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TWO SECT

Springfield Township Committee adopts 2001 bud

First increase in three years will be average \$50

By Jay-Me Brown
Staff Writer

Since 1998, the Springfield Township Committee produced a budget that represented a zero tax increase on the municipal level, but this three-year streak will come to an end after the committee passed the 2001 budget last week. The \$18.5-million budget includes a tax increase of \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed value, roughly \$50 on the average home assessed at \$155,000.

Without comment from the audience during its April 24 regular meeting, the five-member Township Committee

unanimously adopted the spending plan.

A property owner's tax bill consists of three entities that include county, local and school taxes.

According to Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik, the budget was thoroughly examined line item by line item. "Every single item that was in our \$18-million-plus budget we reviewed and analyzed."

"The tax increase is very small and we were able to cut where we needed to cut and provide where we needed to provide."

The budget message stated that approximately 60 per-

cent or \$11 million in costs are either directly or indirectly out of the Township Committee. Some of these costs include insurance, debt service, and the mandatory costs of operating the government.

Inflation rates, capital improvements, and salaries were several factors associated with the tax increase.

"We had to factor in approximately a 2 to 3 percentage inflation rate and salary increases for municipal employees," said Committeeman Roy Hirshfield.

The unstable economy, stock market fluctuations, combined with limited consumer spending continues to raise inflation rates. Besides inflation, capital projects were calculated in as part of the spending. A major project involves

the fire house construction. The rooming next to the Post Office on Mountain Avenue was knocked down last year and will be home to the new fire headquarters.

In addition to the construction projects, unsettled contracts among the fire, police, and clerical/public works have been incorporated into the budget. The budget must accommodate these labor unions should their salaries increase.

Infrastructure repairs are another significant measure that played a major role in budget. The repairs include the installation of a new sewer system in order to prevent sewer back ups and storm water management.

Pop singer returns to raise money

Concert marks solo album debut

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

"This music is completely different to me," said Michaels. "Everything out right now is the same thing. I think people need something more positive."

Michaels, 18, describes her music as pop-rock with a more Rock 'n' Roll sound in the up-tempo songs, along with a blend of inspirational and love ballads. Her own musical tastes range from Cher to Bette Midler to Art Garfunkel, an eclectic mix of favorites that reflect a mature, sophisticated style.

For her first concert on Friday, which celebrates the debut of her solo CD release, she will be backed by a full, professional band and orchestra to perform selections from her disc.

The songs reflect the need she has to reach out and help people through her music.

One song, "Faith," is about having personal faith and believing that any obstacle can be overcome. She

donated the song to The Valerie Fund, an organization that raises money for cancer and blood disorder research, named after Valerie Goldstein.

Another song, "Real People," is about people that don't judge others based on how they look, a song that she feels can give people a positive outlook on life and one that she can relate to personally.

"In high school and grammar school I had a lot of people putting me down," said Michaels. "It's hard to drown that out and have confidence in yourself, so that's why I wrote about it."

Michaels wrote most of the songs on the CD herself, collaborating with manager Tim Keyes on the rest. When they were completed, the songs were brought to the studio and rehearsed, a process that took about a year.

"During high school, I drifted," said Michaels. "I would sit in class and write my music and he helped me put them into structure before we recorded them."

As a former member of the GL Hilltop Players, the drama and technical department at Governor Livingston, the recent graduate thought the concert would be a good way for her to give back to the people that had given her so much during her high school years.

Michaels and her management team, API Records, plan to use the concert as a vehicle to start a scholarship program to raise money for the GL Hilltop Players. All the money raised through the sale of the tickets will benefit the organization that was a positive influence on her life as a student and performer. The money will be used to add more programs to the department and expand the choir.

"They've always really supported me since I'd been there," Michaels said. "For the drama department, the budget is tight, and I thought this would be a good way to give back to them."

She thanks Ken Steffel, the technical director and Judy Mulder, the head of the drama department, for their



Kassy Michaels of Mountainside celebrates the release of her first album with a concert Friday at Governor Livingston High School.

encouraging support through the years.

Her vocal teacher and manager, Keyes, was the one who taught her how to use her voice correctly.

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Kress named president of borough school board

By Jay-Me Brown
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education was complete once three unopposed candidates were officially sworn in at Deerfield School Media Center during Tuesday night's regular meeting.

Incumbents Sally Rivieccio and Richard Kress along with newcomer Raymond Hagar claimed their three-year terms on the board. Once the formal recognition of the candidates ended, the seven-member board designated additional positions.

The seven-member body nominated Kress for president and Rivieccio for vice president. They both accepted the nomination and hold the top board positions.

"I will do my job to the best of my ability and I look forward to working with each board member," Kress said.

Although Hagar is the newest addition to the board, the novice said he is prepared to take on the challenge.

"As a concerned parent, I developed a strong desire to help and learn from the board."

Also, Frank Geiger was appointed to continue as the Berkeley Heights Board of Education representative. Mountainside students attend Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

The board plans to proceed with a \$6.8-million bond referendum that will expand Deerfield School and reopen Beechwood School. By September 2002, Beechwood is expected to accommodate K-2 once the construction plans are finalized.

Board members John Perrin and MaryBeth Schaumburg will meet with the architect Noel Musial this week.

When the lights go up on Morris avenue

By Jay-Me Brown
Staff Writer

Several pink flowered trees stretched along Morris Avenue, located in the heart of downtown Springfield have some new illuminating neighbors.

The Springfield Beautification Committee completed another phase of the Downtown Beautification Study with the installation of streetlights.

Six streetlights towering at 14 feet adorn the business district. On April 10 at approximately 6 p.m., the street lights displayed a powerfully luminous glow.

A \$28,000 grant from the Union County Revenue Sharing Program and additional Township Committee funds bought more light into Springfield's downtown area.

After five months, the last fixture was secured and the total project cost \$40,000, according to Assistant Township Engineer Sam Mardini.

The Beautification Committee responded to the needs of senior citizens who requested more light to reduce the darkness along the block.

Beautification Committee Chairwoman Ruth Schwartz, who has been a Springfield resident for 40 years, said she is committed to being the official volunteer fashion consultant of Springfield.

"The Township Committee appointed me to dress up the town, and the work is important to me," Schwartz said.

Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik said the streetlights are designed to entice shoppers and boost business for downtown merchants.

Several merchants said there is a possibility of a customer increase later in the year. David Palombi, who owns a chiropractic center, said his clientele remains steady.

"It's too soon to tell, but once the summer ends it will get darker earlier and the added light could bring out more patients," Palombi said.

The Touch of Full Service Salon owner Tina Poedo said the streetlights have not raised her customer base.

"The lights haven't brought a customer increase," Poedo said.

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A tree for everyone



Photo by Bob Helrich

Students at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield gather on the front lawn on Friday to watch a special tree planting on Arbor Day. The budding tree was germinated on the Columbia Space Shuttle. Helping to plant it are, from left, Emily Monks, Fred Micoli and Bob Brennan.

Gaudineer students win second place in state competition

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Edging out the competition, Pamela Gray's eighth-grade students at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield won second place in a statewide contest sponsored by The New Jersey Bar Foundation.

Out of 209 entries for the Law Adventure Competition from middle schools throughout the state, Gray's students were beaten only by the eighth-grade class at St. Leo the Great School in Lincroft. Gray's class were to perform their cases yesterday at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick.

Dubbed the Discovery Project, the students of Gray's class found out what it was like to take part in an actual trial by creating their own case.

All of the students participating in the competition were asked to come up with their own mock trial cases dealing with some form of malpractice, either medical, legal, or professional, or about the problems stemming from increased genetic knowledge in terms of discrimination. The classes submitted written mock trial cases on one of the two themes provided by the Bar Foundation.

For the Discovery Project, Gray's class chose a discrimination case involving a teen-ager who has Tourette's Syndrome with Coprolalia,

which is the inability to control the use of inappropriate language.

In their case, "Mason vs. the Greendale Board of Education," the students used invented names and characters to create a scenario where Lawrence Mason, a junior at Springbrook High School, allegedly was given special treatment by his coach, who told the coach from the opposing Greendale team that Mason needed special considerations due to his disease, so he would not be taken out of the game if he used inappropriate language.

Angry at the special treatment given to Mason, one of the opponents began to use the same language Mason had used, but was taken out of the game immediately. Resentful of the special treatment given to Mason, the Greendale team members mocked him until they forced him to leave the game. Mason's family ended up suing the Greendale Board of Education for discrimination, violation of privacy, and the trauma caused by it.

The case was complete with witness statements written by the students from both the plaintiff and the defense, and testimonies that fully supported each side and revealed the ethical and moral dilemmas that the law can uncover.

To help the students come up with an idea for the trial, Leslie Vaccarino, special education

teacher and Yale Greenspoon, a Springfield lawyer, came to Gray's class and explained the rules and regulations of a trial and how they would pertain to the contest. Gray was a captain who also helped out with the trial process.

But it was the students who took the trial experience and made it their own.

"We chose a trial based on what we know, which is sports and soccer," said Christina Leshko. "We went online to research medical dictionaries to learn about Tourette's Syndrome and we interwove sports and disease."

Combining the familiar world of sports with the unfamiliar arena of disease was one aspect of the project that sparked a learning experience for the students.

"After we put all of our ideas together, each of us split into groups to do testimonies for doctors," said Rachel Dushkin. "After a long time of reviewing them and checking them, we compiled them into a paper."

The paper eventually turned into the actual document of the trial that the students created.

The class decided it would be more interesting if they made the disease a specific type of Tourette's Syndrome, and Coprolalia was the type they chose, which allowed them to devise the case of discrimination.

To prepare for their re-enactment of the trial, the class watched court programs on television

and the movie "The Crucible" to get a feel for how law works and what the different terms are.

"As a preface to law, we learned about law and how it used to be," said Aviad Akimi-Cohen. "We got some history about it and learned how to make objections, and when to lead an objection."

Waiting for the results of their hard work was a tense time for all, since it was a lengthy period before they found out just how close they came to the top spot.

"We realized it would be a lot harder than we anticipated," said Justine Burke. "We had to wait for the response for a long time."

Overall, the students learned a tremendous amount from their experience, and are ready to celebrate their success.

"We learned a lot of teamwork and cooperation and how to trust your peers because we had to revise each other's work," said Mike Mannarino.

Having trust between students is something of a rarity in today's classroom. But for Gray's class, it comes quite easy to them as a result of the sharing and peer revising that was a part of the creation of the mock trial.

"As an experience, we are closer together," said Jillian Ovsiew. "It's really exciting to be a

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Springfield examines reverse 911

By Jay-Me Brown
Staff Writer

At 10:56 a.m. Friday, an emergency call reached the Springfield fire station. There was a car accident along Route 24 and the split of Route 78 in Springfield.

Despite the pain from his foot surgery, within minutes, 9-1-1 Coordinator and Firefighter Tom Ernst, left his office and swiftly moved to the Fire Department communications center. Ernst took a seat at the dispatch unit's control center and sent a team of firefighters to the scene. The apple red fire truck barreled down Caldwell Place to serve anyone involved in the accident.

Although this accident was minor, Ernst said in more serious emergency cases, a high-speed emergency notification system would help emergency agencies serve the public better.

