

**The nominee is....**  
Tonight, the freeholders will select Ann Baran's successor as county manager. See Page B1.

**Plan for summer fun**  
From barbecuing to swimming, aspects of summer fun are looked over in this week's supplement.

**Best of the best**  
Local artists have been chosen to take part in the statewide Teen Arts Festival. See Page B3.

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## Borough highlights

**Offices closed**  
The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday.  
The deadlines for the May 29 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
- What's Going On — Friday, 4 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.

**Soccer clinic**  
The Recreation Department of Berkeley Heights is sponsoring a Soccer Clinic for boys and girls in grades one to eight. The dates are June 30 through July 3 and July 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia Park in Berkeley Heights. Rob Osieja, boys head soccer coach at Governor Livingston, is the director of the camp. Further information can be obtained by calling Gary Mills, the Berkeley Heights recreation director at 464-0550.

**Stable lessons**  
Watching Stable in Mountainside offers two programs, in addition to its fall and spring series of lessons, which are designed to introduce the sport of horsebackriding to all.  
Programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for any group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; actual horsebackriding is available at an additional cost. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 789-3665 for further information. The Watching Stable is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

**Book drive**  
The Governor Livingston PTA is planning to collect used books as a fundraiser for its ninth annual Project Graduation Party. Members of the community are invited to drop off their used books at the high school on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All hard-back books, text books, reference books, and paperbacks will be accepted. Magazines, newspapers, workbooks, catalogues, and telephone books will not be collected.  
The PTA has arranged for Project Renaissance, a book recovery program, to recirculate or recycle all the books collected with the proceeds going to Project Graduation. After May 31, containers for additional books will be available at the high school through the end of the school year. More information about the used book drive is available through publicity chairperson Gayll Fisher at 665-9319.

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## International commemoration



Recently, Mountainside Girl Scouts held an International Night at Deerfield School. The girls dressed in authentic costumes from countries representing their nationality. The Girl Scouts ate pizza and sampled desserts from different countries. The highlight of the evening was the performance by the Greek Dancers under the direction of Angie Markos.

## School funding future unclear

By Kevin Singer  
Managing Editor

Last Wednesday's State Supreme Court decision on Governor Christine Whitman's Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Planning Act may have any short term impact on Mountainside, but long term ramifications are cause for concern among local officials.

In a 5-1 decision, the court ruled the funding plan, which would have required each district to spend at least \$7,056 per pupil in order to achieve the constitutionally mandated thorough and efficient education, as insufficient to supplying the state's 28 special needs urban districts with an adequate education. According to the ruling, the financing act "does not adequately address the unique educational disadvantages facing children attending the poor, urban districts."

The ruling means that the Legislature will have to draw up another funding plan. Meanwhile, the court is requiring that the state spend up to \$250 million on the special needs districts for the 1997-98 school year to bring expenditures on line with the actual average per pupil expenditure in the wealthy suburban districts.

While the court rejected the plan's \$7,200 per pupil model district figure, citing that the model is incapable of accommodating differences between wealthy suburban and poor urban districts, it did uphold the core curriculum portion. The ruling stated that the "core curriculum content standards adequately discharge the Legislature's duty to define the content of a constitutional thorough and efficient education."

State Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-Union, said that while there will be "no impact on the 1997-98 budget in Mountainside," the long term impact may be significant. "What's really worrisome is the possible long term impact. The court ruled that these 28 urban school districts have a constitutional right for the state to give them money from increased taxes so that spending is the same as the highest

in the state. They already spend above the state average. In the future, there will be this troubling link between what local districts decide and what the state must appropriate to cities."

Bagger fears that this constant call for parity will lead to a "levelling off" of the expenditures of the various districts. "Does the whole state have a constitutional right to spend at the highest level? If so, this will result in the levelling down of the best school districts," said Bagger. "This link is not a sound one — that sameness would be a level of mediocrity. That sameness stifles innovation and excellence."

Mountainside Board of Education President Pat Taeschler said the board will closely monitor any future changes to the funding process. "We're a member of the Garden State Coalition, and they will keep us abreast of changes. We will also remind our legislators to not allow our standards to be lowered," stated Taeschler.

A positive aspect of the court's decision, Taeschler said, was its support of the core curriculum. "The Supreme Court's approval of the core curriculum directly affects our district. We're already working with those standards, and hopefully we're already close to them." She added that, in compliance with the core curriculum, kindergarten students will begin to learn introductory Spanish this coming year, and fourth-graders will be tested in basic skills this week, a component of the curriculum. "Her plan is happening in our district," said Taeschler.

Bagger said he does not believe future legislation will lead to a reduction in spending caps. "We'll look at all sorts of options, including defining what a constitutionally guaranteed education is. We'll take a serious look at amending the constitution to break away from this rigid and unfair super parity requirement."

His long-term concern is that sooner or later, the state will be faced with continually having to raise taxes to meet the state mandate, or will limit dollars spent by each district.

## Council approves municipal budget

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

The Borough Council held its regular meeting Tuesday night at which the public hearing on the 1997 municipal budget was held. This was the first meeting to be held in the newly renovated municipal court room. Before the public hearing of the municipal budget began, Mayor Bob Vigilanti said the invocation and asked that a moment of silence be observed for Eli Hoffman, a borough resident who recently died.

At first, it was not clear if the council would be able to take action on the budget and the other items on the agenda, since they were one council member short of having enough to vote on borough business, but the late arrival of one of the council members made it possible for the council to conduct votes during the meeting.

The meeting began with the public hearing on the budget. The mayor began by explaining exactly what the budget numbers are for 1997 and how much would be paid in taxes by borough residents. "Last year's tax payments were \$3.36 per \$100 of assessed value on homes in the borough. This year, the total will be \$3.31, a 5 cent savings for each household in the borough, and that

includes the 39 cent, one-time payment that we had to have for this year. After this year, the tax payments should be reduced by the 39 cents and the total tax bill should be \$2.92 per \$100 of assessed value, which would bring the borough back to the tax payments that we were making in 1992," said Vigilanti.

Questions were raised by some residents in attendance centering on the payment to the regional district. Most of the questions had been discussed at previous meetings, dealing with how the state mandated that school payments were to be dealt with as far as the municipal budget was concerned.

Resident Lou Thomas asked that since the 39 cent added expense to this year's budget is half of the 77 cent payment that was on last year's tax bill, whether the residents were being charged 150 percent of the bill to the regional district.

Vigilanti answered, "You are 150 percent wrong." The council reiterated its explanation of the deferred payment method that was mandated by the state and discussed at previous meetings.

After the public hearing, the council unanimously passed the 1997 municipal budget.

## Scouts participate in space program

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

Mountainside Girl Scout Troops 179 and 750 recently attended an overnight camp-in at the Buehler Challenger and Science Center, located on the Bergen Community College campus in Paramus. The girls experienced life as an astronaut and a mission controller in a simulated space mission, part of a "rendezvous with Comet Halley" program. The program, which is designed to give people the feel of being part of an actual space mission, was developed as a memorial to the Challenger Space Shuttle crew, and to help educate people about what space involves.

The mission of the Buehler Challenger and Science Center is to inspire students, educators and the community in the pursuit of scientific education, to ignite curiosity and excitement through innovative programs, and to initiate experiential activities in math, science and technology. Its motto is "We love science and we want you to love it too."

According to troop leader Connie Billy, the trip was a success. "The trip was designed for the girls to continue the Challenger mission. The purpose of the trip was for the girls to learn about science and teamwork and that all jobs are important when working as a team. The program was to introduce the girls to what it would be like to be a part of a space mission. The girls actually went into a simulated mission control and a simulated space craft, they prepared for teamwork and divided into teams the night before and then went on the one and a half hour mission. Each girl was given a specific job, as they would on a space craft, such as navigation, communications, etc.," said Billy.

## Borough resident receives top physician honor

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

Dr. Anangur Swaminathan of Mountainside has been named 1996 Distinguished Physician of the Year by the Board of Directors of Raritan Bay Medical Center. The award recognizes Swaminathan for "outstanding efforts in promoting medical staff, administration and board of directors solidarity."

Swaminathan's contributions to the Department of Surgery and to the medical staff, of which he is vice president, were noted by Keith H. McLaughlin, president and chief executive officer of Raritan Bay Medical Center, who presented the award to Swaminathan during the annual medical staff dinner.

"Dr. Swaminathan is a generous and dedicated physician recognized for his skill and professionalism. Throughout his 15 years at Raritan Bay, Swaminathan's leadership skills and expertise have earned him the esteem and admiration not only of the board of directors and administration but of his colleagues as well. He is an invaluable resource and has performed his duties over the years with professionalism and the utmost care. He is truly a valuable asset to Raritan Bay," said McLaughlin.

Swaminathan, who is board certified in surgery, attended medical school at the University of Madras in India and served his internship at Stanley Hospital in Madras. He served an internship in surgery at Unity Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and then served residencies in general surgery at Queens General Hospital and the New Jersey Medical School. Swaminathan was an instructor at the New Jersey Medical School and is presently clinical associate professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

At Raritan Bay Medical Center, Swaminathan was appointed senior attending in surgery and has served on the Executive Committee, Cancer Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the Association for Academic Surgery, the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons and is associated with numerous other organizations.

According to Glenn Nichols, a spokesperson for Raritan Bay Medical Center, the Physician of the Year honor is voted on each year by the board of directors of Raritan Bay Medical Center. "The board of directors votes each year to pick a new Physician of the Year. Although the choice is usually a tough one, this



Dr. Anangur Swaminathan of Mountainside accepts the Raritan Bay Medical Center Distinguished Physician Award from President/CEO Keith H. McLaughlin.

year's choice was not a difficult one to make. Dr. Swaminathan is one of the best doctors we have here at the center and it was about time we honored him for the outstanding work he does here at the medical center," said Nichols.

According to Nichols, the Raritan Bay Medical Center is a general type hospital that has no speciality service but rather provides a wide range of care for its patients.

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**Exhibit to raise Pinelands awareness**

"Protecting the Pinelands Through Art," an exhibition of botanical illustrations by Robin A. Jess, will open at The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on Saturday and continue through July 10. The partial exhibit consists of twenty watercolor illustrations of fascinating Pine Barrens plants including orchids and carnivorous plants.

The exhibition is the result of a joint effort between the artist and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance, through generous support of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The Pinelands of New Jersey encompasses nearly 1.1 million acres in Southern New Jersey, almost 25 percent of the state. The Pinelands Preservation Alliance believes that educating New Jersey's citizens about this ecosystem will heighten appreciation of, and enhance the climate for, long term protection of the Pinelands.

PPA is the only non profit, non-governmental organization dedicated solely to the protection and preservation of the Pinelands.

Jess has been a freelance botanical illustrator since 1976 after graduating from the University of Delaware with a major in Fine Arts and a minor in Botany. She later received a MFA from Pratt Institute. Jess received a 1990 Distinguished Artist Fellowship and a 1993 Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State.

