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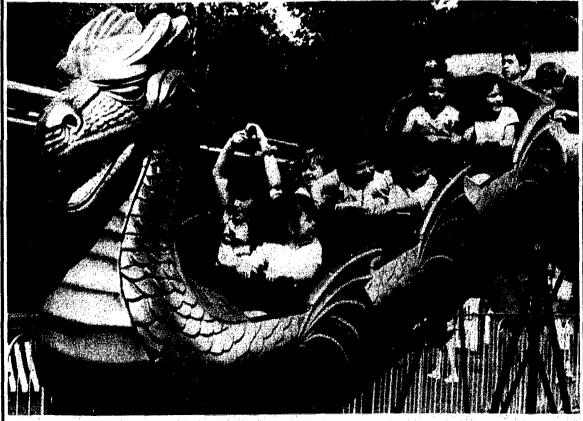
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TWO SECTION

Enter the dragon



Riding the front seat of the dragon at the St. James Festival last week are Jaclyn Friedman and her cousin, Springfield resident and Edward V. Walton prekindergartener Sabrina Bibbo.

Vote on defeated sch budget expected Monuay

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

Residents, parents and educators offered their views on the defeated school budget during the Springfield Township Committee's meeting Tuesday night in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium.

Committee members repeatedly told the audience that the educational programs are not in jeopardy. "We have no intentions of sacrificing the education and leave Springfield behind," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

However, many individuals were concerned about the student programming particularly the pre-kindergarten program at the Walton School.

Parent-Teacher Association President Nancy Scileppi urged the Township Committee to protect the prekindergarten program. Scileppi said she heard there was a suggestion to implement a tuition-based program at the Walton School for the pre-k program.

"I'm concerned whether or not the Board of Education may require parents to pay tuition fees," Scileppi said. The committee assured Scileppi that the programs are not in

Committeeman Steven Goldstein classified the possibility of adding a tuition fee to the Waldon school a rumor. "We're not the bad guys, I don't want to hurt the schools with budget cuts."

Goldstein informed the attendents of the committee's role in examining the budget. Since the budget was voted down in last month's school board election, the committee must review the budget line-item by line-item with the Board of Education.

By May 21, both parties must come up with a final solution. Until then the joint private sessions are scheduled to continue. Goldstein said low voter turnout was instrumental in the budget defeat.

"This vote down should be a wakeup call for everyone and once again this crisis continues to spark interest."

Mayor Sy Mullman agreed with Goldstein regarding the lack of voter participation. He conveyed to the audience that not every senior citizen voted against the budget. The mayor reinforced the fact that the township and Board of Education will continue to work together.

Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld said the Township Committee acts as consultants to the Board of Education on the defeated budget.

Several individuals at the meeting said they were unaware of the basic mechanics of the school budget. The entire committee encouraged the audience to obtain a copy of the budget since it is a public record.

After the public session was offically closed the possibility of creating a tuition-based program at Walton surfaced again. Co-chairman of the Springfield Improvement Association, Hazel Hardgrove expressed her views about the budget. She said every student should have the opportunity to have a quality education.

The committee expects to vote on the school budget by Monday, at the high school.

about it now.

field lies.

Residents

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

cation meeting on Tuesday night had

a theme, it would be "Let there be

light on the Little League Field." But

not yet; there is too much controversy

The Borough Council planned to

reallocate \$75,000 from a state grant

obtained last year to install lights on

the baseball field near Deerfield

School. The Board of Education owns

the property where the Little League

More than 100 people came to dis-

cuss the planned lighting Tuesday

night, and to put it mildly, there was

Board of Education President

Richard Kress turned the meeting

over to Borough Engineer Michael

Disko to explain the proposed light-

ing. Disco had brought slides and

handouts about spill and glare control

"Over the years there has been con-

siderable interest in lighting the Deer-

field baseball field. The grant of

\$75,000 could fund this lighting for

the Little League games. I have vol-

unteered my time to bring this to a

concept situation for the Board of Education, who are owners of the

He said that various vendors over time had come forward to discuss doing this, and one plan he had chosen

was by Musco, who had made the

design drawings he handed out. The

plan included four poles for the

infield, 60 feet high, with four flood

lights per pole, at 1,500 watts, and for

the outfield, the poles would be 70

"We also have a large tree canopy

around the field on both sides, and the

lights would be targeted away from

the nearby homes," said Disko. He

said new technology today casts light

downward, allowing very little spil-

lover behind the poles that reach to homes around the field, and little or

Disco summarized by saying he

thought it would be a very acceptable

no glare to the homes.

feet high.

technology for the audience.

no agreement on the matter.

If the Mountainside Board of Edu-

call for

fairness

Centenarians celebrate at Brighton Gardens

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Reaching a milestone of living for 100 years is something not many people get the chance to do.

Yet for the centenarians who were acknowledged with a special birthday party at Brighton Gardens Assisted Living of Mountainside last Friday, it was more than a celebration of age, it was a testimony to the human spirit.

"I feel like dancing but I got nobody to dance with," said Rachel "Ray" Ruggerio, 99.

Ruggerio, who celebrates her 100th birthday on Christmas Day, was one of the several area centenarians who were present at the celebration. Others included Katherine "Kitty" Fiore, 100, Angela Guerriero, 103, Minnie Guttenberg, 100, and Minnie Kaspar, who turns 102 in June.

"I think it's just thrilling to be in a room with these five people," said Aviva Schwartz, director of community relations for senior living services at Brighton Gardens. "The amount of stories collectively amongst these five women must be pretty amazing."

In honor of Older Americans Month, Brighton Gardens acknowledged the centenarians along with the Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging. Fran

sion on Aging talked about the different services offered for the elderly, while Schwartz was on hand to present the centenarians with their certificates and gift bags.

Each of the certificates awarded the centenarians for their accomplishment and included signatures from the mayor of their hometown.

The second annual Centenarian Celebration kicked off with plenty of food, birthday cake, and music by Springfield resident and professional entertainer Ted O'Connell. Helping the centenarians celebrate were family and friends who came along to share with the excitement of their accomplishment.

"I'm very glad I came," said Kaspar. "I look good."

Kaspar was born in Elizabeth and worked in the Singer Manufacturing Company for 45 years. She currently lives at ManorCare in Mountainside.

"I love having her as a patient," said Nurse Patty Iannucci. "She's awake when I get in and her favorite show is 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire.' "

Kaspar's neice, Mary Mulkeen was also present to help her take part in the celebration.

The other centenarians felt proud to be a part of this special celebration in



Gathering under their birthday banner, several of the area centenarians celebrate at the Centenarian Party Friday at Brighton Gardens in Mountainside.

"They make me feel right at home." said Guttenberg. "Everyone is friendly."

The centenarians who could not attend the event included Minnie Bensky, Mary Burroughs, Birdell

andra Kniazkynsky, Clara Krebs and Josephine Ross.

The Union County Division on Aging's theme for May, "The Many Faces of Aging," reflects the growing diversity found among today's elderly

"If you look around, our culture is changing and we really want to celebrate the diversity of all different people," said Benson. "I think it's very important for the community to know that there are older people out there and they have long, creative lives."

Johnson, Thelma Kimbrough, Alex-Program gives new teachers support

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

For two years, several educators from the Springfield school system developed a program that provides a support system for incoming teachers.

The educators created Recommendations For A Teacher Induction Program which assists in the establishment and development of newlyhired teachers, and also helps teachers meet district standards. Over a threeyear period, the program is targeted to enhance and promote professional growth and self-confidence among educators.

"The survival rate is dismal among educators, so this mentorship initiative would provide a much-needed three-year program," said Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School teacher Judy Cariani.

Another major program goal enables new teachers to analyze, reflect and evaluate their growth in the teaching profession with assistance from support teachers and the staff. Presently, a mentorship program

exists within the school system. However, it gives educators an extra year of guidance.

According to Jonathan Dayton High School teacher Stacey Roberts, by state law, teachers are mentored for two years. Under the Springfield program, new educators may have more time to foster relationships during the additional year.

"An extended mentoring program will add the vitality to our careers and train new teachers in the essential ele-See GAUDINEER, Page 3

Mountainside Rotary Club will sponsor bike collection Saturday

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

Now is the time to tackle the clutter in the garage, basement, or cellar and start the spring cleaning. It may be possible that you come across an old bicycle or two. Whatever you do, make an attempt to save the bikes from becoming new editions in the landfills. Some of those worn out bikes may be the mode of transportation for someone in a distant land.

The Mountainside Rotary Club is sponsoring a bike collection for Pedals for Progress which recycles and delivers bikes to 16 developing countries throughout Latin America, Africa and the Pacific Islands.

Deerfield Elementary School at Central Avenue and School Drive in Mountainside will be the site for the bike collection on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Both old and new bikes are welcome at the bike drive. However, the old bikes must be in repairable condition, so the next person can use it.

Mountainside Rotary Club President Bruce Dickerson, explained how the bikes increase the employment rate within the developing countries.

