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Borough Highlights

Planetarium shows

Trailside Nature and Science Center offers the following planetarium shows for families:

Summer Celestial Showcase — Come and learn about the summer skies and easy ways to remember the constellations.

Each family will receive a summer star chart to take home. The show, slated for Sundays in July and August, begins at 2 p.m. and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. No children under 6 will be admitted.

Laser Queen — Laser concert featuring old and new music by the band Queen. This 3:30 p.m. Sunday show is intertwined with a story about aliens. Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.75 for seniors. Children younger than 10 years old will not be admitted.

Space is a Place — Children will learn about the night sky and how far away the stars are. They will also learn about planets, meteors and galaxies. This show for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult begins at 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 25 and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

The Sky Inside — Explore the day and nighttime sky with your preschooler. Learn together about the transition of daytime into nighttime and witness the movement of the sun and moon. This show for children ages 4 to 6 with an adult begins at 11 a.m. on Aug. 22 and costs \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors.

First aid classes offered

The Eastern Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a first aid and CPR instructor course.

The course is about 20 hours and will be held today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$115 and the deadline to register is tomorrow at 4 p.m.

A CPR for the professional rescuer instructor orientation also will be offered. Upon completion, instructor candidates will be eligible to teach CPR and first aid classes at the chapter, their workplace or community organization.

Certification is recognized nationally by all American Red Cross chapters. For more information and a registration form, call Anne Dashevsky at (908) 353-2500 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Handyman program

The Summer Home Handyman Program for 1996 is now in its 14th year at the Red Cross. Through a grant from the Westfield Foundation, the program is open to all elderly and disabled Mountainside residents who are unable to perform minor home repairs and maintenance.

Grant Gordon, this year's high school youth, is working in the area at 19 locations to perform many jobs, including lawn cutting, minor home repairs, cleaning garages and basements, just to name a few. The service is on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you need the extra help, call the chapter at 232-7090 to schedule an appointment for his services.

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Courtesy of Tim Benford

Sprint Kart racing teammates Tim Benford, left, and John Kovacs, both borough residents, congratulate each other for their first and second place finishes, respectively, in championship point standings during the seven-race season at Oakland Valley Raceway's half-mile road course in Cuddebackville, N.Y. The pair also finished first and second, respectively, in the hotly contested final race of the season.

Teammates on track with win

Sprint Kart racers head for national competition this week

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Local Sprint Kart racers Tim Benford and John Kovacs went to the raceway and have come back winners. The teammates have finished their 1996 International Kart Federation racing season in the first and second place spots, respectively, in the Sportsman Heavy class.

Benford and Kovacs, both age 28 and both residents of Mountainside, finished the short, seven-race season at the top of the points standings after an impressive last race this month where the teammates finished in the one and two positions.

The race was held at Oakland Valley Raceway which is located in Cuddebackville, N.Y., 60 miles from Manhattan. The world-class, half-mile paved road course is the home track to Benford and Kovacs, who will be returning to the track Aug. 12-17 for the International Kart Federation's Grand National Championship. The national championship is an invitational event and because of their strong finish in the regular season, the

pair has a good shot at bringing home a national championship. "We are hoping that since it is on our home track and we did so well this season, we will come home with a win," said Benford.

Although the teammates take the sport seriously, they find it hard to compete with a lot of the other teams because they have no sponsorship for any of their races other than themselves. "Part of our problem is that we are not sponsored; we finance the races ourselves," Benford said. "The thing is that a lot of these other teams are sponsored by companies such as Bridgestone Tires, Dunlop Tires, Yamaha Engines, so they have big big sponsors behind them. They also have brand new top of the line equipment, and they have people to work on the karts and other people to drive them where we do everything ourselves. It does become a little hard to compete against these guys."

Although Sprint Kart racing is not a really popular sport compared to the bigger racing circuits, such as NASCAR and Indy racing, it is fast becoming

one of the most exciting racing going on today. "According to Carter News Magazine, Kart racing is the fastest growing motor sport today," Benford said. "It is getting pretty popular. ESPN is even carrying the races so the sport is growing, which makes us happy because it may mean that more people will become interested and maybe be more willing to sponsor teams like ours."

People may acquaint Kart racing with the go-karts that they have on the various local boardwalks, but these Sprint Karts are far from the variety that one would find at the shore. "Our cars top out at about 85 miles an hour and we are pulling over a G in the turns so they are pretty quick. We also have no roofs or roll bars which can make for some exciting racing," said Benford.

The team is looking forward to the grand nationals and feels confident about their chances. Anyone who may be interested in sponsoring this champion Sprint Kart Team can contact Tim Benford at 233-9055 for further information.

UCUA sets dates for waste pickup

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

UCUA Chairman William Ruocco announced that the Union County Utilities Authority will sponsor fall household special waste disposal days in Rahway, Springfield and Cranford.

The first event for the fall will be Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rahway City Hall parking lot on the corner of West Milton Avenue and Main Street.

The second fall event will be held in Springfield at the municipal swimming pool at Morrison Road on Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The final event for the fall will be at the Cranford municipal swimming pool on Memorial Drive on Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no cost to participate, however pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. The event is open to Union County residents. Proof of residence is required to ensure that this program serves Union County taxpayers only.

"This is primarily various kinds of household chemical waste. We have a hazardous waste company in Elizabeth, Clean Venture Cyclechem, that packages the material by compo-

ponents — flammables, caustics, — into different lab packs with the same types of materials in the same type of drums and then they ship that all off to hazardous waste disposal or recovery," said UCUA Executive Director Jeffrey Callahan.

"This program, held six times during the year, provides for the homeowners a convenient and inexpensive, because it's free, way to dispose of hazardous materials from the home," Callahan continued. "Without this, waste would be disposed of in an unacceptable manner with residential waste and would have to come to the resource recovery facility for processing, and that's a potential problem for the transportation companies and the garbage men, and it's a potential problem for the facility because of the potential for emissions. The program also provides a secure disposal mechanism for these materials which are then sent to the State of New York hazardous landfills and incinerators."

All Union County schools will be able to dispose of their laboratory waste at these events. To participate, schools must contact the UCUA at least two weeks prior to the event for

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Wait and see

Board heads: merger not best for borough

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

The chairmen of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment say that it will be better to wait and see if their caseloads lessen over the next couple of years rather than merge the two boards now.

This recommendation was announced during the Borough Council's Tuesday night work session when Mayor Robert Vigilanti reported the results of his meeting with John Tomaine of the Planning Board and Frederick Picut of the Board of Adjustment.

"While they both think this may be a good idea," Vigilanti said, "they both have reservations that it may not be as beneficial as the figures say." He cited that the Board of Adjustment receives a lot of cases that take "an awful lot of time." The combined board would also have to meet two times each month to accommodate the two agendas. The two chairmen came upon this from consulting with other towns who have enacted this change.

Although some money would be saved by having only one attorney, Vigilanti reminded the council that "the saving may be diminished because the remaining attorney would be doing the work of both boards." The similar situation may also be the

case for the secretary of the combined board.

"Both felt this is something that should be possibly readdressed in another couple of years should their loads continue to dwindle," Vigilanti continued, adding that the board chairmen felt that this was premature and not worth the small savings. Agreeing with the two assessments of the boards, Vigilanti recommended that "we should keep looking at their case load," and readdress this should their caseloads continue to lessen. He also pointed out that the council should keep an eye on towns that had enacted such a change, such as Kenilworth, which recently combined its boards. "We've got a neighbor and we can find out how it's working for them," he said.