After the fury of Tropical Storm Floyd devastated Springfield in 1999, several Springfield emergency agencies may possibly install an emergency notification system.

"The township is looking for a way to notify a large amount of people during serious emergency situations," Ernst said.

A basic system is capable of activating an auto-dial mechanism that calls residents and business owners while a recorded message provides emergency information along with safety precautions. Residents could submit their telephone numbers on a volunteer basis.

According to Ernst, the notification system would create more manpower to serve and protect residents. Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm supported Ernst's view regarding resident safety.

"This mass notification system would help us serve residents during weather-related emergencies such as floods and snow storms," Chisholm said.

Chisholm said other towns have the emergency systems, however, Springfield's plans for installing the system are tentative. Cranford sought the reverse 9-1-1 system after Floyd forced the evacuation of a section of town. In Union, officials recently used the system to notify residents of a crackdown on speeding motorists within their borders. Roselle Park also uses the reverse 9-1-1.

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FLYIN' HIGH — Stephanie Gelband, 9, a fourth-grader at James Caldwell School in Springfield, flies a kite during Little League Opening Day festivities at Sandmeier Elementary School last month. Gelband plays on the Giants Girls' Softball Team.

EVENTS

Pet fair on Sunday

The 22nd annual pet fair Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will be an action-packed fun-filled afternoon for people and pets alike. There will be demonstrations by the Union County K-9 Division, the Morris County 4-H Sled Dog Club and Canine Companions for Independence.

Admission is \$1 per person and includes a door prize ticket. Children 6 and under are free.

St. James Festival

The 2001 St. James Parish Festival continues this week with new thrill rides, games of chance and great homemade food, the festival this year features a nightly Tin Can auction as well as the popular 50/50 raffles.

Festival hours are 6 to 10 p.m. today; 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, and 1 to 11 p.m. Saturday. One-price ride bracelets are available Saturday afternoon from 1 to 6 p.m.

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

For more information call (973) 376-3044.

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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 Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today

• The Foothill Club of Mountainside meets for lunch at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Installation of officers takes place followed by bingo. Call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626 for a reservation. Guests are welcome. Members are reminded that dues are due.

• The 2001 St. James Parish Festival at Saint James The Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, continues from 6 to 10 p.m.

Friday

• In honor of older American month, Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 West, along with the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging, hosts a special birthday celebration to pay tribute to area Union County centenarians. Call (908) 654-4460, Ext. 240, to attend or for more information.

• The 2001 St. James Parish Festival at Saint James The Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, continues from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

• Mountainside recording artist Kassy Michaels returns to her high school for her first solo concert at 8 p.m., at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights. The event marks the debut of her solo CD release and will benefit the organization that she had been a part of during her high school years. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for adults, and can be purchased in advance by calling (908) 654-8692. Seating is limited due to the single show.

• The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., opens the photo exhibit, "Vietnam, A People and A War, A Study in Contrast," which runs through June 14. The exhibit is set to coincide with and commemorate Memorial Day. An artist's reception will be Sunday, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Saturday

• The Walkathon for the Healing Heart Foundation begins at 3 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Organized by Springfield resident and Jonathan Dayton High School student Nicole Burke as part of her project for the Gifted & Talented Program, the funds raised through the walk will support pain management research for children with cancer. Sign-up registration is at 2 p.m. and the walk starts at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For information call Burke at (973) 379-1802 or Lisa Nehmer at (973) 564-9573.

• The 2001 St. James Parish Festival at Saint James The Apostle Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, continues from 1 to 11 p.m.

• A used clothing drive benefits Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2001. The public is urged to bring their wearable, used clothing to the Community Center at 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call (908) 665-9481.

Sunday

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Monday

• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference meeting

at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

Tuesday

• The Mountainside Active Retirees meets at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside. An art show is presented with paintings exhibited by two local artists, Karen Freudenberg and Martha Ventura from the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

• The book discussion group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., discusses Robinson Mistry's "A Fine Balance" in the library meeting room at 7:30 p.m. Call to reserve your copies and for information call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 28.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room at the municipal building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming

May 10

• The Mountainside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. at the municipal building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its International Film Festival with "Black Cat, White Cat" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For information call (973) 376-4930.

• "Lunchtime with Belva Plain" will begin at noon at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West. Plain is the author of 18 best-selling novels, including "After the Fire," "Fortune's Hand," and "Homecoming." Plain will be reading from her newest release, "Looking Back." The author has been writing for 21 years and lives locally. For information call (973) 376-6581. Also at Barnes & Noble, Theresa Stiles, author of "Small Talk: Reflections on Life, Family, and the World Around Us," will give a discussion and book signing. Drawing from her columns in the *Independent Press* newspapers and several new essays, Stiles paints an accurate portrait of a family in today's world.

May 11

• Kevin Brooks will bring his blend of jazz, blues, country, and rock to the cafe at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, from 8 to 10 p.m.

May 12

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Deanna Kwan with classes on origami. The first class will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult. It will include an origami story, a demonstration and a simple origami project that the children can take home. The second class is scheduled for 1 to 2:15 p.m. for children ages 7 to 9 — with a folding partner who is age 13 or older — for children ages 10 through adults.

Preregistration is required. Call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 32.

• Christopher Hoyle of the Chris Martinez Group will give a solo performance from 8 to 10 p.m. at the cafe at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

May 14

• The Springfield Senior Citizens will sponsor a trip to the Liberty Science Center with the bus leaving the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 10 a.m. The price is \$18 per person, which includes entrance to the Science Center and exhibits/IMAX/3-D programs. For information call (973) 912-2227, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 4 p.m.

May 15

• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the committee room of the municipal building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present as part of its lunchtime video program the films, "Ballet Favorites" and "Great Pas de Deux" at noon. For information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Springfield Historical Society and the Union Historical Society will host author Alan A. Siegel at 8 p.m. for a slide presentation on Olympic Park at the First Presbyterian Parish House on Church Mall in Springfield. For information call (973) 376-4784.

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Embracing their diverse religious beliefs are the Interfaith Clergy of Springfield, meeting for their monthly gathering at Stanley's Restaurant, and includes, from left, Rabbi Mark Malloch, the Rev. Jeffrey Markay, Rabbi Josh Goldstein and Father Tony Nardo.

Interfaith Clergy meets monthly

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The Springfield monthly Interfaith Clergy's meeting at Stanley's Restaurant Tuesday became nostalgic and sad, as members embraced the Rev. Jeff Markay of the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, knowing he would soon be leaving Springfield.

The gathering was small but spirited and seemed more a meeting of friends than differing clergy. President of the Interfaith group in Springfield is Rabbi Mark Mallach, of the Conservative Temple Beth Ahm, and he led the informal meeting while lunch was being served.

Other members present were Reform Rabbi Josh Goldstein of Temple Sha'arey Shalom and the Rev. Tony Nardo of St. James Roman Catholic church, all in Springfield. The informal get-together discussed town happenings in Springfield, as would be expected, and all expressed regret at the defeat of the Board of Education's school budget. Goldstein said, "The children suffer from this," and the others agreed.

Mallach noted that the core of the group would now be reduced because of Markay's leaving, and he said, "Actually that is on my agenda; we would all like to expand the clergy group, not diminish it. Are there any suggestions?"

Goldstein wondered if it would be possible to join with another township, other clergy groups, perhaps, and still maintain their own meetings.

"The time is the problem," Markay said. "It would be hard to allocate time for two meetings a month; it is hard to make one of them now, with all our various duties, and I

know my replacement will be equally busy."

Mallach said he would make a few telephone calls to the Summit Interfaith Clergy, and others, to see if that would be possible, and get back to them at the next meeting. He also said he would call Springfield pastors once again, urging them to come to their meetings.

Discussion turned to a "bon voyage" party for Markay, which they thought would be appropriate for their next meeting on June 5, and they were not sure of where it would be held.

Mallach then invited everyone to his Temple Beth Ahm when a speaker would present information about Land of Israel bonds on June 7. Goldstein was enthusiastic and said, "It is within all of our religions' interest to experience the Holy Land; there are also special tours available from several agencies."

However, since the tours would not take place until after September, it was decided to wait until then on this topic, although all were eager to hear about the bonds. Mallach said, "I hope the new United Methodist pastor will be as involved in this clergy council as you are, Jeff."

Emotionally, Markay answered, "I am not good at saying goodbyes. You friends mean a lot to me. Some of the moments I have cherished the most have been with you, my colleagues. That is because we have connected at a heart level and I am very grateful." He added, "I will never forget you and the meetings have been a blessing for me."

All said, "Amen," to this, which means, "Yea, Yea, it shall be so," for both Christians and Jews.

Markay will be taking a pastorate in Caldwell, and leaving here in June.

Beautification continues with lights

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Richard Hersh, who manages Hersh's Hearing Aid Center, explained how the streetlights would eventually bring more business into the area.

"For 30 years the business has been in Springfield and the streetlights may help businesses later on," Hersh said.

One merchant said she doubts if residents recognized the streetlights. During the last 26 years, Vanessa Johnston has been operating the Children's Consignment Shop.

"I don't think anyone notices the

lights because speeding is a main problem," Johnston said. "People are allowed to drive through the center of town at 40 miles per hour without noticing the lights."

Most of the merchants said the streetlights build an aesthetically appealing image on the avenue.

"At night it looks beautiful, but the other side of the street would look attractive with lights," Wines & Liquors owner Yogi Shah said.

Navin Shetty, owner of the Raga Indian Cuisine Restaurant, agreed with Shah. "Our streetlights add beauty to the street, so lights on the oppo-

site side would make the street look elegant."

The township engineer said the other side of the avenue would be spruced up with the streetlights by next spring.

Kay's Stationary & Hardware store is located on the opposite side of the avenue without the streetlights. The 51-year-old store owner, Lewis Kravits, said the streetlights would beautify the town.

"More streetlights help the town look better and I hope it helps people take more pride in the Township of Springfield."

Pop singer to start scholarship fund

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"I have a very operatic voice as well as a deep voice," said Michaels. "It used to be hard to find the proper balance. I'm still amazed that every time I open my mouth I got to this point."

Having been singing on her own since she was 6, Michaels didn't get any voice lessons until she met her manager many years later.

No stranger to the stage, Michaels has appeared in the Paper Mill Playhouse productions "Life on Earth," "The Stars of Summer," and was nominated by Rising Stars for best

actress for her turn as Mabel in "The Pirates of Penzance." She has since appeared in numerous musical productions and community theater, and continues to sing at various churches.

But she remembers her first real taste as a solo musical performer when she sang "Over the Rainbow" at a talent show at the age of 7. Dressed as Dorothy, the budding singer knew she always wanted to sing from that moment on.

"I remember how impressed everyone was," Michaels said. "I've always wanted to sing after that, just to be able to communicate to people with

my voice."

The song has remained such a special memory for her that she plans to open the concert with it on Friday.

After her concert, Michaels hopes to sell some more copies of her CD and then plans to meet with different record companies to try to get some airplay on radio stations.

The CD will be available for purchase on Friday or online at www.apirecords.com. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. The school is located at 175 Watchung Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information call (908) 654-8692.

Gaudineer students find themselves in court

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part of Discovery because of the projects. This project made us use our brains more."

