Festival hours are 8:45 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:45 to 11 p.m. Friday, 1:45 to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

One-price ride bracelets are available Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon.

The festival is located on the grounds of Saint James the Apostle, 45 South Springfield Ave., Springfield.

For more information call (973) 376-3044.

Rotary's gigantic flea market planned Sunday

The Springfield Rotary Club will have its 19th annual gigantic flea market at Jonathan Dayton High

School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date is May 7.

There will be more than 150 vendors along with hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, free blood pressure screening and other activities.

Proceeds will to needy children in the area. Rotary is a non-profit organization.

Springfield B'nai B'rith trip to Atlantic City

Springfield B'nai B'rith plans a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel on May 21. 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. RSVP by Wednesday.

Mail checks to Jerry Kamen c/o Day Cleaners, 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083. Reserve early.

Free computer skills seminars for seniors

The Kiwanis Club of Springfield/Milburn will sponsor free seminars on computer skills and usage for area senior citizens. It was announced by Patrick J. Paoletta, 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 Paoletta at Pulaski Savings Bank at (973) 564-9000, 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.

Newcomers' community garage sale May 6

The Mountaintide Newcomers Club plans its annual Community Garage Sale on May 6. There will be a \$20 fee per address, and the club will provide the advertisement in local newspapers, promotional signs and community maps.

The Mountaintide 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 welcome and part of the community.

For membership information, call Heather Pisano at (908) 389-0455.

Bicycle collection May 21

The Rotary Club of Springfield is sponsoring a used bicycle collection in support of Pedals for Progress. Anyone who has a bicycle in repairable condition and no longer needs the bike is urged to donate it. Bikes can be dropped off from 1 to 4 p.m. on May 21 at the Florence M. Gaudiner Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield.

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Photo By Jeff Grahl

Planting a new tree at Rose Avenue and Caldwell Place are, from left, Bernard Kottar and Faith Brancato of the Springfield Environmental Commission, Robert Brennan and Joey Parent of the Department of Public Works, Supervisor of the DPW Ken Homilish, Environmental Commission President Eleanor Gural and Mayor Clara Harelik. For the past two years, the environmental commission has provided funds for the purchase of additional street trees by the DPW.

Environmental Commission marks Arbor Day

In recognition of two important environmental observances — Earth Day, April 22, and Arbor Day, April 28 — the Springfield Environmental Commission will have a table at the upcoming Rotary Club Flea Market on Sunday.

Information on a variety of subjects concerning the environment, on some of the many organizations which work to improve the environment, and on New Jersey industries that save raw materials by recycling materials collected through the curbside recycling program will be available. Also, tree seedlings and instructions for their planting and care will be given away. Those wishing to report on the progress of their "baby tree" next spring will provide material for an article planned for that time.

This year will mark the 30th anniversary of Earth Day. Its founder was Sen. Gaylord Nelson, once governor of Wisconsin.

During the '60s, complaints about dirty rivers, smoky air, litter strewn shores, and growing garbage dumps became increasingly frequent and bitter. Rachel Carson's book, "Silent Spring" caused an uproar by documenting the damage that pesticides were causing to wildlife, especially birds, and by theorizing that human health was also being jeopardized.

Nelson said that only an organized nationwide public outcry would bring about the legislative action needed to commence corrective measures. Choosing the birthday of John Muir, one of the nation's early conservationists, Nelson and his committee sent letters to government and school officials and to newspaper editors proposing an Earth Day Proclamation and a national Environmental "teach-in."

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day resulted in peaceful demonstrations all across the country and parti-

cipation by an estimated 20 million people. It was a grassroots explosion of concern.

During the years since, it has caused changes in the national policies of every country in the world and in the way people think. Before 1970, the word "environment" was not even a part of most people's vocabulary.

The celebration of Arbor Day has a long tradition. It was first proposed by a Nebraskan newspaper editor, J. Stirling Morton, in 1872. The idea caught on, and by 1894, Arbor Day was celebrated in every state, although the date varies from one state to another.

It was estimated that more than a million trees were planted in Nebraska on its first Arbor Day. One can only imagine how many millions must have been planted nationwide in the years since then.

The present Arbor Day Foundation continues Morton's pioneering effort to increase appreciation of the aesthetic, environmental and commercial value of trees and to encourage their planting and care. The foundation distributes tree seedlings and tree information.

Youth Group conducts candlelight vigil Anniversary of Columbine shootings commemorated

By Kirsten Matthew
Managing Editor

Nearly 50 members of Springfield's St. James Church Youth Group marched in a candlelight procession down Mountain Avenue on the evening of April 20 in a silent vigil to remember the 15 victims of the Columbine High School massacre.

The peaceful march fell on the eve of the tragedy's one year anniversary. Known as one of the worst school shootings in history, the rampage in Littleton, Colo., affected thousands of people nationwide who, a year after Columbine, are still charged with unanswered questions and concerns about the events that occurred that day.

"We marched by candlelight because we wanted to create an awareness — we wanted to be seen by the community," said Youth Group Director and Youth Minister Kim Mailley.

At the urging of the Archdiocese of Newark, the minister led her youth group in the candlelight vigil that started at Jonathan Dayton High School at 9:15 p.m. and ended in the church's chapel about 20 minutes later. Two other youth ministers, Ellen Jorda and Mary Kay Corbett participated, along with about several parents.

"Everyone was really quiet," said 15-year-old youth group member John O'Reilly. "Everyone was thinking about it."

'We marched by candlelight because we wanted to create an awareness'

— Kim Mailley

Once returned to the sanctuary of the chapel, each youth group member signed a pledge to end violence in the community. Prayer services were led by Mailley, and youth group members read a prepared tribute about each of Columbine's victims.

During the half-hour service, members also chanted the names of about 13 other minority, ethnic or religious groups that have been persecuted or victimized by violence in this country. Some names that were shouted out during the service included homosexuals, African-Americans, punks, geeks and churchgoers.

"They're all targeted for different reasons, and we wanted to remember that there are different people who are victims," Mailley said.

Youth group members also petitioned to God to become more peaceful people. They pledged to communicate better with others, to listen more, to be more caring and to be more courageous.



St. James Church Youth Group members march in a candlelight vigil from Jonathan Dayton High School to the chapel. The vigil took place one year to the day after the massacre at Columbine High School.

Attention local churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.



Millburn Soccer Tryout Schedule for 2000-2001 season.

All Tryouts will be held at Old Short Hills Park		
Birthday	Tryout Date	Time
Boys		
8/1/92 - 7/31/93	May 10th	4:00-5:30
8/1/91 - 7/31/92	May 10th	5:45-7:15
8/1/90 - 7/31/91	May 12th	4:00-5:30
8/1/89 - 7/31/90	May 12th	5:45-7:15
8/1/88 - 7/31/89	May 5th	4:00-5:30
8/1/87 - 7/31/88	May 5th	5:45-7:15
8/1/86 - 7/31/87	May 1st	6:00-7:00
Girls		
8/1/92 - 7/31/93	May 1st	3:30-4:30
8/1/91 - 7/31/92	May 3rd	3:30-4:30
8/1/90 - 7/31/91	May 3rd	4:30-6:00
8/1/89 - 7/31/90	May 3rd	6:00-7:30
8/1/88 - 7/31/89	May 8th	4:00-5:30
8/1/87 - 7/31/88	May 8th	5:45-7:15
8/1/86 - 7/31/87	May 1st	4:30-6:00
Goalie Tryout at Millburn HS (boys and girls will tryout together)		
8/1/90 - 7/31/93	May 10th	4:30-6:00
8/1/86 - 7/31/90	May 17th	4:30-6:00

All non Millburn Soccer players must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Current players should pre register with your manager. Teams will be announced on or before 8-10

Rain outs announced at OSH park on the tryout day. Pre registered players pick up numbers at field.

Rain Dates are 5-15 and 5-19. All Teams will be posted @www.milburnsoccer.com

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General Meeting June 19th at the Middle School. Yearly dues will be collected at this time.