Construction delay

The renovation of Borough Hall continues, much to the consternation of many, including Vigilanti. He estimates that the construction is about two months behind, having been delayed by regulations. "Now they're telling me that we should be doing some temporary movements in September, which was supposed to be done in July and August. It gets frustrating."

The delay will not cost the borough See BOROUGH, Page 7

Bill allows districts to mandate uniforms

By Rande Bayer-Spittell
Staff Writer

Instituting uniforms in New Jersey's public schools has been a hot topic in recent months, and, two weeks ago, the governor signed a bill which would allow school districts to mandate the use of uniforms in their districts.

Elizabeth has had a voluntary uniform policy in four of the city's schools, and teachers and principals have said that the voluntary uniform policies at Schools 20, 13, 3 and 6 have been a success. However, Superintendent Thomas Dunn Jr. said he does not feel a blanket policy of uniforms for all city schools would work.

"My feeling on uniforms is to allow individual schools the option of instituting a uniform policy," he said.

Dunn said that is consistent with his policy of site-based management. He

believes that while uniforms can have a positive effect, they are not right for every school in Elizabeth.

"We have learned that the one-size fits all approach to problems is not the answer," he said.

So that makes this an issue that principals and Parent-Teacher Associations at each school will have to bring up and decided upon, he said.

While Elizabeth already has a voluntary uniform usage policy in some of its schools, some Union County school districts are looking into the issue of the first time.

Springfield's school district, currently without a uniform policy, finds other matters more pressing for the coming months. "To be honest, right now, the Springfield School District has many issues on the table dealing with getting prepared for the takeover

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Kids at work



Photo By Milton Mills

Lisa Rossi, left, Anthony Mazzilli and Lindsey Seholz roll up their sleeves and dive into the sand to construct their castle at the Borough Hall Softball Field Playground.

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Mountainside Fire dept. helps extinguish blaze

By Bernard Davis Jr.
Staff Writer

Union County's mutual aid fire companies had a busy, busy weekend. It began Friday with a 300 gallon oil spill at Kean College and ended Sunday after 17 hours straight battling two major blazes, one of which occurred in Union, and the other in Elizabeth.

Union Township Fire Chief Fred Fretz reported that the division responded to a fire at Liberty Transportation on Garden State Road on Sunday at 6:06 a.m. The fire, which is currently under investigation by the Union County Arson Squad, caused extensive damage to both the building, its contents in storage, and also required the assistance of nine Union County fire departments.

Fire companies from Elizabeth, Springfield, New Providence, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Roselle Park assisted the Union Fire Division in extinguishing the blaze, which was reportedly brought under control at approximately 11 a.m. While on the scene, fire companies from Hillside, Scotch Plains and Summit covered Union's "more routine calls" during the day, Fretz said.

"We received a water flow alarm from an automatic sprinkler system," said Fretz. "When we arrived on the scene, there was heavy smoke and high heat conditions."

Fretz said that the fire was determined to have started in a two-story-high warehouse made of masonry with a metal deck. Although the room was protected by a full sprinkler system, a storage area and nearby offices were heavily damaged by fire and water, said Fretz.

"The storage area was full of 12 foot high plywood containers stacked four deep and three high," he said. "The fire we fought was over 25 feet high. These containers were stacked very close together."

Fretz said that the containers

held "stored personal items from peoples homes, including pianos, couches, grandfathers clocks, and rugs." He estimated at least 40 of the containers were damaged by fire and water, totaling a possible loss of well over \$1 million. "The loss was tremendous to people who had their personal belongings damaged in the fire," said Fretz.

The firefighters gained entrance to the storage area from the roof of the building, he said. Fretz said that the blaze was brought under control at approximately 11 a.m., however, fire fighters remained on the scene until 6:00 p.m. in order to clear the storage area of still burning and smoldering containers.

"It was a hard fire to fight," said Fretz. "We had to open the roof up to let our men in, and we used forklifts and a backhoe from the Department of Public Works to remove all the containers. It was a very arduous task."

The fire required all of the Union Fire Division's on and available off-duty personnel. "We expended a large amount of recall and overtime hours on fighting the fire," he said.

However, the fire at Liberty Transportation was just the beginning of a long day for area firefighters.

"Just as we cleaned up there, we were called to respond to a multiple alarm fire in Elizabeth which threatened multiple family dwellings," he said. The fire occurred at Schmalzes Provisions, a sausage factory on Elizabeth Avenue. Union's was among 10 fire companies from Union County Mutual Aid who responded to the fire.

Fretz expressed his gratitude to the area's fire departments for their aid and display of cooperation over a weekend which tested the limits of the county's Mutual Aid Program. "Fire service in this area with the increased workload could not exist without it" he said.

Homestead Rebate data is available

For the first time, New Jersey residents with eligibility questions regarding Homestead Rebates can get answers by dialing the Division of Taxation's toll-free Homestead Rebate Hotline at (800) 323-4400.

Using a touch-tone phone, callers can access an automated voice response system that provides information on the status of 1995 Homestead Property Tax Rebates. Callers who enter their Social Security number and the amount of 1995 property taxes or rent paid from their rebate application can obtain information on the amount of their rebate check and when they can expect to receive it. If a caller is ineligible, a reason for ineligibility is provided.

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County schools can dispose of lab waste

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more information and to register. "We're the only county in New Jersey that does this and we're really one of the few counties in the United States that provides this service to schools," Callahan said. "During the last 15 to 20 years, perhaps even longer, schools have procured chemicals for their science curricula, and very often these chemicals have laid around in the science department and in labs for a long period of time because schools didn't know what to do with them and wouldn't have the wherewithal, the funds to dispose of these materials."

"This is our second year for this and it provides a convenient mechanism to dispose of this material. It's very good for the schools because they can clean out their stockrooms of old chemicals that no longer would be

utilized. They have to pay us for the service, but because we procured the service, our cost of disposal is much cheaper than if the schools went directly to Cyclechem to procure a service to dispose of these materials." Acceptable materials include oil-based paints and varnishes, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, motor oil, motor oil filters, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, unbroken fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and mercury switches. Only materials in their original containers will be accepted.

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Unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive materials, gas cylinders or materials containing PCB's will not be accepted.

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Governor signs uniform bill

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of the high school and right now we really wouldn't want to create any turmoil with the pros and cons for uniforms because I'm sure there are people who are for it and people who are against it, said Board of Education President Gary Tiss.

"There are many educators who believe that school dress can significantly influence pupil behavior. Sometimes, they feel that this creates the right situation for higher learning and that sounds very well and good," Tiss continued. "At this time, Springfield has not entertained the idea of going toward a dress code. We don't know that our community or our administrators and staff would even want to see it in our town. If at some point, people from the community come forth and say, 'Hey, we like the idea,' and would like to entertain it by coming to a school board meeting and making the board aware that it is something that the community desires, then the board would look into it."

Although it does not have uniforms, Mountainside's Deerfield School does have a dress code, which was enacted last year and which Board of Education President Frank Geiger feels is "sufficient. We knew that uniforms were going to be coming to the foreground, but we didn't feel they were needed in our school. The dress code currently in place is sufficient for what our school district needs," he said.

Hillside School Superintendent

Hiroko Miyakawa said uniforms were not at the top of her list of things to consider for the next year.

"We have a lot of problems to address in Hillside," she said. "None of which uniforms would really help," she added.

"Uniforms can do a number of things," she said. "If the kids act bad, they could help curb some violence, but our kids already act all right."