"The bikes will provide the needed transportation for the people to find jobs in other villages as carpenters, mason-

Annually, Pedals for Progress recycles and distributes over 9,000 bikes to those in need. Once the bikes are transported from Deerfield, club members remove the pedals

To ship, collect, process rebuild and distribute the bikes it costs \$25. Anyone who decides to donate bikes can also defray the shipping cost with a \$10 donation. The club accepts bikes beyond the deadline date. For information call (908) 322-7230.

situation if the Board of Education chose to move forward and make a decision. If approved, the matter would go to the Planning Board very informally, according to Disco, allowing them to react, review and make recommendations. Then a general resolution by the board would be next before bidding. It never got off the ground on Tuesday.

Kress opened the project to the public and people raised their hands and spoke spontaneously before Kress had time to make them come to the microphone.

"Since this improvement is going to be made on Board of Education property, there are rules under Title

See QUESTION, Page 3



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Hoping to win a stuffed animal at the St. James Festival Saturday, Springfield resident Stephen Lynn, 5, throws a ball into the cups while father John stands by for good luck.

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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 Mountainside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. at the municipal building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside.
- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues 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" starts at noon at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. Plain is the author of 18 best-selling novels, including "After the Fire," "Fortune's Hand," and "Homecoming." She will read from her newest release, "Looking Back." 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 portait of a family in today's world.

Friday

• Kevin Brooks brings 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.

Saturday

- The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, is the site of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee's annual geranium sale fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Carol Goggi at (908) 789-9420 for information.
- The Mountainside Rotary Club sponsors a bicycle collection from noon to 3 p.m. at Deerfield Elementary School, Central Avenue and School Drive, Mountainside. A donation toward shipping of \$10 per bike is

For information call (908) 322-7230.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents classes on origami with Deanna Kwan 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. A 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.

• The Springfield YMCA, 100 South Springfield Ave., hosts a Healthy Kid's Day from 1 to 3 p.m.

Admission is free. For information call (973) 467-0838.

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

· The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, 37 Church Mall, presents a performance of George Friedrich Handel's Oratorio "Saul" at 10:15 a.m.

For information call (973) 379-4320.

 The Springfield Senior Citizens 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

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- The Union County chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners meets at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22 East, Mountainside.
- The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
- The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., presents 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 hosts 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.

Wednesday

• The Mountainside Chamber of Commerce conducts its monthly meeting at noon at Raagini Restaurant, 1085 Route 22 East, Mountainside. All Mountainside businesses are invited to attend and become part of the new Mountainside chamber being created as a division of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve space call Debbie Schmidt at the WACC at (908) 233-3021.

> Upcoming May 17

• The Great Books Discussion Group at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue with "St. Augustine: The City of God" at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. New members are welcome.

For information call (973) 376-4930. May 20

- The Union County Master Gardeners will sponsor its annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from noon to 5 p.m. Items for sale will include vegetables, annuals, unusual perennials, house plants, herbs and shrubs. There will also be free lectures. Admission is free.
- The Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, will host an open house and George Washington portrait update from 1 to 3 p.m. Hear Mountainside resident Bill Sanders discuss the initiative to place portraits of George Washington in schools and public places throughout New Jersey.

For information call Carol Goggi at (908) 789-9420.

Ongoing

- The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information, call (973)
- The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.
- * "Write Your Life Stories" is a writing group that meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library. Writing expertise is not required and sharing is: optional. The meeting is facilitated by writer/teacher Zella R.P. Geltman. No registration is required. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

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Children's programs

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its children's programming starting May 21 for babies, toddlers and young children.

• P-J Storytime, which invites kids to attend in pajamas, is scheduled for May 24, May 31 and June, 7:30 to 8 p.m. Intended for children ages 3 to 6, the programs include stories and a simple project. Parents are welcome. Preregistration required.

• The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 11/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. Plan to stay and play afterward. The programs will be Saturday and May 29 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. No advance registration.

• Library Babies supports language-building through lap-sit games and other activities for babies and younger toddlers up to 18 months old in the comfort of a parent or caregiver's lap. Plan to saty and play afterward. The program is scheduled for May 24 and 31 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

To register for P-J Storytime, call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 32, or stop by the library. All children's events are in the children's room.

International film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its International Film Festival with "Black Cat. White Cat" today 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 madean choreogrpahed 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.

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 Saturday at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., for her classes on origami.

The first class is 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.

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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Question over Title IX

(Continued from Page 1) IX," said Holly Ruggiero, who asked whether the board would take a vote that night. Kress said the board would not vote that night and questioned whether Title 9, which is about gender equity in sports programs, would apply.

"Youth baseball has always used this field; it is not state money, it is coming from the town council. Our main concern is if they want to do this...we just want to be satisfied that our neighbors are happy with this," Kress said.

Several parents were there with their daughters, who played baseball, and there seemed to be an undercurrent about girls being allowed to use the field even with the lighting. Coach and president of Mountainside Youth Baseball John Amalfe stood to make his point. "We have tried to remove all safety issues; I run the sports and we spent over \$140,000 which we raised ourselves; we are a private organization. The borough approach-

ed us and we are improving all the fields. They want to give us the night lights...it is something we always have wanted and our program is open to boys and girls."

Lou Ruggiero disagreed. "Part of the problem is we are using public money to support the private organization; why don't we put it towards Beechwood School instead?" Another man suggested that the Board of Education refuse the grant money. "It is not our money," Kress said. "Besides, we don't get the money, just the

Mary Trimmer read her written recommendations to the Board of Education on how to solve the disagreement. "You should require a written plan by the Mountainside Youth Baseball Association and the Recreation Department outlining specific times and days when the field would be used into the night hours, which would provide for inclusion of girls' teams as well as the boys' teams presently using the field."

Garden time again



Painted faces, flourishing plantings and crafts are all part of the annual Master Gardener Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Last year's Union County Master Gardeners included Jesse Meade of Westfield, right, and Vince DeGaetano of Springfield. This year's fair will take place May 20, noon to 5 p.m., rain or shine. For more see Page B1.

Gaudineer students get feedback on competition

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ments of teaching," Roberts said. This team of educators researched, collated data and conducted surveys among teachers in order to enhance

the program development. The school board supports the project and expects to approve the program it in the upcoming year.

Board member Robert Fish commended the team for its efforts. "This presentation is an excellent example of a well-rounded mentorship program."

Mock trial members honored The mock trial team from the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School are gaining more recognition for their

performance in the statewide Law

Adventure Competition. At Monday's meeting, the Board of Education honored several students from the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School for their performance.

Seventeen eighth-graders devised the Mason v. Greendale Board of Education case that earned this mock trial team second place in the event sponsored by the New Jersey Bar Association.

After the students presented their award-winning case to a packed audience, the participants were awarded with certificates from the school board.

Board President Stephen Fischbein praised the students for their dedication throughout the highly competitive event.

"These children achieved their goals through hard work."

The team exceled throughout the field of 209 middle schools. All participants were required to produce mock trial cases dealing with medical, legal, professional malpractice, or discrimination. Over a four-month per-

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iod the students focused on the discrimination factor and wrote several depositions for the plaintiff and defense.

The students based their case upon a teen diagnosed with Tourettes Syndrome with coprolalia. The disease causes the uncontrollable desire to use inappropriate language. Once the students formed their case they created Lawrence Mason, a junior soccer player at Springbrook High School.

Mason allegedly was granted special treatment by his coach, who alerted the coach from the opposing team that Mason would not be thrown out of the game if he used foul language. However, a Greendale athlete thought Mason should be reprimanded. The player began to use some of the inappororiate language Mason used during the game and was ejected from the game while Mason continued to play.

The Greendale teammates were upset with the decision and taunted Mason. The ridicule was too much for Mason, so he left the game. As a form of recourse, the Mason family filed suit with the Greendale Board of Education for discrimination and violation of privacy.

Pamela Gray, Florence M. Gaudineer supervisor of educational programs prepared the students for the competition. Gray expressed her pride toward the students.

"These children are wonderful, they wrote the entire document and developed all the concepts."

In her first mock trial competition, student Christina Leshko, explained her new found awareness for law.

"It's great to know that we are known as one of the best mock trail teams in the state and I learned how to write and present arguments," Lesh-

between teens, seniors Volunteer club bridges gap

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

"We're not Generation Xers bringing guns to school. We happen to be a group of high school students who care about giving back to our community," said 17 year-old Pamela Bookbinder.

Bookbinder belongs to the Jonathan Dayton High School Volunteer Club that focuses on providing volunteer services for individuals throughout Springfield and Mountainside.

The club is composed of more than 60 juniors and seniors who plan and participate in volunteer projects. In 1997, the club entered its developmental stage, which later blossomed into a community service outlet for many teen-agers.

With only 10 students, Club Advisor Linda Axelrad molded the participants into an organization that has been officially recognized by former Gov. Christine Whitman and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with the Springfield

Township Committee.

"Four years ago, some students and I volunteered at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside," she said. "We've developed several other programs that help the community."

Throughout the academic year, the club has a variety of programs that serve citizens, including monthly breakfast programs, introductory computer classes, snow shoveling and food shopping.

At 90 years old, Milly Guenther has been an active member of the senior citizens program at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. Guenther attended several breakfast programs organized by the volunteer club over the years.

Although the next breakfast is scheduled during the fall, Guenther said she can hardly wait. She explained how the breakfast program helped her develop new relationships among the students.

"Everyone says kids do bad things and when they do good things nobody gives them credit," she said. "When we meet, the kids are able to see that not all senior citizens are old foggies."