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EDITORIALS

An alternative to using tax dollars

Should taxpayers be forced to pay for the historical preservation of the town in which they live? It's an interesting question that has presented itself to the Mountainside Borough Council.

The Mountainside Historical Society has plans to publish a book detailing the last half-century or so of the borough. The publication would serve as a follow-up to a book which chronicled the first 50 years of Mountainside. The cost of the entire project at the present time is estimated to be \$15,000.

Historical preservation is important to any town, especially in Union County where there are many municipalities, including Mountainside and Springfield, which enjoy a rich history that is part of this country's historical fabric. But with homeowners already burdened by county, school and municipal taxes, should they be asked to foot the bill on such a project?

Frankly, such a book likely will only be enjoyed by a fraction of the population. This statement is not meant to devalue the importance or demean the project or its intent; it's just true.

Councilman Keith Turner made a suggestion that seems worthwhile exploring, at the very least, and may be a way to avoid using borough funds to publish such a book. Similar to what was done during the fund-raising for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, people could purchase bricks which would be inscribed with their family name and be used in the construction of a walkway which would be a monument of sorts.

Mountainside has a historical center: the Herfield House. A cobblestone or brick walkway to the Herfield House could be created using these stones bearing the names of supporters of the Mountainside Historical Society and its mission. Such a fund-raise seems like a perfect fit for Mountainside where many families have deep roots in town. It would be fitting to have those families names along such a walkway.

The Borough Council prides itself on finding alternatives to using local tax dollars. This seems like another ideal situation to use an alternative which has been put on the table.

The importance of open space

In 1998, voters in the Garden State approved the borrowing of millions of dollars to preserve farmland and open space. Last year, the Board of Freeholders completed a 10-year, \$46-million master plan for the county parks system. Just last week, state Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, who has aspirations to be governor next year, announced plans for an open space initiative to protect land threatened by imminent development. Open space is a hot topic; for residents and elected officials.

All but four counties and nearly 100 municipalities in New Jersey have established an open space trust fund, an additional tax dedicated to issues of open space and recreation. Union County has been discussing an open space trust fund for several years and it seems like it will finally be on the ballot in 2000, the only question may be, in what form.

A committee created last summer has been studying the tax impact and the public's sentiment regarding such a tax. Recommendations from the committee are forthcoming.

An open space trust fund to be put forth to Union County voters should include three important provisions:

- A sunset clause so the tax does not continue in perpetuity. There is little open space remaining and eventually there will be a need for an advisory board to re-evaluate and assess the tax once its goals are met.

- Funds raised must be dedicated solely to preserving open space. A trust fund should not be plugged in to fund the operating budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. By the very nature of its name, the open space trust fund gives the impression that it is strictly for open space; not the general maintenance of the park system.

- The tax should be no more than \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed value. An open space tax varies by county and municipality, ranging from \$0.01 to \$0.04. A tax of \$0.01 in Union County is expected to raise more than \$3 million. Open space is one of the most important issues we face today but a tax is still a tax and people have plenty of them to pay.

Although residents generally approve of open space initiatives put before them on the ballot, it is important to remember that the trust fund must still be presented in a fashion which is most likely to pass.

"I express many absurd opinions. But I am not the first man to do it; American freedom consists largely in talking nonsense."

—E. W. Howe



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Education and the right to vote are legacies

Were you a good person? Did you vote in the school elections? You know, we here at Worrall Community Newspapers work our neckties fall off — or tongues hang out, whichever you'd prefer to see — supplying you with all the background we can on the budget and the candidates as soon as they're announced.

Now there are probably a good number of people who don't care if Vlad the Impaler is on the Board of Education, and just as many who say they don't know anything about the budget.

Well, the fact is, both the budget and the candidates are right here in your local newspapers. We give you all the facts we can on the proposed budgets and all the biographical details we can on the candidates. The candidates also talk to you them-

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

selves, directly, through the Candidates Corner published in the newspaper.

The budget is even easier to find out about than the candidates, and I'll tell you why: it requires less reading. Considerably less reading.

From a reporter's standpoint, writing about the budget involves getting the total figure and telling you, the taxpayer, what it will cost you if that budget is approved.

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you can see it easily. How much and what does it do to your taxes — that's the essence of it.

You don't even really have to buy a newspaper to find this information. The budget story is usually on the front page, very often at the top of the page.

Glance at a copy in the supermarket or the library and you'll see it instantly, literally in black-and-white. Look right at the top of the story. Look for the numbers. The whole story's right there. In two seconds the budgetary facts will have you either dancing a jig or responding with a heart attack. Nearby, I'm sure you'll find something on the candidates.

I realize, of course, that printing all this material doesn't necessarily mean that people will read it. You might not even be reading this column now; it could just be the combined effect of that burrito and those Tri-Tacs.

Failing to vote in the school elections, at least once in a while, is frankly inexcusable. Non-parents can make easy-enough excuses, but even there, letting the budget cruise past without a peek or a vote is a case of letting a handful of strangers make a tax decision for many.

Allowing a possible incompetent onto the Board of Education to decide a student's curriculum and yearly calendar is morally even worse.

I'm a non-parent. Prior to my present position, I didn't always vote in the school elections. Most of the time I did, but there were occasions when I didn't; when I didn't, I regretted it.

I regret it even more now, for a variety of reasons unnecessary to detail here. Suffice it to say that education, like the ability to vote, is a legacy. Education and the right to vote are legacies, even if you're childless.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spring is here

To the Editor:

Ah, forsythia your golden bloom heralds the news spring is upon us
Daffodils trumpet yellow soldiers with heads held high defeating winter

Pear trees blossoming standing tall with petals of white blowing in the breeze

Weeping cherry trees trail their soft pink flowerets in delicate waves

Pansies appear in colorful cultivated fields ready for planting

Waxy magnolia leaves litter the lawn as the springtime shows fall

Cherry trees fill the park with cotton candy clusters tempting spring to stay

Sally Anne Reiser
Mountainside

Time for old-fashioned tea party

To the Editor:

Income tax time came and went. I haven't heard much "furo" about it. Have we come to accept overtaxation? I suggest it's time for "tea" — not to drink, but an ocean-dumping tea party — as once done. All are invited.

Joseph Chiappa
Mountainside

Sheriff's Office should not serve

To the Editor:

We read with some interest an article entitled "Service with a smile — or maybe a shout, Sheriff's officers make sure the message is delivered," which appeared March 31. Most documents described in this article deal with the collection of monies, and the method of service, as written, would appear to violate the Fair Trade Commissions Collection Act prescribed behavior and approach when attempting to collect or execute on a bill. It's a wonder that the people served didn't call the police and have the sheriff's officer arrested.

The Union County's Sheriff's Office served 4,300 summonses in 1998. This figure was published in the New Jersey Law Journal on Feb. 14. We must assume that if the figure of 4,300 was not contested, it would be accurate. The Union County Sheriff's Office utilized nine process servers along with a support staff, an undersheriff, office space, vehicles, gas, phones, lights, heat, etc., to have each of its process servers serve nine summonses each week. When you calculate the \$52,000 wage and benefits package paid and an

equal amount for sundry, supplies, support staff, insurance, etc., you approach the cost of serving a single summons in Union County by a sheriff's officer at \$267 each. Although this cost is slightly defrayed by the plaintiff's fee of \$13, to have the sheriff serve the taxpayer, the cost still comes to \$254 — a taxpayer burden which is disproportionate with the service rendered.

We feel that a plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney should have the option of choosing who serves their process, a sheriff's officer, who comes with a taxpayer subsidy, or the private sector where the service of process is paid by the litigant.

A proposed change to the "Rules Governing Our Courts," R.4-4-3, allows the plaintiff and/or plaintiff's attorney to exercise the option mentioned above. The change, if approved, would save our taxpayers in Union County the current cost of \$267 for the service of a summons.