"It was really nice to see how hard work pays and to see how a trial performed," added Kena Mena.

Gray has nothing but praise for her

students and believes that the firsthand experience has made them grow in ways nobody could imagine.

"I believe sincerely in providing real-life experience because it enhances learning," said Gray. "Students then have the opportunity to simulate what it would be like to

become part of an actual trial."

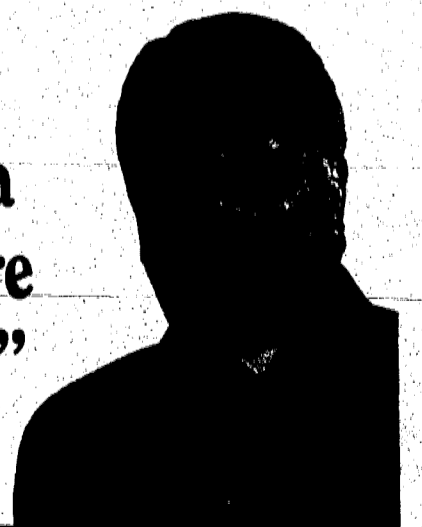
On Wednesday, the Discovery group will visit the Union County Superior Court in Elizabeth to view an appropriate trial.

The winning cases will be published and distributed free to the elementary and middle schools.



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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Building business in Mountainside

Every town needs growth in order to survive and prosper. Having a strong business presence can mean the difference between becoming a flourishing community or turning into a ghost town.

One way the businesses of Mountainside can ensure that their community does not become a desolate town with a weak business district is to join the Mountainside Chamber of Commerce, which will be organized as a division of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The WACC is currently recruiting Mountainside business owners to unite and help build their presence among the community. Once the Mountainside division is fully established, it plans to work together with local businesses, municipal government, and residents to enhance the business community.

This can only be a good thing. By building the quality and presence of business, more people will want to move to a town such as Mountainside. Since their businesses will be more widely known, more people from other towns will want to visit Mountainside to use the services that the businesses can provide, thereby boosting the local economy.

Residents can enjoy seeing their town grow and thrive but also be proud of the fact that the merchants in their town are attracting people from other areas, that people may look to their town as a model for good business.

Mountainside does not have a large central business district such as neighboring Westfield or Summit, however, what it does have should be fully utilized. Part of the charm of the borough is that its "downtown" isn't overwhelming but at the same time it should not be missed. The local merchants who do make Mountainside their home must be afforded opportunities to compete with malls and other alternatives, and having a local chamber of commerce can help do that.

Gaining exposure and forming stronger ties is a great way for business in Mountainside to get better. Without any promotion, even the people who live in town may not know about the business.

But more important than good promotion, a good business network is needed and that's where an organization such as the WACC comes in. By working with other businesses in town, members can strengthen their customer base and gain greater professional success. There are currently more than a dozen businesses associated with the Mountainside division.

In this day and age, technology opens the doors to endless possibilities, and for business, it means even more avenues of self-promotion.

Businesses that are members of the WACC will have their own web sites and members will have a chance to attend Westfield and Mountainside business workshops and activities about how to develop a greater customer base. Right now, WACC is putting together a business directory for all Mountainside members.

Home-based businesses also can get support and services once they become members of the WACC. Once they join, they can receive the same networking opportunities and workshops that traditional businesses do.

Once the program opportunities are introduced, business owners can expand their horizons through networking. In the upcoming meetings, the group will elect a board of directors that includes a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Once the new officers are in place, the group can move forward with helping their members reach new levels of success.

All this networking with other businesses and promotional ideas have one goal in common: to make business in Mountainside stronger, and in effect, make Mountainside as a whole stronger.

Several years ago, Springfield formed its own chapter of the chamber of commerce, under the umbrella of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. Like Mountainside, Springfield does not have a traditional downtown area, however, local merchants banded together to become more active as a group and as such have been able to make strides.

As Debbie Schmidt, executive director of the WACC, said, "We give businesses that face-to-face contact which is a necessary part of business, in order to help business owners develop a sense of belonging."

Interested businesses can find out more about the business project by calling the chamber office at (908) 233-3021.

"If it hadn't been for the media — the print media and television — the civil rights movement would have been like a bird without wings, a choir without a song."

John Lewis, U.S. representative (D-GA.), 1998



FORE! — Lincoln Mercury presents a check for \$10,000 to the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills for sponsorship of the third annual Golf Invitational. The tournament will be Monday at the Essex County Country Club in West Orange. Lincoln is the platinum sponsor of the event and provides two Lincoln cars as prizes for the hole-in-one contests. Presenting the check is Mary Beth Childs, marketing manager for Lincoln, left, to Tracy Ricciardi, Springfield resident and JLOSH president; Cheryl Highfield, JLOSH Invitational co-chair, and Bill Nash, golf professional at ECC.

State must offer incentives for the sciences

Immersed as we all are in the daily demands of our lives, it is frequently difficult, if not impossible, to recognize the long view or to appreciate the changes that have taken place while we were driving the kids to soccer, changing jobs or celebrating retirements.

Our state, for example, looks a lot different today than it did 10 years ago when I first ran for the Legislature. The crime rate is now the lowest in a generation and unemployment, despite some of the recent anxiety-producing headlines, is still lower than it has been for more than 25 years. Even that indestructible weed of New Jersey life, car insurance, has been tamed with a 15-percent reduction in rates for those who drive safely. It's fair to say that by just about every way we measure life, things are about as good in New Jersey as they have been in many years.

But we can't stop here. New Jersey had done well when it takes advantage of its natural strengths. Paterson became an industrial powerhouse powered by its Great Falls. New Brunswick went from a tiny ferry crossing to a major university town because of its strategic location on the Raritan. We became the Garden State because of fertile fields and favorable weather.

In this new century, physical advantage is less important. It's no longer simply a matter of a strong back or brawny arms. It's brain power that's giving us the leg up. We have made major investments in our public schools in the last decade. We are trying to teach our children well so that they are ready to go on to higher edu-

The Assembly Report

By Richard H. Bagger

Now we need to focus on our public colleges and universities.

It was recently reported that our colleges are not turning out enough men and women trained in the hard sciences and math to invent the next generation of success. We have plenty of people who can tell you about Bronte, but not enough to tell you about Bohr. We have people to argue tort law, but not enough people to understand Boyle's Law.

Last year, New Jersey's public colleges awarded 52,396 degrees. They conferred 10 times more degrees for social services and history than for mathematics, five times more business administration degrees than computer science degrees, and twice as many English degrees as physical science degrees.

And last year, Congress increased the number of special visas for foreign-trained men and women to fill the computer and software engineering jobs that there are no Americans trained to fill. By 2002, we'll be inviting more than 200,000 foreign citizens to fill the best and highest-paying jobs we have in New Jersey and the rest of the country.

This should trouble us. Hi-tech is no longer simply part of our economy,

it is the most important part of our economy. If we want more people to study physics, engineering and calculus, we need to give them an incentive. It's nothing less than what the private sector does to get you to work for them.

If we want New Jersey to keep going in the 21st century the way it ended the 20th century, we have to not only maintain our edge, but sharpen it. We have to take a page from Tom Edison, who created a "brain factory" in West Orange. He found the brightest, most curious and knowledgeable people and put them together to create and invent. The result? Edison, effectively, invented the 20th century.

It was easy for Edison to find the talent here in New Jersey to fill his labs. So that we can find homegrown talent just as easily, I propose that we do three things: one for our undergraduate students, one for our undergraduate colleges and one for our graduate students.

We should say to our high school students that if you go to a public college in New Jersey and major in one of the hard sciences or mathematics, we'll give you a scholarship equal to full tuition for a straight-A average and half your tuition if you maintain a B-plus or better.

Our public colleges should also be given incentives. I want the Legislature to provide grants to the colleges for each additional student they produce who graduates with a degree in the sciences and mathematics.

Finally, we have to take this critical mass of scientific talent and make sure that it doesn't run off to law school. We have to make sure that

there will be more students teaching and researching in graduate school. We should fund more graduate fellowships for graduate students in mathematics and sciences. We invest in them and then reap the harvest of new products and technology here in New Jersey.

Assume for argument's sake we invest \$25 million annually in this effort. That's \$25 million out of a state budget of \$21 billion, one 10-thousandths of the money we spent this year. This is a small investment in New Jersey's knowledge-based economy that will pay big dividends in continued economic growth.

Edison was a fourth-grade dropout. Yet all he needed to succeed was natural curiosity, infinite patience and knowledge of some fairly primitive science. We can't get away with that anymore. A fourth-grade education would produce a fourth-rate job today. Primitive science will only produce a primitive economy.

Any successful business identifies its strengths and weaknesses, and maximizes the first while trying to minimize the latter. I am proposing that we invest in the most strategic asset we have, more powerful than the Great Falls, our people. The result will be an economy that carries us strongly forward for the next generation.

A resident of Westfield, Republican Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Present plan or get out of the way

To the Editor:

First I would like to take the opportunity to commend all of the courageous, concerned citizens of Springfield who attended the first committee meeting following the defeat of the Board of Education budget.

Many people spoke passionately about their concern for the future of our school system and our town. The so-called Springfield Improvement Association did not see fit to send a single representative to defend their position. I for one am still waiting to hear just what it is they intend to improve, and how they expect to pay for it.

The committee members listened intently to each speaker. On the surface, they seem opposed to any drastic cuts to existing programs. It is imperative that we keep the pressure on, and make sure our voices are heard. A total of 19 votes does not represent a mandate by any stretch of the imagination. The committee must have the courage to protect the investment we have all made in this community, and pass the Board of Education budget.

I also want to thank those who have continued to use this newspaper as a forum to decry the results of the last two votes. It was especially rewarding to read the opinion expressed by Evelyn Chait, a senior citizen of Springfield with the courage to see the big picture.

Unfortunately, the ridiculous arguments posed by the Sal Gibaldis and Hazel Hardgroves of our town had less to do with the defeat of these votes than the 80 percent of registered voters who didn't even bother to come to the polls. If even half of those people had taken the time to vote, I believe the school budget would have passed and we would be accepting bids for the improvement of the athletic fields.

We can no longer sit by and expect that someone else will do the work. Every resident of Springfield has an obligation to get involved. This is a good place to live. We have the opportunity to make it a great place to live.

Mr. Gibaldi, Ms. Hardgrove & Co. either need to present a plan to improve our school system — and please don't tell me that the answer lies in Mexico — and fix the athletic fields, or get out of the way. There is important work to be done.

Michael Webb
Springfield

Good schools key to property value

To the Editor:

I have been a resident in town for almost eight years and a real estate appraiser for 10 years. It is no secret that when typical purchasers look to buy a home, there are three principal factors they consider. It is not location, location, location. Number one: access; highway system, rail service etc., to employment centers. Number two: quality of the school system. Number three: taxes; goods and services provided by the town.

The first two are interchangeable. Many people are willing to add 30 to 40 minutes to their commute to ensure that their children are in a superior school system.

It is the quality of the school system that is the driving force behind most purchase decisions. With a high quality school system comes increased demand for the town and increased yearly appreciation on property values.