Senior Coordinator Theresa Herkalo informs the senior citizens about the programs offered by the volunteer club. In fact, Herkalo organizes activities for 500 senior group members.

"It's great to see students, senior citizens, and teachers socializing in order to cross the generational gap."

The volunteer club is familiar with the needs concerning the senior citizen population. Dayton Prinicipal Charles Serson said the students regularly attend the Committee on Aging meetings. He said students interact with the senior citizens and bond.

"The club has turned out to be a rewarding experience that benefits both parties."

Participants volunteer in other activities that include community cleanup projects, March of Dimes. American Red Cross, food drives and soup kitchen service.

Senior Jonathan Zipkin and junior Grace Alfano are members of the vol-



unteer club and explained how the

organization helps build their

Zipkin has been involved in the

organization since his early high

school years. He went to Children's

Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Initially, Zipkin said he was

apprehensive about visiting ill child-

ren, but over time he became fasci-

"Visiting the sick children turned

out to be my favorite acitivity," he

said. "Even though the children are

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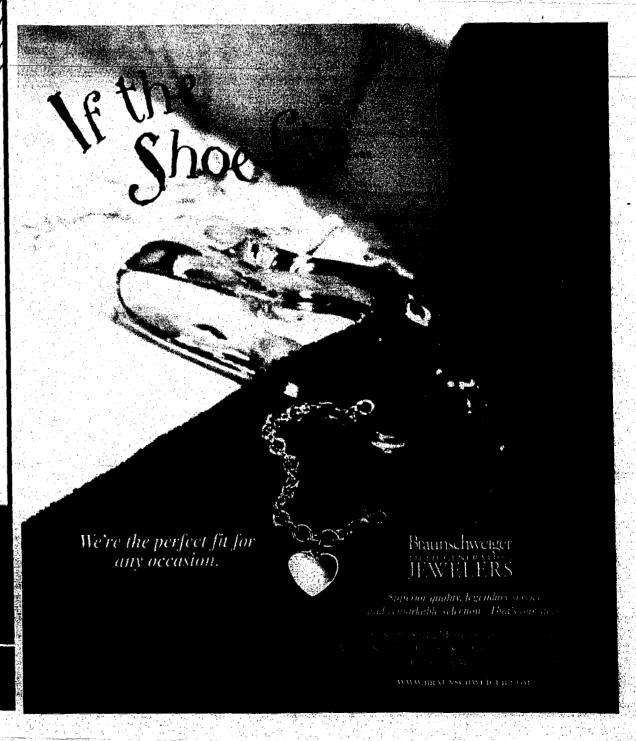
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One small step

With the recent installation of six new streetlights along a section of the business district on Morris Avenue in Springfield, the town has seen a boost in beauty, and hopefully as a result, in business as well.

Completed by the Springfield Beautification Committee, the 14-foot-high lights are designed to reduce darkness along the block and make it more inviting to shoppers. Improved, aesthetically pleasing light fixtures are just a small part of addressing this particular business district. The lights may display a prominent glow of visible elegance, but they also shed light on another much needed improvement for the area.

At any given time of day or night, speeding cars rush along this stretch of Morris Avenue where the new lights have been placed. As motorists enter this narrow strip of Morris Avenue, the speed limit changes from 35 to 30 miles per hour and drivers are supposed to slow down in order to merge into the single lane and safely navigate the busy stretch of the road.

Naturally, with the addition of the streetlights, more light will mean more visibility for drivers and pedestrians, making the block safer.

But with the amount of speeding cars on Morris Avenue going more than the 30-mph speed limit, no amount of lighting will make pedestrians safe from automobiles. As many of the local merchants can attest, the street is not safe for a pedestrian to park his or her car or walk across any time there is a bit of traffic, which is regularly.

The township should look at different ways to deter speeders. Consultants are still in the process of studying the Morris Avenue business district and hopefully their final report will include some recommendations to address traffic and pedestrian safety.

Neighboring towns employ a variety of strategies to calm traffic in pedestrian or shopping areas. Whether through increased policing, rumble strips or the use of pedestrian signs placed strategically in the center of the roadway to remind drivers of people crossing the street, something needs to be done to improve the speeding situation along this particular block of Morris Avenue.

By making a necessary, but ultimately aesthetic improvement to the community with the installation of the street-lights, Springfield should continue to address other issues in the business district, as many are interconnected. Officials should use this opportunity to look for ways to make living and shopping in Springfield safer for everyone, day and night.

Thank you, Mom

Everybody has one and often it is the first word out of a child's mouth — mama.

The bond between mother and child is like no other in the world. It surpasses all tangible evidence and is only felt in the seat of a person's heart. Everybody on this earth — humans and most animals — owes their existence largely to their mother. Therefore, it is only fitting we officially celebrate Moms throughout the world with one day a year, even though they are in our hearts our whole life.

While some say Mother's Day has its origins in ancient Greek civilization or earlier, the important thing is to celebrate and appreciate that undying love that is given to us by our mother.

Anna M. Jarvis did this by starting a letter-writing campaign to congressmen, businessmen and church officials in an attempt to make Mother's Day a national holiday in the United States.

Thanks to Jarvis' efforts, the first Mother's Day was observed by a church service in May 1908. In addition, the first Mother's Day proclamation was issued by the governor of West Virginia in 1910, and by 1911 every state had its own tradition in place.

Jarvis believed children often neglected to truly appreciate their mother while she was still alive, so she came up with the idea of the national holiday. We encourage our readers to do something special for their mothers this holiday. It does not have to be something extravagant, but it does have to come from the heart.

Considering mothers give so much of their time, energy and love to their children, it is incumbent upon us to give back what we have received.

A mother's love is forever strong, through good times and bad. She will worry about her baby, but never get too mad. Willing to forgive when a child is wrong, she knows how to comfort. Always there to show she cares, it is amazing the burden she bears.

A mother's love is linked to heaven. The precious bond that comes from God knows only to create, unique in that respect from their mate.

So celebrate this Mother's Day by having something nice to say. A simple "thank you for everything" or "I love you" will do, because Mom loves you for you.

Happy Mother's Day.

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CRADLING COCO—Checking out Coco, a shepherd mix, at the Pet Fair at Trailside in Mountainside on Sunday are Michael Grey, 8, a third-grader at Sandmeier School in Springfield, brother Alex, 13, a seventh-grader at Gaudineer School, and sister Jessica, a freshman at Union County College. Coco is 7 weeks old and was bottle raised at Husky House in Branchburg for adoption.

Special education: Restoring Washington's promise

In 1975, Congress opened the doors of learning to millions of children by approving landmark legislation mandating that kids with special education needs receive the same public school education that every other young American enjoys.

To cover this federal mandate, Congress pledged to pay 40 percent of the costs of special education which can be more than double the cost of educating other students.

But in the quarter-century since the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act became law, the federal government has not kept its word to families with special-needs students. Rather than paying 40 percent of the costs, Congress only pays 15 percent.

That means local schools are forced to cover the difference and make difficult choices among worthy initiatives such as hiring new teachers to reduce class, paying teachers more, installing computers in the classroom or building new schools.

Of course, working families also share in the burden because increased local education costs often mean dramatically higher property tax bills.

As a former teacher, I know firsthand the value of education and the importance of ensuring that all children share in the pride and promise of public education. That's why I introduced, as my very first bill in Congress, legislation to guarantee the federal government lives up to its promise by funding 40 percent of IDEA costs over the next six years.

District Seat

By Mike Ferguson

This reform — H.R. 1330 — is simply common sense and has attracted broad support from both Republicans and Democrats. My bill's chief Democratic sponsor is Rep. Patrick Kennedy of Rhode Island. Also backing the bill is senior member of the House Education Committee, Rep. Marge Roukema of New Jersey.

Before IDEA became law, only 20 percent of students with disabilities were educated in public schools. By 1970, only seven states provided education to more than 50 percent of their students with disabilities and many states passed laws specifically banning certain students from public schools, such as students who were blind, deaf, emotionally disturbed or "feeble minded."

Worse, before the enactment of IDEA, one million children with disabilities were excluded from school altogether and others were housed in psychiatric institutions that failed to address the children's educational

Today, IDEA serves more than 184,000 New Jersey students, ages 3 to 21, and 6.2 million pupils nationwide. In the 7th Congressional Dis-

trict, which I represent, more than 15,400 students, or 14 percent of the district's 111,000 pupils, qualify under IDEA at an estimated annual cost of \$16,318 per student — more than twice the cost of educating the town's other children.

And the success of IDEA has been dramatic. Studies from the 1980s and 1990s show that the percentage of students with disabilities completing high school increased 64 percent.

The success isn't limited to the children's school years; children with disabilities who graduate from high school have a much greater likelihood of being employed than those without high school degrees, particularly those students who enroll in occupationally-oriented education programs.

According to researchers, 44 percent of all adults with a disability today have completed some college or received a degree, compared to only 29 percent in 1986.

Still, more needs to be done. By not keeping its promise to fund 40 percent of IDEA costs, the federal government is forcing local school districts to cut needed programs to cover the federal IDEA mandate.

How has Washington's shortfall affected local schools? Had the federal government funded IDEA at the promised 40 percent — instead of the current 15 percent — local schools nationwide would have had access to more than \$300 billion in additional

funding during the last 25 years.