Besides the obvious cost advantages, the legal community has made it very clear that it prefers the private sector to the sheriff to serve its process. The private sector served over 200,000 summonses in New Jersey in 1998, while all sheriffs in New Jersey's 21 counties served 47,664.

We agree that certain documents, which are mandated by law, must be served by a law enforcement officer. These would include all processes requiring the sheriff to sell, deliver and take into custody persons or property. Our sheriff, who places into the mix that process which is non-mandated, wastes too much time. These would include summonses, complaints, subpoenas, orders, writs and warrants that do not require the sale or delivery into custody persons or property.

The sheriff should not be in the business of serving process. They should be enforcing the law. Period.

Philip Geron, director
Constables Office of New Jersey
Union

Thanks to community for support

To the Editor:

We want to thank the voters for their support of our candidacies, the school budget and our security question in last week's annual school election. We look forward to representing the residents of Springfield for another term on the Board of Education. We will continue to work hard to provide the best education for our children while at the same time maintaining fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers.

Thanks again for your confidence.

Jacki Shanes
Rob Fish
Lary Levee
Springfield

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 township, borough, 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.

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John Whealey

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all of my supporters

To the Editor:

Please accept my sincere thanks for electing me to the Mountainside Board of Education. As a write-in candidate I realized that I was asking the voters to go "above and beyond" the normal voting process. I also knew that I was taking on a task that was best described as an uphill battle.

The campaign process was very new to me and I relied upon a wonderful committee of individuals, led by my campaign manager, Diane McGee, whose devotion, energy and expertise was unsurpassed. From the beginning, we identified a large group of core supporters who distributed and displayed lawn signs and palm cards, and made endless phone calls. To all of these people I extend my sincere gratitude.

To the many people who so generously contributed funding to offset the cost

of signs and mailings, I would also like to say thank you. We could never have climbed that hill without you.

Now that the campaign process is over, I am enthusiastically looking forward to beginning my term as part of the Board of Education team. I realize that I have much to learn about being a school board member.

As I have said in the past I believe that I can lend a fresh voice and an open mind. I will be very proud to be involved in the continued implementation of the Strategic Plan, as well as the many other issues which our community is being faced with, including the current concerns about space for the growing student population.

Again, a most heart-felt thank you to all of you who took the time to type in all 18 letters of my name. I will make every effort to live up to your expectations.

MaryBeth Schaumburg
Mountainside

AT THE LIBRARY

'The Big Band Era'

"The Big Band Era" will be the subject of a guest lecture and audio presentation by Stephen F. Marcone, chair of the Music Department at William Paterson University, at the Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the program will feature audio tapes of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Harry James and other jazz greats. Marcone will examine stylistic differences of bands due to race, location and various influences of the 1930s.

Marcone came to the William Paterson University of New Jersey in 1984 where he also is program director of the Music Management Program. He graduated from Syracuse University as a Master of Music in 1969.

As a trumpet player, he joined an Epic Records' recording group and toured the country taking an active role in the creative and managerial aspects of the ensemble.

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities serves the people of New Jersey by developing, supporting and promoting projects that explore and interpret the human experience, foster cross-cultural understanding and engage people in dialogue about matters of individual choice and public responsibility.

The Council, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, sponsors free programs at sites throughout the state.

The program is free and open to the public. Call (908) 233-0115 to reserve seating space for "The Big Band Era."

'Cavern of Jewels'

On May 7 at 2 p.m., the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Children's Theater: "Cavern of Jewels." This will be performed by the South Street Players, and is suitable for children of all ages and adults as well.

In this play, the greedy Bunchart, a blustering tycoon, treats his son and daughters like servants while his wife chokes over him and does on his fortune. Sent out to search for strawberries, the children go off to the forest where they befriend two enchanting gnomes, Peri and Ponke, who guard the glittering jewels from which nature draws its brilliant colors.

The gnomes give their friends a gigantic emerald, and Bunchart, once he lays eyes on it, realizes the children have stumbled across the richest treasure in the world.

He and the unscrupulous Rev. Archer plot to seize all the jewels and, for a time, they apparently succeed.

But the children, along with Peri, Ponke and their woodland allies, soon outwit the thieving adults — restoring Nature's Treasure to its rightful guardians, while teaching Bunchart and his cronies a lesson they will not soon forget.

The South Street Players, who perform regularly at the Clarksburg Park Dinner Theater, are in their 18th season. Some of the Player's productions include "Barfote in the Park," "On Golden Pond," "Plaza Suite" and "Harvey."

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 Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Admission to this concert is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the Circulation Desk. For information call (973) 376-4930.

'Cinema Paradiso'

The 1988 Italian film "Cinema Paradiso" will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on May 11 at noon and 7 p.m.

"Cinema Paradiso" — Italian, 1988, directed by Giuseppe Tornatore — is the ultimate love letter to the movies by way of a heartwarming nostalgic look at one man's lifelong affair with images on celluloid.

A celebrated director reminisces about the places and people that meant so much to him in his lonely youth: Cinema Paradiso, the village theater he comes to regard as his real home, and his father-figure projectionist. Through the years they experience the dream-like magic of the movies together. This joyful and poignant film won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Picture.

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.

Artist's reception Sunday

An exhibit, "Paper Poetry," will open at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on Sunday with a reception from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit will run through June 1.

"Paper Poetry" is the creation of 20

artists who were brought together through an on going papermaking workshop at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts inspired by the creativity of noted paper artist Fran Wilner and Lois Shapiro. Masks, baskets, abstract sculptures, hooks, collages and jewelry are among the works to be shown.

The artists in this group, who ordinarily work in other media such as acrylics, ceramics and watercolor, have all explored the versatile and transforming properties of handmade paper.

Each artist starts by beating a fiber such as cotton, flax or other plant fiber turning it into a slurry of pulp and water, sheeta (mold and deck) to pull wet sheets from a vat. At this point, the transformation begins.

The wet sheets are molded, manipulated, textured and colored into large abstract constructions, intriguing collages and floating translucent pieces.

The artists participating in this exhibit are Julie Rolfe Barkin of Cranford, Evelyn Simpson of Parsippany, Gail Fishberg of Westfield, Ginny Payne of New Providence, Judy Yanik of Pannausack, Diane Ferguson of Montclair and Shary Skoloff of West Orange. Also, from the Maplewood South Orange communities are Joanne Miller Rafferty, Fran Wilner and Rioda L. Pine.

The hours of the exhibit are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

Traveling video series

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

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

May 9: In this performance travel to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming which was founded in 1872. See the natural wonders — "Old Faithful," gurgling hot springs and mud pots, forests, and the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, waterfalls and wildlife.

This is followed by a visit to The Grand Canyon of Arizona. Two thousand square miles, one mile deep and 10 miles wide, this geological feature evokes a wide spectrum of human emotions. More than a chasm, it is alive with mule deer, mountain lions, coyotes, bighorn sheep, desert tortoises and the rare kaibab squirrel, found only in the Grand Canyon.

This series continues at noon on Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

May 23: "A Guide to America's Great National Parks" will have you visiting the Everglades, the Smoky Mountains, Shenandoah, the Badlands, Rocky Mountain, Grand Teton, Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. This will be followed by visits to the Grand Canyon, Zion, Arches, Carlsbad, North Cascades, Mt. Rainier, and Yosemite, Redwoods and Olympic Park. Sit back and enjoy America's beautiful and majestic 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.

'Write Your Life Stories'

Zella P.P. Gelman 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.

Gelman 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.

Gelman, a resident of West Orange, attended Rutgers University and Kean College, now University. Since 1985, Gelman has been a group facilitator in Human Relations, Adult Singles, Building Self Esteem, Writing as Therapy, Stress Management, Memoir Writing at such places as Daughters of Israel, JCC, Barnes and Noble and Montclair Adult School. Gelman has several publications including "Tales of Our Lifetimes," an anthology of, and tips for, writing memoirs.

The dates are: Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, and May 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.