She said the uniforms can help some families economically; saving them the cost of expensive school clothes, and they could also make a difference in schools by keeping students from judging each other based on the way they are dressed. However, she added, none of these issues is a pressing concern in Hillside.

"If we considered uniforms, it would not be from the top down," she said. The Board of Education would talk with parents, teachers and even students before considering such a policy.

Superintendent James Clarke Jr. of the Linden School District said uniforms are something his district is interested in exploring.

"We have obviously not had time to review the bill yet so we don't know what it provides for, but it is an option that we are interested in looking into," he said.

He said uniforms have advantages and disadvantages which needed to be fully explored before any proposal could be formed. He said the issue of uniforms would be looked into with

input from teachers and that anything resulting from that would go to the board.

The bill Whitman signed was a compromise bill made up of three school uniform bills, one of which was introduced by state Senators Raymond Lesniak and James McGreevy in March.

The bill allows for school districts to institute dress codes which can include a mandatory uniform policy. "As President Clinton did, many of us here in New Jersey have come to the realization that a school uniform policy gives school boards, principals and parents one more tool to improve the school environment and promote discipline and education," Lesniak said. "Uniforms put an end to the fashion competition and allow students to refocus their talents and energies on learning."

The bill, however, provides for school boards to work with parents and teachers on the issue, which may be a pitfall, Lesniak's spokesperson, Rosh Saemri, admits.

The bill also requires districts to make provisions for those families who have economic difficulties. "Now it's incumbent upon superintendents, principals, educators and PTAs to get the process rolling to determine if a dress code, which includes a uniform policy, will advance the educational goals of their particular school," he said.

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Board merger stalled pending drop in caseload

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any extra money because "we have the contract," Vigilanti said. "I think the only additional money spent was a minuscule amount to do some modifications to the attic to make it into a usable space, which someday I'm going to praise Mike Disko and the

builder for coming up with such a tremendous idea.

Comparing this project to the Sony Theaters, which was erected quickly at a nearby location on Route 22, Vigilanti said "one of the things in defense of this is we've got things like jail cells that have to be built and cer-

tain inspections have to be done where the theaters don't. We've got electronic keylocks from the state for the guns and the jail, and the theaters don't." Borough Hall's Police Department is also equipped with a console, which has been custom built.

"It's not costing us any more," Vigilanti said. "It's just frustrating."



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Tuesday

- The Borough Council of Mountainside will hold its regular meeting in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Aug. 26

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board Room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 27

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m.

Sept. 4

- The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Sept. 9

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Planning Board room in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 10

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. with its regular meeting following at 8 p.m.
- The Borough Council of Mountainside will hold its work session in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Sept. 14

- The Springfield Environmental Commission will hold its monthly meeting in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

Sept. 15

- The Borough Council of Mountainside will hold its regular meeting in Borough Hall at 8 p.m.

Sept. 23

- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, followed by its regular meeting at 8 p.m.

Sept. 30

- The Local Assistance Board of Springfield will meet in the Welfare Director's Office on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 2

- The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Officials seek change in area flight patterns

By Christopher Toohy
Staff Writer

In an effort to reduce air traffic noise, officials from various Union County municipalities are attempting to rally residents to join together and force the Federal Aviation Administration to alter the take-off flight patterns from Newark International Airport.

Jerry Ramos, Kenilworth's representative to the Union County Air Traffic Advisory Board, which advises the freeholders on policy, has been fighting this issue since he was appointed to the board by former Mayor Joseph Rego two years ago.

Ramos said that a hearing has been scheduled for Sept. 30 at Harding School for residents to voice their complaints on the issue. "I'm hoping to have congressmen there, freeholders — all the people who should hear the concerns of the people in the towns. What I'm trying to do is make more people aware of the problem so that more people voice their concerns about it so our elected officials will respond to it. I can't order patterns to change but public support can. That's what I see my role as," he said.

The New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise Board of Trustees has given its support to a bill that would require the FAA to move its Eastern Regional Office to Union County. Ramos also supports such a bill. "It's a great idea. The only way we can gain any relief is by public support and going out and hollering to congressmen. It's a chance to bring the government to Kenilworth instead of the people having to go to the government," said Ramos.

Alexander Balaban, Roselle Park's representative to the Advisory Board agreed with Ramos. "That would provide more accessibility for citizens' complaints. They're very hard to get a hold of," Balaban said.

Balaban explained that in mid-April, the Solberg Mitigation Plan altered Newark's take-off patterns to alleviate the air traffic noise above

Staten Island and the Scotch Plains/Mountainside corridor. Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti said that he has "noticed a difference in my own property when I'm out in the pool; it's not offensive, from what I've seen. I haven't had any resident call me and complain about it so far." He added that although planes have crossed the skies over the borough, there has not been a reported problem with it.

However, because of limited air space caused by the close proximity of JFK and LaGuardia airports in New York, the flight patterns are now located over much of eastern Union County. "It's a constant fight to keep it out of your backyard. If we lose quality of life, we lose a lot of property value here," said Ramos.

Ramos said that possible alternatives to shifting the flight patterns are pushing lawmakers to require aircraft manufacturers to incorporate technology to make the planes more quiet or lengthening the runways to allow quicker take-offs.

Currently, the governing body of Roselle Park is planning to draft a resolution expressing the borough's dissatisfaction with the overhead noise. Once passed, the resolution will be distributed to the FAA and other municipalities who are affected by similar noise, including Kenilworth, Linden, Roselle and Clark.

However, Roselle Park Councilman Bob Milici said he would support such a resolution, but feels it would be ineffective towards achieving legitimate change. "I think it's an attempt at change, but I think it's just another piece of paper that ends up not really changing the situation. It just seems that no matter how many resolutions, no matter how many blue ribbon panels, it goes nowhere. On this particular situation, I don't really ever see an end. Unless we get all of our Senate and Congress members united and put a lot of pressure on the FAA, nothing's going to change. It just seems that the FAA is too strong of a

group to have common sense approaches applied for the sake of profit," Milici said.

Mayor Michael Tripodi said, "I think more important than resolutions is public attendance at these hearings because there's strength in numbers. I agree with Bob Milici in that regard. I think a resolution is nice, but you have to go one step further. Congressman Bob Franks has been fighting hard on that front. And he's been frustrated, too, with the bureaucracy of the FAA. I think it's a matter of people organizing and getting themselves out to meetings and making their voices heard."

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage recently sent Roselle Park Mayor Joseph DeIorio a letter requesting his assistance. "I know Elizabeth is experiencing a lot of problems now with air noise. I personally experienced some of those problems when I was on the Union County Economic Development Corporation boat ride. We'll do whatever's possible to help out Elizabeth, because it's affecting Roselle Park also. If we do it on our own, we're not going to get anywhere, but through joint efforts through other municipalities, that gives us a louder voice and maybe somebody'll pay attention to us," said DeIorio.

Balaban also supported the idea of drafting a resolution and distributing it among the county. "That would show a concern on the governmental level. And that would hopefully open up a direct dialogue between Roselle Park and the FAA with this problem. Roselle Park doesn't have the power to divert the planes, FAA has the power to divert the planes. But we have to address our problem to them," he said.

Tripodi did agree that any resolutions that have been drafted should be distributed among the affected munic-

ipalities and to congressmen. "Let the officials of the FAA see first hand that the people are upset and they want their environment back. And for the FAA to deal with the county, Elizabeth and two congressmen is a lot better than just dealing with the mayor of Elizabeth. It's more effective," he said.