Her main client is the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx, where she illustrated textbooks and research publications for botanists. Jess' work also appears on several Audubon Field Guides and Taylor's Guides to cultivated plants.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about PPA, or the exhibit, call (609) 894-8000, or the library at (201) 376-4930.

**Golf tournament to benefit athletics**

The inaugural golf outing to benefit the Springfield Girls' Softball Leagues and the Boys' and Girls' Traveling Basketball Teams will be held on May 29 at the Mattawang Golf Club in Belle Mead. Starting times will be scheduled from approximately 11:30 a.m. to about 2 p.m., on first-request basis. The rain date is June 4.

A sandwich and drink will be served at the turn, and trophies and

prizes will be awarded during a buffet dinner following play at around 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented to winners of low gross, low net, longest drive and closest to the pin.

The entry fee \$100 per player includes golf cart, food, drinks and prizes. Sponsorship are available in the purchase of a tournament tee or green for \$50 or a cart of \$20. In addition, individual or corporate sponsors will become honored members of the

Bronze, \$10, Silver, \$25, or Gold, \$50+ Donors Club.

Dinner-only registration is \$30 per person. Spouses, friends, dignitaries and corporate associates are encouraged to join the award festivities. The event is also open to the public.

Early registration is encouraged, as the event is limited to 80 players. To receive a mailed entry form or further details, contact fund raising chairman Tony Tomasino at (201) 467-9092.

**Health day screenings open to residents**

The Westfield Board of Health has announced that it will conduct a Health Day on June 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield.

The Health Program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC, and an HDL. Medical Laboratory of West Orange will conduct the blood testing.

The SMAC 26 is an elaborate blood analysis monitoring several bodily functions. The CBC test is a test including a red blood cell count, a

white blood cell count, and differential count. The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc. The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease. The SMAC 26 is used in assessing total cholesterol results, to determine possible coronary risk factors.

Robert M. Sherr, director of health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast twelve hours prior, with the exception of water.

Preregistration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by

the Westfield Health Department, 425 East Broad St., Westfield, beginning Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The registration deadline is June 5, subject to program capacity. The cost of the SMAC-26 test is \$16. The following tests can be performed for additional costs: T4, thyroxine test, \$5; TSH, Thyroid stimulating hormone, \$10; PSA, Prostate test, \$30; Blood Group/RH Factor, \$10. All fees must be paid at the time of registration.

The Health Day will offer a Blood Pressure Program. Hemocult Test kits will be available to test for occult blood in the gastro-intestinal tract. Test packets/dietary restrictions will be distributed at the Health Program.

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

**Dinner to honor Merachnik**

Dr. Donald Merachnik, longtime superintendent of schools for the Union County Regional High School District #1, will be honored at a dinner to be held June 16 at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside.

Merachnik will be retiring in June after serving as the regional district's superintendent for over 25 years. In 1992, he was chosen as the State "Superintendent of the Year" by the New Jersey Association of School

Administrators for his contributions to the field of education. His career in the regional district as a teacher, school psychologist and administrator has spanned over 40 years.

To obtain tickets, contact the office of Peter Lanzi, regional district board secretary/school business administrator, at (201) 370-7453.

**Sticky fingers**



Photo By George Pacciello

Rochelle Hreczny, 8, of Mountainside, eats some cotton candy at the Mountainside PTA's annual fair, held last Saturday at Deerfield School.

**Resident to appear on program**

This Tuesday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 4 p.m., Law Journal, the weekly television program on the law, examines "Premises Liability: Injuries at Businesses and Homes." Host Christopher Naughton and his guest attorney Kenneth Javerbaum of Springfield's Javerbaum, Wurgaft and

Hicks, addresses the legal issues surrounding slip-and-fall and other injuries that occur at businesses, shops and homes.

Law Journal can be seen every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. on CTN, the Cable Television Network of New Jersey, on Comcast Cable 59.

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# Parades, pool opening will highlight holiday

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Officials involved with the traditional Memorial Day ceremonies for Mountain and Springfield say they'll continue with some slight changes.

The wreath layings, parades and pool openings are to go as scheduled over the three-day holiday as they have over the years.

The Mountain Memorial Post No. 10136 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are scheduled to hold services at the Veterans Monument at Constitution Plaza and the Capt. James Egan Memorial at the Deerfield School Monday morning. Their arrival at Constitution Plaza is slated for noon, pending the finish of the Westfield Memorial Day Parade.

If the color guard seems slightly unsteady, VFW Post Commander Robert Farley said it won't be from the parade.

"We lost some of our members over the year," said Farley, "including those involved with the service. We're left to do the ceremonies by memory."

Post 10136 has conducted the memorial service since 1952.

Springfield's annual Memorial Day Service and Parade are to run at about the same time. After a veterans service at the Memorial Park on Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road at 8:30 a.m., the parade is to stop off there at noon.

"The parade will run up Mountain Avenue and will end at Trivett Avenue North," said Volunteer Fire Company President Carlo Palumbo. "We're going to have the veterans, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Daughters of the American Revolution among the usual participants. World War II veteran William C. Van Riper will be the grand marshal."

Van Riper, a member of VFW Battle Hill Post 7683, will likely be riding aboard the Fire Department and Company's 1972 Buick Skylark. While using the immaculate car in the parade is not unusual, it is the first occasion since it was donated in resident James Chandler's memory.

A color guard and service may be held immediately after the Springfield parade at the DAR and Presbyterian Cemeteries as in years past. What's different this time, however, is that the DAR Cemetery will be officially open after its recent refurbishment by the township's Garden Club and Historical Society.

Refurbishment is also foremost at the Municipal Pool as it works towards a noon Saturday grand reopening.

"We're going down to the wire in making the Saturday deadline," said Recreation Director Michael Tennaro. "Our only worry is with the weather. Should rain set us back, we'll open the next day."

Tennaro said that a reopening ceremony will be scheduled later in the season. The revamped pool is to be open weekends May and June and expand to a daily schedule by July.

Township motorists note that Mountain Avenue traffic between Shunpike Road and Morris Avenue will be detoured for the parade on Monday from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. Most NJ Transit bus routes are to run on a Sunday schedule Monday. Post offices, libraries, banks and most government offices are to be closed on Monday except for Express Mail deliveries and book drops.

# Regional board pays for Dayton repairs

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

One could've blinked and missed the Regional High School Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

The public session held at Jonathan Dayton High School lasted little more than 10 minutes. The executive session, where personnel and legal matters were discussed, lasted about 15 minutes.

Superintendent of Schools Donald A. Merachnik considers the short duration as indicative of the regional board's shrinking responsibilities.

"As the district dissolves, there is less to be done," said Merachnik after the executive session. "The superintendent's report alone has gone from five or six pages to three or four."

The board intends to continue to July 1, when Dayton, Arthur Johnson, Governor Livingston and David Brearley high schools will be absorbed by their home districts. A board-appointed accountant will be left to make an audit report in September.

There was action taken by the board on several issues. Commence-

ment and Project Graduation programs for Dayton, Johnson and Livingston were approved at Merachnik's request. Dayton's Project Graduation is to take place at the Summit YMCA 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. June 25-26. Johnson's version is to be held 10 to 6 p.m. the same overnight at the Ricochet Club at South Plainfield. GLHS's reception is to take place at the Rutgers Sunny Warbler Center in New Brunswick at the same time.

Although the report states that the PTA Project Graduations are "at no cost to the Board of Education," the

PTA for Johnson wasn't listed in the document as a sponsor.

The board secretary's suggestion of a final payment of \$13,144.93 to contractor Ward & O'Donnell in finishing the Dayton clock tower and a \$125,996.64 to RD Architectural Products toward the continuing Dayton window replacement program.

Although the public isn't immediately privy to the board's executive session, its agenda lists "personnel grievance issue" and "two possible litigations" as topics.

# Cemetery receives cleaning by garden groups

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

One of Springfield's better-kept secrets may gain more exposure this weekend thanks to the Springfield Garden Club and the Union County Master Gardeners. They have refurbished the Daughters of the American Revolution Cemetery in time for Monday's Memorial Day parade.

The DAR Cemetery, located across the old Hershey Restaurant on Mountain Avenue, is an easy plot to miss. The tree-lined area is accessed by a small set of brick steps. Inside are 31 graves holding the remains of some of Springfield's patriots and settlers.

"It's a quiet place," said William G. Chirgott, whose architecture office abuts the burial ground. "It's so out of the way, I see few people visiting there."

The cemetery used to be part of the Flemmer family nursery, which extended to Morris Avenue and Garden Oval," said Springfield Historical Society President Margaret Banarowski. "Parts of the property were sold off over time. The General Greene Shopping Center, for one, was built in the early 1950s."

Care for the ground also shrank over time. The Sons of the American Revolution, who erected a monument

on the site, gave way to their distaff version due to declining membership. More recently, the DAR Church and Cannon Chapter's ranks also dwindled.

"We were walking past the DAR Cemetery after last year's Memorial Day Parade," said Garden Club member Eleanor Ours. "There was no raffling to hold onto, weeds were overgrown and poison ivy around the grounds."

The Garden Club, with the DAR chapter's permission, worked on the grounds last month. They and SHS members cleared brush, treated poison ivy and installed the railing.

"It took about 50 hours over two days," said Don Auer. "Except for a member wanting to plant flower bulbs, the job is complete."

Auer is also a Union County Master Gardner, whose group was invited to the revamping.

"Rutgers University holds a three-month Master Gardner course at its extension office in Westfield," said Auer. "One condition of attaining the title is to perform 100 hours of volunteer projects, so we're always looking around. That's when the Garden Club invited us to help."

The grounds appear better off for

the effort. As of Friday morning, the lawn was mowed, awkward tree limbs pruned and hardly a trace of poison ivy can be found. Several headstones already have American flags planted beside them.

"I'm not sure who planted the flags," said Springfield American Legion Post 228 official Arthur Bunker. "We go all over the area cemeteries and one of our members who takes care of the odd places may have started early."

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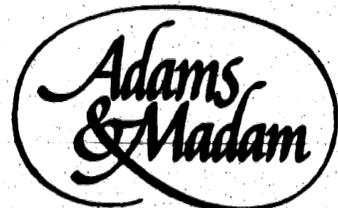
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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## How could it hurt?

As the Board of Chosen Freeholders examines the feasibility of consolidating the Sheriff's Department and the County Police Department, many around the county are made uncomfortable. We merely ask how could it hurt?

We understand how such a merger could result in the loss of jobs for some and the reduction of power for others, but the benefits for the taxpayers outweigh those considerations. Besides, the talk is of studying the possibility of the merger, not enacting the merger.