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Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.

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LIFESTYLE

Laspina wed to Hartmann

Amy L. Laspina, daughter of Bonnie and William Laspina of Chatham, and Naples, Fla., and Karl T. Hartmann, son of Kathleen Hartmann of New Providence, and the late Thomas Hartmann were joined in marriage on Oct. 8 at Saint Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit. Father Tom Blin performed the evening ceremony, which was followed by a reception at The Grand Summit Hotel. Following a honeymoon in Disneyworld and Aruba, the couple resides in New York City.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Tammy Weinstein of Summit, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Laurie Brotons of Clinton, also a sister of the bride, Dana Marshuetz of Chester, Dianne Dragotta of Boonton Township, Gina Weiman of Verona and Karen Brought of Walkkill, N.Y. Rachel Ardolino of Woodville, N.H., and Austine Brought of Walkkill, N.Y., were the junior bridesmaids.

Ansel Hartmann of North Plainfield, the groom's brother, served as best man. Ushers included Craig Brotons of Clinton, Ken Weinstein of Summit, Chuck Murray of Springfield, John Kyne of Lyndhurst and Peter Salaman of Washington Township.

The bride is a graduate of Chatham High School and is currently employed as an executive of the Estee Lauder Corporation in New York City. Her husband is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. He received his bachelor of science degree from Cook College of Rutgers University, graduating first in his class, and will receive his M.D. in May from Cornell University Medical College. He begins his residency in internal medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and the Yale-New Haven hospitals in June.



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Swing dancing Fridays

Retro Swing Dance will be at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., every Friday night.

Beginning swing will go from 7 to 7:30 p.m. where anyone can learn six-count moves. No experience is necessary and no partner is required. A pre-intermediate workshop will be from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Open dance will last from 9 to 10 p.m.

A drop-in fee or four-week package is available. For fees and details, call Alice Stein at 273-3330.

Tennis badges required

The Springfield Recreation Department announces that residents are

required to obtain a photo ID Tennis Badge for \$10 each.

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

For more information call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2222.

Township rec department offers co-ed volleyball

The Springfield Recreation Department offers a co-ed volleyball program Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the gymnasium at Sandmeier School on South Springfield Avenue.

This program is open to all township residents.

For more information call (973) 912-2227.

Golf memberships are available at Rec Dept

The Springfield Recreation Department announces they now have memberships available to the par 3 golf course in Millburn.

The fees are as follows: full membership, individual, \$150; limited membership, individual, \$75.

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

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Springfield YMCA Family member and General Registration takes place in person at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

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Higher salary aims to recruit more candidates

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 nance increased the starting salary to \$20,000.

The change of title represents more than just an embellishment. According to Debbie, the borough is now a "primary answering point" for emergency calls.

"Until three years ago, the Summit Fire Department used to answer our 9-1-1 calls," Debbie said. "Now we have 11-hour shifts, with a one-hour lunch, four days on, four days off, with a rotation at night."

The "four days out four days off" arrangement means that a communications officer will work four consecutive

days, followed by four off-days and then four night shifts.

Training for operation of the 9-1-1 system involves training sitting with a dispatcher or shift commander for up to one month — meaning one month of working days according to the "on/off" arrangement.

"It's actually a civilian position," Debbie said. "Traditionally, it's a cop-wanna-be position. You get to learn about the department by working the dispatcher/communication officer role. It gives you a good feel for police work. Nine out of 10 times with the person ends up enjoying what

they're doing so much, they become a police officer."

In addition to receiving 9-1-1 calls, the department's communications officer is responsible for determining the appropriate response and dispatching the proper emergency vehicles, and for notifying other departments, private agencies or public utilities that might have a connection to the potential emergency.

Candidates for the position must learn to handle the department's radio and communications switchboard — including computer-aided systems — and a personal computer, along with its word processing software.

Health Day May 6

The Fanwood Board of Health has announced that it will conduct a Health Day on May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fanwood Municipal Building, 75 N. Marine Ave.

The program is subject to cancellation, unless a minimum participation of 25 is achieved. The Health Day is open to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountaineer, Westfield, Roselle Park and Springfield, exclusively.

The health program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMA26, CBC and HDL. Medical Laboratory of West Orange will conduct the blood testing.

The SMA26 is an elaborate blood analysis monitoring several bodily functions. The CBC test is a test including a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count, and differential count.

The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc. The HDL test measures factors protective of coronary heart disease. The SMA26 is used in assessing total cholesterol levels, to determine possible coronary risk factors.

Robert M. Sherr, Director of Health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast 12 hours prior, with the exception of water. Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, to May 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of the SMA26 test is \$16.

HEALTH

Benicosa and Dr. Richard Luka will be both board certified in Adult and Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, and a Clinical Assistant Professor at UMDNJ.

If you or any family member experience persistent coughing or difficulty breathing, especially during activities such as exercise or exposure to allergens, or if you have symptoms related to certain seasons or irritants, or if you are awakened at night by coughing, wheezing, residents are urged to come to the asthma screening.

Benicosa and Luka will screen residents quarterly, then have them return to a physician to take a lung function test by blowing in a small machine. They will discuss symptoms, and test results and offer advice on treatment.

During the process of painting, gaseous, condensation or other alterations to the interior, or exterior of a structure, lead paint may be released and the environment in the form of paint chips or dust. Soil around the exterior of a home or other structure may be contaminated with lead chips or dust and present a health hazard to children playing in the soil who may ingest or inhale lead based paint.

Introspect to the threat of lead poisoning due to exterior paint removal. The Springfield Board of Health has enacted an ordinance establishing regulations for the control of lead based paint during exterior house painting, and clean-up/disposal of lead chips and dust.

The ordinance requires that anyone removing lead based paint, or paint suspected of containing lead must first obtain a permit obtained through the health department at a cost of \$10 per house or other structure.

The ordinance further specifies that lead based paint paint suspected of containing lead may not be removed from exterior surfaces by unconfined power sanding. The ordinance also requires cleanup of paint chips and dust and disposal in accordance with solid waste regulations.

For more information relating to removal of exterior lead paint or paint suspected of containing lead and how it may be impacted by the ordinance, call Cynthia Weaver St., sanitation with the health department at 973-921-2121.

Flood insurance purchased after Floyd

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 figure of \$25,000, pointing out that the township itself made the decision to cancel. The township's last major storm resulting in significant damage occurred in 1973.

Sheila also cited the fact that flood insurance does not "cover" time in "movements" the don't ordinarily "belong there," such as the waterlogged police records damaged in the Municipal Building's own basement — a number of which have been sent to a restoration lab in upstate New York. The restoration work, which involves a state-of-the-art freeze-drying technique, will account for the bulk of the township's storm expenses.

The mid-September storm resulted in the township being thrown into a state of emergency for four months. The overflowing of van Winkle's

Creek on Mountain Avenue created a water level of at least seven feet in the Municipal Building's basement. A number of offices, many used by the Police Department, were housed in the basement, forcing the department to relocate to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

The state of emergency was finally lifted Jan. 18 when the police moved back to their facility in the Municipal Building. The public library, assaulted by several inches of flood waters, suffered a damaged carpet. A new carpet was paid for by the library's own insurance, was installed during late December and early January.

Harold and Sheila expect Floyd not to have a negative effect on Springfield's taxpayers. The township has sought \$400,000 in "extraordin-

ary aid," a special fund established by the state for townships in distress.

However, Sheila said that even if the state fails to come through with extraordinary aid, the township will dip into its surplus for the \$400,000, keeping the municipal tax rate at zero. Sheila described the township's surplus as "very healthy."

The township has also taken out a bond of \$2 million, to be paid back over a period of about five years. Under the statute, the township would have to pay \$400,000 — the amount of the extraordinary aid — plus interest, each year.

Sheila has said that whatever amount the township receives in FEMA reimbursement will go against the \$2 million bond, meaning that only the balance will have to be paid over five years.