The pre-k program in town is a "jewel" that gives Springfield a competitive edge over other towns. I believe that Springfield is on the verge of becoming one of the most desirable communities in Union County. For this to happen, the school system must continue to improve and this includes new high school facilities, i.e., track, ball fields, etc. The recent votes will do nothing to increase demand for our town or our property values. The likely result is a perception that Springfield is down on education.

The \$200 per household it would cost to get the budget through and a high quality school system may very well afford all of us a higher resale value on our homes. An additional 1 or 2 percent increase in yearly appreciation on our homes due to a high quality school system offers all of us a maximum return on a minor investment.

The Springfield Improvement Association. I would like to see in next week's *Echo Leader*, a list of the new goods and services this so-called "improvement association" has pushed through town hall so that I may start enjoying them. I would also like to see what new school programs this so-called "improvement association" has implemented so that my children may take advantage.

No, I didn't think so.

Brian D. Hicks
Springfield

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School board must open its eyes

To the Editor:
This letter is in response to Mr. Donald F. Roden's letter that appeared on April 19.
Applause to you Mr. Roden. I agree with you 100 percent that Springfield parents and children are being cheated by the Springfield education system. I wish to add that it is a shame that Springfield dotes on the "gifted and talented" children and lets the "special needs" children slip through the cracks. The "gifted" children have their parents to thank for their talents, not the school system.
Open your eyes, Springfield Board of Education. Mr. Roden hit the nail right on the head with his comments in his letter that appeared.
Debbie Gagliardo
Springfield

of registered voters who exercised their right to vote for the school budget. If only 20 percent of the registered voters voted in this last election, what percent of these voters represented the parents of the children currently enrolled in the Springfield school system and parents of future students?
I don't know what the current/future school age population of Springfield is, but it would seem to me that perhaps a stronger campaign to get the electorate to come out and vote for this critical issue of the school budget would have been in order.
This hopefully would preclude much of the published negative feelings and opinions stated about the town and a more representative vote would have been cast.
Theresa DeLantes
Springfield

Stronger campaign gets vote out

To the Editor:
Yes, I too was disappointed with the results of the last two town elections. However, in reading some of the recently published letters with all of the disagreeable rhetoric, my curiosity was piqued by a figure quoted as the percent

Do better job of policing our roads

To the Editor:
Now that some of Mountainside's roads have been repaved and others planned, can we do a better job of "policing" our roads when they are "ripped up" by utility companies to assure they will be properly restored as some were not in the past.
Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountainside

Mountainside chapter of American Red Cross seeks volunteers

Do you like helping others in their time of need? Do you want to get involved in your community? Do you want to do something meaningful with your time? How about becoming a Red Cross Volunteer? The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently looking for people to become volunteers with the Armed Forces Emergency Services. This provides emergency-related services to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families in times of personal emergencies and crisis.
This service area is a must for all Red Cross chapters. It provides emergency reporting services to strengthen the morale of the members of the armed forces and their families, to provide accurate reports for service members about home

situations and it provides military authorities with verified information so they can make decisions that affect service members and the command.
Volunteers are needed to help field incoming calls during the evening and early morning hours. Thus allowing the Red Cross to provide our armed services with nonstop communication. Volunteers provide this service directly from their home. No previous experience is needed and the Red Cross will provide the training and support.
If you are looking to get involved or would like more information, call the chapter at (908) 232-7090 or stop by at 321 Elm St. in Westfield. Become part of the American Red Cross, an international organization that is "always there."

AT THE LIBRARY

'A Fine Balance' Tuesday

Where do we draw the line "between compassion and foolishness, kindness and weakness?" Robinson Mistry's "A Fine Balance" has been described as an epic of tragic realism worthy of Hardy and Balzac. Mistry is a Bombay-born Zoroastrian, or Parsi, who moved to Toronto in 1975. His second novel is set in an unnamed city — presumably Bombay or Calcutta, in 1975, the year Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency and suspended basic democratic rights. This novel will be featured at the next book discussion in the library meeting room Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

A discussion of Isabel Allende's "Daughter of Fortune" will take place on June 5.
Call to reserve your copies and for information call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 28.

Workshop on Ritalin

A free Ritalin/ADDHD workshop entitled "Ritalin, is it safe, is it necessary?" will take place Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.
The interactive community workshop is sponsored by the National Wellness Foundation and is designed to introduce Ritalin facts and alternative choices.
Call (973) 379-2673 to reserve space.

Origami classes offered

Watch a shape emerge from a colored slip of paper. Hear a story about an ancient art form. Make a box folding eight sheets of paper. Join Deanna Kwan on May 12 at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., for her classes on origami.
The first class will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult. It will include an origami story, a demonstration and a simple origami project that the children can take home.
The second class is scheduled for 1 to 2:15 p.m. for children ages 7 to 9 — with a folding partner who is age 13 or older — for children ages 10 through adults. The class will fold and assemble eight pieces of paper into a modular gift box with a lid, perfect as a gift or gift contained for Mother's Day.
This program is made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.
Preregistration is required for these free programs. Come on time. The classes are not a drop in and out event.

To register, call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 32, or stop by the Springfield Free Public Library to reserve your spot.

Used paperbacks wanted

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., would like donations of used paperback novels and also welcomes used magazines within a year's date.
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International film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its International Film Festival with "Black Cat, White Cat" on May 10 at noon and 7 p.m. This highly original film earned Eir Kusturica the Best Director award at the Venice Film Festival.
The screwball comedy is complete with a frantic Gypsy wedding, inept thieves, a corpse on ice, a tree stump scampering through the forest and an outhouse incident that out-grosses "There's Something About Mary." Part heist caper and part romantic farce, this delightful tale acted by nonprofessional Gypsies is a gleeful exercise in sheer zaniness set in contemporary Yugoslavia with nary a political point to make except the exhortation to have a good time.
A garbage dump magnate/con artist arranges a marriage for his son to pay off a business debt, but complications ensue when a local gangster decides to play matchmaker for his sister, deemed too short to find a husband. No issue is too somber or sacred to poke fun at, and the result is madcap choreographed chaos set to lively Gypsy music.
Funding for the film festival has been made possible in part 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 and the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.
Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Collectors are sought

Mountainside Public Library is seeking hobbyists and collectors who would like to place exhibits in the library's display case.

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OBITUARIES

Albert Rothfeld

Albert Rothfeld, 80, of Mountainside, formerly of Union, died April 20 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Rothfeld lived in Union before moving to Mountainside 11 years ago. He was president of General Metal Manufacturing Co., East Hanover, for many years. Mr. Rothfeld was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the Air Force 86 Bombardment Squadron from 1942 through 1946.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Judith Lynn Cohen; a son, Lee; two brothers, Dr. Edwin Rothfeld and Dr. Donald Rothfeld, and five grandchildren.

James Raymond Sr.

James Raymond Sr., 94, of Maplewood, formerly of Mountainside and Union, died April 23 at home.

Born in Lebanon, Mr. Raymond came to Newark in 1920 and lived in Mountainside and Union before moving to Maplewood five years ago. He worked in the housekeeping department of Bamberger's department store in Newark for 35 years and retired as the supervisor in 1971.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph and James; three daughters, Helen Butros, Dolores Lawrence and Joanne Janish; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Dominick Mellusi

Dominick Mellusi, 93, of Summit died April 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in the province of Benevento, Italy, Mr. Mellusi came to Summit in 1930. He was a landscape gardener and owned and operated Dominick Mellusi Landscaping, Summit, for 35 years and retired in 1970.

Surviving are five daughters, Betty Scarcia, Joanne Tornambe, Frances Priore, Barbara Riola and Marlene Rajput; three sons, Robert, Cosimo and Dominick Jr.; a sister, Angelina Rillo; 25 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Angelina J. Masi

Angelina J. Masi, 83, of Summit died April 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Orange, Mrs. Masi lived in Washington, D.C., for 10 years before moving to Summit in 1957. She worked at St. Teresa Church, Summit, for 10 years and retired in 1978. Earlier, Mrs. Masi was a bookkeeper at Oratory Prep School, Summit, for three years and as a teller at Summit Trust Co. from 1935 to 1941. She was a former president of the Rosary Society and a eucharistic minister, both at St. Teresa Church.

Mrs. Masi also was a member of the Sixty Plus, Golden Age Club and Busy Bees, all in Summit. She was a volunteer at Our Lady of the Monastery Rosary Shrine in Summit and president of its Rosary Shrine Guild. Mrs. Masi was a member of the Columbiettes Council 5560 of Springfield. She made lap quilts that she donated to local nursing homes.

Surviving are her husband, Felix; two daughters, Patricia Roberts and Lorraine Calvares; a son, Ronald; a sister, Dolores La Porte; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Florence M. Zotti

Florence M. Zotti, 80, of Summit died April 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born and raised in Scotch Plains, Mrs. Zotti moved to Summit 61 years ago. She was a cafeteria worker with Celanese Corp., Summit, for 25 years and retired 30 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Frank and Robert P. Jr.; a daughter, Donna

Adams; a sister, Julia Cantillo; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mavis Reuter

Mavis Reuter, 90, of Washington Township, formerly of Summit, a retired teacher, died April 26 at home.

Born in Dublin, Texas, Mrs. Reuter lived in Summit before moving to Washington Township in 1996. She taught English, art, drama and speech in several school systems in Texas and New York before retiring many years ago.

Mrs. Reuter was a 1936 graduate of the University of Southern California, where she received a bachelor's degree in English. She was an accomplished artist and performed several one-woman shows.

During World War II, Mrs. Reuter served as a program director for the Red Cross Club in England and France. She was a former president of the Women's Club of Orange and served on the Orange Board of Education. Mrs. Reuter also was a member of the League of Women Voters.

Surviving are two brothers, Paul and Lincoln Warren.

Isabelle S. Devenney

Isabelle S. Devenney, 93, of Summit, a retired teacher, died April 23 at home.

Born in West Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Devenney moved to Summit in 1945. She was an elementary school teacher at the Grayton School in Summit for 23 years and retired in 1977.

Mrs. Devenney graduated from Westfield State Teachers College, Westfield, Mass. She was a founding member of Interfaith Council for the Homeless and Bridges for the Homeless, both in Summit. Mrs. Devenney also was a member of the Church Women United.

Surviving is a daughter, Margaret.

Frank D. Gentile Sr.

Frank D. Gentile Sr., 77, of Gillette, formerly of Summit, died, April 29 at home.

Born in Dudley, Pa., Mr. Gentile lived in Summit before moving to Gillette 42 years ago. He was a plumber with Celanese Corp., Summit, for 35 years and retired in 1982.

Mr. Gentile served in the Coast Guard during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post 484, Stirling.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Elisa Maffucci and Elizabeth L.; a son, Frank D. Jr.; two sisters, Tomasina Boyle and Rosa Maluso, and five grandchildren.

Joseph B. Visceglia

Joseph B. Visceglia, 98, of Easton, Md., formerly of Mountainside, died April 21 in the William Hill Manor, Easton.

Born in Acquavia della Fonti, Italy, Mr. Visceglia lived in Teaneck, Mountainside and Mantoloking, before moving to Easton. He owned a moving and storage business in Manhattan.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary D. Adler and Carol McLaughlin; a son, Joseph J.; two brothers, Vincent and Frank; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rose A. Jones

Rose A. Jones, 68, of Springfield died April 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Jones moved to Springfield 18 years ago. She was a manager for Chubb & Son Insurance Co., Warren, for 38 years and retired nine years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Spencer; two stepsons, Christopher and Robert Jones; three sisters, Irene Ficchi, Dolores Basile and Mary Ruggiero, and two brothers, Donald and Richard Giusti.