But DeIorio believes that with the recent crash TWA Flight 800, the FAA will focus its attention on mechanics rather than air traffic noise. "You're working with planes that are old and are costly to modify and the FAA hasn't taken a stronger stance on that. Obviously, with what's going on with the airplanes with just the mechanical problems, the FAA is going to be focusing more on that than air noise," he said.

"Unfortunately, we don't get the kind of support from our higher elected officials to really fight the battle for us," Milici said. "And, heaven forbid, if there is ever an airline failure or collision and a plane comes down on the Borough of Roselle Park. So, we certainly need relief, but it's not something that hasn't been said time and time again."

"This has been an ongoing problem for the residents of Roselle Park for a number of years," Milici said. "Every day, anytime after 6 o'clock at night, hour after hour, the planes come right over Roselle Park, and in my opinion, they're flying much lower than their standards allow. Some these planes — you could almost throw a baseball and hit them."

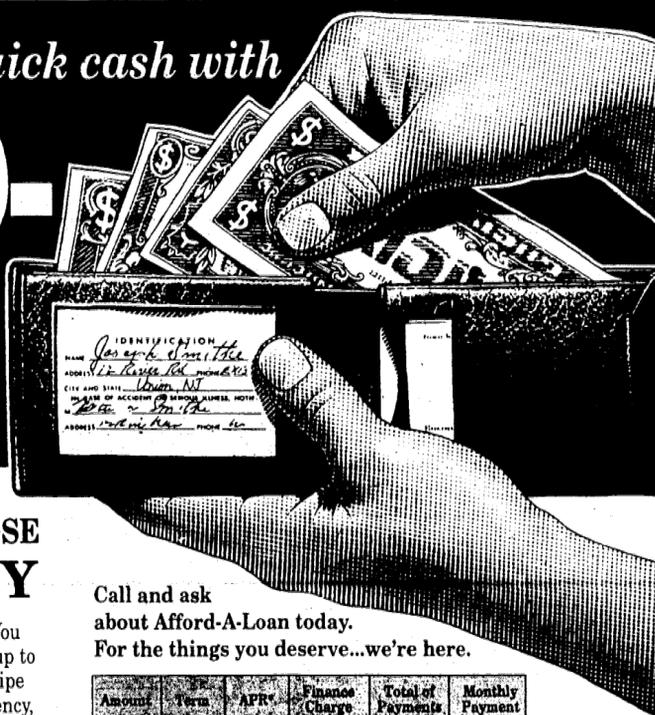
DeIorio echoed Milici's comments. "When we were in our council meeting, it wasn't five minutes after the discussion of the air noise resolution, we heard an airplane going over our municipal building," he said.

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OPINION

Keep watchful eye

While allowing students access to the seemingly endless supply of information waiting for them on the Internet, allowing them to surf the net unrestricted through its pages would be most irresponsible of the adults in charge. Thankfully, the regional district has taken note of this and is set to act accordingly.

As the district prepares to install Internet capabilities in its three high schools, the regional Board of Education decided on a brand of self-censorship. In an effort to promote responsibility in those who surf the net, the board heard a proposal on an "Acceptable Use Policy" which would bar students from accessing, downloading, obtaining or distributing explicit, offensive or threatening material while using the schools' online systems. It also outlines the copyright rules and laws students must obey when using the Internet. The second part of the proposal is intended to release the school district from responsibility should any of the policy guidelines be violated.

This form of self-regulation is similar to that at the national level because of the censoring of material on the Internet. While abiding by the Constitutional right to free speech all Americans have under the First Amendment, many have been concerned about the unrestricted access to explicit images and materials this gives youngsters via their computers.

By regulating the Internet on their end, the regional district seems to have run into an acceptable answer to the problem — providing a worldwide wealth of information while keeping an eye on their young charges. Without limiting what others can place on the Internet, the district violates no one's Constitutional rights. By limiting students' access, it is ensuring that the educational experience they are providing is of the best quality possible.

And, of course, using resources responsibly is a lesson no student can afford to miss.

Holding pattern

Unfortunately, this self-regulating policy for the Internet has yet to be enacted. The "Acceptable Use Policy" was tabled during last week's regional Board of Education meeting because of some issues raised by board members.

Board members were concerned about preventing students from violating copyright laws. Springfield representative Theresa LiCausi noted that students would have to have a more extensive knowledge of the copyright laws to be able to comply with the policy. Board members also raised questions about the definition of "offensive material." Kenilworth's board representative Robert Jeans reminded the board that "the Supreme Court is having a tough time with the issue, so how are we going to do it?"

As the policy sits before the Technology Committee for review, we commend the regional district for its efforts to provide an uncorrupted learning environment. This policy would only serve to reinforce the idea of school as a second home. Just as most parents set rules for what type of material is acceptable in their home, so should schools.

We also agree that all aspects of the Internet, including the policy that will govern its use, be examined before it is installed in the high schools. A decision as important as this — or any decision that would affect the education of the district's students — should be reviewed well before any piece of hardware or software is hooked up.

Giving a head start

The community's thanks should go to the Springfield Free Public Library for again providing help to high schoolers headed to college.

For the third consecutive year, the library will play host to a program — titled "Getting Ready For College" — that will help students in the transition to the college campus, including advice and help with the Scholastic Achievement Test and college admission. The program will bring three nights of speakers who will address the different aspects of entering college life that face incoming freshmen.

With the dissolution of the high school district looming at the end of this academic year, it's encouraging to see that the education of the students is still the primary concern of many in town. This program is just one of the examples of community spirit in Springfield. In the spirit that propelled Project Graduation to be a success, this program incorporates another important facet of the community — the library — and gives the students a helping hand on their road to academic success.

Remember, it does take a village to raise a child.

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Award-winning summer



Photo By Milton Mills

On the final day of the Borough Hall Softball Field Playground Program, Mountainside children stand tall with their award certificates, given to them by the playground staff during a ceremony on Aug. 9.

Buy American and save a job

Our country is facing severe problems as far as the American worker is concerned. First, we faced the shrinking working class in America. Now this is being followed by the shrinking middle class. One of the main causes of this growing problem is simple to see, but difficult to correct — the moving of American jobs and companies to foreign lands.

In the name of larger profits, American companies are moving more and more manufacturing plants to foreign countries to increase profits for executives and shareholders. This trend is hurting the American worker and creating a massive amount of slave labor in third-world countries. Now this trend is expanding to the middle class as well.

Many American companies are shipping a great number of middle class jobs overseas, which, if it continues for an extended period of time, will create a major problem for the good old U.S.A. More and more engineering and other skilled jobs are being moved to countries where the average worker is willing to work for far less than what a comparable job would pay in America. Why pay an American worker \$40,000 per year when someone in Malaysia will do the same job for \$8,000 per year and a

Views
On The
News

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

sack of rice every three months? At some point, gross amounts of profits are not going to balance out and justify the devastation of the American working and middle class.

If there are any solutions to this problem, they are not easy to see as long as greed is the measuring stick for success in business. But there is one area in which all of us can start a trend toward a more reasonable way of life for everyone. Simply put, that is to "Buy American!" If everyone would make a conscious effort to ensure that whatever they buy has "Made in the U.S.A." stamped on it somewhere, maybe this detrimental trend of shipping jobs out of the country would end.

This, of course, is not a quick fix to the problem but it is something that everyone could do. Eventually, we could all send a message that we are

not going to tolerate the loss of jobs in America, and the creation of slave labor overseas, in the name of profits for the very few. I know that when I buy something, I always check where it was made and I always choose products that were made in America. This is not only for big ticket items such as cars or appliances, but everything I buy.