Drew Art Association on display at CSH

Children's Specialized Hospital is hosting a special exhibit of the Drew Art Association titled "Child's Play" this month. The drawings and photographs of over 30 local artists will be on display through CSH's three exhibition hallways.

The Drew Art Association was founded in 1972 on the campus of Drew University. In recent years, the 60-member group has expanded beyond the university to include artists working in the surrounding areas of northern New Jersey.

The association usually exhibits four times per year at different locations around the state. The group challenges members to submit works that address a different theme for each exhibit. Other themes include "One by Five" which permitted work on any subject as long as the paintings were five times as long as they were wide, and "Familiar Faces" which invited artists to copy famous works of art.

"Child's Play" is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily, at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountaineer. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital through the Ambulance Entry.

The artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the hospital.

Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey first comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children, is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System.

CSH treats children and adolescents, from birth through 21 years, through a network of services for young people with-and without disabilities including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long term care through its sites in Mountaineer, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Additional tests can be performed at the following specified cost: T4, thyroxine test; T5, TSH, thyroid stimulating hormone; T10, PSA, prostate test; \$30, Blood Group/Rh Factor; \$10; Iron; \$5; Send Rate; \$10; Hepatitis C; \$25; Hepatitis B; \$25; and urine analysis. \$5. All fees must be paid upon registration.

The Health Day will offer a blood pressure program. Hemocult test kits will be available to test for occult blood in the gastrointestinal tract. Test packets/dietary restrictions will be distributed at the health program.

An asthma screening program will be available, sponsored by the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology during the month of May, which has been designated Asthma Awareness month. The program will be conducted by Dr. Peter

Lead poison warning

Lead poisoning is one of the most common environmental health problems for children today. It is especially dangerous to children six years of age or younger and can result in behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and slowed growth.

In 1978, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission banned the sale of lead paint containing more than 0.06 percent lead by weight intended for consumer use. However, homes constructed prior to 1978 may present a lead hazard due to the presence of exterior or interior lead based paint.

Golf outings to benefit hospital

Two golf outings hosted by the CSH's Specialized Hospital Foundation have been scheduled this summer to benefit the hospital's program for children with special needs.

The eighth annual golf outing of the CSH's Toms River facility will be June 12 at 12:30 p.m. at the Shore Golf Club in Farmingdale.

The foundation's 11th annual Golf Outing to benefit CSH's Mountaineer location will be July 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Mountain Gold Club in West Allentown. More information may be obtained by calling the foundation at (908) 301-5410.

RECREATION

After-school child care registration started

Registration for the Springfield YMCA Afterschool Child Care program for the 2000-2001 school year is underway.

The YMCA provides quality child care at its state-licensed program for children in grades K-6 who attend Springfield and Millburn public schools. This year is a Pre-K Wrap Around program for children attending the half-day kindergarten program at Walton School.

YMCA child care provides opportunities and experiences that stimulate children's physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. The program is designed to allow children

to explore and learn at their own pace. Activities include art projects, games, swimming, science, homework and more.

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

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

YMCA offers full-day camp for students

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

Under the direction of Steve Korba, youth program director, YMCA camp

encourages children to make friends, enjoy sports and games, learn to swim, create project and more. The core YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are emphasized through activities that help children build confidence and self-esteem.

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

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

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

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Quick reaches Eagle Scout

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new frames, paint with many layers of rustproof paint, and, what was found to be the most difficult part of all, restore the lettering on the signs. The lettering now looks just the way lettering did in early America.

This work was very important to the members of the Springfield Historical Society, which uses the building as its headquarters.

In early March, Troop 73 of St. James Church had a special ceremony to commemorate Quick's ascent to the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony, the Court of Honor, is a way for the Troop to recognize the accomplishment by one of their fellow Scouts in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Prominent community members were in attendance, including Mayor Clara Harelik and Township Commissioner Sy Mullman. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars also honored Quick during the ceremony.

Father Bob Stagg of St. James Church, Elaine Auer of the Springfield Historical Society, and Scoutmaster Steve Berschy all made speeches in Quick's honor. Quick is modest about his accomplishment. He had no idea that others thought so well of him. "I was honored."

During the Eagle ceremony, guests told of Quick's many other accomplishments. He is a member of the National Honor Society at Seton Hall Prep and was a member of the school's champion swim team. Berschy said that being involved in so many activities including Scouts is a sign of the Scout's determination and capabilities to do many things well.

Quick was the Youth of the Year for the parish last year and also was honored by the diocese at a special service in Newark. He has held several leadership positions during his time with Pack 73, from Patrol Leader to Senior Patrol Leader.

Quick said that attaining the rank of Eagle Scout brought him feelings of both achievement and pride. He also credits his parents with his success. "They were pretty much my inspiration."

This was especially the case during the duration of the project. Quick said, when they reminded him that it was important to finish and to keep going. Quick says of the Scouts, "I've been doing it since I was little. I just kept on." For now, the Eagle Scout has found a new project as he earns his degree at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Car fire on Route 78 East

Springfield
The department responded to Route 78 East Friday for a car fire. At 6:47 p.m., on a request from the Millburn Fire Department, a pumper was sent

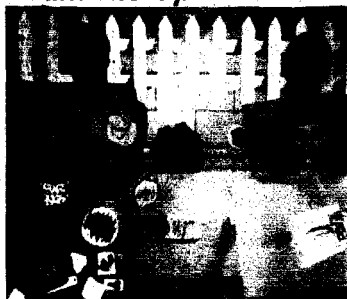
FIRE BLOTTER

to assist on a structure fire. Two medical service calls were also handled.

A brush fire, an odor of natural gas at a New Brook Lane residence and three medical service calls were answered by the department April 20.
A smoke odor, a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 East, two activated alarms and two medical service calls kept the department busy April 19.

The department responded to a Tudor Court apartment complex on a report of a water condition April 18. One activated alarm and four medical service calls also were answered.

Beam me up



Making pictures of the planets they would like to visit are, from left, Matthew Nicola, A.J. Carlucci, Laura Capron, Tochi Azu and Deirdre McElroy. The pre-kindergartners at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield are studying outer space and the solar system.

Stuttering video available

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary school-age youngsters.

Now some new help is available for parents, teachers and speech-language pathologists at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., in the form of a videotape designed specifically to help school-age children who stutter. "It's meant to give speech language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stuttering in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts appearing in the video produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation of America.

The video features students from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk openly about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.

"We focus on demonstrating a variety of therapy strategies that are appropriate in working with children who stutter," said Ramig. He appears in the video along with speech language pathologists Barry Guitar, Ph.D., of the University of Vermont; Hugo H. Gregory, Ph.D., and June Campbell, M.A., of Northwestern University; and Patricia Zebrowski, Ph.D., of the University of Iowa. These five experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

"More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

The 38-minute video, entitled "Therapy in Action: The School-age Child Who Stutters," is being distributed free of charge to public libraries nationwide. For more information about obtaining your own copy, contact the Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, Tenn., 38111-0749, or call toll free at (800) 992-9392.

Spring has sprung



Pre-kindergartners at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield, from left, Michael Tanelli, Erin Brown, Jessica Nieto, Dylan Hardy and Brielle Mayes learn about the blooming process of trees and plants.

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Police respond to parking lot snafu

Springfield

A Mercedes parked in the General Greene parking lot was reportedly struck in a hit-and-run incident Friday. The driver told police that damage to the passenger-side door had occurred while they had been shopping.

A separate witness said a green station wagon had hit the Mercedes. A license plate number was provided; the owner/operator admitted to being in the lot at the time of the incident, but denied responsibility for the accident.

A Rahway resident, traveling south on Faedem Road April 19, struck a street sign at the intersection of Diamond Road while attempting to avoid

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a dog that ran out in front of their car. The vehicle also damaged the lawn in front of Atlanta Metals. No injuries were reported.

Three vehicles, all 2000 Acuras, suffered smashed steering columns as the result of an attempted theft April 19 at Springfield Acura.