It is not a new idea. The practice of having two law enforcement agencies under one government is wasteful, even if they have different duties. In fact, it is that separation of duties that is maddening; taxpayers in almost every county must fund two bureaucracies, when money can be saved by deploying the same officers under one command. Maybe even more officers could be hired, as the number of civilian clerks is reduced.

It was a study commissioned by the state six years ago that made waves among law enforcement agencies as the idea of preventing duplication of services threatened those with duplicitous motives. This study resulted in the transfer of duties from the County Police to the Sheriff's Department.

Around the state, counties far more populous and much larger than Union County have eliminated their county police departments. Saving money was said to be the reason each time.

That should be the answer given in Union County as well. Although the county's financial state is sound, the taxpayers should not have to wait for a fiscal crisis for the freeholders to act to trim the size and expense of government.

If the two departments are consolidated, there would be no layoffs or demotions, according to the sheriff, who also said the Sheriff's Department, with 151 officers and 22 civilians, would absorb the County Police's 65 officers and 22 civilians.

All that is needed here is the political will to withstand the pressure from the police unions, which surely will try to scare the public with tales of how cutting costs will result in dangerous streets.

The study should be finished soon. We hope the freeholders read it carefully and keep their minds open to the need to reduce government spending.

## Not so long, but so near

Our happiness for Ann Baran, who will leave county government this summer to take a post at Kean College, is tempered by the realization that she is leaving county government this summer. She certainly has our congratulations, but we're grateful we don't have to say so long, because she'll be so nearby.

She says no one should hold an office such as the county manager's for too long and she's correct — but it seems to us that her seven-year tenure is ending too soon.

As several freeholders said last week, the county's loss will be Kean's gain as she takes over the Gateway Center for Regional Development at Kean. Gateway Center is a cornerstone of an effort to promote commerce in Union County.

Baran will be remembered for her success in slowing the growth of county spending in the face of absurd federal and state mandates and a crumbling tax-paying industrial base.

She has impressed us with her problem-solving skills and her leadership abilities — and we suspect she'll be very busy in her new job. For starters, her organization will be competing with one of the freeholders are putting together which already competes with an existing county bureaucracy which competes with the private Union County Economic Development Corp., which competes with a Port Authority department.

That is a lot of Indians and a lot of chiefs, and we hope Baran, the freeholders, the PA and the UCEDC can unite their best minds for the sake of working together, since they have the same goal.

Wishful thinking? Perhaps, but it's just another case of wanting to trim government spending, since the freeholders allocated \$285,000 to Gateway and likely will spend more.

## Shoes to fill

Ann Baran will leave office on July 31; until then, the freeholders will have to follow government guidelines regarding the search and selection process for her successor.

We urge the majority-holding Democrats to keep the process open. We understand that this matter requires confidentiality until someone has been chosen, but that secrecy does not apply to fellow freeholders.

Freeholder Ed Force's comments last week regarding the Republican freeholders being kept in the dark about Baran did not fall on deaf ears. We don't object to the Democrats' power to choose a new county manager — after all, they chose Baran — but conducting their search during party meetings will not do.



**THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING** — The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network of Springfield hosted more than 600 family members of organ donors and transplant recipients on April 20 at a Donor Recognition Program at the Brunswick Hilton and Towers in New Brunswick. Unveiled at the program was the New Jersey Donor Family Quilt. More than 100 donor families throughout the state paid tribute to their loved ones by creating quilt squares in their memory.

## Extreme nationalism clouds common sense

### As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

The ongoing peace talks in the Middle East, among the many nations in Africa where civil war seems to be a way of life and the various factions in the Balkans, are all well and good, but are they bound for success? I'm not too optimistic.

For decades, and in some cases, centuries, peace has eluded the many nations involved in today's peace processes. Even in Northern Ireland, there is no real sign that peace will suddenly break out and everyone will live happily ever after. Too many people have scores to settle in light of the rampant killing on both sides.

In Africa, nations such as Zaire, Rwanda, the Sudan, and Angola continue to battle, and tribes think nothing of crossing borders and wiping out entire villages. In the Balkans, where genocide has reared its ugly head, entire families have been slaughtered and in the Middle East, Palestinians and Israelis have more than their share of scores to settle before real peace can be given a chance.

No matter what the mediators do at the peace table, it will be almost impossible to achieve a peace where all sides will be satisfied or all sides will renounce revenge.

After decades, and in some

instances, centuries of hostilities, hard-nosed hatred, and unswerving determination to "get even" will not be settled by signing a piece of paper declaring that all is now peaceful.

We wonder why, in Africa, for example, tribes who have lived together in relative peace for years now go at each other with a vengeance. The Hutus and Tutsis kill each other almost on a daily basis, and Palestinians and Israelis are at each others' throats constantly. Those who have felt the wrath of cultural differences in Croatia, Sarajevo and Bosnia still harbor pent-up feelings about their enemies who have cold bloodedly wiped out families and destroyed homes and villages.

We realize that for years many factions had no real reason to fight. But when a cause, or a supposed cause appeared, peace seemed to evaporate, and fighting on a grand scale began in earnest. We understand that in Africa

tribal customs, ethnic differences and out and out jealousy play important roles in whether there is peace or warfare.

One of the most devastating conflicts today is taking place in Zaire where a once proud, prosperous and forward looking nation is now wallowing on the verge of complete chaos. If President Mobutu resigns and the rebel leader Kabila takes over, don't think that either side will embrace each other in friendship. Again, there are too many scores to settle, mouths to feed and people to house to create a peaceful aftermath of the civil war.

Tribal customs, ethnic backgrounds, real or imagined wrongs to each other and age-old slights, will still take center stage and peace will still have to take a back seat.

In the Middle East, where Palestinians and Israelis continue to go at it hammer and tong, peace is still elusive so long as one faction thinks throwing bombs, firing a mortar or blowing up a busload of children are ways to peace.

There is nothing wrong with nationalism, so long as it does not turn into taking innocent lives or destroying homes and villages. For too long, many warring factions think that

destruction of the "other guy" is justified under the mistaken notion that differences can only be rectified by fighting it out, killing and destroying.

I'm sure someday the various factions in Africa, the Middle East, the Balkans and Ireland, to name a few hot spots, will hammer out a peaceful solution to their differences. But will that guarantee peace? It's like the old saying "The first day of spring and the first spring day can be weeks apart." Peace treaties are only as good as how well factions can forgive each other for all the pain and suffering war has brought.

As I said earlier, and I hope I'm wrong, the ongoing peace talks in several sections of the world are good and should continue until agreements can be achieved. But the likelihood of success in light of past performances is not good unless another faction, tired of war, destruction and death, emerges and declares that settling old scores is a waste of time and lives. It is then that peace has a chance to hopefully emerge. In the meanwhile we hope all warring factions can come to their senses.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher, is an active member of the Summit community.

## Hometown also basks in individual's glory

### While I'm Here

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

For every person who reaches the peak of his or her profession, there is a hometown which also basks in the individual's glory. That light reflected on Summit when Mark Donohue won the Indianapolis 500 25 years ago.

Donohue, driving a slightly underpowered car, led the 12 laps that mattered at record speed. After watching faster drivers break down, Donohue took control on lap 188 when a final rival pulled into the wrong pit area for fuel.

While Donohue pulled his McLaren-Offenhauser Sunoco Spl. into victory lane, he was actually living in Media, Pa. to be near Roger Penske Racing. Nor was Mark Neary Donohue born in Summit.

Helen and Mark, Sr. delivered their son at nearby Orange Memorial Hospital March 18, 1937. They brought the newborn back to their Valley View Drive home a few days later, where Mark stayed until he married in 1966.

Mark Donohue was a quiet child except for the red socks he wore to Our Lady St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church and the Pingry School in Hillside. He showed interest in cars, liked practical jokes and fought off polo.

While Donohue struggled his way to a mechanical engineering degree at Brown, he was invited to drive his street Corvette in a local hillclimb. He won the first time and immediately thought about how to improve his car.

While Donohue was a brake engineer weekdays, he was a Sports Car Club of America racer weekends. He became known as "the thinking man's driver," able to diagnose problems and design components at a time when others usually left those tasks to mechanics. He had earned two amateur titles when Westfield driver Walt Hansgen put Donohue on Ford's 24 Hours of Le Mans factory team in 1964. Hansgen died in an accident the next year but Donohue met driver-businessman Penske at the funeral.

Donohue decided to make 1973 his last driving year. He dominated the Can-Am in a revised Porsche and captured the inaugural International Race of Champions crown. The next season would see him remarried and as manager of Penske's racing division.

But temptation came in the form of a Penske-built car for the Formula One Grand Prix World Championship. By mid-1975, Donohue was back developing and driving among the world's best drivers. It was a frustrating time, however, with a fifth place finish in one GP to show.

Donohue brought out his famed Porsche to capture the world land closed course speed record Aug. 9, 1975, but died 10 days later. While warming for the Austrian GP the next weekend, he had a high-speed crash, walked away and fell to a cerebral hemorrhage. Two sisters and two children were among his survivors.

Donohue's records stood for nearly 12 years before others, mostly Penske drivers, erased them. Roger Penske

would win a second 10 Indy 500s as car owner. A Penske car fittingly won the 1976 Austrian GP.

One son, David, is pursuing a driving career in racing's minor leagues. The graduate of Lehigh University's business school looks like his father and remembers the Summit neighborhood down to the train station and the supermarket.

Mark Sr. joined Mark Jr. in St. Teresa's Cemetery in 1983. The former patent attorney would show visitors the only trophy of his son in the house — Brown's Outstanding Alumni of the Year.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame officials may take Donohue's 1972 McLaren out for a few laps before Sunday's race. But one's quality of character, as in the recent case of Lou Gehrig, may outlast one's records or relics. In that regard, Mark Donohue is alive to those in racing and in Summit who remember him.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Community support was invaluable

To the Editor:  
We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, and good wishes for our son David during his recent battle with leukemia.

When we really needed help the entire community was there to support us. First, we would like to thank the Springfield Police and Fire departments for their blood and platelet donations. This definitely qualifies as above and beyond the call of duty.

In addition, thanks to the Springfield school district, especially Gaudineer School for compassion and understanding. The students community sent David letters of encouragement as well as funny videos. It helped all of us through very difficult times. Principal Dennis McCarthy and the faculty have been wonderful in the way they have kept David involved with his classmates.

Furthermore, the Springfield Junior Baseball League has also gone the extra mile to include David in activities like throwing out the first pitch at their opening day ceremonies.

The prayers offered for us by many of the local synagogues and churches have been a constant source of strength to our family.

There are so many individuals who have touched our lives in ways you cannot imagine. We can't begin to thank each one of you, but please know how much we appreciate all that you have done for us.

Thank you.

Lisa, Steven, Rachel and David Nehmer  
Springfield

Kenry Kolanko, Chiss Gokhale, Mike Savette, Irene Lantini, Brian Arrigano, Jimmy DeCastro, Matt DeAnna, Connie Souder, Jennifer Hauser, Chris DiVito, Amanda Antonino, Steven Bobbio, Evon Kaplan and Adam Geiger.