With both the costs of educating students and the number of students with disabilities increasing, special education costs are consuming a growing share of our school budgets. In New Jersey, the proposed state budget for next year is expected to provide \$910 million for special education. But New Jersey received less than \$170 million from Washington for IDEA last year. Under my legislation, the federal government would meet its commitment and provide more than \$725 million in IDEA funding to New Jersey by 2007.

In many ways, children with disabilities are among our most vulnerable citizens. But most of these kids can excel in education, and many become active participants in our communities. To ensure their long-term success, though, Washington must fulfill its promise to appropriately fund the costs of their educations.

Children with disabilities can achieve their dreams. We must allow every child to fulfill their potential and give young people greater opportunities. To do that, Washington must fulfill its promise to fund more of the cost of their educations.

A resident of Warren, Republican Mike Ferguson represents the 7th Congressional District, which includes Mountainside and Springfield.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Citizens must involve themselves

To the Edito

Missing in the previous week's "Letters to the Editor" section of the Echo Leader is the voice of Springfield's students. Not only is the student body most directly affected by such issues such as the budget, they're aware — and in the case of the referendum, already experiencing — the consequences of these outcomes.

Prior to February's referendum defeat, *The Dawg Print*, Jonathan Dayton High School's student paper, presented—its position:

Meisel has always been a county park, funded by taxpayers. It seems logical that the county, not the local taxpayers, should foot the lion's share of the bill for renovations. However, the track and other recreational facilities on its grounds were not originally built with the park; they were later constructed by the school, foremost for Dayton athletics. Moreover, because the county agreed to allow Dayton to use their land, it is understood that construction and maintenance for the track is not the county's responsibility. That is why the burden of financing this project is the township's.

Springfield can't wait for a future referendum to be voted on five years down the road. Not only are the deteriorating facilities long overdue for renovation and are in deplorable condition, but the cost to taxpayers will unquestionably increase. The state has approved \$675,000 in aid and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will subsidize the \$325,000 track installation. Approximately \$1 million has been raised by the county to further offset the total cost of the project. These generous funds are not guaranteed for future proposals and should not be squandered while an opportunity to take advantage of them is available. The cost to the average homeowner is roughly \$85 a year, for five years. Without the aid that is being offered, the total jumps to \$100 per household, a \$75 difference over the course of five years. For those on fixed incomes or tight budgets, \$85 is a sizeable figure; enough to dissuade these individuals to yote "no."

This time there was no excuse for the failure of what should have been an overwhelming "yes" vote. A lackluster attempt to increase support of the referendum on the part of the school and a misleading mailing effort attacking the referendum on behalf of the Springfield Improvement Association are to blame. The Springfield Improvement Association stuffed hundreds of fliers into mailboxes, just days before the vote. The fliers, urging Springfield residents to vote against the referendum were misleading, ambiguous, and completely neglected to mention the athletic field referendum's impact on Jonathan Dayton.

Unquestionably, Springfield's senior citizens comprised much of the "no" votes in the referendum and school budget defeats. In all due respect to these residents, voting against an increase in taxes without considering the benefits is foolish and often results in lower property values that undermine any immediate savings. Younger voters — ages 18 to 60 — are equally responsible for the disappointing outcomes because the vast majority didn't even come to the polls. Those without students in the school system are affected by these decisions since the desirability of their home shifts when a potential buyer sees the miserable conditions of Meisel Field or learns of the difficulty in passing a school budget.

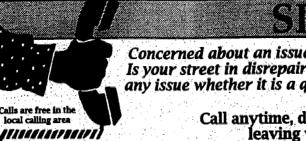
The Bulldog track team was notified by school administration to discontinue use of Dayton's surrounding fields, citing valid safety concerns. Millburn High School has graciously hosted Dayton track practices since the condemnation of the Bulldogs' former practice field, but additional busing costs further strain Dayton's athletic budget. The football, soccer, softball, baseball, track and cross-country teams all stood to benefit had the referendum been approved. Sadly, the substandard facilities/fields used by these teams will only get worse in the near future.

Opponents of the referendum and school budget are quick to point out that Springfield already spends more money per student than comparable districts. It's not so much an issue that Springfield spends \$10,000 per student, as it is how Springfield spends this money. A detailed, spending-per-student breakdown does not exist, but examples of ill-advised spending are not hard to find.

Our superintendent is one of the highest paid in the state. For a district with less than 2,000 students, Dr. Gary Friedland has somehow managed to reach the Mount Everest of salaries, approaching \$200,000 annually. Regardless of the high demand for superintendents, Springfield's next superintendent cannot be paid this much. It is wasteful and unjustified, particularly in lieu of the fact that Springfield rejects legitimate spending in other areas.

Another example of unnecessary spending is calculators for every student. As a middle and upper class township, almost all students can get calculators. Following the deregionalization of Jonathan Dayton, which Springfield overwhelmingly supported, there has been high rates of mobility among the high school's faculty and a general sentiment of confinement amid students who find themselves limited by several of Dayton's overbearing policies. Springfield has the potential to instruct students in a small setting, yet still provide adequate funding to maintain good teachers and modernize classrooms.

Andrew Harris, news editor
The Dawg Print, Jonathan Dayton High School



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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Seniors planning trip to Liberty Science Center

The Springfield Senior Citizens sponsor a trip to the Liberty Science Center on Tuesday. 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

Mountainside Newcomers Club sets June Bar-B-Que

The Mountainside Newcomers Club will host its annual June Bar-B-Que 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.

Mountainside Active Retirees meet Tuesdays

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

EVENTS

Mountainside chamber has monthly luncheon

The Mountainside Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly luncheon meeting on Wednesday at noon at Raagini Restaurant, 1085 Route 22, Mountainside, Mountainside businesses are invited to attend and become part of the new Mountainside chamber being created as a division of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Mountainside chamber plans to work interactively with the munici-

pal government, residents and businesses to plan events and promotions, publicity for the organization. and to create a Mountainside Business Directory. This new alliance promises to benefit both Westfield and Mountainside, adding members to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and strengthening both business communities with new contracts and support.

The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve your place, call Debbie Schmidt at the WACC at (908) 233-3021.

Olympic Park slide presentation Tuesday

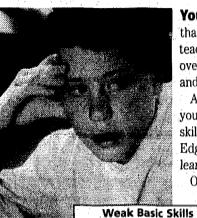
The Springfield Historical Society and the Union Historical Society host author Alan A. Siegel on Tuesday at 8 p.m. for a slide presentation on Olympic Park at the First Presbyterian Parish House on Church Mall in Springfield.

Siegel, an attorney in Chatham, has written many books on local history, including the Images of America series books on Warren Township and on Irvington. Born in Irvington, he

has many fond memories of visiting the amusement park which straddled the Maplewood-Irvington until it closed in September 1965 after 50 seasons.

Mention Olympic Park in a group of people whose childhoods or young parenthood spanned the '50s and '60s and memories are likely to spill forth: the rides, the games, the food, the special adventures of going there on a hot summer night. After the slide presentation, there will be a question-andanswer period and an opportunity to share those memories.

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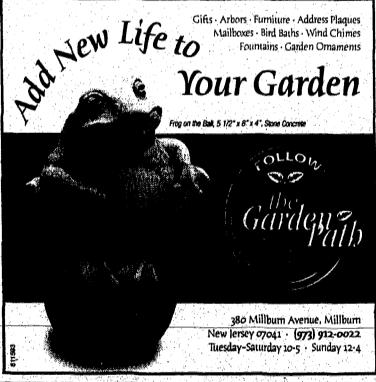
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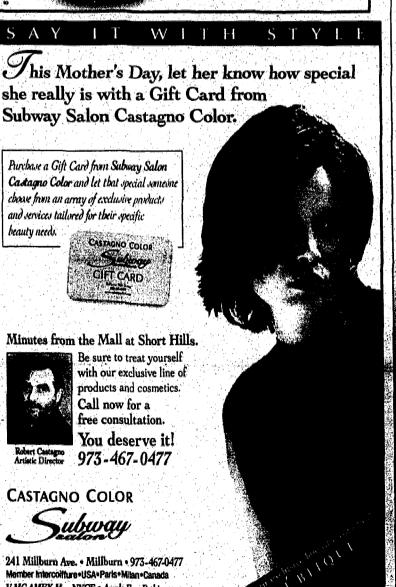
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OBITUARIES

Sylvia Leon

Sylvia Leon, 88, of Springfield died May 5 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Harrison, Mrs. Leon lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1956. She was a secretary in the records department at Kean University, Union, and retired in 1983. She was a life member of B'nai B'rith and Hadassah, both of Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Arnold H. Bodner; a daughter, Judith Bodner Lazzaretti; a sister, Ruth Reiles; a brother, Dr. Allen Abrams, and three grandchildren.

Elly Platter

Elly Platter, 95, of Lakehurst, formerly of Mountainside, died May 4 in the Leisure Park Senior Living Community, Lakewood.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Platter came to Mountainside many years ago and moved to Lakehurst several years ago. Mrs. Platter co-founded the Lehigh Tool & Manufacturing Co., Roselle, where she worked for 40 years before retiring 20 years ago. She was a member of the Women's Club of Mountainside.