Some will say that foreign products are better made and are less expensive, but I would disagree on one of those two points. American products are just as good, if not better, than ones produced in foreign countries. It is true that most foreign products are less expensive, but I would be willing to spend a little more if I knew that it was going to help out my country in the long run. Let's face it. Once in a while, you have to lean into a pitch and take one for the team.

So, the next time you are going out to make a purchase, think about the children who work 18 hours per day to make clothes so Kathie Lee Gifford can get rich. Or think about someone in your family coming home to tell you they lost their job. Maybe then we can reverse this alarming trend and bring the rest of the world's standard of living up to ours, instead of bringing our standard down to theirs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attacks are incorrect

To the Editor:

For the past two months, JoAnn Holmes has used the editorial pages of this newspaper to mislead its readers about my term on the Township Committee from 1987-89. She cites ideas I offered for development of Chisholm School and asks why I never put them into effect.

I would like to suggest that rather than question me, she should look to her new-found Republican associates for the answers. They controlled our local government for five years after I left. Former Mayor Jeff Katz, for example, was on the Township Committee before and after I served. One year, he wanted to give the building to the Police Department. The next year, he decided that the Fire Department would be more deserving. Meanwhile, the years went by and what could have been done for a dollar in 1987 will cost significantly more in 1997.

Today, the Township Committee has commissioned Beiber Associates to present options and it is considering five alternatives ranging in cost from \$1.2 million to \$3.5 million. Mrs. Holmes' assertion that I recommended an "Olympic-sized pool" is pretty wide of the mark. I proposed, as one possibility, that we might consider, in conjunction with the high school, the building of a 25-yard swimming pool — a facility the schools have been spending a good deal of money renting under current conditions.

Just as Mrs. Holmes distorts what I said, she also conveniently omits what I did. During my brief stay on the Township Committee, I was instrumental, also with Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland and the school board, in bringing the Summit Day Care program to Springfield's Walton School. More recently, I helped to organize a girls soccer league. I was largely responsible for the Little League picnic held each year. I search in vain for comparable achievements by Mrs. Holmes.

I know the public has grown weary of these public squabbles. It seems to me, however, that the public is forced to witness her personal attacks on me, it should be made aware of the facts surrounding them.

Sy Mullman
Democratic Candidate for
Springfield Township Committee

Save the Rialto

To the Editor:

As one of its patrons, I am very upset about the possibility of the destruction of the Rialto Theater in the center of Westfield. It is an important part of the community and its

business district. The Rialto has been there since 1922, and is a safe, well-run hometown movie house within walking distance for many persons and with adequate parking. As a result, it is a pleasant entertainment center. It also generates a profit for itself and helps to do so for other businesses in the area.

I do not know Hy Carlinsky, whose name is mentioned in the newspapers as one of the proposed owners, but I wonder if he has ever spent little if any time in the community of Westfield. However, whatever he and his associates plan to do, I think a lot of vocal and written comments to keep the Rialto in its present form should be made known by residents, movie goers, Westfield leaders and its local government, organizations, and others from nearby towns.

Let's get organized. I would like to see a group of persons taking turns marching with signs to save the Rialto Theater. An hour or two per person of volunteer sign-carrying would certainly alert the public as to what might be anticipated with the possible sale of the Rialto to a new owner. Talk to your friends and neighbors, hand out fliers, give newspapers your views, etc.

About 10 years ago, a large developer, whom I believe originated in Iowa, came to Springfield with grandiose plans for a huge shopping mall on Route 22. Many Springfield residents and those from neighboring communities fought this proposal and won, making the big developer quit by showing that his ideas were very unpopular. I think strong, organized support to keep the Rialto in its present form can definitely be effective.

Right now, more input should be forthcoming from Rialto supporters. Let's make our feelings known, and make some smart moves to save the Rialto Theater in its present form.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Call the editors

Ever want to talk about something you think should be in the paper? Know something that might make a good story? Do you know someone who might be the subject of an interesting feature? Do you know of a sports story we don't? If the answer to any or all of the above is yes, call the editors at 686-7700.

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Problems: Tom Canavan, editor in chief.

Where are
the state's
priorities?

Last week, this newspaper reported and even applauded efforts made by the Legislature and Department of Transportation toward repairing the system of sound barriers along Route 78 and 24. While it's great that they're jumping on this problem, it makes me wonder where everyone's priorities are.

Another of our editorials last week questioned why the DOT has been so slow responding to requests for mile markers along the same stretch of

Just
Fitz

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

highway. The Springfield Fire Department has been complaining about the DOT's lack of response for a while — at least since last September when I started this job.

You see, when they get a call to respond to an emergency on Route 24 or 78, often that is the only information they get. Residents cannot give the Fire Department information they don't have and can't get from looking out their window. So the firefighters must get in their vehicle and speed to Route 78 or 24 to physically search for the accident/fire/emergency to which they have been called to respond.

As they have said and as I am saying again, this is not an efficient way to operate. Emergency situations are just that and should not sit around waiting to be found. Mile markers would alleviate at least a portion of the problems.

Unfortunately for our local smoke-eaters, the DOT seems to be dragging its heels on this most important issue.

Of course, the problem with the sound barriers is important, especially to those who live in the Springfield and Summit neighborhoods surrounding the highways. As the report from the Essex Regional Health Commission stated, the current barriers have gaps, and noise that passes through or is reflected from the barriers through the gaps and into the nearby communities can make every living room seem like it's constructed on the median of a freeway. Every thump, bump, screech and honk sounds like it's being generated from your front lawn. Not pleasant.

It's not half as unpleasant as it could be, though. If you think the accident sounds bad from your living room, imagine being in that accident and having to wait for the rescue workers to find you in order to save you.

So, while the DOT is working to construct better insulation from the high-decibel noise emanating from Routes 24 and 78, it should give great consideration to erecting much-needed mile markers along the same highways and give Springfield's rescue workers a much needed hand.

It's not too much to ask, is it?

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OBITUARIES

Milton Billet

Milton Billet, 75, of Springfield died July 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Billet lived in Springfield for 50 years. He was the owner of Milton's Liquor Store in Springfield for many years and retired 11 years ago. Mr. Billet served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield and the New Jersey Liquor Retailers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; a daughter, Carol Billet-Fessler; a sister, Gertrude Kleinhandler, and two grandchildren.

Ronald A. Berman

Ronald A. Berman, 52, of Springfield, a certified public accountant, died Aug. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Berman lived in Elizabeth, Edison and East Windsor before moving to Springfield in 1990. He had been a partner in the international accounting firm of Touche Ross in Newark. Mr. Berman then was chief financial officer for Equitable Bag Co. of Kentucky, formerly of Long Island City, N.Y. Mr. Berman received bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Rutgers University, Newark.

He was a member of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Berman also was a member of the Men's Club of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, and the Rutgers University Alumni Association. He had been a trustee and twice served as president of Temple Beth Ahm. Mr. Berman was a member of the synagogue's finance committee and had been with the Rabbi's Search Committee that brought Rabbi Perry Rank to the synagogue. He had been a member of the Shackamaxon Country Club, Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Caren; two sons, Neil A. and Gregory A.; a daughter, Michelle A.; a brother, Arthur, and two sisters, Barbara Hirschel and Lenore Feldman.

Jennie M. Parsil

Jennie M. Parsil, 79, a lifelong resident of Springfield, died Aug. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Miss Parsil was an insurance actuary for A&A Co., Kearny, for 10 years before retiring in 1991. Prior to that, she worked for Celanese Corp., Springfield.