Also a special thanks to those teachers, staff and parents who helped out during the tournament.

Deborah Posner  
Mountainside

### Township stalling labor negotiations

To the Editor:

Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57, representing the professional firefighters, has been in contract negotiations with the Township of Springfield since July 1996. As with any contract negotiations, the parties concerned have demands and positions which are collectively bargained.

During these negotiations, the township has used a labor attorney to be their agent, and the FMBA attempted self-representation. After two meetings, the FMBA felt at a professional disadvantage to the township's attorney, and decided to seek representation. The FMBA has made a diligent effort to address the township's concerns and has continuously revised our proposals in an effort to avoid a long and costly arbitration process. Our final proposal once again reduced the FMBA's original economic proposal. We have attempted to address the township's budget concerns for the period indicated by the township as being critical. However, the township's negotiator, Mr. Ruderman, has yet to modify or revise his original proposals to us. Good faith negotiations by Mr. Ruderman have yet to occur for reasons unknown.

On information and belief, the FMBA was of the understanding that while certain members of the Township Committee were interested in the proposal, the township's labor attorney strongly recommended against the proposal. His motive is unclear, although he does stand to gain financially by prolonging the negotiations process.

In the March 17 edition of the *Springfield Leader*, the mayor indicated that he wanted the labor attorney to wrap up the negotiations by May 1. As this date has come and gone, the mayor then indicated in the May 8 *Springfield Leader* that he wanted to set up a meeting for May 15. We did not receive an invitation to a meeting nor a response to our proposals. Let's hope the Township Committee can respond to our proposals, because their silence is an indication that they wish to engage in a long, unproductive, and costly arbitration.

James Anagnos, president,  
FMBA local 57  
Springfield

### Foul shots were for a good cause

To the Editor:

On March 5, Deerfield School ran a Foulshooting Tournament to help raise money for the American Heart Association. The foulshooting tournament was opened to all students in grades 4-8. All the students who participated went out on their own and recruited sponsors to make a donation for Multiple Sclerosis. In all, the students raised \$957, which went directly to the American Heart Association for M.S.

I would like to thank the following participants in their participation in Shoot For the Heart Fundraiser:

Andrew Dubno, Joe Sperlazza, Katie Lias, Brielle Luciano, Kaitlyn Moore, Jonathan Moss, Joey Nicastro, Michael Kolanko, Milap Patel, Frank Geiger.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared each week by the *Springfield Leader* and *Mountainside Echo* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to Managing Editor Kevin Singer, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

### Today

• Pathways, a community-based non profit program that provides breast cancer resources, will host Jeanne Rooney from the W.I.S.E. Center, a multi-service cancer support center for women, from 7-8 p.m. at the Summit YWCA, 79 Maple St. It will be an opportunity to learn and ask questions about the services that the W.I.S.E. Center offers, including prosthesis, custom fashions including lingerie and swimsuits, compression therapy products, a wig boutique and massage therapy. There is no fee to attend but registration is requested. To register or for more information about Pathways, call (908) 277-3663.

Pathways is a non profit program that provides support groups, physical fitness and rehabilitative exercise programs, and breast cancer awareness and education efforts for women with breast cancer and those who care about them. It is sponsored by Overlook Hospital, the Resource Center for Women and the Summit YWCA.

• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold their installation meeting at 7 p.m. at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Refreshments will be served before the meeting begins. Iris Segal is chairman of the meeting that will follow at 8 p.m. Alice Weinstein will install the following officers for 1997-98: Eleanor Kuperstein, president; Ida Fanaroff, education vice president; Dorothea Schwartz, program vice president; Rena Graham and Marilyn Shrenzel, fund raising vice presidents; Frances Ostrofsky, treasurer; Mildred Schwartz, corresponding secretary; Laura Schuyler, financial secretary; Miriam Koosman, recording secretary.

Entertainment will be provided by Gary Goldman, a 13-year-old who emigrated from Moldavia 7 years ago. He will entertain with songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

### Friday

• The Summit Folk Dancers will meet at the Summit YWCA, corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Participants will learn dances of England, Greece, Israel, Romania, the Balkans, and Western Europe. No partners are needed. The fee is \$2 for the evening. The beginners class is at 7:30 p.m., and the regular class will meet at 8 p.m. For more information call (201) 467-8278.

### Saturday

• Take Good Care will sponsor free spinal examinations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A seminar on aging is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Take Good Care is located at 160 Route 22 Center Island, Springfield. For more information, call (201) 912-0200.

### Sunday

• Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes, and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.

### Tuesday

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

### Wednesday

• Take Good Care will sponsor a defense and wellness seminar for women from 6 to 7 p.m. Take Good Care is located at 160 Route 22 Center Island, Springfield. For more information, call (201) 912-0200.

### Coming events

### May 29

• The inaugural golf outing to benefit the Springfield Girls' Softball Leagues and the Boys' and Girls' Traveling Basketball Teams will be held at the Mattawang Golf Club in Belle Mead. Starting times will be scheduled from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a first-request basis. The rain date is June 4.

The entry fee of \$100 per player includes golf, cart, food, drinks and prizes. Sponsorships are available in the purchase of a tournament tee or green for \$50 or a cart for \$20. Trophies and prizes will be awarded during a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner-only registration is \$30 per person. Early registration is encouraged, and the event is limited to 80 players. For more information, call Tony Tomasino at (201) 467-9092.

### May 30

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a trip to Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Arlene Hagger at (908) 654-7853. RSVP by tomorrow.

### June 1

• The Union County 4-H Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The planned activities and attraction will include: face painting, farm animals, children's games, a rabbit show, a dog show, 4-H Club display exhibits, water balloon toss, egg toss, bubblegum blowing contest, refreshments and more.

Trailside's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes, and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person. This event will continue throughout the month of June.

### June 2

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Board of Education conference room in Gaudineer School. An executive session is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., with the public session to follow at 7:30 p.m.

### June 3

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

### June 9

• The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

### June 10

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

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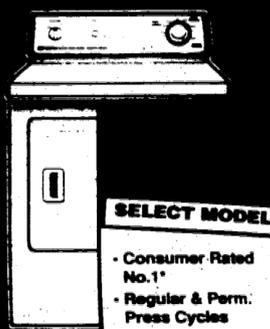
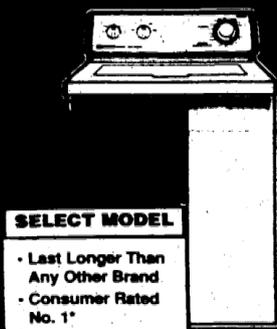


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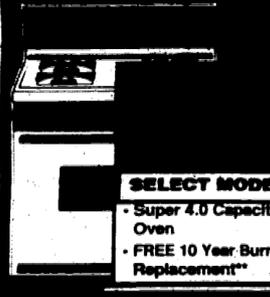
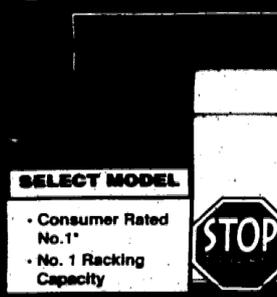
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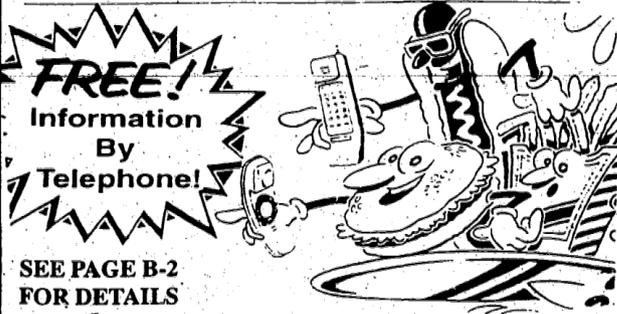
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# STUDENT UPDATE

## Springfield's Gaudineer School announces honor roll students

The following is the honor roll for the third marking period at Gaudineer Middle School:

**High honor roll**  
 Grade 5: Lyndsey Brahm, Theodore B. Chelis, Lisa Clark, Keith H. Dworkin, Lawrence Fish, Keith Garcia, Amanda K. Garlen, Rachel Goldman, Stephanie Hsiong, Thomas Ketter, Kimberly Kraemer, Drew Krumholz, Nicole C. Lay, Lisa Listowski, Thomas Milano, Margaret Mysliwiec, David J. Nehmer, Kristy Neumeister, Erica R. Rosenbaum, Karen Rozenboim, Danielle Schwartz and Allison Sharpe.

Grade 6: Kaitlin C. Albiez, Jenna Alifante, Jonathan Au, Theresa Bace, Brett A. Berger, Todd E. Bernstein, Dean Chencharik, Katherine L. Ciullo, Kevin M. Dash, Devon Dorn, Annie Faigenbaum, Manohar Finston, Sean Frank, Darcy C. Ginsberg, Ashley Goldberg, Erin Greeder, Sherri L. Grobarz, Timothy P. Hornlish, Stephanie Lai, Allison Lau, David Levine, Michael H. Mardenfeld, Staci D. Max, Jamie L. Neville, Chandni Patel, Nicholas Perretti, Svetlana Polyakova, Yury Portugal, Jared Preston, Jennifer Rego, Casey Santo, Matthew Schachtel, Kshitiva Sharma, Brian I. Sperber, Rachel E. Sumr, Andrew E. Tittle, Kathryn Torzewski, Joshua Wolkoff, Mallory Zambolla and Valerie Zlowsky.

Grade 7: Esther Aizenberg, Gracemarie Alfano, Lauren Belliveau, Pamela Bookbinder, Lindsey Butler, Bathaba Fishkin, Deanne Florindi, Chase Freundlich, Alexander K. Garlen, Jessica Goldblat, Garry Goldman, Evangeline Guilas, Vardit Haimi-Cohen, Helen Henrichs, Christopher Holdorf, Jennifer Lewis, Melissa Loschiavo, Juliet Marx, Wojciech Mysliwiec, Adam Nir, Christina N. Palermo, Monica Schwartz, Laurie Sherman, Rena Steinach, Ryan A. Stromeyer, Collyby A. Tiss, Pamela Traum, Jared Weisman, Stephanie Weiss, Kevin Zhu and Maria Zolotarsky.

Grade 8: Michelle Barone, Victoria Bingle, Lawrence Bluestone, Jennifer Cheung, Lisa Denicolo, Marc Eisenstein, Lillian Fasman, Christina Florio, Chad Freundlich, Alla Gulchina, Erica Horwitz, Alycia Johnson, Sergey Khoroshevskiy, Victoria Kozlenko, Alex Kramer, Rachel Mandel, Alisandra Puliti, Jason Sayanlar, Jason Wasserman and Maggie Zambolla.