A Tooker Place resident reported the theft of a handiapped placard from their 1993 Ford April 18. Springfield resident Bances Cesar was arrested on Shunpike Road for having a suspended license. He also was charged with hindering arrest.
A Short Hills resident reported a

missing wallet from the Springfield Shop Rite April 15. The wallet, containing a small amount of cash, credit cards, a driver's license and a MAC card, was discovered missing after its owner left the store.

The owner claimed to have returned to the parking lot to look for the wallet, and told police that it may have been taken as she stepped away from her shopping cart to look at some flowers in front of the store.

A Summit resident parked at the Morris Turnpike Shop Rite April 14 reported her black coach bag stolen. The bag contained various credit cards and MAC cards, along with \$50 cash.



Assembling Vial of Life packets are, from left, back row, Genevieve Kaeszka, Laura Maick and Pat Knodel, and front row, Jenna Spadaocini, Alex Caffrey and Marissa De Anna.

Woman's Club sponsors Vial of Life

The Mountaintop Woman's Club is sponsoring the Vial of Life Project. This Vial of Life holds vital personal and medical information that is readily accessible in the home in case of an emergency. It is designed for use by those who live alone, senior citizens, and anyone who wishes to provide for care in case of fire, sudden illness or other emergency.

A red decal placed on the refrigerator.

will alert emergency personnel that the resident has a Vial of Life. The Vial itself is a prescription bottle, containing vital medical information and is taped to the upper right hand refrigerator shelf.

The Mountaintop Woman's Club wishes to thank the Shearing-Plough company for providing the vials; Office Depot for painting the decals; the medical forms provided by the

senior citizen coordinator; and the valuable help given by the students of Our Lady of Lourdes confirmation class who assembled the Vial of Life packets.

The packets will be distributed throughout the community and will be available at the office of the senior citizen coordinator in Borough Hall. For more information, call Ethel Baer or Lil Root at (908) 232-9093.

Music from around the world at the Springfield library

On May 21 at 2 p.m., the Chinese American Music Ensemble will be performing at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. This program of traditional Chinese music will consist of a children and adult chorus, Chinese folk dance and instrumental music performances.

The Chinese American Music Ensemble is a member of the Chinese American Cultural Association of New Jersey. CAME is a nonprofit organization founded in 1994, and is currently under the direction of Li-Chan Chen, Hwei-Lan Luo and Sandi Wagner.

The goals of CAME are to promote the cultural exchange between Chinese and western cultures as well to enrich and broaden the cultural horizons of members through music training and to provide community service through concert performances.

The CAME has performed at many locations during the 1999 season, such as the Nicholas Music Center, Merkin Concert Hall, Park Middle School in Scotch Plains, and the Kurat Center at the Fanwood Multicultural Festival.

Funding for this concert has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund, Balber, a long time local resident, as well as in all library issues. Because of his actions on

behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988.

Admission to this concert is free by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the Circulation Desk prior to the performance.

For more information call (973) 376-4930 Susan Permahos.

Policy on weddings and engagements

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

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Woocher to speak at Temple Beth Ahm

Jonathan Woocher, president of the Jewish Education Services of North America will be the featured speaker on Sunday at the Sylvia and Ben Margolis Brunch and Lecture at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The brunch and lecture begin at 9 a.m.

Woocher is president of JESNA, the Jewish Education Service of North America, the federation system's continental agency for Jewish educational coordination, planning, and development. He serves concurrently as chief professional for Jewish Regainance and Renewal for the

United Jewish Communities, the umbrella body of Jewish federations in North America.

Prior to assuming his position at JESNA in 1986, Woocher was associate professor in the Benjamin S. Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University, where he taught courses in Jewish political studies and communal affairs and directed the program in summum laude, in political science, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Temple University in Religious Studies.

He also has studied at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Before going to Brandeis, he served as assistant professor of religion and

director of Jewish Studies at Carleton College in Minnesota.

Woocher is the author of the book "Sacred Survival: The civil religion of American Jews," published by Indiana University Press. His monographs and articles on Jewish community, education, and religion have appeared in numerous books, journals, including the Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Judaism, The Journal of Jewish Communal Service, Agenda: Jewish Education and Awareness: A Journal of Jewish Education, Culture and Discourse.

Woocher also is a co-editor of Perspectives in Jewish Population Research, published by Westview Press.

For information call (973) 376-0539. Admission is free.

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.

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

Annual dinner dance
Temple Sha'rey Shalom, Springfield,

will sponsor the 18th annual Sustaining Fund Dinner Dance on May 20 at 7 p.m. This year temple president Mark Sperber will be the honoree. Tickets for are \$100 per person. At the dinner/dance, the temple's souvenir advertisement journal dedicated to the honoree will be distributed.

Sperber has been the temple president for the past two years. He has been a devoted and active member of Sha'rey Shalom. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees for eight years; a temple vice president for four years; and prior to that time he serves as Religious School Chairperson.

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The success of the annual Sustaining Fund Dinner Dance will be due to the support of the Temple members and friends who attend and place ads in the journal and to merchants and local businesses that add their support by placing ads. The funds raised mean much to Temple Sha'rey Shalom, to support all the religious, educational, and social action programs offered.

Advance reservations are required.

For more information or to make reservations call the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Scholar-in-Residence Brunch set for May 7

Temple Sha'rey Shalom, Springfield, Scholar-in-Residence Brunch will be May 7, at 10:15 a.m. Rabbi

Daniel Freeland, national director of programs at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will speak on the topic, "Learning From Our Past—Challenging Late 20th Century Assumptions About Synagogue Governance, Worship, Learning, And Finance."

For information call (973) 379-5387.

A new president



The newly merged Springfield B'nai B'rith Unit 2093 installed Joseph Tenenbaum of Springfield, right, as president during ceremonies at Temple Beth Ahm. Congratulating him are president of B'nai B'rith Tri State Region Dr. Warren Gray, left, and Mrs. Joseph Tenenbaum.

Sticking their necks out



Kindergartner Sam Greenberg inaugurates the Mizvah Giraffe at Temple Sha'rey Shalom Religious School in Springfield. Students at the religious school were taught to 'stick their necks out' to help make the world a better place.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Springfield Minutemen basketball players were honored at their annual end-of-the-season dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Springfield.

Coaches, players and their families, about 80 strong, filled the decorous ballroom. Following a delicious buffet dinner, parent organizer Fred Miceli began the program by thanking the parents for their help throughout the season and especially for organizing the dinner.

The microphone was then turned over to Dayton assistant basketball coach Ryan Huber. His remarks were well received by all.

The coach of the 7th grade team, Rob Fusco, then had his turn at the podium. He presented each of his players with a plaque, a team gift and a memory booklet.

Before each presentation he spoke about each player. He highlighted all of their strengths and sometimes "roasted" a player just a little bit.

The 7th grade team consisted of: Kyle Seelye, Jake Floyd, Jesse Galinkin, Adam Hirst, Greg Stefanelli, Stephen Suarez, Matt Farley, Kevin Johnson, Kevin Kneib, Ryan Shahat, Kenneth Suarez, Michael Ties and Jesse Weatherston.

Johnson, who plays center, was presented with the team's Most Improved Player award.

The coach of the 8th grade team, Tom Wisniewski, then had his turn. He recognized the players on his team and also made presentations to each. He spoke about each player and discussed their accomplishments during the season.

The 8th grade team consisted of: Helms Abdelaziz, Anthony DeNicolo, Leo Ferrare, Billy Fischer, Jordan Gerber, Malcolm Gordon, Stephen King, Robert Kleyman, Mike Luciano, Frank Miceli, Dan Scott and Bryan Sitt.

Fischer received the Most Improved Player award, while Abdelaziz received the Minuteman of the Year award.

The captains of the 7th grade team — Mike Ties, Kenneth Suarez and Jesse Weatherston — then presented a gift to their coach, Rob Fusco.