Surviving are two brothers, Lewis B. and Eugene C.

Dorothy Sherwood

Dorothy Sherwood, 66, of Pine Beach, formerly of Roselle Park and Springfield, died July 16 in her home.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Sherwood lived in Roselle Park, Plainfield and Springfield before moving to Pine Beach in 1990. She was an X-ray technician with Merck & Co., Rahway, for 12 years and retired six years ago. Mrs. Sherwood also had worked for several doctors in the Ocean County area. She was a member of the Island Heights Yacht Club and Toms River Yacht Club. Mrs. Sherwood also was a life member of the Mystic Seaport Society, Mystic, Conn.

Elizabeth Lennox

Elizabeth Lennox, 72, of Lake Hopatcong, formerly of Mountaintide, died Aug. 11 in the Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenvale, N.Y.

Born in Claremont, N.H., Mrs. Lennox settled in Mountaintide after World War II and moved to Lake Hopatcong in 1986. She worked for the American Red Cross for 40 years and served two terms as chairman of the Westfield-Mountaintide Chapter. Through the years, Mrs. Lennox was active in blood drives, disaster relief and programs to teach swimming to

disabled children and service to military families. During World War II, she left her engineering studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and contributed to the war effort by working as a propeller design inspector at Curtis-Wright Aircraft in Caldwell.

After the war, Mrs. Lennox and her husband, Grant, settled in Mountaintide, where she was a founding member of the Community Presbyterian Church. She was past president of the Mountaintide PTA and was active in Girl Scouts and Little League baseball. Mrs. Lennox was an avid bridge player. She retired in 1986 to the family's summer home in Lake Hopatcong, where she was past president of the Women's Auxiliary at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. Mrs. Lennox also vacationed at their old family residence in East Marion, N.Y., where she became active with the East Marion Homemakers. She joined the Orient Congregational Church in 1995 and recently renewed her wedding vows there on the occasion of her 50th wedding anniversary.

Also surviving are two sons, Arthur and Dean; a daughter, Barbara Westwood; a sister, Mary Foster; a brother, Graham Foster, and nine grandchildren.

Rita Coan

Rita Coan, 79, of Springfield died Aug. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Coan lived in Millburn before moving to Springfield 49 years ago. She was a clerk for 14 years in the consumer credit department of First Fidelity Bank, Newark, and retired in 1981. Mrs. Coan was a member of the Rosary Society of St. James Church, Springfield, where she was one of the first eucharistic ministers.

Surviving are three sons, Duane G., P. Richard and Peter J.; a daughter, Mary Rita Hagenbush, and 10 grandchildren.

RELIGION

New Member Tea

Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield will hold a New Member Tea on Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Individuals and families interested in learning more about Temple Sha'arey Shalom are invited to attend. Temple officers, Nursery School teachers, Religious and Hebrew School teachers, members of the Membership Committee — chaired by Paula Kaplan — and Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will be present to speak about Sha'arey Shalom and its programs and to answer questions about the congregation. Refreshments will be served.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reformed

Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding communities. The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood and Brotherhood and a strong social action program.

The High Holy Days this year begin with Rosh Hashanah Eve on Sept. 13. This is a good time to become acquainted with Sha'arey Shalom. For more information about membership or to make a reservation

for the Aug. 22 Tea, contact the temple office at (201) 379-5387.

Women's study group

The Sisterhood of Congregation Israel of Springfield got off to a flying start with its first Women's study Group session. Twenty women gathered to participate in learning and camaraderie.

The group, coordinated by Rachel Kohn and Emmy Hoffer, will meet every other week to study the weekly Parsha. For information, call 201 467-9666.

STUDENT UPDATE

Oak Knoll honor roll

Springfield residents Christina Caram, Jennifer Sayanlar and Christina Tien were among the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child students to achieve first honors and join the school's honor roll for the third semester.

Caram, a seventh-grader, achieved first honors for receiving no grade lower than an A.

Sayanlar, eleventh-grader, and Christina Tien, ninth-grader, were named to the honor roll for attaining grades of a B and higher.

Widener dean's list

Springfield resident Heather O'Brien is one of the students who have been named to the dean's list at Widener University, with campuses in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

O'Brien, who is part of the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, was selected for the dean's list based on an academic average of at least 3.5 of a possible 4.0 attained for courses taken in the spring semester of 1996.

Rochester dean's list

Springfield resident Mariya Lamzutova, a junior majoring in econom-

ics at the University of Rochester, has been named to the spring 1996 dean's list for academic achievement.

Lamzutova is a graduate of Louis D. Brandeis High School in New York City.

Kean graduates

Nine Springfield residents and one Mountaintide resident were among the students to receive their degrees from Kean College of New Jersey during the May 1996 graduation.

Honored Springfield students include: Beth Ann Barber, who received her master's degree in fine arts/certification; Beth A. Gibaldi, who received her bachelor's degree in social work; Karen Mary Jelinek, who received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education and communications and graduated summa cum laude; Jason John Lambert, who earned his bachelor's degree in psychology; Susan A. Lege, who received her bachelor's degree in fine arts; Elizabeth Ann Manuel, who earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology; Dolores Querques, who received her master's degree in management science —

marketing and instructional curriculum — math and science; Maria T. Rivera, who received her bachelor's degree in management science — management; and Anna Marie Wild, who received a bachelors degree in English — general and a master's degree in instructional curriculum — English as a Second Language.

Mary-Jo S. Nicholson of Mountaintide received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in reading specialization.

On the road to college

Meghan Elizabeth Bredahl, daughter of Kathleen P. Flaherty of Springfield and James R. Bredahl of Belleville, will enroll this fall at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. as a Presidential Scholar.

Allegheny's Presidential Scholars receive awards of up to \$7,500 per year for four years. Students with strong academic records, usually from the top 10 percent of their high school classes, are considered for the honor and finalists are interviewed by members of the college faculty.

Bredahl is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Dayton Regional High School football team, looking to improve upon last year's 1-8 mark, will host Hillside in a scrimmage on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. at Springfield's Meisel Field.

Dayton opened the 1995 season at home against Hillside and fell by a 19-7 score.

Last year Dayton and Hillside were both in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, captured by Johnson Regional. This season Dayton moves to the Valley Division for the 1996-97 school year.

The Valley Division looks like this: Dayton Regional, Roselle Park, Middlesex, New Providence, Bound Brook and Manville. Dayton is the only Group 2 school in the division, the other five schools Group 1.

The Mountain Division looks like this: Immaculata, North Plainfield, Ridge, Hillside, Governor Livingston, Newark Central, Roselle and Johnson Regional. Immaculata is in North Jersey, Parochial B and the other seven are Group 2 schools.

The Westfield Y swim team 1996-97 season will commence with practices beginning Monday, Sept. 16.

Tryouts for placement into one of the team's five practice groups will be held on the following dates:
Wednesday, Sept. 4: 4:30-6:30
Thursday, Sept. 5: 4:30-6:30
Saturday, Sept. 7: noon-2:00
Each new team member will be required to participate in one tryout session only.

Placement into the team's practice groups will be based on age, experience and ability levels.

The practice groups are novice, bronze, silver, gold and senior. All new applicants should report to the Wallace Pool at the Westfield Y.M.C.A. — located on Clarke Street in Westfield — during one of the three tryout sessions.

More information may be obtained by calling Richard Murray, the head coach and Director of Competitive Aquatics, at 908-232-2700.