### Honor roll

Grade 5: David Axelrod, Ashley Belser, Stefanie F. Bergen, Marc Cicchino, Gabrielle Cohen, Timothy Cubukcu, Lisa Cypcar, Danielle DeCagna, Rachael M. DiCocco, Devin R. Eadie, Adam Formal, Jordan Gerber, Michael Gleicher, Leon Goldfeld, Stacey Hagenbush, Laura Johnson, Alexandria Kalb, Stephen King, Jill Kurzner, Jeremy Marx, Alyssa Mason, Rachel G. Millman, Ilana S. Nahmias, Jennifer S. Nemiroff, Katherine M. Palitto, Jayme Sablosky, Keith Salardino, Jessica Scott, David E. Sklar, Ashley Steiner, David Steiner, Sara Steinman, Ashley T. Tiss, Michelle A. Tomasino, Matthew Traum, George Verras, Michelle Wolf and David Zabludovsky.

Grade 5: Angela Agostinelli, Kristen Albright, Sean A. Apicella, Marissa Basile, Lindsey Beckelman, Steven Bernkoph, Giuseppe Bianco, Allison Canton, Kara-Kristen Christmas, Steven Cohen, John C. Eotage, Eric Decter, Sarah A. Dorkin, Marnie N. Pish, Jennifer Gianas, Sunana Gill, Adam Gilson, Joseph K. Kahooni, Jeremy Kovas, Michael Manganiello, Harry Marks, Jillian Marks, Robert W. Maul, Sibohan McDewitt, Jake B. Morano, Martin B. Moyer, Michael Rodrigues, Camilo Rodriguez, Marc A. Sanchez, Philip Sarracino, Jeffrey Schultz, Anna Spector, Matthew P. Stigliano, Juliana L. Stravato, Elana Toboul, Elissa Walters, Jay T. Weatherston, Chad Wolf, Theodore Young, Simon Zaltzberg, Marina Zeliser and Gregory Zinberg.

Grade 7: Roman Bronshteyn, Nichole Burke, Tara Corigliano, Shany David, Michelle Kraemer, Jonathan Lewis, Nicole Osit, Samantha Pellet, Laura Schiavone, Anna Tayts and Paul Young.

Grade 8: Linda Agostinelli, Jason A. Axelrod, Joseph Battinelli, Victoria Bruno, Seveda Darkanat, Lindsey Decoster, Christy Delioiacono, Alexis Ferrine, Evgeniya Fuks, Kahl Goforth, Jacob M. Goldsmith, Maria Gonnella, Tayer Jennings, Holly Kaplan, Ashley King, Tara Listowski, Steven Mardenfeld, Felix Mil, Ilissa Nico, Olga Oksov, Meghan Paglia, Edwin Rodriguez Jr., Dana Rutkowski, Peter Shepherd, Christina Tomasino, Mark Tratenberg, Abhiramy Victor, William Weidman and Jonathan D. Zipkin.

## Gittrich graduates summa cum laude

Gregory C. Gittrich, son of Albert D and Elise Gittrich, graduated summa cum laude from New York University on May 15. Achieving an overall 3.92 GPA, he received both the College of Arts and Science Alumni Award, the oldest award given by the college, and the university's annual journalism award.

In addition, Gittrich was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest national honors society in the country. He also received the Arthur L. Carter New York Observer Journalism Award for his work as a journalist in New York City.

While attending New York University as a full-time bachelor's degree candidate in Journalism, Gittrich also worked for the New York Daily News as a city desk staff writer. At the News, he wrote articles on New York City's neighborhoods, including cover stories on the Empire State Building shootings, the death of China's post-Mao leader Deng Xiaoping and the 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's entrance into baseball.

Concurrently, he also worked full-time as the publica-

tions editor for Citizens Committee for New York City, a citywide nonprofit that assists 12,000 neighborhood, black and tenant associations across the five boroughs. While there, he wrote, edited and designed all the non profit publications, covering a wide array of challenges facing NYC neighborhoods — drugs, crime, environmental hazards, lack of youth opportunities, homelessness and AIDS. In 1995, he authored "Common Ground: A Directory of Public Space Solutions," a directory documenting more than 50 successful solutions to New York City's public space problems. In 1996, he received the Microsoft Publisher Community Marketing Award, a national award honoring writers and editors of non profit publications for his work at the Citizens Committee.

A graduate from Deerfield Elementary School and Seton Hall Prep, Gittrich has also studied in Ireland, Italy and Mexico City and will be writing a book documenting New York City high-risk youth and runaways this summer entitled "Competing with the Streets," after which time he will continue to pursue a career as a reporter.

## Residents to receive nursing degrees

Denise Lepage and Margaret Paglia of Springfield and Irene Szymczak and Cecelia Thomas of Mountainside are among 180 Union County College students enrolled in the Cooperative Program in Professional Nursing who are candidates for Associate in Science degrees at the College's 63rd Commencement on May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Cranford Campus.

The Cooperative Program in Professional Nursing is conducted jointly by Union County College and the Schools of Nursing of Elizabeth General Medical Center, Elizabeth, and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. In addition to earning an Associate in Science degree from Union County College, the graduates receive

a diploma in nursing from the Schools of Nursing and are eligible to take the Registered Nurse examination.

Graduates of the cooperative program have the option to begin immediate employment in nursing or to transfer to a four-year institution with advanced standing to earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

Students in the cooperative program in Professional Nursing are among 900 Union County College students who are candidates for Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degrees, certificates or diplomas. Lepage, Paglia, Szymczak and Thomas are Muhlenberg Regional Medical School of Nursing students.

## St. Rose students named to honor roll

St. Rose of Lima School has announced its honor roll for the third marking period of the 1996-97 school year.

Students receiving first honors were: Brennan Bowker, Erik Cummins, Andrew Darcy, Corey Evans, Meghan Feeley, Lauren Huber, Timothy Metz, John Romankiewicz and Katie Weatherall.

Students receiving second honors were: Alexandra Booth, Peter Bremberg, Rebecca Coffey, Alexa Di Franco, Andrew Elekes, Caroline Heinle, Danielle Mc Cain,

Francesca Mendola, Michelle Pinto, Tricia Ramdial, Michelle Tracey and Aris Vayas.

Only students in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to receive honors. A student may have no grade lower than a B+ to qualify for Second Honors, and no grade lower than an A- for First Honors. Finally, only positive comments may appear in the Personal Development section of the student's report card.

These students were presented their certificates at an awards assembly on April 14.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Kalem honored for service to seniors

Dan Kalem, a resident of Springfield, recently was named the recipient of the Certificate of Merit, presented by the Health Care Finance Administration for his contribution to the senior community as the coordinator of the Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees program. The Fourth Annual Beneficiary Services Honor Award Ceremonies will be held today at the HCFA national headquarters in Baltimore.

In his role as coordinator for the past 10 years, Kalem's responsibilities included the selection, training and supervision of volunteer counselors at sites throughout Union County. "These well-trained volunteers," said Kalem, "then assist seniors and those on Social Security Disability with their health insurance problems."

As part of his responsibilities, Kalem often speaks to senior groups and has appeared on local TV and

radio programs throughout Union County. His role is to inform large numbers of people and offer updates on medicare and other health insurance subjects.

Community service is no stranger to Dan Kalem. Since 1955, he has served on the Springfield First Aid Squad as an officer, including president.

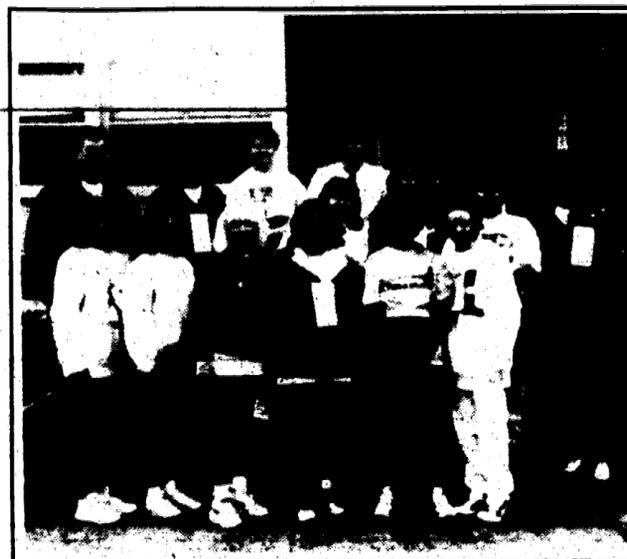
Currently, Kalem is a member of the executive board of the Senior Citizens Council of Union County; member of the Union County/Physician Senior Citizens Liaison Committee; delegate to the NJ Medicare Part B Beneficiary Liaison Council; and Overlook Hospital CHIME Coordinator. In 1996, he was appointed by the NJ Commissioner of Insurance to the Steering Committee for a new Medicare Supplement Plan to serve those on disability under fifty years of age.

For the past 11 years, Kalem has



Dan Kalem

been president of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Mended Hearts, the largest heart support group with more than 250 chapters throughout the United States.



LENDING A HAND — On April 20, the staff of Mountainside's Deerfield School, including family and friends, walked in the annual M.S. Walk for Multiple Sclerosis. It consisted of walking 9.3 miles around the town of Westfield. This walk was to help raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. It gave participants the opportunity to socialize with each other, exercise and donate their time and money to a good cause. The team was able to raise \$860 which went directly to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

## Escalona slated to receive certificate

Eva A. Escalona of Mountainside is among 11 students of Union County College who are candidates for certificates at the College's 63rd Commencement on May 29 at 6 p.m. at the Cranford campus.

The students in the programs leading to a certificate are among 900 Union County College students who are candidates for Associate in Arts, Associate in Science or Associate in

Applied Science degrees, certificates or diplomas.

Escalona is a candidate for a certificate in Gerontology.

## Residents to attend college

Two Mountainside residents are among the 86 seniors in the class of 1997 at Morristown-Beard School who will be matriculating at colleges and universities around the country this fall. Jon Bruschi will be attending the University of Vermont in Burlington, VT; and Jodi Mastellone will be attending Gettysburg College, in Gettysburg, PA.

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## Weiss receives college degree

Bryant College held its 134th Commencement on May 17. Among the graduates is Daniel H. Weiss of Springfield, who received a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems.

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# Arboretum honors former director

May 8 was proclaimed Lu Rose Day by Summit Mayor Walter D. Long. Summit Councilman Bill Rosen presented the proclamation at the Board of Trustees reception honoring the recently retired executive director of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

Newly named as Reeves-Reed executive director emeritus, Lu W. Rose, in her 14-year arboretum career, earned statewide recognition for her leadership, management skills and achievements. She plans to apply her expertise to her active interest in horticulture.