Sabina Baber

Sabina Baber, 92, of Mountainside died April 25 in Union Hospital.

Born in Nuremberg, Germany, Mrs. Baber lived in Mountainside since 1935. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside.

Surviving are two sons, Werner and Gordon.

George H. Wiech

George H. Wiech, 81, of Mountainside, a chemical engineer, died April 23 at home.

Born in Lowell, Mass., Mr. Wiech lived in Bloomfield and Cambridge, Mass., before moving to Mountainside 44 years ago. He was an insurance salesman with Prudential Insurance Co. in Millburn and Morristown from 1974 through 1985 when he retired. Earlier, Mr. Wiech had been a chemical engineer with Celanese Corp. and Tenneco Corp., both of New York City. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering in 1942 from Harvard University.

Mr. Wiech had been president of the Polish University Club of New Jersey and the Active Retirees, both of Mountainside. He also volunteered with the Recreation Commission and the United Way, both in Mountainside.

Mr. Wiech was a founding member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside. He was past president of the Holy Name Society and Pastoral Council, a lector, eucharistic minister and choir master.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Josephine; a son, Gregory; three daughters, Nancy Robbins, Elizabeth Kolts and Paula, and five grandchildren.

Gerardo Mauriz

Gerardo Mauriz, 89, of Springfield, formerly of Mountainside, died April 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Mr. Mauriz came to the United States in 1960 settling in Miami, Fla., before moving to Mountainside and then to Springfield. He was vice president of All Trans International, Wayne, where he worked for 12 years and retired in 1984. Earlier, Mr. Mauriz had been a manager with Trans American Transport, Staten Island, and also worked for Sea-Land Service, Port Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores; a son, Gerardo G.; a daughter, Dolores M. Pimik; two brothers, Darlos and Roberto; a sister, Sara, and four grandchildren.

Lillian R. Dubman

Lillian Rose Dubman of Springfield died April 30 in the home of her daughter, Sheila of Sudbury, Mass.

Born in New York, Mrs. Dubman lived in Detroit, Mich., before coming to New Jersey in 1949 and moved to Springfield in 1969. She was a teacher with the Newark school system.

Mrs. Dubman was a reading specialist at East Side High School for 20 years and retired in 1983.

Arts center hosts artists' discussion

Three of the artists featured in the "Identities: Contemporary Portraiture" exhibition, currently on view at the Palmer Gallery, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit, through May 20, will be discussing their "Approaches to Portraiture." The three artists are Susanna Coffey, Jonathan Santlofer and Gary Schneider. The discussion will be May 20 at 3 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The theme of the "Identities: Contemporary Portraiture" exhibition explores age-old questions: "Who am I?" and "How does the world see me?" As visual artists explore these questions and define the portrait today, a myriad number of influences are reflected in this very active field of today's contemporary art.

These range from ancient mosaics and Renaissance portraiture, as reflected in the work of artists such as Kathleen Gilje and Chuck Close, to cloning and medical imaging

apparent in photography from Keith Cottingham and Gary Schneider.

Yasumasa Morimura and Ernesto Pujol photograph themselves in the guise of iconographic figures, portraying the self as "other." Interlaced hands — John Coplans — and the back of a head — Salomon Huerta — project a distinct identity without the delineation of a face.

Recent work by David Hockney, Lucian Freud and William Beckman chart these artists' ongoing exploration of the creation of a likeness. Other artists included are Francesco Clemente, Odd Nerdrum, Sam Messer, Susanna Coffey, Whitfield Lovell, Lezley Saar, Stephen Brown, Susan Hauptman, Bill Vuksanovich, Steven Assael, Kent Bellows, William King, Akio Takamori, Majiec Toporowicz, Paul McCormack, Eric Blum, Kiki Smith, Davwoud Bey, Jonathan Santlofer, Julian Opie and Susan Caporale.

For more information on programs associated with the exhibition call Bonnie Maranz, Public Relations/Gallery Coordinator at NJCVA at (908) 273-9121.

Heritage festival program makes debut

The 2001 Summit Cultural Heritage Festival program has debuted on TV-36 Wednesday. Tune in to TV-36 on Wednesdays at 5 and 9:30 p.m., Thursday at 7:30 p.m., or Fridays at 9 p.m. and midnight to learn about this year's Summit Cultural Heritage Festival.

The festival, scheduled for Oct. 14 on the Village Green, will showcase the traditional and folkloric arts, crafts, music, dance and food of the various countries, ethnic and cultural groups that have built Summit into such an extraordinary community.

"Who will be performing, what kinds of arts and crafts will be pre-

sented, what countries, cultures and ethnic groups will be participating, what kinds of activities will there be for children, youth and families and how is the cost of the festival supported are some of the topics we'll cover on the program," said Festival Co-Chairwoman Mia Andersen.

"We'll also look at what the area's organizations are doing to support diversity and talk to the festival's co-sponsors," said Jesse Butler, co-chairman of the festival.

"We encourage anyone who lives, works or is actively involved in Summit to work with us on planning this important event," said Andersen.

Anyone interested in helping to plan the festival or in participating in the festival as performer, food vendor or arts and crafts vendor is encouraged to call Andersen at (908) 522-1545, Butler at (908) 277-0857 or Summit 2005 at (908) 277-4400.

Bus tour planned May 10

The Friends of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will host a bus trip to Philadelphia May 10 for guided tours for a contemporary art gallery, historical Christ Church, the Philadelphia Mint, and lunch at the Four Seasons Hotel restaurant.

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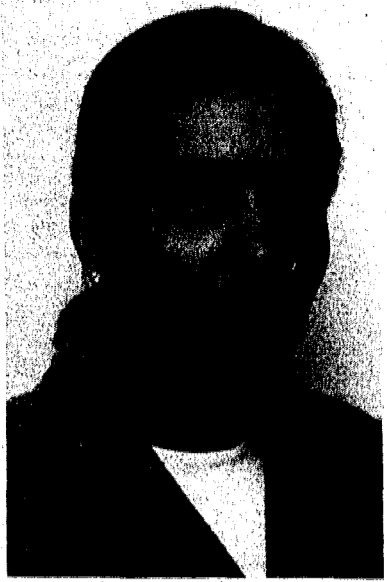
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Dr. Kavita Mummaneni

Mummaneni joins Clara Maass Medical Center

Dr. Kavita Mummaneni, a resident of Springfield and a specialist in internal medicine, has joined the medical staff of Clara Maass Medical Center. Mummaneni is a graduate of Guntur Medical College in India. Mummaneni completed both her internship and residency at Nassau County Med-

ical Center. Mummaneni will be joining the practice of Dr. Doshi in Kearny.

Clara Maass Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, provides a complete continuum of care to residents of northern New Jersey. Located in Belleville, Clara Maass Medical Center; sub-acute and long-term care through the Continuing Care Center at Kearny; home care services through Jersey Care Home Health, and diagnostic radiology services through Progressive Imaging Center.

Surmeli joins staff at Women's Care Center

Dr. Sedat Surmeli, a resident of Springfield, and a specialist in obstetrics/gynecology has joined the Medical Staff of Clara Maass Medical Center. Surmeli is a graduate of Hahnemann University in Pennsylvania and completed both his internship and residency at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Surmeli will be joining the Contemporary Women's Care Center in West Orange.

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Dr. Sedat Surmeli

continuum of care to residents of northern New Jersey. Located in Belleville, Clara Maass offers patients acute-care services through Clara Maass Medical Center.

Kennedy deployed in Mediterranean Sea

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Alan J. Kennedy, son of Joyce A. and Alan

A. Kennedy of Mountainside, is half-way through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

While on deployment, crew members from Kennedy's ship participated in damage control olympics, a competition designed to train the crew to properly handle a crisis at sea. The events included a firefighting gear race, a hose-manning competition, a protective suit dressout and desmoking equipment.

Kennedy's ship also visited Souda Bay, Crete, where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Carriers like USS Harry S. Truman are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly-visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Kennedy is a 1995 graduate of Johnathon Dayton High School of Springfield and joined the Navy in July 1997.

Donatelli to be honored with top military award

Mauro Donatelli of Mountainside will be among those honored during a special award ceremony Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sea Girt National Guard Armory, National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt Avenue, Sea Girt. Major General Paul J. Glazar, The Adjunct General of New Jersey, will present the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's top military award, to 259 state residents who are combat veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, or the Persian Gulf War.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Donatelli, who achieved the rank of Petty Officer First Class, will receive an oak leaf cluster in addition to his medal.

To be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal, recipients must currently be a resident of New Jersey and also have been a resident of the state at the time they entered into military service, have been honorably discharged; and, must have received at least the equivalent of the Air Medal, Purple Heart, or Bronze Star or proof of having served in combat while on active duty during wartime.

Those recipients whose service was recognized by the award of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal

or equivalent medal will receive a New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal with an oak leaf cluster.

The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1958 for those who had distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was infrequently used until reauthorized by Gov. Tom Kean in 1988.

After the Spanish American War, the Mexican Border Expedition and again after World War I, the state minted special medals for returning New Jersey veterans to honor their service. After WWII, Korea, Vietnam and subsequent combat actions no such medal was available. The state was looking for an appropriate way to honor all of these returning combat veterans and acknowledge the debt the state owed them for their service. The Distinguished Service Medal was then authorized for that purpose. It is New Jersey's highest military award.

Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal should send a written request together with copies of all pertinent information, discharge document, e.g. DD214, award citation, honorable discharge, etc. to: NJDMAVA, Attn: CIO-GS-PA, PO Box 340, Trenton, 08625-0340. Be sure to include full name, address and daytime telephone number.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

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

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

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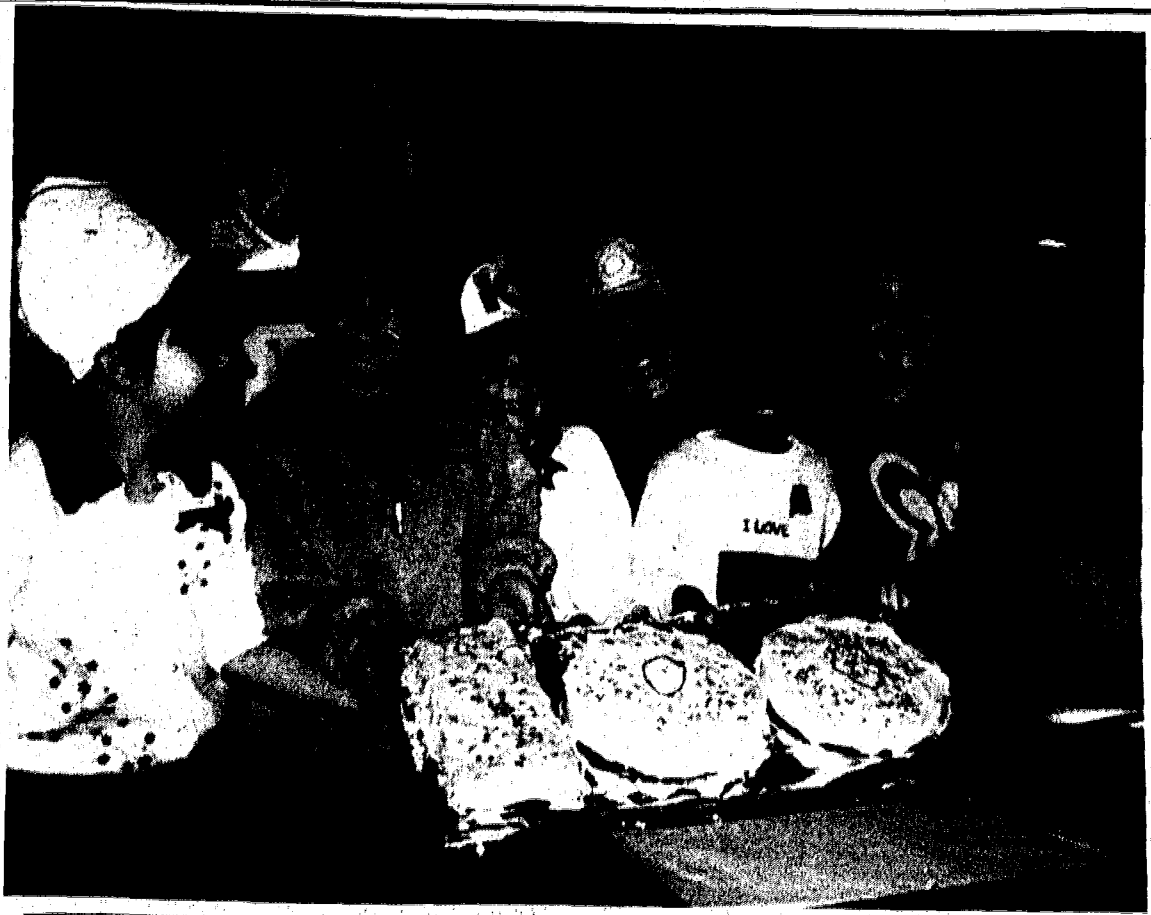
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CAKES AND SNAKES — Above, kindergarteners at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield, from left, Deirdre McElroy, Patrick Pimentel, Dana Gearity, Michael Ziobro and Kayla Kempf celebrate the 100th day of school by baking and decorating cakes. Left, kindergarteners, from left, Scott DeJean, Ciara Broderick-Farrell, Dana Gearity and Kayla Kempf proudly display the 100-inch snake they colored in celebration of the 100th day.

Police make DWI arrest on Route 22

POLICE BLOTTER

Springfield
William Czerndvski, 24, of Elizabeth was charged with driving while intoxicated with a suspended license on April 23. At 6 p.m., Czerndvski was apprehended by authorities on Route 22 East in Springfield.

• A shoplifter stole a pair of sneakers from the Bob's Stores on 350 Route 22 West in Springfield. On April 26, the suspect was apprehended by authorities at 3:45 p.m. The stolen property was valued at \$79.

• On April 26, a driver's side window of a 1990 Saab was smashed between 9:20 and 10:06 a.m.

• Several hardware items were stolen from a vehicle parked in a Holiday Inn lot on April 24. The following items were removed from the vehicle: Two power aculate fasteners, one hammer drill, one power saw, one power mitre box, one grinder, and one joiner. The value of the items was unknown. The door lock on the passenger's side was damaged during the 2 p.m. theft.

• Between 9:15 a.m. on April 23 and 7:30 a.m. on April 24, two 21-speed mountain bikes were reported stolen.

Mountainside

Samuel Gbelawoe, 26, of East Orange was charged with possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license on Monday. Gbelawoe was apprehended by authorities on Route 22 East along Evergreen Court in Mountainside at 12:17 a.m. Bail was set at \$250 and Gbelawoe's court date was scheduled this week.

• Theophilus Julu, 29, of the 100 block of Munn Avenue, East Orange, was arrested for driving with a suspended license. Julu was also stopped for obstructing traffic along with two other vehicles on Monday. Authorities apprehended the suspect along Route 22 West at Evergreen Court in Mountainside at 1:21 a.m. Bail was set at \$250 and Julu's court date is scheduled for May 31.

• Walter Elizondo-Rodriguez, 31, of the 500 block of Vorhees Avenue, Middlesex, was charged with driving while intoxicated on Saturday. Authorities apprehended Rodriguez along Route 22 East at Mill Lane in Mountainside at 2:05 a.m.

• James Battle, 37, of the 820 block of the South Second Street, Plainfield,

was charged with driving with a suspended license on Friday. Battle was stopped for a motor vehicle violation at 8:48 p.m. A computer check on his license revealed it was currently suspended with several prior suspensions. The suspect had warrants out of Bridgewater for \$750 and a Scotch Plains warrants for \$775.

• Vladimir Marrero, 20, of the 100 block of Presidential Boulevard, Paterson, was charged with driving with a suspended license on April 24. The suspect was apprehended by authorities along Route 22 East at the Springfield-Mountainside border by 10:41 p.m. No bail was set for Marrero.

• Jean Baladi, 23, of the 20 block of Madeline Avenue, Clifton, was charged with driving with a suspended license on April 24. Authorities apprehended Baladi along 1450 Route 22 West in Mountainside at 2:27 p.m.

• Sean Miguel Gorman, 25, of the 5800 block of Schindler Terrace, Bridgewater, was charged with contempt of Mountainside Court on April 24. At 3:17 p.m., authorities apprehended Gorman along 100 Main St. in Mount Olive. Bail was set at \$500 for Gorman.

False alarms keep firefighters busy

FIRE BLOTTER

Mountainside

• Monday, 7:37 p.m.: Responded to a Summit Road residence on report of smoke in the home. Source of smoke found to be from cleaning of oven. Homeowner refused fire company offer of assistance to ventilate home.

• April 25, 11:55 a.m.: Responded to a Dunn Parkway residence on an activated smoke detector. Burned food on stove set off alarm in hallway.

• April 24, 5:42 p.m.: Responded to a Juniper Way residence on report of a hot light switch. Outside fixture was the culprit. Power shut off and electrician to be notified.

• April 22, 5:26 p.m.: Responded to Loews Theater on an activated alarm. No fire. System was reset.

• April 19, 9:05 a.m.: Responded to a Sheffield business on an activated alarm. False alarm. No fire.

• April 18, 5:30 a.m.: Responded to a Wild Hedge Lane residence on an activated alarm. New battery installed by home owner set off alarm. No fire. 9:26 a.m.: Responded to Deerfield School on an activated alarm. Fire company dispatched in error to bi-monthly fire drill.

Springfield

• Saturday, 11:34 a.m., Morris and Meisel avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

• Friday, 9:53 p.m., Vista Way residence for an activated fire alarm; 10:56, Route 24 East for a motor vehicle accident; 3:19 p.m., Independence Way residence for a medical service call; 4:38 p.m., Salter Street residence for a medical service call; 7:19 p.m., Stiles Street residence for a water condition.

• April 26: 11 a.m., Route 24 West for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 1:23 p.m., Route 22 and South Springfield for a medical service call.

• April 25: 4:18 p.m., Irwin Street residence for a medical service call; 5:11 p.m., Route 22 East near Lawrence for a motor vehicle accident.

• April 24: 6:05 a.m., Troy Drive apartment complex for a medical service call; 7:10 a.m., Mountain Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call; 8:17 a.m., South Springfield Avenue residence for a lift assist; 3:11 p.m., Route 22 near South Springfield

Avenue for a brush fire; 3:16 p.m., Route 22 East business for a medical service call.

• April 23: 6:51 a.m., South Trivett Avenue residence for a medical service call; 8:02 a.m., Route 78 East at the split for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 8:05 a.m., Linden and Wabeno avenues for a motor vehicle accident; 8:13 a.m., Wabeno Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call; 12:02 p.m., Route 22 East for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 3:17 p.m., Route 78 East for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 3:36 p.m., Meisel Avenue residence for a medical service call.

• April 22: 5:33 p.m., Stonehill Road apartment complex for alarms sounding; 8:41 p.m., Henshaw Avenue residence for an odor in the house.

• April 21: 4:25 p.m., Springfield Avenue bridge near Route 78 for a motor vehicle accident with a spill; 8:22 p.m., responded to a Meisel Avenue residence for a gas grill problem; 9:29 p.m., responded to an Ashwood Road residence for an activated fire alarm.

Nichols, Kim and Landis will perform with Youth Orchestra

Conductor Barbara Barstow of New Jersey Youth Symphony Inc. leads Youth Orchestra for its end of season Spring Concert on May 13 at 4 p.m. at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium. New Jersey Youth Symphony Vocal Ensemble and Raritan Valley Choral Society under the direction of Susan McAdoo and James Heard respectively will join Youth Orchestra to perform works of Howard Hanson, Johannes Brahms and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The orchestra includes Mountainside resident Jessica Nichols and Ka-Hee Kim of Springfield while the choir includes Mountainside resident Jessica Landis.

Richardson Auditorium is located directly behind the Nassau Presbyterian Church on Nassau Street in Princeton. Admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and students.

For information call (908) 771-5544.

NJYS graduate Meredith Hoffmann-Thomson returns to perform as soprano soloist in the Brahms Requiem, Ye Now are Sorrowful. Meredith was a bassoonist with the organization from 1994-99 and began singing as a high school student. She won many awards in both vocal and instrumental programs such as the

Sigma Alpha Iota Award for Exceptional Female Musician at Hartwick College's Summer Music Festival and Institute, 1998, and the Westfield Men's Glee Club Scholarship Award, 1998. At the age of 18, she won the Florence Boughton Vocal Competition for Young Artists in which singers up to age 2 participated. Hoffmann-Thomson is currently a voice major at McGill University in Montreal where she studies with Donald Roberts and Lucille Evans.

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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Seniors plan trip to Liberty Science Center

The Springfield Senior Citizens are sponsoring a trip to the Liberty Science Center on May 14. The price is \$18 per person, which includes entrance to the Science Center and Exhibits/IMAX/3-D programs.

The bus will leave the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 10 a.m.

For information call (973) 912-2227, Monday through Friday, from 9 to 4 p.m.

Newcomers plan picnic

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following upcoming member activities:

- Mommy & Me is planning a picnic at the Loop Playground on Friday at noon. Meet by the swings. If weather is questionable call Jean Marie Morgan at (908) 518-9409 to see if the picnic has been cancelled.
- Lunch bunch meets on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at LIME in Westfield on Elm Street. Call Sue Zavodny

to RSVP at (908) 789-8543.

• The annual June Bar-B-Que will take place on June 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Monica and Frank Boenning's house. For more information call Maureen Angelo at (908) 654-1025.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to its new members, to help them meet others, and to make them feel welcome and a part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a baby, or a change in employment or marital status.

For membership information call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

Foothill Club meets

The Foothill Club, a community service group, meets for lunch today at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Installation of officers takes place followed by bingo.

Call Genevieve at (908) 232-3626 for a reservation. Guests are welcome. Members are reminded that dues are due.