Surviving are a daughter, Marianne Phielech; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth A. Young

Ruth A. Young, 83, of Mountainside died April 29 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Young lived in Mountainside for 44 years. She was a real estate agent for 15 years with Remlinger Realty, Springfield, and retired in 1972. Mrs. Young was a member of the Women's Club of Mountainside.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Donald

Young and Darren; two daughters, Dolores Makrogianni and Deborah Stowers, and two grandchildren.

Samuel S. Scanzo

Samuel S. Scanzo of Whiting, a retired Summit credit union president, died April 30 in Community Medical Center, Toms River. Born in Somerville, Mr. Scanzo lived in North Plainfield before moving to Whiting in 1985. He was the president of the Miko Federal Credit Union in Summit, where he worked for 35 years and retired in 1984.

Joan H. Schumann

Joan H. Schumann, 53, a lifelong resident of Summit, died May 3 at home. Miss Schumann was a selfemployed accountant. She received a bachelor's degree from Moravian College, Bethlehem, P.A., in 1969. Miss Schumann volunteered at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are her mother, Frances Schumann, and two brothers, Ric and

Marjorie Johnson

Marjorie Elaine Johnson, 65, of Plainfield, formerly of Summit, died May 2 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. Born in Haddonfield, Mrs. Johnson lived in Summit before moving to Plainfield 35 years ago.

Surviving are husband, E. Donald; two sons, Gregory E. and Donald B. Sr.; two daughters, Kim Elaine and Lori R.: her mother, Mildred Bennett, and five grandchildren.

David Garlen

David Garlen, 75, of Summit died May 6 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Glen Falls, N.Y., Mr. Garlen lived in Manhattan and White Plains, N.Y., before moving to Summit. He owned and operated Cosmetech Lab. Fairfield, where he also was a cosmetic chemist since 1973. He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Hyla; a son, Daniel; two daughters, Nancy Leone and Elizabeth Arrison, and six grandchildren.

Roy G. Daniels

Roy G. Daniels, 79, of Mountainside, formerly of Cranford, died May 3 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Chicago, Ill, Mr. Daniels lived in Cranford before moving to Mountainside in 1951. He was a World War II Army veteran and was honorably discharged as a sergeant with the 42nd Rainbow Division. Mr. Daniels taught at the Cranford High School as an industrial arts teacher and work study coordinator for 34 before his retirement in 1983.

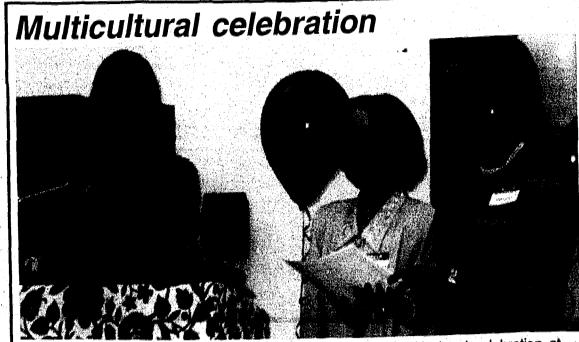
Surviving are three sons, Scott S., Todd and Gregg; a daughter, Kim; two grandchildren and a greatgrandchild.

Clara Stern

Clara Stern, 76, of Mountainside died May 2 in the St. Cloud Health Care, West Orange.

Born in Yasi, Romania, Mrs. Stern lived in Bayonne, Newark and Irvington before moving to Mountainside 30 years ago. She owned Tabatchnick's Delicatessan in Springfield before retiring in 1995. Mrs. Stern was a member of Hadassah and B'nai B'rith, both in Springfield.

Surviving is a brother, Peasch



Narrator Grace Obando thanks all those involved in the multicultural celebration at Summit Middle School April 27. Two ladies who did a tremendous amount of work were ESL teacher Christina Ramirez and guidance counselor Jane Parkinson. The program, entitled 'A Rainbow of Cultures,' was funded by the Goals 2000 grant.

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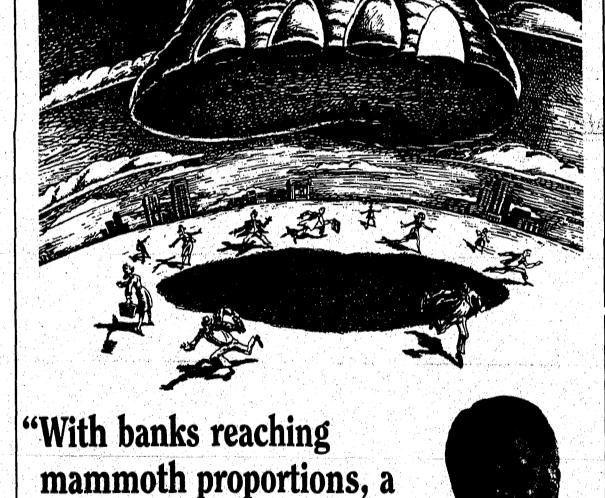
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Material set out in plastic bags will not be collected. Grass must be set out in biodegradable paper bags or loose in a clearly-marked receptable. Special bags may be purchased at local hardware stores. Bags and containers should not exceed 40 pounds each.

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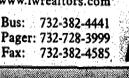
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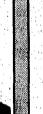
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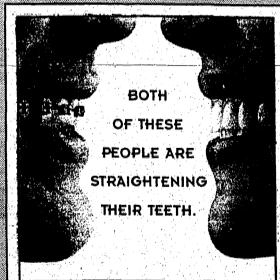
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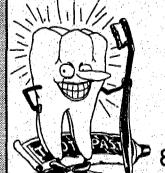
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Topics that are covered include making good and responsible decisions, supervising children, age appropriate activities, keeping everyone safe inside and outside, handling emergencies, peforming basics care — diapering, feeding, infant care first aid and a lot more.

The class will be at the chapter house at 321 Elm St. in Westfield from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and lunch is provided.

includes a course handbook and small first aid kit. Registration is limited and closes one week prior to the class. Interested individuals or those

The cost is \$40 per student and

wanting course information should call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090 or stop by the chapter house.

CPR training offered

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host trainings classes in lifesaving skills. The spring course schedule for the course "CRP for the professional resucer" has been set.

CPR for the Professional Rescuer is a course that covers CPR for infant, child, adult and two-person rescuer. It teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergenices. The course is intended for those who need to respond to emergencies for their job or occupation such as lifeguards or medical personal. Two classes are available: May 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or June 5 and 7 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. both evenings.

Interested individuals should call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090, email at johnson@crossnet.org, or stop by the chapter house.

Day trips are planned

The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor the following trips:

• Tuesday, Liberty Science Center, leaving Sarah Bailey at 10 a.m. Price is \$48 for admission and transportation.

• June 15, Hunterdon Playhouse, lunch and show, "Abie's Irish Rose," leaving Sarah Bailey at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$48 including show, lunch and transportation. • June 22, Monmouth Race Track,

bus will leave Sarah Bailey at 10:30 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person.

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alo at (973) 912-2227, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for more information.

Summer playground

The Springfield Recreation Department will present the Summer Playground Program-2001 from June 25 to Aug. 17. The registration fee is \$20 for the entire eight-week program.

The supervised outdoor playground operates at the Chisholm Community Center in the playground area. The program runs for eight weeks and is available for boys and girls in Springfield ages 5-12. Activities include games, arts and crafts, field trips, athletics, special events, morning trips to the Springfield Pool, color wars, parties, sports tournaments and much

Pool registration begins

The Springfield Pool opens May 26 at 11 a.m. Pool registration is accepted Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center 30 Church Mall. Special registration dates include May 12 from noon; May 20 from noon to 3 p.m., and May 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information call (973)

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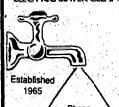
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Brush fires extinguished

The Springfield Fire Department responded to several different calls last week for brush fires. On April 29 at 3:53 p.m., a call came in from a Mountain Avenue business for a report of a brush fire in the rear. On April 30, a brush fire was reported at 1:11 p.m. at a Route 22 East business; at 2:04 p.m. at a Morris Avenue business, and at 5:43 p.m. on Route 78 East.

Also on April 30, firefighters responded at 8:11 a.m. to the Walton School for an activated fire alarm. A medical service call was handled at 3:58 p.m. at an Irwin Street residence.

• May 1: 1:25 a.m., Morris Avenue

FIRE BLOTTER

apartment complex for an odor of something burning; 4:56 p.m., Route 78 West for a vehicle fire; 5:12 p.m., Garden Oval residence for a gas grill

• May 2: 12:23 p.m., Mountain Avenue business to assist owner with gas shut-off; 1:09 p.m., Morris Avenue business for a medical service call; 4:55 p.m., Route 78 West milepost 48 for an active CPR in progress; 5:49 p.m., Route 78 East milepost 50 for a motor vehicle accident.

Honda reported stolen

Springfield

A Honda Civic was reported stolen from the 6th Avenue Electronics parking lot on Route 22 West on May 2 at 7:44 p.m. The owner will submit a list of the stolen property at a later

• A window of a 1998 Dodge Caravan was smashed while in a Morris Turnpike parking lot on May 2 at 1:00

• On April 26 at 9:44 p.m., the following items were stolen from a Lexus: a wallet, damaged door lock, gift certificate, driver's license, seven credit cards, and \$80 in cash. The items are estimated at a value of \$400.