Rose presently volunteers for the arboretum on the grounds and development committees. In 1975, she began her association with the arboretum as a volunteer docent, guiding school children in "Networks to Nature" outdoor environmental education classes. In 1982, she was named assistant director, and in 1984, executive director. She worked with eight presidents of the Board of Trustees, focusing her efforts at enhancing professionalism at the arboretum while preserving the heritage, horticulture and beauty of this 12.5 acre former estate.

Among her innovations were the all-day "Complete Workshop for the Home Gardener" accredited professional workshop for horticultural therapists and outreach to the elderly, teachers' accredited and other professionals' seminars, the 20th anniversary celebration of Earth Day and, with other staff, establishment of a Discovery Center with hands-on exhibits for children.

During her leadership, the arboretum surpassed its \$1.3 million "Capital Campaign for a Greener Future" that established the arboretum's staff horticulturist position and funded the carriage house conversion to an Education Center.

After the arboretum was named to both the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, she and



Summit City Solicitor Harry A. Osmun, left, and former Summit Councilman Paul MacCowan, right, presently a Reeves-Reed trustee, joined in celebrating the 14-year arboretum career of Lu W. Rose.

then-president Robin Reed labored over the application for a New Jersey Historic Trust grant and, in 1995, \$416,658 in funds were awarded and now are financing the restoration of historic gardens on the property. Rose's background includes a B.A. in botany from Duke University, published articles on gardening and children's education and, in recent years, non profit management certifications from the University of Delaware and Seton Hall University as well as numerous courses related to management and horticulture. Through her efforts, the arboretum received two

Institute of Museum Services operations grants and, based on her credentials, she was selected in 1996 as an IMS evaluator.

Rose encouraged implementation of an integrated pest management system, giving the public the opportunity to view a working sample of its principles. She raised funds to care for the aging arboretum trees, to control invasive plants in the woodlands and to prevent deer incursion. She also served on civic committees dealing with urban forestry, community planning, horticultural therapy and environmental issues.

## Attention churches, social clubs, congregations

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Kevin Singer, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

# Bound for outer space



The Kindergarten class at St. Rose of Lima School is about to head into orbit in its newly constructed spaceship. As part of a unit on space exploration, the students banded together to create a craft measuring some nine feet high and accommodating several of them at once. In their NASA garb are, top row, left to right: Christopher Fleming, Jack Muller, Dennis O'Brien, Eric Despotovich, John Keyloun, Matthew Filepp; middle row, left to right: Adrienne Durando, Chris Weber, Colin Heinle, Michael Nicholls, Caroline O'Neill, Anushka Chauda, Hannah Macdonald; bottom row, left to right: Kathryn Stenavage, Olivia Hill, Olivia Palma, Anita Battagliola, Harrison Sanborn.

# SAGE expands meal delivery program

SAGE, Inc., a non profit agency serving the needs of the elderly and their caregivers, has begun a new Meals-on-Wheels route in Millburn/Short Hills.

This new route, SAGE's second serving this area, provides hot, nutritious meals specifically to low income elderly. The Red Cross of Millburn/Short Hills will deliver these meals in conjunction with their other Meals-on-wheel route.

Exxon Corporation has granted funds to SAGE to purchase equipment, such as thermal meal carriers, coolers and carts, for this new route.

According to Donnalee Snyder, director of SAGE's Meals-on-Wheels, "We are grateful to Exxon

and the Red Cross of Millburn/Short Hills for making this new route a reality. Our goal is to increase the amount of meals served, especially to low-income elderly in Millburn/Short Hills."

In addition to Millburn/Short Hills,

SAGE Meals-on-Wheels serves Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Madison, the Chatham, Harding Twp., Mountainside, Springfield, Green Village, New Vernon and neighboring communities.

# Residents raise dollars for charity

On April 30, Tiffany's Restaurant, 447 Springfield Ave., Summit, hosted a "lock-up" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy association. Local business leaders were recruited to be locked-up for the day as they raised "bail" money to benefit MDA.

After all the "bail" was counted, the participants helped to raise over \$13,000. Some of the jailbirds that were able to raise their \$1,000 bail were Aldo Curiale, Summit Millwork and Supply Co. \$1950; Grace Kingsbury, Franklin Elementary School, \$1122, and Debbie Bartsch, Westminster Presbyterian Church, \$1020.

# OBITUARIES

## Grace Helwig

Grace Helwig, 88, of Summit died May 12 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Miss Helwig lived in Irvington for 30 years before moving to Summit 15 years ago. She was a claims manager for 40 years with Standard Accident Insurance Co., Millburn, and retired 25 years ago.

## Leonara Huggins

Leonara Huggins, 87, of Summit died May 7 at home.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Huggins lived in Maplewood before moving to Summit in 1963. She was a 1931 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Huggins taught high school English for several years. She was active with the Girl Scouts of Maplewood.

Surviving are two sons, Robert M. and Kenneth B.; two daughters, Judith

H. Balfe and Janet H. Taylor; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Virginia Stitzer

Virginia Stitzer, 82, of West Orange, formerly of Summit, a hole-in-one golfer, who won women's championships in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, died May 15 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Stitzer lived in Orange before moving to Summit in 1953. She was the president of Newark Paper Box Co. before retiring in 1978. Mrs. Stitzer was a member of the Women's New Jersey Golf Association for 58 years. She twice won the women's championship at the Rock Spring Country Club in West Orange, where she was a member since 1938.

In 1963, Mrs. Stitzer golfed two holes-in-one and in 1954, she received the women's championship

at the Bucks Hill Falls Country Club in Pennsylvania. She was a charter member of the Beacon Hill Club, Summit, and a 40-year member of the Sarah Ward Nursery, a charitable group in Newark, where she also served as secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Stitzer was a graduate of the Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar.

Surviving are two sons, Bob, Christopher R., Richard W. and Donald T.; 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## Jean Gano

Jean Gano, 41, of Summit, who devoted herself to raising money for numerous social causes and medical research, died May 13 in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., Mrs. Gano lived in Bethesda, Md., before moving to New Jersey, where she resided in Summit and Chatham for the past 10 years. Mrs. Gano was a volunteer

at Peck's School in Morristown, where she recently co-chaired a fund-raising event. She also taught on the Vestry and taught Sunday School at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chatham, and was a board member and annual fund-raiser chairperson at the Resource Center for Women in Summit.

Mrs. Gano was a volunteer for the Mental Health Association of New Jersey, its fund-raising adviser and past hostess-chairperson for the annual fund-raising Golden Bell Ball. She participated in the Susan G. Coleman Foundation Race for the Cure in New York and Baltimore and served as a volunteer for Summit Pathways, a breast cancer resource center. Mrs. Gano was a graduate of the University of Virginia.

Surviving are her husband, Rhet; two sons, William and Charles; a daughter, Claire; her father, William Hudson; her mother, Dorothea Ten-

Cate, and a sister, Molly Dutton Anacortes.

## Alfonso C. Amatucci

Alfonso C. Amatucci, 83, of Summit died May 16 at home.

Born in Aveleno, Italy, Mr. Amatucci lived in Dover before moving to Summit 57 years ago. He was an electrician for 23 years with Blakely Co., Chatham, before retiring 19 years ago. Mr. Amatucci was a member of the Golden Age Club of Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Santa; two daughters, Sally Hoesly and Marie Ford; a son, Joseph; three sisters, Philomena Panetta, Josephine Landi and Amelia; a brother, Arthur; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Wilma A. Heineken

Wilma Audrey Heineken, 86, of Holland, Pa., formerly of Springfield, a niece of the founder of the Heineken Beer industry, died May 2 in St. Mary's Hospital, Langhorne, Pa.

Born in Newark, Miss Heineken lived in Springfield until moving to Pennsylvania. She was a secretary with Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for many years before retiring. As a young woman, Miss Heineken sang

in the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. She was a member of the choir and the Ladies Benevolent Society of the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield.

## John J. Flood

John J. Flood of Springfield, who owned and operated a plumbing firm, died May 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Summit, Mr. Flood moved to Springfield in 1962. He owned and operated the J.J. Flood Plumbing Co., Berkeley Heights, for 30 years. Mr. Flood had been plumbing inspector for Berkeley Heights and New Providence for 40 years at the time of his death. He also was the co-developer and owner of the Warrenbrook Country Club in Warren Township. Mr. Flood was a World War II veteran. He was a life member of the Berkeley Heights Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6259.

Surviving are his wife, Anne C.; a daughter, Karen Flood Maudsley; three brothers, Vincent, Edward and John O'Brien, and two grandchildren.

# WORSHIP CALENDAR

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SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 275-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi, Janet Roth Krupnick, Cantor, Janice Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearly 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekday services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday, Shabbat services, a

Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM, and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is a service for preschool children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7 through 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School. Wee Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and Enrichment program for Kindergarten-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 275-8130.

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

### UCT Softball

Top-seeded Governor Livingston won its first-ever Union County Tournament championship by blanking second-seeded Cranford 5-0 in last Saturday night's title game held at Linden's Memorial Field.

GL blanked all four of its UCT opponents by a combined score of 26-0.

It was the first time a team from the Mountain Valley Conference won the title since Roselle Park in 1982.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

May 17

GL 5, Cranford 0

### Mountainside Blue Stars win

The following are Mountainside Youth Baseball League results of games played last week:

**Blue Stars 7, Cubs 2:** Eric Gay belted his sixth home run and drove in four runs as the Blue Stars evened their record at 4-4 with a 7-2 win over the Cubs.

Kevin Guidicietro went 2-for-2, walked twice and scored twice. The second base combination of James Hughes and Jake Savette made key defensive plays behind the outstanding pitching of Gay and Jason Kurz.

Nick Margello and Ryan Faella led off the second inning with hits for the Cubs and were driven in by Michael Biele and Alex Caffrey.

**Marlins 12, A's 1:** Shortstop Michael Tate, third baseman Dan Camargo, catcher CJ Antorino and pitcher Jeff Aranzo all played well defensively to help lift the Marlins. Mongo McAdam belted another home run.

### Springfield Pony Cardinals triumph

The following are Springfield Junior Baseball League Pony League results of games played last week:

**Cardinals 15, Devil Rays 1:**

Winning pitcher Joe Albiez struck out six in three innings. Kevin Schulman struck out four in three innings of work for the Devil Rays. Dan Dorsky and Justin Woodruff had two hits.