Retirees plan art show

The next regular meeting of the Mountainside Active Retirees is Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside. An art show will be presented with paintings exhibited by two local artists, Karen Freudenberger and Martha Ventura from the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

Meetings of the Mountainside Active Retirees are the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Mountainside residents and their guests are always welcome.

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STUDENT UPDATE



**Nick Marcketta
Marcketta to sing as
part of select NJ choir**

A young singer from the Springfield District will be performing with the 2001 New Jersey Elementary Honors Choir on Saturday at 4 p.m. in a concert at Monroe Township High School, 1629 Perrineville Rd., Monroe Township.

Nick Marcketta, a fifth-grade student at Florence M. Gaudinier School, is one of the 120 treble voices — fourth through sixth grades — cho-

sen to be in this select chorus comparable to an all-state chorus. Students in this chorus make up some of the finest singers in the state and passed an audition singing vocalises and a difficult song demonstrating excellent pitch and expressive singing.

Marcketta is a member of the fifth-grade chorus, has studied violin and piano, and currently studies privately with Ginger Haselden of Edison. He has performed his own piano composition in recital. He is the son of Lorry Marcketta and Steven Marcketta both of Springfield.

The 2001 Elementary Honors Choir will be conducted by Angela Torban, choral director of South Valley Elementary School. They will be joined on the same concert with the 2001 Junior High Honors Choir under the direction of Jack Idender of White Township School, Belvidere.

The finale will be David L. Brunner's "Jubilate Deo" sung by both choirs. Other selections on the program include Vivaldi's "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Singer's All" by Barbara Sletto, "Torh Orah" a Hebrew folk song and a moving gospel arrangement of "Down by the Riverside" arranged by Brant Adams.

Members of the choir will be from all parts of the state. Admission to the

concert is by ticket only obtained from a choir member in advance. The young singers learn the music with their individual instructors and come together on two occasions for a group rehearsal.

Second honors for Scott

Freshman Daniel Scott of Springfield was among the 325 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City recognized at a recent honors assembly for achieving first honors, second honors or honorable mention for the second marking period.

Scott, who earned second honors, is a 2000 graduate of St. Rose of Lima School in Short Hills and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Springfield.

Students receive first honors if they earn an overall grade of 90 or higher for the second marking period. Students receive second honors for overall grades over 85 and below 90 during the second marking period. Students receive honorable mention if their second marking period overall grade is above 80 and below 85 and they have a cumulative grade point average of 85. Both students achieved honorable mention for the second marking period.

Student starts walk for cancer research Saturday

Springfield resident and Jonathan Dayton High student Nicole Burke organized a Walkathon for the Healing Heart Foundation, which takes place Saturday at 3 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

Burke started the walk as part of her project for the Gifted & Talented program at the high school. All of the funds raised from the walk will go towards the Healing Heart Foundation for research that will control pain management for children with cancer. The Healing Heart organization was started by the Nehmer family in Springfield after their son David passed away from cancer.

Sign-up registration is at 2 p.m. and the walk starts at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

For information call Nicole Burke at (973) 379-1802 or Lisa Nehmer at (973) 564-9573.

Fernandes earns degree

Antonio Teixeira Fernandes of Springfield was among 670 students at Montclair State University to complete their degree requirements in January. Fernandes earned a bachelor of science in mathematics.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 15 day of May, at 7:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2001-4 regarding the appeal or application of Joan Scutari for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit construction of deck which violates rear yard setback on the premises located at 14 Country Club Ln. Springfield, N.J. and designated as Block 1807, Lot 24 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map.

The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Joan Scutari Applicant (\$10.50)
U4905 ECL May 3, 2001

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of May, at 7:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2001-7 regarding the appeal or application of Doug & Joan Karpe for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit construction of a fence in front yard on the premises located at 35 Edgewood Ave. Springfield and designated as Block 354, Lot 27 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map.

The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between

PUBLIC NOTICE

the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Joan Greco Karpe Applicant (\$10.50)
U4929 ECL May 3, 2001

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NOTICE OF BID
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for:

"TELEVISION INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWERS - CONTRACT 2001-4"
Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N. J. on May 14, 2001 at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time.
Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposal blanks, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st Floor, Mountainside, N. J. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the Borough of Mountainside, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.
Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N. J. and hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of the bidder and:

Judith E. O'Leary Borough Clerk (\$21.50)
U4936 ECL May 3, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bid Proposal for "Television Inspection of Sanitary Sewers - Contract 2001-4"

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty.
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127 (NJAC 17:27).
The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest.

Judith E. O'Leary Borough Clerk (\$21.50)
U4909 ECL May 3, 2001

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
April 26, 2001
NOTICE is hereby given that the Work Session of the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2001 has been changed. The Work Session will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 at 8:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092.

Judith E. O'Leary Municipal Clerk (\$5.75)
U4909 ECL May 3, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Simoni for the premises located at N/A.

Stockholder, Director and President:
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Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Municipal Clerk of Mountainside.
S & Y Holding Corp.
By: Carl Simoni, President Applicant
305 W. Grand Avenue
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May 3, 10, 2001 (\$27.50)
U4933 ECL

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 15 day of May, at 7:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2001-5 regarding the appeal or application of Seth Hammer for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit construction of a deck violating lot & building coverage left side yard setback requirements on the premises located at 9 Willow Court and designated as Block 2006, Lot 26 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map.

The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
Seth Hammer Applicant (\$10.50)
U4917 ECL May 3, 2001

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Mountainside's Conway hit leader

Craig Conway used to terrorize Union County pitching when he was one of the best players in North Jersey as a member of the Governor Livingston baseball team when he was in high school.

For the past four years Conway has been doing the same on the Division 3 level in college.

Last week he reached a pretty significant milestone.

Conway banged out three hits to become Montclair State University's all-time career hit leader as his performance helped the Red Hawks down Rowan 11-8 at Yogi Berra Stadium in Little Falls.

MSU, which was ranked No. 6 nationally in Division 3 last week, improved to 24-8 overall and 14-1 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference with the victory, its 10th straight.

Conway's single up the middle in the seventh inning gave him 260 hits, breaking the record of 259 set by John Pallino from 1991 through '94.

Conway, a Mountainside resident, starred at shortstop and at pitcher for the Highlanders in high school, helping GL reach the Union County Tournament championship game in 1996.

Conway had three hits and two RBI to help MSU defeat William Paterson 6-0 in the first game of a doubleheader sweep last Saturday in Little Falls. Conway drove in one run with a double in the seventh inning.

MSU, the 2000 Division 3 National Champion, won the nightcap 3-2 to improve to 27-8 overall and 17-1 in NJAC play. The two wins increased a Red Hawk winning streak to 13 games.

Conway is batting .475 and will lead top-seeded Montclair State into the NJAC tournament, which is scheduled to commence tomorrow in Little Falls.

MSU faces fourth-seeded Ramapo (11-7, 25-13) at 4 p.m. The Red Hawks defeated Ramapo 5-4 and 7-4 this season.

Minutemen grid clinic Saturday

The second annual free Springfield Minutemen Football Clinic will be Saturday and May 12 at the Meisel Avenue football field from 9 a.m. to noon.

The clinic is open to all boys in grades 4-8. The coaching staff of the Minutemen will be joined by Dayton High School head coach Kris Kohler and his staff in two mornings of instruction and fun.

The Minutemen Football program also announces the formation of a flag football team. This will be conducted as a non-tackle instructional program for children in grades 2 and 3.

Games will be in the fall on Saturday mornings, with one practice during the week. This clinic is also free of charge and will emphasize learning positions, football fundamentals and team play.

Forms for both clinics are available at the Springfield Recreation Department.

NJSIAA Scholars are announced

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association hosted its 8th Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon Sunday at the Pines Manor in Edison.

The affair is a continuation of the Scholar Athlete Luncheon inaugurated in 1994 on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

Here's a list of the scholar-athletes, nominated by their respective schools, that attend Union County high schools:

Brearley: Hala Elshiekh
Cranford: Katie Donnelly
Elizabeth: Kelly McGuire
Gov. Livingston: Jenny Calabrese
Hillside: Jennifer Portugal
Johnson: Matthew Andrews
Kent Place: Megan Parkinson
Linden: Andrew Szaro
Mother Seton: Ann Valerio
Oak Knoll: Laura Demoreuille
Oratory Prep: Alex Lyashchenko
New Providence: Lauren Doyle
Plainfield: Miriam Jackson
Rahway: Matthew Schleifer
Roselle: Jesse Lewis
Roselle Park: Holly Swick
Roselle Catholic: Danny Perez
St. Patrick's: Elisha Johnson
Scotch Plains: Erin Kelly
Summit: Sarah Smith
Union: Robert Mann
Westfield: Jennifer Korecky

The Butler did it



Mountainside resident Claire Butler took first place in the Masters Division of the U.S. Indoor National Archery competition that took place earlier this year in Harrisonburg, Va. Butler was to compete in the 25th annual International Atlantic City Archery Classic held last weekend at the new convention center and will next compete in the U.S. National Senior Olympics in Baton Rouge, La. later this year. At the U.S. National Senior Olympics competition, held every two years, Butler has won five gold medals and one silver.

Dayton seeks to play well in UCT

Bulldogs have excellent record

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

Having highly-successful seasons, the Dayton and Summit high school boys' tennis teams are ready to go for the Union County Tournament that commences today and concludes tomorrow at the Hub Stine Field tennis courts in Plainfield.

Dayton, which was 9-1 as of Tuesday, dropped its first match of the year Monday when it lost to Group 2 school Hanover Park 3-2 in East Hanover.

"Our first doubles team didn't play well and didn't take advantage of its opportunities," Dayton coach Bill Prisco said. "They were undefeated up until that match."

That duo of Adam Cohen and Chad Freundlich dropped a 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 set to Ben Spier and Greg Sasso.

"They didn't execute and hit many double faults in the match," Prisco said. "But they still kept it a close match."

High School Boys' Tennis

The coach does feel that the loss will eventually help his team. "It was a good loss in the fact you can take something from it," Prisco said. "In playing a bigger school it helps in giving you an opportunity to test yourself."

Dayton was scheduled to compete at North Plainfield Tuesday and yesterday had a match scheduled at Roselle Park.

"We'll be going up against a lot of bigger schools in the UCT, so we'll be at a disadvantage," Prisco said. "I think we have a realistic chance of placing either third or fourth."

Prisco feels that any one of his players has a shot at individual honors. "Felix Mil, my first singles player, made it to the semifinals last year," Prisco said. "So if someone slips and is up-and-down, you never know."

Jared Weisman, Dayton's second singles player who's having a good season, can possibly reach the quarterfinals, Prisco thinks.

But the player who Prisco feels has the best chance at reaching the finals is third singles standout Chase Freundlich. Against Hanover Park, Freundlich was the only singles player to record a victory for the Bulldogs, defeating Dan Bremner 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

"He's tenacious and always plays to his potential," Prisco said. "He's a pitbull."

Prisco feels that his first doubles tandem and second doubles team of Sergei Khoroshefsky and Brian Sperber both have a chance to excel as well.

Prisco also feels pretty good heading into the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs.

"We should be seeded first in our section," Prisco said.

Dayton reached the sectional final last year, falling to Mountain Lakes 3-2 at Whippany Park.

Summit, on the other hand, is relying on its doubles teams to make an impact in the UCT.