POLICE BLOTTER

• On April 30, a pair of sneakers were shoplifted from a business on Route 22 West at 10 p.m. The sneakers are valued at \$79.

• At 1:33 p.m., a compact disc player valued at \$60 was reportedly shoplifted from a Mountain Avenue business on April 28.

• Maciej Mielczarek, 23, of Springfield Avenue, Summit, was charged with marijuana possession on April 30. According to reports, police found Mielczarek in possession of less than 50 grams of the drug.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

"AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND THE PAY OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2001"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey as follows:

That for the following enumerated positions of employment in the Swim Pool Utility
of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, the respective

salaries or compensation set forth below are hereby fixed as the maximum amounts to be paid for the year 2001, and until this ordinance shall be amended or repealed to the respec-tive officers, appointees to said offices, positions or clerical employment:

ave officers, appointees to said offices, positions of cierica	i employment:
RECREATION Coaches, per season	200 2,500
Assistant Coaches	150 - 1,000
Scorekeepers, Umpires, Referees (per game)	4.00 - 40.00
Instructors (per hour)	4.00 - 30.00
Assistant Instructors	4.00 - 15.00
Supervisors (per season)	350 - 3,500
Supervisors (per hour)	4.00 - 15.00
Playground Supervisor	1,750 - 4,500
Playground Leaders (per hour)	4.00 - 12.50
Part-time clerical (per hour)	4.00 - 12.00
Night Attendant	4.00 - 15.00
SWIM POOL UTILITY Pool Manager	5,000 - 12,000
Assistant Pool Manager	2,500 - 6,000
Lifeguards	4.00 - 11.00
Instructors	7.50 - 22.50
Swim Team Coach	500 - 4,000
Assistant Swim Team Coach	250 - 2,000
Head Lifeguard	3,000 - 3,875
Assistant Head Lifeguard	2,500 - 3,000
Recreation Supervisor	2,100 - 4,300
Recreation Attendants (per hour)	4.00 - 9.00
Desk Clerk (per hour)	4.00 - 12.00
Maintenance (per hour)	4.00 - 9.00
Pre Season Salary (per hour)	4.00 - 8.00
DAY CAMP Director	2,000 - 4,500
Assistant Director	1,500 - 2,750
Counselors (per hour)	4.00 - 8.00
Counselors in Training (per hour)	4.00 - 8.00
2. The foregoing Ordinance shall take effect immediately upo	sa kilo di etha all'illa Padoni

2. The foregoing Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication thereof according to law.

1. Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, May 8, 2001, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on May 22, 2001, in the Springfield Municipal Building at 3:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. A Copy is posted on the builetin board in the office of the Township Clerk. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI Township Clerk (\$68.25)

U4967 ECL May 10, 2001

The doctor is in



Springfield resident Rachel Trinker, 3, checks the heart rate of her teddy bear with the help Dr. Daniel Hermann, pediatric resident at the Atlantic Children's Medical Center at Overlook Hospital in Summit. Trinker was one of several Temple Beth Ahm preschoolers who brought stuffed animals to the medical center's Teddy Bear Clinic last month.

First Presbyterian will present Oratorio 'Saul'

On Sunday, the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will present a performance of George Friedrich Handel's Oratorio "Saul." The church choir will be assisted by professional soloists as well as featuring several choir members in solo parts. The service will begin at 10:15 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
Take notice that application has been
made to The Borough of Mountainside,
Mountainside, New Jersey to transfer to S
& Y Holding Corp., trading as N/A, for premises located at 899 Mountain Avenue,
Mountainside, New Jersey 07092 the Plenary Retail Consumption License
2010-33-003-003 heretofore issued to Carl
Simoni for the premises located at N/A.

Stockholder, Director and President:

Carl Simoni 167 Wee Wah Road Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

Objections, if any, should be made nmediately in writing to: Municipal Clerk of

S & Y Holding Corp. By: Carl Simoni, President Applicant 305 W. Grand Avenue Montvale, NJ 07645

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: EDITH D. BOILES,
Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorter, Surrogate of the County of Union, made
on the 4th day of May, A.D., 2001, upon the
application of the undersigned, as Executors of the estate of said deceased, notice is
hereby given to the creditors of said
deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under
oath or affirmation their claims and
demands against the estate of said
deceased within six months from the date
of said order, or they will be forever barred
from prosecuting or recovering the same
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U4962 ECL May 10, 2001 (

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on March 8, 2001 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092

Joseph D'Antuono, 1170 Wyoming Drive, Block 5.G, Lot 10 - Addition with variances. APPROVED

Peter Metz, 1009 Mary Allen Lane, Block 7.C, Lot 10 - Addition with variances APPROVED U4979 ECL May 10, 2001 (\$6.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mountainside Local
Assistance Board at Mountainside Borough
22. Mountainside, New Assistance Board at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on Wednesday, May 30, 2001 at 1:00 P.M. Edith C. Burvett Communications Mountainside Local Assistance Board

Mountainside Local Assistance Board U4954 ECL May 10, 2001 (\$4.50)

SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY UNION COUNTY, NJ

RESOLUTION INCREASING MAX-IMUM FEES UNDER PROFES-SIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO JASINSKI & PARNAC, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield did enact Resolution No. 00-110, approving a professional services contract with Jasinski & Parnac, for professional services for the Township of Springfield; and WHEREAS, the said resolution set maximum fees to be \$4,000.00; and WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield does now determine that it is necessary to increase this amount.

determine that it is necessary to increase this amount;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Springlield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby increase the maximum fees under the said professional services agreement to a total sum of \$8.100.00.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meet-

Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, held on

ruescay evening, May, 8, 2001. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI Township Clerk U4971 ECL May 10, 2001 (\$15,00)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: DANIEL ACKERMAN,
ALSO KNOWN AS DANIEL A. ACKERMAN, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made
on the 4th day of May, A.D., 2001, upon the
application of the undersigned, as Executor
of the setate of said deceased, notice is
hereby given to the creditors of said
deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under
oath or affirmation their claims and
demands against the estate of said
deceased within ax months from the date
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JOAN ACKERMAN
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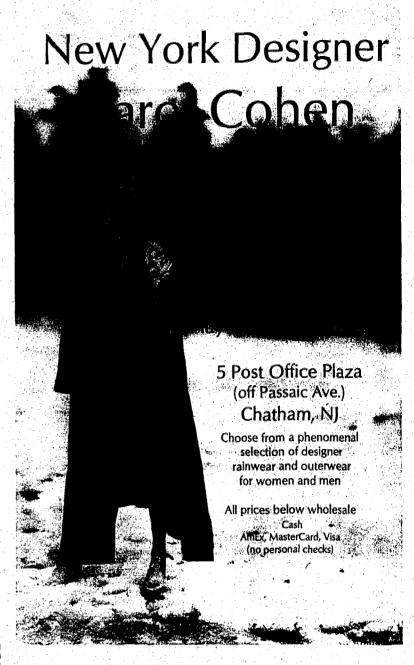
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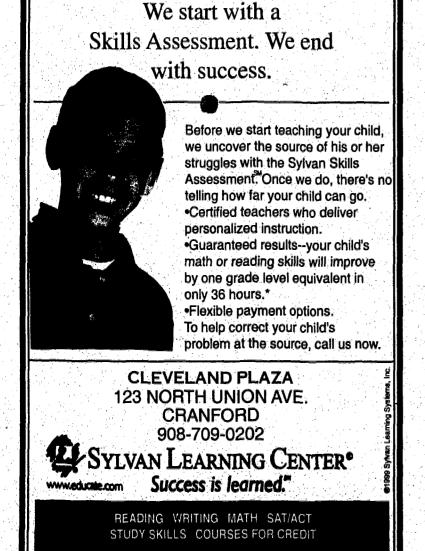
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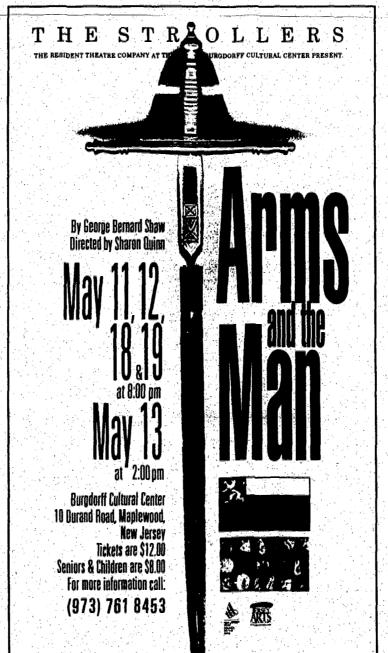
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UCT Baseball quarters Saturday

Six of the top eight seeds qualified for the quarterfinals.

Union needs to beat Roselle Park at home to advance to the semifinals for a sixth consecutive year. However, the Farmers have not made it to the championship game since last winning the UCT in 1993.

Also, the top seed has not win since Westfield in 1995.

Rahway seems to have Elizabeth's number in UCT play. The Indians, seeded 15th, went to Williams Field and knocked off the second-seeded Minutemen 5-1 last Saturday.

Last year, Rahway defeated Elizabeth 15-6 in the 8-at-1 quarterfinal. The Indians then went on to reach the championship game for the first time since last winning the UCT in 1990. In that season, the Indians defeated top-seeded Elizabeth en route to its last county crown.