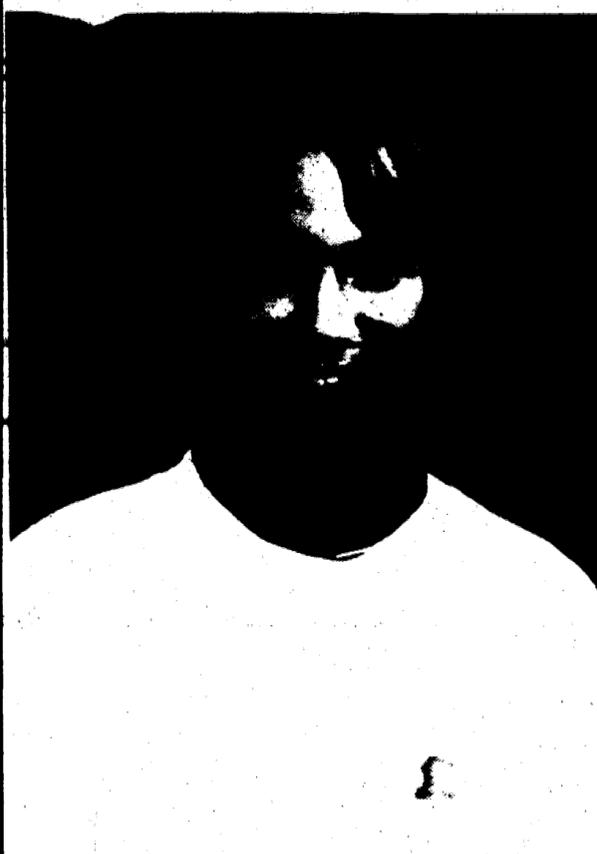
**Cardinals 6, Berkeley Heights 4:** Cardinal pitchers Scott Eberenz and Chris Sarracino turned in solid performances. Eberenz going four innings and Sarracino two. Adam Cohen and Steff Sarracino hit the ball well for the Cards.

**Mountainside 15, Cardinals 1:** Joe Albiez pitched one inning. Scott Eberenz three and struck out four and Justin Woodruff one for the Cards. Mohamed Abdelaziz played well for the Cardinals in his first game back after suffering a broken wrist during basketball season.

**Cardinals 5, Devil Rays 2:** Chris Sarracino pitched the first four innings and struck out three and Scott Eberenz hurled the last two and struck out four for the Cards. Joey Battinelli and Bryan Demberger hit the ball well for the Cards. Kevin Schulman pitched five solid innings for the Devil Rays.

**Berkeley Heights 7, Cardinals 2:** Joe Albiez pitched the first three innings and Adam Cohen the last two as both pitchers struck out two for the Cards. Chris Sarracino played well defensively at second base for the Cards.

## Mountainside Softball Star



Wendy Saladino of Mountainside, a 1993 Dayton Regional High School graduate, was one of six Montclair State University softball players that earned first-team Atlantic Region honors. Saladino's play this year helped the No. 3-ranked Red Hawks post a 35-9 record going into last Friday's Division 3 National Tournament game at Eau Claire, Wis. Saladino was also a second-team selection on the Louisville Slugger Division 3 All-America team. Although MSU was defeated by Simpson of Iowa 2-1 in Sunday's NCAA Division 3 championship game, the Red Hawks had a spectacular 38-11 campaign, which included their first appearance in the Division 3 title contest.

## Dayton baseball still has hopes of winning Valley

The Dayton Regional High School baseball team began the week at the top of the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division standings with a 9-1 record and overall mark of 13-5.

Dayton held a one-game lead over Middlesex (10-2) and was to face Roselle Park for a second time this year earlier in the week.

Dayton won back-to-back games last week after suffering its only Valley loss, that coming at home to Middlesex. The Bulldogs had previously blanked Middlesex 11-0 back on April 10 in Middlesex.

Dayton, which will host Mendham or Morris Hills in a quarterfinal-round North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 play-off game this week, first defeated Roselle Park 11-5 at home Thursday and then knocked off non-conference foe South Plainfield 7-5 Friday.

Barry Kaverick and Jim Lehnhoff combined for seven RBI to lead the Bulldogs past the Panthers.

Lehnhoff stroked two triples and drove in four runs and Kaverick belted two singles and a double and drove in three.

Sweigart earned the mound victory, pitching the first five innings. He allowed one run on four hits and struck out eight and walked six. He also went 1-for-3 at the plate and drove in two runs.

Winning pitcher Mark Armento blasted a two-run single and Jimmy Sweigart stroked a run-scoring single to help Dayton get past South Plainfield. Armento limited the Middlesex County school to just six hits.

### Dayton softball outlasts Millburn

The Dayton Regional High School softball team won its fourth game of the year last Saturday when it outlasted Millburn 12-10 in non-conference action in Millburn.

Theresa Lyle, a junior, belted three singles and scored three runs. Lucy Cucciniello singled twice and scored three runs.

Michelle Lyle, a senior, stroked two singles and drove in two runs in Dayton's 12-6 loss at Roselle Park last Thursday.

Dayton fell to 4-14 when it was defeated at home by non-conference foe Elizabeth 10-5 Monday.

Mountainside resident Tracy Saladino belted a two-run triple for the Bulldogs and teammate Toni Tripodi had a double and single and one RBI.

### Dayton's Pinhasovich excels at UC meet

Dayton Regional High School track and field standout Mark Pinhasovich, the school's boys' scholar-athlete this year, finished third in the discus event at last week's Union County meet held at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

Also a member of Dayton's 6-3 football team, Pinhasovich

throw the discus 140 feet and two inches. Brian Sincavage of Scotch Plains was first at 147-4 and Curtis Baker of Plainfield second at 146-5.

### Mountainside residents spark GL

A number of Mountainside residents have been making their mark on Governor Livingston varsity sports teams this spring.

The play of Mountainside resident Jessie Orenczak has helped spark the softball team to its first Union County Tournament championship as the top-seeded Highlanders blanked second-seeded Cranford 5-0 in last Saturday night's title game, which was played at Linden's Memorial Field.

It was the first UCT title for GL, which improved to 19-2 with the victory. Behind the excellent pitching of Felicia Turturiello, the Highlanders did not give up a run in the entire tournament.

GL had reached the semifinals last year, losing to eventual champion Union 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh.

GL shut out Union Catholic 10-0, New Providence 2-0, six-time defending champion Union 10-0 as Turturiello tossed a no-hitter and Cranford 5-0 as Turturiello hurled a one-hitter.

The performances of Mountainside residents Craig Conway and Mark Cantagallo helped lead the baseball team to the UCT semifinals for a second consecutive season, last year's team reaching the final.

One of the better hitters in the county with five home runs, Conway also fashioned a winning pitching record as the week began.

GL was defeated by three-time defending champion Westfield 4-3 in last Saturday's second UCT semifinal contest at Rahway's Veterans Field.

Mountainside resident and track and field standout Elizabeth Segall had an outstanding day and placed in one event at the girls' Union County meet held at Williams Field in Elizabeth last week.

Segall was third in the 800-meter run in 2:25.8. Suzy Kozub of Westfield was first at 2:23.6 and Megan Shutts of Westfield second in 2:25.2.

The GL boys' team finished fifth in the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division meet held May 10 and the girls' squad finished third. GL did not win any individual titles.

Ricky Gibson of Ridge was a triple-winner on the boys' side, winning the 800, 1,600 and the 3,200 and Meghann Ganey of Ridge was a triple-winner on the girls' side, capturing the 800, 1,600 and 3,200.

Mountainside residents Zack Orenczak and Jason Grunberg have had excellent seasons for the boys' tennis team this year.

## Springfield Yankees, Red Sox on top

The following are Springfield Junior Baseball League results of games played last week:

### AAA

**Yankees 17, Pirates 2:** The Yankees jumped out to an 8-0 lead in this battle for first place in the AAA standings.

Winning pitcher Yuri Portugal held the Pirates to just one hit over four innings. He also belted a triple and double.

### Youth Baseball

Dean Chencharek went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI and pitched the rest of the way for the Yankees.

Ross Kravetz blasted two hits, including a double, and drove in six runs. Matthew Schactel hit a long triple and Cory Falkin and John O'Reilly played outstanding in the field.

The Pirates received inspired play from Brian Sperber.

**Standings:** 1-Yankees (5-2), 2-Giants (4-3), 3-Pirates (5-4), 4-Reds (3-4-1), 5-Rockies (3-5), 6-A's (1-3-1).

### AA

**Red Sox 13, Gauer 9:** The Red Sox, who climbed into first place after last Sunday's victory over Gauer, were sparked by the pitching efforts of Cory Berger and Jesse Galinkin and the power hitting of Michael

Mohr, Stephen King, David Axelrod, Jared Weiss and Jesse Weatherston.

Berger improved to 2-0 by striking out four in three innings of work. He left the game in the fourth inning with the Red Sox ahead 10-5. Galinkin finished the pitching chores and earned his third save of the year, pitching the final two innings. He struck out four and made two nice defensive plays.

Mohr belted a single and double and drove in two runs; King, Axelrod and Weiss had two hits and Weatherston had a single, double, triple and five RBI.

**Marlins 27, Gauer 9:** Dan Kahoonie belted five hits and teammate Joseph Mitarotonda had four for the Marlins, who scored 16 runs in the first two innings.

**Marlins 13, Yankees 8:** This battle of undefeated teams went to the Marlins as Dan Kahoonie turned in an impressive pitching performance. The Marlins built a 7-1 before the Yankees made a comeback. Steven Suarez, Ken Suarez and Donald Cherry played well for the Yankees as did Boris Pivtorak, Zach Silverman, Ryan Walsh and David Tarullo for the Marlins.

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The Yankees (4-1) and Red Sox (4-2) headed into this past weekend's competition vying for first place in the American Division of the AA League.

The Yankees' lead had been trimmed to one-half game after the

Marlins defeated them and the Red Sox blasted Merola 16-3.

With two games remaining before the All-Star break, both teams have their sights set on their two-night doubleheader meeting on Saturday, May 31.

The Marlins (5-2) remain in the hunt and play the Yankees and Red Sox in their two games prior to the All-Star weekend.

Meanwhile, in the National Division, the Marlins (5-0) are on a roll as evidenced by their wins over the

previously-undefeated Yankees and Gauer.

The AA All-Star games are at the Kenilworth Field on Saturday at 1 p.m. and in Springfield at Roessner Field Monday at 1:15.



Cory Berger of the Red Sox delivers a pitch to the Pirates in Springfield Junior Baseball League AA play as teammate Jesse Weatherston looks on.

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**NOTICE OF BID**  
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**JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MOUNTAINSIDE LIBRARY AND FIREHOUSE.**  
 Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on June 2, 1997 at 10:45 a.m. Bidding will be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposals, questions, specifications and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st floor, Mountainside, New Jersey.

Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey and hand delivered at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of the bidder.

**JANITORIAL SERVICES AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, POLICE HEADQUARTERS, MOUNTAINSIDE LIBRARY AND FIREHOUSE.**  
 Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check or money order equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1978, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).  
 The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best meets the needs of the Borough.

By order of the Mayor and Council:  
 Judith E. Osty, Borough Clerk  
 U4575 MEC May 22, 1997 (81.50)

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mountainside Local Assessment Board of the Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on Monday, June 2, 1997 at 1:00 P.M.  
 Mrs. Edith Surwit, Communications Mountainside Local Assessment Board  
 U4717 MEC May 22, 1997 (\$3.75)

# Fire Department lends aid to area communities

The Springfield Fire Department had a busy May 13. The department put a ladder track on mutual aid standby at 6 a.m. for their Union colleagues who were, in turn, assisting Hillside. They, the Springfield First Aid Squad and the State Police responded to a two-car accident with an injury on Interstate 78 East.