The Westfield Y swim team has scheduled its first parents meeting to be held at the Westfield Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Parents of all swim team members, new and returning, are encouraged to attend.

Four members of the Westfield Y swim team competed at the Y.M.C.A. National Long Course championships held July 29-Aug. 2 in Buffalo, New York.

The Y.M.C.A. national championship meet is held each summer for competitors throughout the nation who are age 12-and-older and have achieved Y.M.C.A. national qualifying times.

The Y.M.C.A. team members competing at the National Long Course championships were team captain Cheryl O'Donnell, 50- and 100-meter freestyle and 50- and 100-meter butterfly; Heidi Schoenemann, 50-meter freestyle; Matt Hammond, 50-, 100- and 200-meter breaststroke and Chris Panagos, 50- and 100-meter backstroke and 50-meter butterfly.

All four swimmers had a successful meet by achieving personal-best times in their events.

Concussions no longer can merely be dismissed Seminar modern day wake-up call

By Keith Agran
Assistant Sports Editor

This is the first of two installments on Concussive Injuries in Athletes, as presented at a lecture at the Kessler Sports Institute Aug. 7.

No longer can a concussion be excused as merely having "your bell rung." In this information-conscious age, dealing with injuries, even those previously thought of as the minor variety, has taken on a new shape. The ever-changing age of the worldwide web and the arch deluxe has extended itself full force into the medical profession on every level.

Sports medicine, once thought of as merely a fad and not in the future plans of sports and America in the mid-eighties, has seen a boom in participation and research in this final decade of the century, which has produced a battalion of new trainers and physical therapists looking closely at every injury from paralysis to the sprained ankle.

The Kessler Sports Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange is among the state and country leaders in such wide-ranging research and treatment, and through its STARS (Sports Training and Rehabilitation Series) lecture program it is taking its message to an expanded audience.

A full house of over 60 scholastic, collegiate, professional trainers and physical therapists attended the latest in the STARS programs Aug. 7 at the institute, entitled "Concussive Injuries in Athletes."

The subject is one which may not necessarily be new to sports of all kinds, but it is the increasing base of knowledge about the injury and its effects which made this seminar a must-see for those seeking to protect athletes on all levels. Protecting athletes has always been a key concern, but as athletes get bigger and faster and the games continue to change over time, it has now become the primary concern for coaches, trainers and parents alike.

Coordinated by Kessler's Greg Marotta and featuring guest speakers Dr. Gerald Malanga, specializing in sports-related injuries at Kessler, and Kessler Director of Psychology Thomas Galski, specializing in after-effects of head injuries, last Wednesday's seminar discussed two major points surrounding concussions — Initial Assessment & Return to Play Criteria, headed up by Malanga, and Short and Long Term Effects of Concussive Injuries, conducted by Galski.

This first of the two parts will hear from Malanga and help enlighten people on what to look for when concussions occur and what steps can be taken for returning that athlete to play.

"This is our primary concern with football season on the horizon," Malanga said. "There is now a more finite way of looking at these injuries, more restrictive rules."

Malanga was clearly concerned with the treatment concussive injuries are getting on the professional level, and he fears it filtering down the collegiate and scholastic level without the proper attention.

"The concern is that the approach used by the NFL is going to be the same one that the high schools and colleges use," he said. "A player who is barely conscious in the first quarter should not be anywhere near the field in the third quarter."

Malanga pointed to the recent exodus of players, particularly in the NFL, to concussive injury problems. Al Toon, formerly of the Jets, still deals with ringing in his ears and cannot formulate responses and process information as quickly as he did when he was healthy. Merrill Hoge and Chris Miller are two more recent cases of early retirement, both of whom sustained multiple concussions and suffer from minor physical and cognitive damage now which may even worsen over time.

"The research being done out in Colorado (by the Colorado Medical Society, whose research provided the basis for the lecture) is looking into ways to prevent permanent neurologic and cognitive deficits and even death," Malanga said. "An individual may not see the effects until 15 years down the line. Look at Jerry Quarry, he can't even tie his own shoes."

Malanga presented some statistics about concussions that seemed pertinent to trainers and parents: there are some 500,000 reported cases every year, but later Galski said that number could actually be tripled considering so many cases are not officially reported; six percent occur in contact sports; 20 percent of high school football players suffer a concussion each year, and in football alone there were 250,000 reported cases and eight deaths, a number Malanga said was much too high and could easily be reduced to as low as one death per year with the proper precautions and understanding.

Concussion, defined by the National Head Injury Foundation, is "an insult to the brain that may produce a diminished or altered state of consciousness, which results in impairment of cognitive abilities or physical functioning. It can also result in the disturbance of behavioral or emotional functioning. These impairments may be either temporary or permanent and cause partial or total functional disability or psychological maladjustments."

Concussions can occur in what the CMS and most medical professionals classify as grades 1-3. With that, the CMS offers advice on the management of concussions of sports. This is labeled as among the strictest of all scales for assessing head injuries.

Grade 1 — confusion without amnesia, no loss of consciousness. The player is removed from the contest and examined immediately and every five minutes for the development of amnesia or postconcussive symptoms. Return to the contest only if amnesia does not appear and there are no symptoms for at least 20 minutes.

Grade 2 — confusion with amnesia, no loss of consciousness. Serious in nature, with removal from contest and a return to practice after one full week without symptoms.

Grade 3 — loss of consciousness. Removal from field by ambulance and spine immobilization, neurologic evaluation, overnight observation at hospital and return to practice only after two weeks without symptoms.

Several trainers in attendance expressed concerns about phantasmal parents and coaches interested in rushing their children back into competition without fully understanding the nature of their injuries. Malanga urged that waiting for symptoms or hospital CT or MRI scans to get worse before acting carefully could be too late.

More detailed information can be obtained by contacting Marotta at Kessler at 201-736-9090, and he can also refer those interested to Malanga for other queries.



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Things are looking up for Dayton basketball squad Boys' capture Tri-County championship

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Summer Hoops

Dayton varsity coach Bill Berger and assistants Andy Huber and Justin Petino have seen a great deal of improvement among the players who will be suiting up for the Bulldogs this coming winter.

"I can't wait for the season to begin," said Berger, who took over the head coaching reins last year. "If these kids continue to work and improve, special things can be accomplished in the next few years."

Dayton, which has not had a winning season on the hard court since the 1992-93 campaign, halted an eight-game losing streak at season's end last winter by concluding the 1995-96 campaign with a 52-41 win over Oratory Prep in Summit.

Roselle swept the two-game season series against Dayton last year en route to another Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division championship. So, defeating Roselle in the championship became even sweeter for Dayton.

For the 1996-97 school year, the Bulldogs will be competing in the Valley Division against the likes of smaller Group 1 schools such as Roselle Park, Bound Brook, Mid-

dlesex, Manville and New Providence.

"The continued support of the parents was greatly appreciated," Berger said. "A special note of thanks should be given to my assistant coaches (Huber and Petino) for all the time they gave up this summer as well as the input from longtime assistant and friend Joe Mase."

In order to qualify for the tournament playoffs, Dayton fashioned a 9-3 mark. A mix of young players combined, with experienced veterans paved the way toward the unexpected championship.

Incoming sophomores Vinny Duda, Garrett Wiese and Terrence Franklin gained valuable playing time while adjusting to their new varsity surroundings.

Seniors Paul Gerber and Alex Jones provided much needed muscle and strength under the boards when called upon as Dayton's "super subs."

Once into the playoffs, the starting five rotated around a group of six talented athletes. Those ballplayers included junior veterans Eric Fishman, Chris Salvato, Chris Loeffler, Ralph Saracino and Giancarlo Saracino and, high-scoring senior Ryan Nelson.