The captains of the 8th grade team — Jordan Gerber and Frank Miceli — then presented their team gift to coach Whisky.

The coaches are looking forward to the 2000-2001 season, encouraging returning players to practice during the off season and grow!

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 Meisel 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.

In addition, registrations for the 2000 football season are being accepted in the recreation office until May 25. The registration fee is \$95, payable in two checks: \$20 to Springfield Township and \$75 to Springfield Minutemen Football. Boys presently in third through seventh grades are eligible.

Practices are scheduled to begin Aug. 14 on the municipal pool field. Three teams, grouped by age and weight, are scheduled to play from September through November in the Suburban Football League.

More information about the two football clinics in May can be obtained by calling the following number: 973-912-2228.

Former Dayton High School standout athlete Eric Flatman continues to excel in baseball for Bucknell University.

The 1998 Dayton grad who helped the boys' basketball team win a conference championship and was then one of the better baseball players in Union County, was one of several Bucknell players who were nominated for GTE Academic All-America honor.

The sophomore from Springfield is playing in his second year for the Bison, who were 15-20 overall and 6-6 in Patriot League play as of April 18.



The Summit 8th grade boys' basketball team finished with a winning record of 9-5 and captured the Hills Division championship by beating Warren 60-55 in overtime in the title game. Summit came from 16 points down to finally catch up to Warren and then outscore it in overtime in the title game. Summit previously defeated Warren Hills in a pre-season game and during the regular season. Summit's final 9-5 record is the best posted by a Summit recreation team in many years. Kneeling, from left, are Eric Smith, Alex Gelman, Ryan Mahoney and Alex Fischer. Standing in the middle, from left, are Dwayne Reid, Anthony Rea, Kyle Hartlaub, Dwight Reid, Jake Densen and coach Bruce Fenska. Back row, from left, is Anson Fraser, Chris Herbst and Chris Ludgate.

Summit basketball teams have look of champions

The Summit 8th and 7th grade boys' basketball teams had outstanding 1999-2000 seasons.

The 8th grade team finished with a winning record of 9-5 and defeated Warren 60-55 in overtime in the Hills Division championship game.

The 7th grade team finished 8-6 and won the Hills Division championship by downing Berkeley Heights 33-30 in the title game. Summit won seven of its final eight games after a 1-5 start to the season.

The 8th grade team came from 16 points down to finally catch up to Warren and then outscore it in overtime in the title game.

The final 9-5 record is the best posted by a Summit recreation team in many years.

Visiting Warren jumped out to a 16-3 lead in the first quarter, much to the surprise of Summit. This was the third time the teams faced each other, with Summit winning a close pre-season game and then a blowout in the regular season.

All three games took place at Summit. Warren used a physical style of play to get the lead on Summit. However, Summit's talent came through, enabling the home team to mount a comeback.

"This game saw many different emotions and play levels," Summit coach Bruce Fenska said. "It had a little bit of everything."

"Warren came out hard and stung us. We made a few more plays down the stretch and hung on. I've coached in the Union County junior varsity championships twice, winning once, and this game was right up there for excitement."

Summit's leading scorer and rebounder was Chris Herbst, who poured in 37 points against Linden. Anson Fraser also controlled the boards and had 14 points against New Providence.

Chris Ludgate improved his inside ability and had 12 points against Madison. Anthony Rea played tough man-to-man defense and had an excellent three-point shot. He

scored 12 points against Warren. Jake Densen, also a three-point threat, scored nine points against Madison. Kyle Hartlaub scored seven points against Berkeley Heights and Dwayne Reid had 26 against New Providence.

Dwight Reid scored 14 against Madison. Alex Gelman had two against Madison and Alex Fischer scored six against Berkeley Heights.

Eric Smith scored seven points vs. Warren and Ryan Mahoney had nine against New Providence.

The 7th grade team had an outstanding second half of the season, going 7-1 after a 1-5 start. None of the seven wins down the stretch was by more than 10 points. Exciting, close games became the norm.

Percy Talbot was the team's leading scorer and rebounder. He averaged 18 points and 20 rebounds for Summit.

Zach Barber was the team's second-leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 10 points. He had the gift of shutting down the opposing team's leading scorer, while Pearce controlled the boards.

Guard/forward Geoff Marks added dribbling prowess, while playing an important role in rebounding out of the team's zone defense.

Tim Fields and Matt Fields interchanged at the guard position, adding great hustle and passing skills.

Rounding out the starting positions is point guard John Alpizar, an excellent comeback player who can dribble through much pressure. He scored nine points in the championship game.

Guard Steven Clark added offensive production and Pete Britt hustled and applied excellent pressure on defense.

Henry Dickson, a point guard in the making, was all over the court and Nick Stefans added much hustle and was an excellent rebounder.

The rest of the forwards included Peter Melcon, Tim Solberg, Conor Lyons and Griffin Hoffman. Ian Kelly played guard and forward and made an important three-point basket to help Summit win a game.



The Summit 7th grade boys' basketball team finished with a winning record of 8-6, capturing seven of its final eight games after a 1-5 start. Summit won the Hills Division championship by beating Berkeley Heights 33-30 in the title game. None of Summit's final seven wins was by more than 10 points as all of the games were very close and exciting. Summit had an outstanding second half of the season, going 7-1 down the stretch. Percy Talbot, 1 in both categories with averages of 18 points and 20 rebounds. Kneeling, from left, are Matt Fields, John Alpizar, Nick Stefans, Tim Fields, Henry Dickson, Pete Britt, Ian Kelly and Steve Clark. Standing, from left, are Tim Solberg, Pete Melcon, Geoff Marks, Pearce Talbot, Conor Lyons, Griffin Hoffman, Zach Barber and coach Bruce Fenska.

Springfield baseball teams outlast foes

Springfield Junior Baseball Major League games began the week of April 10. The Rockies, skippered by veteran coach John O'Reilly, played their opener in Kenilworth. On April 12 on a very cold evening, the Rockies faced St. Theresa's of Kenilworth.

In the first, Kyle Seelye walked and then stole his way to third base with Teddy Hopkins at bat. Seelye then stole home to put the Rockies on the scoreboard. Kenilworth answered back with one run in the bottom of the first. In the top of the third, Springfield scored one run as Ryan O'Reilly laid down a picture perfect bunt and stole his way to second. Stephen Suarez then belted a run-scoring double to give the Rockies a 2-1 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Kenilworth scored three runs to take a 4-2 lead. In the top of the fifth, Ryan O'Reilly walked and then Stephen Suarez reached first on a hit. Kenneth Suarez then singled to load the bases for Hopkins.

Coming through in the clutch, Hopkins brought two runs in with a hit. Jared Model brought home the go-ahead run on a groundout to make the score 5-4 in favor of the Rockies.

The lead was short-lived, however, because St. Theresa's scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth for a 6-5 advantage.

Springfield came back quickly with four runs in the top of the sixth to re-take the lead at 9-6. Closing pitcher Danny Fernandez beached on a walk and then with runners on the corners, Stephen Suarez belted a two-run triple. Kenneth Suarez then came up and connected on a single that brought younger brother Stephen Seelye home.

A single by Hopkins brought in Kenneth Suarez to make the score 9-6 in favor of Springfield.

Fernandez pitched the bottom of the sixth, striking out one and allowing no runs as the Rockies held on for a 9-6 victory.

Coach O'Reilly gave game balls to Hopkins and Stephen Suarez. The Rockies were happy to start their season with a come-from-behind win in the game's last inning.

On April 15 the Rockies played the Padres, ably coached by Doug Gincel, in their home-opener at Roanoke Field.

The Padres jumped out to an early two-run lead. In the bottom of the first, the Rockies came back with four runs after two were out.

Stephen Suarez started the rally by belting a double. Kenneth Suarez singled to put runners on second and third. Teddy Hopkins then connected on a hit that brought both runners in, knotting the game at 2-2.