Elizabeth also lost in the first round at home two years ago, falling as seventh seed to 10th-seeded Roselle Park 8-3. Rahway, seeded 11th, won at sixth-seeded Johnson 11-9 in the first round in 1999 and was then defeated at third-seeded Governor Livingston 14-4 in the quarterfinals.

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 Roselle Park 5, Scotch Plains 2 Plainfield 8, Linden 2 Westfield 12, Brearley 4 Rahway 5, Elizabeth 1 Gov. Liv. 4, New Providence 1 Cranford 12, Roselle Catholic 5 Johnson 9, Summit 5 Sunday, May 6 Union 3, Dayton 0 SATURDAY, MAY 12 Quarterfinals, 1:30 p.m. 9-Roselle Park at 1-Union 5-Westfield at 4-Plainfield 15-Rahway at 7-Gov. Liv. 6-Johnson at 3-Cranford SATURDAY, MAY 19 Semis at Williams Field, Eliz. John./Cran. vs. Rahway/GL, 12:30 West./Plain. vs. RP/Union-3, p.m. SATURDAY, MAY 26 Final, 8 p.m. at Memorial Field, Linden

UCT Softball quarters Saturday

All but one of the top eight seeds advanced to Saturday's quarterfinals.

Sixth-seeded Linden had its 10-game winning streak snapped at home by 11th-seeded Union Catholic 5-2 last Saturday.

Another streak that will be on the line this Saturday will be that of Union reaching the semifinals. The Farmers have reached the semis the past 14 seasons (1987-2000).

In order to make it 15 in a row, Union will have to win at top-seeded Scotch Plains. The two met in Union on May 2, with Scotch Plains coming up a 7-2 winner.

Union won last year's UCT, which was its record 10th title.

Scotch Plains needed two runs in the sixth inning to avoid being upset by 16th-seeded Dayton as it won 4-3 in its first-round game last Saturday.

Governor Livingston, which has appeared in three of the past four finals, winning the UCT for the first time in 1997 and for the second time in 1999, easily downed visiting Brearley 20-2 in the first round.

GL fell to Union 2-1 in last year's

championship game. Top eight seeds: 1-Scotch Plains. 2-Governor Livingston. 3-Westfield. 4-Johnson. 5-Cranford. 6-Linden. 7-Roselle Park. 8-Union. WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 Preliminary Round Brearley 14, Summit Dayton 13, Rahway 2 New Providence 14, Roselle 4 SATURDAY, MAY 5 First Round Scotch Plains 4, Dayton 3 Union 15, Oak Knoll 1 Cranford 11, Kent Place 1 Johnson 10, Elizabeth 0 Gov. Livingston 20, Brearley 2 Roselle Park 15, R. Catholic 1 Westfield 5, New Providence 0 Union Catholic 5, Linden 2 SATURDAY, MAY 12 Quarterfinals, 10:30 a.m. 8-Union at 1-Scotch Plains 5-Johnson at 4-Cranford 7-R. Park at 2-Gov. Liv. 11-Union Cath. at 3-Westfield FRIDAY, MAY 18 Semis at Memorial Field, Linden UC/West. vs. RP/GL, 6 p.m. John./Cran. vs. Union/SP, 8 p.m. SATURDAY, MAY 19 Final, 8 p.m.

at Memorial Field, Linden

Off and running



Summit baseball squad eyes success in North 2, Group 2

> By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

The Summit High School varsity lacrosse teams

were scheduled to resume

play yesterday, the 10-1-1

girls' at home against West

Morris and the 12-2 boys'

at Hunterdon Central. The

girls' tied Hunterdon Centr-

al 8-8 Monday in Fleming-

ton as Katie Ardington

scored the tying goal. The boys' defeated West Essex

11-7 last Friday in Summit

as Ryan Clark had a

career-high seven assists.

SUMMIT — Having to win one out of its next three games to qualify for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs, the Summit High School baseball team went out on Monday afternoon at Memorial Field and put all worries to rest by taking a 10-1 victory over Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division opponent West Essex.

The Hilltoppers, 11-9 as of Tuesday, needed the win to ensure them of a .500 record heading into tomorrow's cutoff date. With games scheduled yesterday at division foe Mount Olive and today at Caldwell, Summit got a small break in not facing division rival Hanover Park in a game originally scheduled for home tomorrow. The reason Summit and Hanover Park are not playing is because both schools have their proms tomorrow night.

"The conference is out and so is the county, so our sights are now set on winning a possible state championship," Summit coach Jim Dietz said. "We have the capability of doing it."

Summit was defeated at Johnson 9-5 last Saturday in the first round of the Union County Tournament. The loss was Summit's second consecutive after the Hilltoppers won seven straight to improve to 10-7.

Things didn't look so bright for the Hilltoppers against West Essex in the top of the first as the North Caldwell school loaded the bases with no out and the heart of the order coming up.

Summit starting pitcher Steve Bariexca, who improved to 4-0, opened the game by walking leadoff batter Greg Martese on four pitches and then gave up consecutive singles. The sophomore righthander then got West Essex to hit into a 4-3 double play as the Knights took a 1-0 lead. Bariexca struck out centerfielder Tom Cordasco and ended up giving up only one run in an inning in which West Essex had the capability of scoring a lot more.

"I wasn't hitting my locations to start the game, but then I settled down and started throwing strikes," Bariexca said. The Hilltoppers answered back in the bottom half of the

inning to take a 2-1 lead. Senior shortstop Mike Nelson opened up the frame with a walk and a steal of second. He scored on a line drive single to right off the bat of leftfielder Matt Williams. Senior centerfielder Matt Benedetti then singled to put run-

ners at the corners for third baseman Ryan Carey. During Carey's at-bat, Benedetti was thrown out trying to steal as Carey eventually worked out a walk. Carey was successful in his attempt to steal second as West Essex catcher Matt Skopak threw high and wide of the base. The ball went into center, allowing Williams to score his team's second run.

Summit added two more in the bottom of the third on an error and sacrifice fly to push its lead to 4-1.

Bariexca, in the meantime, settled into a nice groove and retired the next nine in a row, including the side in order in the third and fourth innings.

"Steve pitched outstanding," Dietz said. "Once he gets into a rhythm, he's very effective."

The Hilltoppers plated two more in the bottom of the fifth to take a 6-1 advantage.

Benedetti opened the inning by belting a screaming ground-rule double down the left field line and scored on an RBI-single that Carey banged out up the middle. Carey took second on the throw home and scored on junior catcher Nick Monaco's opposite field single.

After a wild pitch and a flyout, the Hilltoppers looked for more but came up empty as Monaco was gunned down at the plate off a single hit by first baseman Chris Kaiser.

The Hilltopers put the game away in the bottom half of the sixth as they exploded for four runs to push their lead to

An RBI-single off a hit-and-run play from Benedetti, who went 3-for-3, brought in one run. An error of the bat of Carey and a groundout from designated hitter Paul Krupa brought in the other runs.

"We all stepped up today and got the job done," Benedetti said. "Now we're going to go out and treat every game as a big game and try to win everyone."

Conway NJAC Player of Year

Craig Conway of Mountainside is one of the best baseball players in the country.

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He's one of the main reasons why the Montclair State University baseball team captured the Division 3 national championship last year and is one of the reasons why MSU has such a good chance to repeat this year.

Conway was honored in a big way this week for the outstanding senior season he is having as the Red Hawk shortstop.

The former Governor Livingston High School All-County standout was selected Player of the Year for 2001 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

A two-time First Team All-NJAC selection, Conway ranked second in the NJAC in batting with an impressive .464 average and had 42 RBI.

Conway sparked MSU to another NJAC tournament championship as the Red Hawks defeated The College of New Jersey 3-0 Sunday to win their third tourney game in

Springfield A's win in junior baseball

The following are Springfield Junior Baseball League

Athletics 9, Pirates 3: The A's, coached by veteran Lloyd Grossman, got off to a rocky start, dropping their first four games. On April 28 the team clicked and logged its first victory. The Pirates are ably coached by Neil Dworkin.

The A's were the home team and scored in the bottom of the second. A.J. Tettamonti walked, stole third and then stole home. Later that same inning with the bases loaded, Chris Kurzman sacrificed and brought a run in.

With runners on second and third, Elliot Grossman hit a strong single to drive in two more runs. The A's were ahead.4-0. In the top of the fourth, the Pirates came alive when they scored two much-needed runs. In the bottom of the fourth, the A's answered back and then some. Kenny Glennon was hit with a pitch, followed by a single by Kurzman. Grossman's single drove in a run.

Pitcher Stephen Suarez singled for an RBI and Eric DuBeau had a hit that drove in two more, Tettamonti singled and Aaron Weinbaum drove in a run. This gave the A's a lead of 9-2.

In the top of the sixth, the Pirates scored one run, but fell short. Suarez pitched the entire game and struck out 11. Teammates Matt Steiner, Doug Singer, David Dougherty and Jacob Weersinghe played well.

A's 6, Cardinals 2: After getting their first win, the A's went out and beat an undefeated Cardinal squad coached by Warren Frank. In the bottom of the first, Kenny Glennon singled and then Elliott Grossman drew a walk. Stephen Suarez singled and then A.J. Tettamonit laid down a great bunt and earned himself an RBI.