The first playoff victory came against Westfield. Missing two starters, Dayton had to rely on Nelson and Ralph Saracino for the bulk of the scoring. Gerber and Franklin came up big under the boards and Fishman, the Bulldogs' point guard, spearheaded the defense and controlled the offense with his pinpoint passing.

The game was decided in overtime

with Saracino sealing the victory with a baseline jumper with six seconds remaining in the session.

Moving into the semifinal round, Dayton faced second-seeded Roselle Park. As luck would have it, three overtimes were needed to provide a winner as Dayton was able to record its second consecutive overtime victory.

Dayton lost to Roselle Park 43-34 last year in a Union County Tournament preliminary-round game that took place at the Battin Gym in Elizabeth.

Nelson came up big again for Dayton, his three-pointer forcing the first overtime. Gerber's rebound and put-back in along with Ralph Saracino's two baskets enabled the Bulldogs to send the game into a third overtime.

With time running out in the third OT, Fishman found Loeffler open and, with a perfect pass, fed Loeffler who was then fouled by two Roselle Park defenders. Loeffler, who scored a team-high 16 points against Roselle Park back in the February UCT contest, calmly sank two free throws to finally ice the game for Dayton.

Fishman's play at point guard and his ability to hit a teammate who would go on to score a basket helped Dayton maintain a lead over Roselle for much of the championship game.

The Bulldogs also dominated the inside game with Salvato, Ralph Saracino and Loeffler seemingly scoring at will.

Nelson once again came through in the clutch by hitting key baskets down the stretch to preserve Dayton's crowning triumph.

Mountainside tennis players excel

The Mountainside tennis team finished a stellar summer season with a decisive win over Berkeley Heights last week in Mountainside.

The team's focused play allowed them to capture six of the nine matches played.

This year's team consisted of a group of hard working players who showed significant improvement.

Olivia Banuszewicz was a new player for Mountainside and became more consistent throughout the season.

Steven Brown's solid ground-

rokes gained himself the title of doubles champion.

Daniel Drake's extreme hustle and determination was key to him earning the team singles championship while teammate Oliver Eng was an asset to the squad as well with his excellent play.

Jillian McAdam grew stronger throughout the season while Dana McCurdy was a true fighter and has a strong future in the game.

Co-captain Christopher McPherson, a finalist in the team tournament, worked hard and is a player to keep an

eye on.

Tessa Rosenthal shows steady progress while her remarkable dedication to the game is unmatched.

Co-captain Tracey Saladino teamed with Brown to capture a doubles crown and will next compete in her second season as second singles player at Dayton Regional High School.

Matthew Sterenczak and Lauren Whitenour were two players whose willingness to learn more about the game is guaranteed to bring them success in the future.

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Borough resident gets Princeton honor

Shyan C. Sun M.D., Director of Neonatology at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, recently received the Annual Research Physician of the Year Award from the Center for Home Health Development at ceremonies in Princeton.

The Center for Home Health Development, a non-profit education and research association, honored Dr. Sun for his work to improve the survival and quality of life for premature and critically ill newborns.

Dr. Sun, a resident of Mountain-side, is a nationally renowned neonatologist credited with developing the first helicopter air transport team devoted to airlifting critically ill newborns and infants to regional prenatal centers. While training over 1,000 medical professionals in life-saving neonatal resuscitation,

Dr. Sun led a team of neonatal specialists to create the Statewide Neonatal Service and Research Center. He is also Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School, Princeton.

Springfield resident to honor Danny Kaye

Saul Gladstone, Springfield resident since 1951, has been invited to participate on a panel to be held at the Concord Hotel in Kiamasha Lake, N.Y., Aug. 22-25. This will serve as a tribute to Danny Kaye, noted actor, comedian and philanthropist who gave the world great pleasure in his role as an entertainer.

Included in the tribute sponsored by the Catskills Idea, organized by Stanley Raiff, will be the part Dan-

ny Kaye played as an Ambassador at-Large to UNICEF when he acted as a piper to the children of the world, entertaining them as well as raising funds for their support.

Gladstone's share of the program will be to recollect the early days of the 1930's when Kaye began his professional career at a hotel in the Catskills, namely, White Rose Lake, where both he and Kaye acted together as fledgling entertainers.

With others who shared that experience, original songs and sketches as well as reminiscences will be featured in that phase of the program.

Gladstone has written an unpublished manuscript entitled "Pop Op De Peepal" which details his eight year summer experience of entertaining in the Catskills and includes recollections of his mutual participation with Kaye.

Library offers college-bound information

Falling leaves are usually the first sign of fall, but for libraries, the first sign is often that of the high school juniors and seniors and their parents rushing in to study the college directories. The Springfield Library offers two computer data-bases which make that search easier.

Thanks to a donation from the Snyder Foundation of Moorestown, the Adult Department has added a new computer, software and computer table to the College Information Center. College-bound students and their parents may now research their choices in the "College Blue Book on CD-ROM." This valuable resource, frequently used in print, is much easier to use and more efficient in this CD-ROM format. Arranged in four data bases, "The College Blue Book," "Occupational Education," "Occupational Education Regulations" and "Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Loans," users may search by col-

lege name, region, state, city, profile, major or degree.

The family searching for scholarship information can search by subject, level, sponsor and title. They can locate a group of schools that meet academic and other requirements and then further search for financial aid available.

While "The College Blue Book" presents short descriptions of the institutions located, the library also now offers the "1995/96 CollegeSource: College Catalogs Collection on CD-ROM" put out by Career Guidance Foundation. This valuable reference tool provides access to nearly 2,800 full text college catalogs. Full admissions, coursework, housing, financial and other information is provided.

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Before this service can be announced to the public, volunteers with home computers are needed to test the system. Volunteers will need a personal computer, a modem and telecommunications software that will emulate a Digital VT terminal, preferably a VT420, to participate in all available options.

Interested volunteers can contact System Administrator Joan Meyer or Library Director Susan Permahos at (201) 376-4930.

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callation herof after that adoption, as provided by the New Jersey Local Bond Law, INTRODUCED: August 13, 1996 ADOPTED: APPROVED: TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION By: Gregory Clarke, Mayor ATTEST: Helen E. Keyworth, Township Clerk

AMENDED BOND ORDINANCE. The Amended Bond Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on August 13, 1996. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing, at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the Town Hall in said Township on August 27, 1996 at 8:00 P.M.

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NOTICE OF HEARING PLANNING BOARD. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by Sharon Iurato and Dr. Leo A. Aron for preliminary and final site plan approval, conditional use approval for expansion of the home professional use, and for a variance for existing nonconforming front yard and side yard; parking variance wherein eight (8) spaces are required and six (6) are provided; variance for no indoor garage parking; and variance for floor area ratio on the first floor since the home professional use exceeds the requirements of the variance.

County of Union and State of New Jersey. This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Springfield. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency or any other contracting unit within the County of Morris or adjoining counties for the purchase of work, materials and supplies.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK FOR MASTER PLAN REVISION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for the service of drafting updated Master Plan elements, in conformity with the Master Plan Reexamination adopted by the Springfield Planning Board, for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

pal Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and effort to an agreement with Keller & Kirkpatrick, for the services of Robert A. Michaels, P.P., AICP, for purposes of preparing Updated Master Plan Elements, pursuant to proposal dated May 13, 1996, at a fee of \$20,500.00, plus meeting attendance fees. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Public Contracts Laws.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

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