Jared Model followed with a single and then reached second to give Springfield runners on second and third. Kyle Seelye then stopped up and belted a hit that drove in two runs to give the Rockies a 4-2 lead.

After the Padres pulled to within 4-3 after scoring one run in the top of the fourth, the Rockies scored four more in the bottom of the fifth for a commanding 8-3 lead.

Nick Pagnotta reached on a walk, stole his way to second and was then driven home by a double off the bat of Stephen Suarez.

Kenneth Suarez followed with an RBI-double of his own. Hopkins then brought home Suarez with a single and scored Springfield's final run on a single by Danny Fernandez.

The Padres scored three more times to make it interesting, scoring their final three runs in the top of the sixth.

The Springfield Rockies held on again, this time winning by an 8-6 score. Stephen Suarez hurled a complete-game for Springfield, striking out 10 and saving a game ball.

Playing well for the Padres were pitchers Zachary Marshall, who pitched the first three innings; and David Steinman, who pitched the last two.

Defensively, Steinman played well at catcher and Brandon Gincel played well at first base.

Offensively, Joe Palto was 3-for-3, while Jason Cappa, Steinman and Gincel banged out two hits each.

Summit lacrosse teams excel

Summit lacrosse teams — grades 7, 6, 5 and 4 — fared quite well in competition against tough teams such as Westfield and Ridgewood.

The 7th grade team traveled to Bergen County to face Ridgewood on April 16 and came away with a 10-2 victory to improve to 3-0. Jake LeCey paced Summit offensively with a three-goal performance.

The 6th grade team exhibited a potent offense and defeated both Westfield and Ridgewood. First came an 11-0 win over Westfield in Summit on April 14, followed by a 9-1 win at Ridgewood on April 16.

Mark Garcia, Justin Oplinger and Taylor Robinson scored two goals each in the Westfield contest. Casey McGuire assisted on both of Oplinger's goals and Jonathan Olliventer assisted on one of Garcia's goals.

McGuire also scored an unassisted goal, as did Scott Garibaldi, Kevin Feeney, Michael Shea and Andrew Jones. Goalkeeper Billy Tully earned his first shutout of the year, aided by the stellar play of offense defender Andy Sigler.

Although Ridgewood scored early, in what appeared to be an evenly-matched contest, Summit's relentless pursuit of ground balls proved to be the difference as Summit dominated the final three quarters of the 9-1 victory.

Robinson led Summit scorers with three goals, assist going to Feeney, Morgan Griff and Justin McPherson. Garcia scored twice and was assisted on one goal by Shea.

Also scoring for Summit were Feeney, assisted by Garibaldi; Garibaldi, assisted by Jones; Jones, assisted by Garcia and Shea; following the rebound of a Scott Dempsey shot.

Charlie Forbes paced Summit in winning ground balls and Mark Kinney anchored a solid defensive effort.

The 5th grade team tied host Ridgewood 7-7 April 16 in an exciting game to the end. The game concluded in a hard-fought tie where all team members were tested and rose to the challenge.

In this evenly-matched game, the scoring leaders in the "Attack" position were Dan Preadmont, with two goals; and Doug Plesland, with two goals. At the "Middle" position, Henry Burchenal scored twice, while Patrick Donovan and Jake Grabowski each hit for a goal.

Assists came from Patrick Donovan, Grabowski and Burchenal.

Defenders Dena Assadi, Jen LaRosa and Meghan Parkerson halted Morristown's attack. Goalie Kate Casale made eight saves.

Percy (3), Ryan (2), Giordano (2), Guariglia (2), Courtney Throver (2), Sarah Cowherd, Danielle Mulligan, Melissa Chang and Christy MacDonnell scored against NA. Landmesser, LaRosa and Bernice Raveche played well defensively.

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STUDENT UPDATE



Jonathan Dayton High School senior Jessica Lau stands in front of the White House during a week-long program in Washington, D.C. Lau was selected as a New Jersey delegate to the U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Lau completes week-long Senate Youth Program

Jessica Lau, a student at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, completed a week-long program in Washington, D.C., as a New Jersey delegate to the 38th annual United States Senate Youth Program.

Behrman House finds new home in Springfield

With each of its three generations, Behrman House has made itself a new home in Manhattan in 1921. Louis Behrman founded Behrman's Jewish Book House to publish classic works by distinguished authors like Mordecai Kaplan and Milton Steinberg.

Under Louis' son Jacob, Behrman House built on its legacy by publishing prominent thinkers like Alpha Eran and Lucy Dukowicz, earned a new direction by creating textbooks for Jewish religious schools, and moved its headquarters to West Orange.

Now in its third generation, Behrman House has moved to sunny, spacious 11 Edison Place in Springfield, and it continues a tradition of quality, creativity and innovation in Jewish publishing.

Behrman House has grown and changed along with the American Jewish community.

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Henry Shelton and NASA Administrator David Goldin. At the conclusion of the program, Lau was given an American flag that had been flown over the capitol building. She will present this flag to Jonathan Dayton High School this June during commencement.

Walsh a member of Delbarton's winning team

Ryan Walsh of Springfield was part of Delbarton's seventh-grade team took second place in the Middle School Consortium General Knowledge Tournament in February. The consortium, which comprises 10 public and independent middle schools, sponsors a yearly calendar of events in academics, sports, social skills and creative arts to promote student growth.



Rabbi Charles Kroloff speaks at the celebration of the opening of Behrman House, which recently moved to Edison Place in Springfield.

Frederick Koermaler

Frederick Koermaler, 55, of Toms River, formerly of Springfield, died April 15 in the Greenacres Manor, Toms River.

Matthew Bernstein

Matthew Noah Bernstein, 13 months old, of Springfield died April 19 in Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountaineer.

Anthony Pacifico

Anthony Pacifico, 77, of Springfield died April 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Antonio Giovannone

Antonio Giovannone, 71, of Springfield died April 21 at home. Born in Arzno, Italy, Mr. Giovannone lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1972. He was a con-

OBITUARIES

Bernice Dutkowski

Bernice Dutkowski, 84, of Mountaineer died April 21 at home. Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Dutkowski lived in Mountaineer for many years. She was an assembler for Eastern Aviation, Linden, during World War II, where she worked on Wildcat fighter planes. Before that, Mrs. Dutkowski had been a seamstress for Maidenform Brassiere Co., Bayonne.

Henry A. Daas Sr.

Henry A. Daas Sr., 81, of Mountaineer died April 23 in Englewood Hospital.

Rose Fiske

Rose Fiske, 86, of Springfield died April 24 at home. Born in Poland, Mrs. Fiske lived in Newark, Irvington and Millburn before moving to Springfield 15 years ago. She was a member of the Hadassah of Millburn, the American Association of Retired Persons, New Jersey Chapter, the Semaltzer Progressive Association of MetWest and the Summit Hill Association in Springfield.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 686-7700.

Children's Hospital in search of volunteers

Children's Specialized Hospital is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older, to transport patients between therapy appointments within the hospital's Mountaineer site. These "Internal Transporters" are needed between 8:15 and 11:30 a.m., 12:15 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE THROUGH OF MOUNTAINIDE... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on the 18th day of April, 2000.

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2000 Municipal Budget TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Table with 3 columns: Summary of Revenues, Anticipated, 2000, 1999. Rows include Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues, Receipts from Delinquent Taxes, Local Tax for Municipal Purposes, Total General Revenues, Summary of Appropriations, Operating Expenses, Capital Improvements, Debt Service, Reserves for Uncollected Taxes, Total General Appropriations, Total Number of Employees.

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Table with 3 columns: Summary of Appropriations, 2000 Budget, 1999 Budget. Rows include Operating Expenses, Capital Improvements, Debt Service, Reserves for Uncollected Taxes, Total Appropriations, Total Number of Employees.

Table with 3 columns: General, Swim Pool, Utility. Rows include Interest, Principal, Outstanding Balance.

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union on March 8, 2000. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 9, 2000 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2000 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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