In the top of the second, Alex Neubauer hot a solo home run to tie the score at 1-1. In the bottom of the third, the A's scored twice. Grossman drew a walk and Suarez helped his own cause by blasting a two-run homer for a 3-1 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Glennon singled and Grossman drove him home with a triple. Suarez hit a second two-run homer to make the score 6-1.

The Cardinals scored their final run in the top of the sixth as Suarez earned another mound victory by striking out 14 Cardinals. Aaron Weinbaum, Matt Steiner, Doug Singler, Jacob Weersinghe, Eric DuBeau and David Dougherty also played well.

Dodgers 16, A's 6: The A's two-game winning streak came to an end against a Dodgers team coached by Bob Butler. The A's scored twice in the top of the first as Kenny Glennon singled and stole second. Chris Kurzman drove in a run with a single and then Elliott Grossman brought him in with a double. Stephen Suarez drew a walk and then A.J. Tettamonti walked to drive in a run.

In the bottom of the first, the Dodgers scored eight runs

to take the lead for good.

Suarez belted an inside-the-park grand slam in the top of

The Dodgers scored three more runs in the second, four in the third and one in the fourth.

the second for the A's final four runs.

Minutemen hoop players honored The Springfield Minutemen basketball teams were honred April 27 with their annual awards dinner at the Knights

of Columbus Hall in Springfield. Approximately 65 people were in attendance to honor

the two coaches and the senior and junior teams. Players on the 8th grade team earning Most Improved trophies were Ross Kivowitz, Rob Shabat, Kenneth Suarez, Mike Tiss and Jesse Weatherston.

Players on the 7th grade team earning Most Improved trophies were center Jake Floyd and point guard Stephen

Minutemen Football Clinic Sat.

The second annual free Springfield Minutemen Football Clinic will be conclude Saturday at the Meisel Avenue football field in Springfield 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

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.

Springfield softball thrilling

The 40th anniversary of the Springfield Girls Softball League commenced with a flurry of thrilling, high-scoring

Among the many stars that shined bright in the early play was Colleen Spadora.

The A's rode the strong arm of the flame-throwing righty to a series of decisive triumphs.

The Cardinals were sparked by the play of Sammie Kennedy, who clouted two tape-measure blasts, while making her mound debut a successful one.

The Rangers celebrated the exploits of a grand-slam slugging Nicole Corigliano and the flashy glove work of Raquel Domartzky.

The Red Sox were propelled to victory by the sparkplug hurling of Diana Torzewski and the clutch-hitting of Jenine, "The Big" Kahoonei.

Summit wins title; Dayton plays well

Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — As was expected, the Summit High School boys' tennis team dominated the Union County Tournament. The Hilltoppers took the team title and laid claim to four out of the five individual crowns in competition contested at Tamaques Park last Friday afternoon.

Summit, who has now won the last three team championships, took the top honor with a score of 96 points. Westfield placed second with 72, Dayton third with 40, New Providence and Scotch Plains tied for fourth with 28 and Johnson was sixth with 16. as sixth with 16.
"Our team is generally well positioned in all areas and we have depth," Sum-

mit coach Dave Bruss said.

UCT Boys' Tennis

In the best match of the day, Hilltopper first singles standout Ryan Hefter came from a set down to win the title over New Providence's Miles Moriarity 6-7 (1-7), 6-2, 6-1.

Hefter, who won the UCT second singles championship in 2000, got some revenge for a 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (10-8) loss to Moriarity in a regular season match last

Moriarity, a left-handed hitting senior who played for Summit his freshman and sophomore seasons before transferring to New Providence for his junior year, felt his right leg cramp after the second set.

"Both players have been close all their lives and are good friends," Bruss said. "They're both professional and honest about their calls and know how each other plays."

Summit took another crown at second singles when top-seeded Steen Sehnert defeated Johnson's Mike Klimchak 6-1, 6-0.

After dropping the first game, the junior right-handed hitter went on to win 12 straight games.

"In the beginning of the match I came out thinking that I had to put away every ball to win the point." Sehnert said. "But when he started missing it, I began to hit off-faced balls and some junk he wouldn't know what to do with, because he's probably never seen it before,"

Klimchak, a freshman, was surprised by Sehnert's tactical plan in the match. "It was very unexpected because of how he played and how I played," Klimchak said. "I was expecting him to hit the ball hard, but it was the exact opposite of that because it was all technique."

In the third singles final, Steen's brother Will dropped a 6-1, 6-3 decision to David Eisenberg of Westfield.

Summit's tandem of top-seeded Alex Uy and Roshan Varma defeated the second-seeded duo of Chad Freundlich and Adam Cohen of Dayton 6-2, 6-1 for the first singles title.

"This is really big for me because this is the first year I'm playing on a high school team," Uy said. "It's a great feeling to win."

Dayton coach Bill Prisco was proud of the way the duo played against Westfield in the semifinal round and in the final.

"It was a big win over Westfield in taking a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 decision," Prisco said. "They played at their potential and when they lost to Summit, they lost to a

Summit made it a sweep of the doubles titles when the pair of Don Richards and Steve Dionne defeated the duo of Devin Power and Doug Shineman of Westfield 6-1, 6-0 to take the second doubles crown. "We wanted to keep everything in play and take advantage of the fact that

they were tired," Dionne said. "In doing that we were able to keep every point alive and run every ball down and let them make mistakes."

Richards agreed with his partner's assessment of the Westfield tandem that just went through a grueling 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 semifinal round victory over Dayton's Lawrence Bluestone and Sergey Khoroshevsky.

"They came in after playing a tough, three-set match against Dayton with a disadvantage because we had a lot of rest," Richards said. "So we made sure we didn't make mistakes and made them play the points out."

In the consolation round for third place, Westfield's Griffin Maloney defeated Felix Mil of Dayton 7-5, 6-0 in first singles play. Teammate Ryan Jones bested John Corbin of Scotch Plains 6-1, 6-1 to take second singles. In third singles play, Brett Kraft of New Providence defeated Dayton's Chase Freundlich 6-4, 3-6, (retired).

Westfield's duo of Shaun Simone and Ryan Miller decisioned the tandem of Scotch Plains' Dave Jacober and Josh Sanders 7-5, 6-2 to take the first doubles consolation prize. Scotch Plains' second doubles team of Mike Thompson and Joe Wilkinson got the best of Dayton's Bluestone and Khoroshevsky 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 for the third place finish.

Dayton's third-place team finish made Prisco extremely pleased. "We had four out of the five positions make it to the semifinal round," Prisco said. "I'm more proud of my team this year than any other since I've been here."

Dayton bests undefeated Johnson

The Dayton High School boys' tennis team defeated Johnson 4-1 Monday in Springfield to improve to 12-1.

Johnson lost for the first time this year to fall to 9-1.

Dayton's Felix Mil defeated Andrey Dragun 6-2, 6-3 at first singles, while Johnson's Mike Klimchak bested Jared Weisman 6-1, 6-1 at second singles. Dayton's Chase Freundlich defeated Matthew Chmiekski 6-2, 6-3 at third singles.

Chad Freundlich and Adam Cohen of Dayton defeated Anthony Guarraci and Joseph Tkac 6-3, 6-3 at first doubles, while Dayton's Lawrence Bluestone and Sergey Khoroshevskiy downed Tintan Patel and Devin Felter 6-2, 6-3 at second

Youth lax teams triumph

Summit Middle School lacrosse teams continue to impress the 8th grade team defeated Chatham 9-1 and Ridgewood 3-2 to improve to 5-0. Jeff Marks, John Stuckey, Mike Dugan, Jake Lecky, Todd Kaiser, Nick Stefans and Chris Collins scored against Chatham, while John Moore, Brendon

Feeny, Chris Conlon and Connor Lyons played well on defense. Lecky scored two goals and Conolon one against Ridgewood, with assists

going to Dugan and Kaiser. The 7th grade Gold team defeated Chatham 7-5 and Ridgewood 9-5 to improve to 5-0.

Justin Oplinger scored three goals and had two assists against Chatham, while Scott O'Sullivan had a goal and three assists and Michael Shea and Rob Hillenbrand had one goal each.

Steve Allegrini powered to the net and fired the ball in past the Chatham goalie, but a teammate was in the crease and the goal was disallowed. Goalie Charlie Forbes had another awesome performance, stopping 16 shots.

Andy Sigler, Phil Powers and Ross Anderson played well on defense. Hillenbrand had three goals and Oplinger one goal and three assists against Ridgewood. O'Sullivan had two goals and Billy Tully, Logan Bartlett and

The 7th grade Maroon team tied West Essex 7-7 after beating Randolph 7-5

The West Essex game was stopped with approximately two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter when a West Essex player was injured.

Mark Garcia scored three goals and Casey McGuire scored the game-tying goal. Andrew Jones and Will Gruetzmacher also scored for Summit, while Michael Keane, Mark Linney, Tyler Chambers and goalie Andrew Bell played well on defense.

Garcia scored three goals against Randolph, while Mogran Griff found the net twice. Scott Garibaldi led Summit in ground balls.

Jeremy McAuley also scored, while Scott Dempsey excelled in the midfield and Bell, in the first half, and Ben Nadler, in the second half, did an excellent job in goal.

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