"Both of our doubles teams have had their strongest rank ever this year," Summit coach David Bruss said. "Combined, they have lost only once this year."

Having a 12-2 mark as of Tuesday, the Hilltoppers blanked Morris Hills 5-0 Monday at home in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play.

"Every time we go out, we have a good chance of winning," Bruss said. "We are very deep."

Even though every player has lost at least one match, the coach feels that each will garner a good individual seed.

"Our first singles player, Ryan Heffer, has a good chance of reaching the UCT finals against New Providence's Miles Moriarty," Bruss said.

Bruss also feels that the Sehnert brothers, Steen at second singles and Will at third singles, will fare well.

Bruss feels the most success may come from his doubles players, Alex Uy and Roshan Varma at first and Don Richards and Steve Dionne at second. "We're always winning at doubles and have a good USDA ranking there," Bruss said.

Having 10 more matches scheduled for the remainder of the season, Bruss hopes that next week's games against conference rivals West Essex and Mendham will help the team prepare for the upcoming North 2, Group 2 playoffs.

Other teams in the county with winning records as of Monday included Johnson at 8-0, Scotch Plains at 5-3, Union Catholic at 4-1, Cranford at 4-3, and New Providence at 3-2. Oratory Prep of Summit stood at 4-4.

Summit is the only county team ranked in the state's Top 20, presently at No. 8.

Hilltoppers score quick in victory

Improve to 8-1 with 14-2 win

By Jeff Wolfrum
 Staff Writer

SUMMIT — With three goals scored in the first 1:19 of the game, that feat helped propel the Summit High School girls' lacrosse team to a 14-2 win over Mendham Tuesday afternoon at Tatlock Field.

The Hilltoppers, ranked No. 4 in the state, improved to 8-1 with the victory and won their fourth straight.

Summit didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard as junior midfielder Liz Sheridan scored off a feed from senior midfielder Kim Gianis 44 seconds into the game to give Summit a 1-0 lead.

Gianis was on the end of the next score just 19 seconds later as she assisted on senior midfielder Katie Ardington's goal to make it 2-0.

High School Girls' Lacrosse

The Hilltoppers made it 3-0 just six seconds later as sophomore attacker Liz Gamble scored unassisted.

"We just wanted to start off on fire because that's been our problem all year," Ardington said. "We're more of a second half team."

Ardington, who had two goals and an assist, got her second goal at the 17:45 mark off a quick pass from Sheridan to make it 4-0.

Junior attacker Vicky Paccione got the first of her two goals just 28 seconds later as Summit took a 5-0 lead.

Three minutes later Mendham had its best chance at scoring, but Hally Toia's shot hit the crossbar.

Summit would score again a minute later as Gamble tallied on a pretty give-and-go with Sheridan to make it 6-0.

"We've been working on our passing and fast break a lot lately," Ardington said.

That passing was evident on the next two goals as junior attacker Mackenzie Clark scored on a pair of assists from sophomore midfielder Karen Jann to push the Hilltoppers' lead to 8-0.

Clark tallied for the hat trick at the 13-minute mark as she scored off an assist from Ardington to make it 9-0.

Junior attacker Katie Tully put the Hilltoppers into double digits at 10-0 when she scored on a shot to the left corner of the net off a pass from senior defenseman Andrea Posada.

Mendham finally broke through at the 8:48 mark as Erin Donovan scored from just inside the crease to make it 10-1.

Summit got the goal right back just over a minute later as Posada scored on a leaping shot in the air after receiving a pass from Paccione.

Just 48 seconds later, Summit increased its lead to 11 as senior attacker Melissa Jewett got into the act scoring to make it 12-1.

Mendham's Erin Keane had three chances to score in the final five minutes before the half, but was turned away by Summit goalie Wendy Havourd each time.

Havourd, who played the first half, made seven saves as the Hilltoppers led 12-1 at intermission.

"We've been working really well on our defense this year," Ardington said. "It's really come together."

Summit picked up where it left off to start the second half as Paccione tallied for her second goal to make it 13-1.

Then it was the defense that Ardington talked about coming alive as it held Mendham scoreless for the first 19 minutes. The Hilltopper offense also slowed the pace and played keep away.

Mendham finally got its second goal at the 6:37 mark as Sarah Grimm scored on a give-and-go with Hally Brewster.

Tully put the finishing touches on the contest as she scored with eight seconds left on an assist from Posada to bring the score to its final of 14-2.

"We're working on coming out with intensity," Summit coach Samantha Kenny said. "We need to be on for 50 minutes and it starts with the first girl on."

That's going to be needed as Summit is scheduled to face Columbia today and Mountain Lakes on Saturday.

"We now have to focus on the next couple of games and move on from there," Kenny said.

Upcoming: Today: at Columbia, 4 p.m.; Saturday: Mountain Lakes, 2 p.m.; Monday: at Hunterdon Central, 4; May 9 West Morris, 4; May 10 at Livingston, 4; May 15 West Essex, 4; May 17 Morristown, 4.

Summit boys' lacrosse sought to bounce back against Roxbury

The Summit High School boys' lacrosse team saw its 10-game winning streak come to an end Monday when it was defeated by Bridgewater-Raritan 12-8 in Bridgewater.

Ranked No. 5 in the state, Bridgewater improved to 8-2 with the victory, while Summit, ranked No. 2, fell to 10-2.

Keith Schroeder and J.P. Coviello scored two goals each for the Hilltoppers. Summit sought to bounce back yesterday as it was scheduled to play at Roxbury.

The Hilltoppers are next scheduled to play Saturday at 2 p.m. at home against West Essex.

Summit defeated West Morris 8-1 last Saturday morning at Tatlock Field, snapping the Morris County school's four-game winning streak. West Morris fell to 8-2 with the setback.

Junior attackman Ryan Clark scored one goal and had four assists, helping pick up the slack for the injured Matt Starker (26 goals, 24 assists).

Also playing well in the win for the Hilltoppers were goalie Mike Sartorius, who made 12 saves, and defenders Todd Ward, Steve Nye, Ned Hillenbrand and Rob Messner.

Upcoming: Saturday: West Essex, 2 p.m.; Wednesday: at Randolph, 4 p.m.; May 14 at Hunterdon Central, 4:30 p.m.; May 16 Mountain Lakes, 4; May 18 Millburn, 4.

Schroeder tough to beat

The Georgetown defense held the nation's leading scorer without a point and the Hoyas defeated the 20th-ranked Rutgers Scarlet Knights 15-7 Saturday to claim their second straight Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division 1 men's lacrosse tournament.

Georgetown's starting goalkeeper, junior Scott Schroeder of Summit, made seven saves and yielded only five goals before being lifted with less than four minutes to play for reserve Dan Mooney. The Hoyas outshot the Scarlet Knights 56-23 before a crowd of almost 1,200 in their 17th straight home victory.

The third-ranked Hoyas — 11-1 overall, 5-1 in conference — clinched a postseason berth for the fifth consecutive year and now prepare for a showdown Saturday against the second-ranked defending national champions, Syracuse Orangemen, who are 10-2.

Haire dishes out three assists

Senior midfielder Jamie Haire of Summit dished out three assists and netted one goal as the Middlebury Panthers dominated Bates College 21-10 to complete their regular season at 11-1 and an undefeated 8-0 in conference play. Haire finished the regular season with 17 goals, 13 assists, 30 points.

The defending Division 3 national champions will be the top seed in the inaugural New England Small College Athletic Conference tournament this weekend. Middlebury is among three teams ranked nationally within the NESAC.

Weslyan, which features the nation's leading scorer, also finished undefeated but Middlebury won a coin toss for the top seed. As the top seed, the Panthers will play host to the seven teams that qualified for the tournament, including this weekend semifinals and finals.

Dayton, Summit on road, GL home in UCT Baseball

The Dayton and Summit high school baseball teams will be on the road, while Governor Livingston will be home this Saturday in first-round Union County Tournament play.

All eight of Saturday's first-round UCT contests are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Dayton, which won at Union Catholic in last Saturday's only preliminary-round game, will play at top-seeded Union, while Summit will play at sixth-seeded Johnson.

Governor Livingston, seeded seventh, will host New Providence.

Dayton lost at home to New Providence 11-0 on Monday to fall to 4-7.

Summit defeated Morris Hills 10-2 Monday to even its record at 7-7. It was Summit's fifth consecutive victory after a 2-7 start.

Governor Livingston began the week with a 9-6 record after defeating Millburn 13-4 Saturday at Riverfront Park.

Top eight seeds: 1-Union. 2-Elizabeth. 3-Cranford. 4-Plainfield. 5-Westfield. 6-Johnson. 7-Governor Livingston. 8-Scotch Plains.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 Preliminary Round

Dayton beat Union Catholic

SATURDAY, MAY 5

First Round, 2 p.m.

Dayton at 1-Union

Roselle Park at 8-Scotch Plains

Linden at 4-Plainfield

Brearley at 5-Westfield

Rahway at 2-Elizabeth

New Providence at 7-Gov. Liv.

Roselle Catholic at 3-Cranford

Summit at 6-Johnson

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Quarters at higher seeds.

SATURDAY MAY 19

Semis at Williams Field, Eliz.

12:30 and 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Final at Memorial Field, Linden

8 p.m.

GL earns UCT Softball second seed

Scotch Plains earned the top seed for this year's Union County Tournament and Governor Livingston the second seed.

First-round games will be contested this Saturday and the quarterfinals on Saturday, May 12.

Governor Livingston has reached the championship game three of the past four years, winning its first titles in 1997 and 1999.

The Highlanders, 9-2 as of Tuesday's home game against conference rival Johnson, were defeated by Union 2-1 in last year's UCT title game.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Rahway vs. Dayton

Brearley vs. Summit

SATURDAY, MAY 5

First-round games

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Quarterfinals

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Semifinals

at Linden's Memorial Field

6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Championship Game

at Linden's Memorial Field

at 8 p.m.

SMS lacrosse wins

Summit Middle School lacrosse teams remained undefeated after posting wins against Westfield and Somerset Hills. The 7th grade gold team handled Westfield 13-2 April 25 at Washington School in Summit to improve to 3-0.

Rob Hillenbrand scored three goals and had four assists, Logan Bartlett had four goals and two assists, Justin Oplinger had two goals and three assists, Scott O'Sullivan had two goals and one assist and Michael Shea and Billy Tully had one goal each.

Midfielder Kevin Feeney had a strong game at both ends of the field for Summit, creating many scoring opportunities. Playing well on defense for Summit were goalkeeper Charlie Forbes, Andy Sigler, Phil Powers and Ross Anderson.

The 5th grade team dominated Somerset Hills 10-1 April 22 at Franklin School in Summit to improve to 2-0. Scoring goals for Summit were Chip Alteri (3), Ben Grimmig (2), Terry White, Zach Schiffer, Willie Nedrow, Owen Dinsmore and Henry Burchenal. Also playing well for Summit were Zach Schiffer, who assisted on several of his team's goals; B.J. West, who assisted on one of Alteri's goals; Marc Burian and Sam Williams on attack; goalkeeper Stockton Bullitt, who had an assist that helped set up Alteri's first goal and defensemen Brendan Lindner, Pat McCahill and Luke Marchese.

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