• A second two-car accident with injuries brought a fire unit out to Rt. 78 East May 15. According to State

## FIRE BLOTTER

Police reports, a van missed an intended exit for Rt. 24, crossed the median and collided with a car. Township First Aid took the second driver to Overlook Hospital while their Millburn counterparts transported the van operator to the St. Barnabas Medical Center.

• Springfield's bravest responded to the report of a leaking propane cylinder at a Tooker Avenue home 11:45 a.m. May 14 and to an arcing powerline in a Salter Avenue tree 4 p.m. Friday. In each case, the unit secured the area and called the proper utility to correct the problem.

• An activated alarm brought out all units to a Christy Lane residence 1 p.m. Friday.

The township fire squad showed that mutual aid works both ways Monday afternoon. Springfield supplied a ladder and pumper unit to help Union battle a three-alarm office fire on 2810 Morris Ave. Westfield, in turn, covered the township's needs while the blaze lasted three hours. Over 20 vehicles from eight localities fought the three-alarm fire and east-bound traffic was detoured at Maple Avenue for five hours.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF DECISION**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, by Resolution adopted May 7, 1997, the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield granted preliminary and final site plan approval with variance relief to Columbia Court, L.L.C. for the construction of a multi-family residential building on Maple Avenue, known as Block 402, Lot 28 on the Tax Map of the Township of Springfield. A copy of such Resolution is on file and may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivet Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

PATRICK B. SPROULS, ESQ., Administrative Officer, L.L.C.  
 U4591 SLR May 22, 1997 (86.25)

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE**  
**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 22, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey for the purpose of going into closed session to discuss personnel matters.  
 Judith E. Osty, Borough Clerk  
 U4592 MEC May 22, 1997 (86.25)

# Thief steals home improvement items

Springfield  
 Home improvement may have been on at least one thief's mind in Springfield over the week. A Diven Street resident reported that an extendable 20-foot ladder and a roll of aluminum sheet metal were taken from the rear of his house 6:15 p.m. May 14. A Morris Avenue homeowner reported three real-estate signs, each worth \$25, were taken from the lawn at 10:30 the next morning.

• A two-car accident on east-bound Shunpike Road resulted in an injury May 15. The driver of a Toyota Celica, who was rear-ended by a Ford CV at the Main Avenue intersection at 7:40 p.m., complained of neck pain but refused on-scene medical attention.

• A second two-car accident with injuries occurred between a Chevrolet Cavalier and a Jeep wagon Saturday afternoon. The Jeep operator thought the Chevy ahead of her on the northbound South Springfield Avenue ramp had merged into Route 22 East traffic and rear-ended the vehicle. The Cavalier driver was taken to Overlook Hospital for evaluation while his passenger was uninjured.

• A mystery car was cited for causing a two-car crash on Rt. 22

## POLICE BLOTTER

East 3:15 p.m. May 15. The operator of a GMC truck said a car between himself and a Mazda bolted left, causing him to run into the Mazda. The Mazda driver, who had signaled to enter the Karins Kurians lot, was uninjured but police had her car towed.

• A meeting of Mitsubishiis resulted in a charge of careless driving for each party Friday night. The driver of a Diamine along north-bound Mountain Avenue said a fellow two-door crossed the double yellow line in passing here and cut in front of her. The two-door driver said the Diamine was following too close when she stopped before Hanpa Street. No one was injured in the rear end incident.

Mountainside  
 • On May 11 at about 10:20 a.m., Detective Stephan Semačik responded to the report of a robbery to a home on the 1200 block of Wood Valley Road. Entry was gained through an unlocked window into a converted garage room in the front of the residence. A neighbor had observed a number of

boxes, dresser drawers and personal papers scattered on the lawn between the two residences, and sensing something was wrong, had another neighbor call the police.

• On May 11 at about 11:25 a.m. Cpl. Allan Attanasio responded to the report of a robbery to a home on the 1100 block of Foothill Road. The unknown actors entered the home through an unlocked rear door, which entered into a sun porch. Once inside, the actors went into the dining room and removed several felt bags containing silverware. Also discovered missing was a cellular phone.

• On May 11 at about 11:05 p.m. Officer Donald Amberg responded to the report of burglary and theft to a home at the 300 block of Timberline Road. Upon his arrival, he spoke with the homeowner, who had been out of town for the weekend. A rear window from an outside deck leading into the kitchen was pried open with a screwdriver. Several items were misplaced and tossed about the home, drawers were out and items were removed. Taken from the home was gold jewelry, silverware and some cash.

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## Barbecues are easy, but need planning

Summer is nearly here and with it comes one of America's favorite pastimes: the picnic barbecue.

The following tips come from picnic experts Great Picnics, the year-old division of renowned New York-based caterer and events planner Great Performances. These picnic planners have pulled together many summer events, including last summer's do for 6,500 happy Walt Disney/Cap Cities employees.

According to Executive Chef John Reilly, a successful summer outing needs special care. "It's all in the planning," he explained. "The right location, enough food of just the kind your group really likes and lots of fun activities will make any summer picnic a great success."

Reilly suggests that summer revelers always remember to do the following when planning their picnics and barbecues:

- Make sure you have enough grill space for the size of your group. Often food comes out overcooked or undercooked when cooked too close together.

- Use good quality, name-brand charcoal. Often inexpensive, off-brand varieties burn too quickly, and unevenly.

- When using lump mesquite charcoal, be very careful. Mesquite burns much hotter than regular hardwood charcoal.

- When grilling chicken on the bone, use a covered grill. Another good option is par-cooking chicken in the oven prior to grilling. Open saucer grills are not conducive to cooking chicken all the way through. Often, the poultry will char before cooking completely.

- Start dark meat poultry before light meat poultry. It takes a bit longer to cook.

- Always start chicken skin side down without any barbecue sauce. Once the chicken begins to sizzle, flip it over and brush sauce on the cooked side.

- When grilling shellfish, use a ridged heavy griddle plate on the grill. Cooking shellfish directly on the grill causes unnecessary shrinkage.

- Another good trick for grilling jumbo shrimp or scallops is putting them on two parallel bamboo skewers. This makes them much easier to handle.

- When grilling hamburgers, make sure they are cooked through. Although steaks can be served rare, burgers cannot. This is because ground meat may acquire dangerous bacteria such as e-coli in the production process. Solid muscle meats, such as steak, are much less likely to contain these bacterium.

- Be sure to wash your hands with an antibacterial soap after handling raw meat or poultry. If you don't, you might transfer salmonella or e-coli to salads and other foods.

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Joe Amabile believes the increased interest in cruising is due to a number of factors. "We have utilized a combination of aggressive marketing and promotions to make the Union County area aware that cruising is the best vacation value around," he said.

"The traveling public is beginning to realize that the all-inclusive nature of a cruise makes this type of vacation far more budget-friendly than the average vacation at a land-based resort. That's because the airfare, accommodations, entertainment and food are included in one low price. It also makes cruising one of the most convenient forms of travel as it frees the vacationer from having to make separate arrangements for each facet of the trip. Cruisers simply unpack once, and the cruise ship takes care of the rest," he also said.

"In fact, the cruise ship has become the resort destination itself," he added. "Today's cruise liners are filled with entertainment options such as top quality Broadway-style shows, numerous dining choices, lavish gambling casinos, sports activities, movies and more."

Amabile also attributed their increased sales to the quality of customer service they

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Cruise Holidays, located at 256 Morris Ave., Springfield, is part of North America's largest cruise-only franchise network. There are nearly 200 Cruise Holidays stores across the U.S. and Canada. For more information about Cruise Holidays or for details about cruising in general, call Amabile at (201) 258-0003.

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# Shipping company shares their driving safety tips

It's summertime again and many Americans are asking the question — What do we do for summer vacation? For millions, it will include car travel. So, before packing up for a week's vacation, a weekend getaway or just a day at the beach, UPS drivers have tips to help get motorists there safely:

Safe driving is a way of life for the 80,000 UPS delivery drivers. Following these "Five Space and Visibility Habits" makes UPS drivers among the safest professionals on the road.

- Aim high in steering. Rather than staring directly over the hood of the car, look farther down the road. This will give you more time to adjust to changing traffic conditions.

- Get the big picture. Stay back and see it all. Knowing what's ahead, beside and behind you can help you make safe driving decisions.

- Keep your eyes moving. Scan, don't stare; shift your eyes every few seconds and check your mirrors frequently.

- Leave yourself an out. Maintain a cushion of space on all four sides of your vehicle. Keep a four-to-six second interval between you and the traffic ahead.

- Make sure other drivers see you. Communicate in traffic. Using signals, lights and the horn established eye-to-eye contact.

According to the Department of Transportation, motorists will drive more than 850 billion miles on U.S. roads between Memor-

*This company's drivers logged more than 2 billion miles last year, so driving safety is a subject they know.*

ial Day and Labor Day.

"With so many motorists on the road, the chance of getting into an accident increases dramatically," said Tom Walsh, UPS Corporate Health and Safety Manager. "Safe driving is integral to UPS' daily operations. We are proud of our drivers for maintaining such a high safety record, and encourage motorists to follow their example and take extra care on the roads this summer."

Last year alone, UPS drivers logged more than two billion miles on the road to deliver more than three billion packages. On average, UPS drivers experience only one accident for every two million miles driven. While the average U.S. motorist will experience nine accidents over the same distance, using statistics supplied by the National Safety Council.

UPS drivers also encourage motorists to "buckle up." Proper use of seat belts can save lives. It is especially important to make sure that young children are strapped in their seats securely. UPS drivers on average buckle up more than 100 times a day.

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# Variety in swimwear is help to shopper

Most women love to go shopping — except when they're looking for a swimsuit. The thought alone can trigger enough anxiety to make most women throw in their towels and forgo the search altogether. With an endless sea of styles and silhouettes, finding a new suit that fits and flatters can be a real ordeal.

But, believe it or not, swimsuit shopping can be an event to enjoy. Here are a few tips from Talbots to help you suit up in style:

- Consider your swimwear needs. A bikini is perfect for sunbathing, but it won't hold water for active sports. Serious swimmers should opt for better coverage, such as a high-neck tank, which will stay secure every stroke of the way.

- Determine your correct size. The general rule is to buy one size larger than your dress size, but always try on several sizes and styles to ensure the best fit. Also, test each suit for comfort as well as appearance: bend over, squat, stretch and "swim." The wide range of cup sizes and torso lengths now available will make these decisions easier than ever.

- Examine your silhouette. If one area of your body appears larger, smaller, longer or shorter in proportion to the rest of your figure, you can use fabric treatments, textures, patterns or color to achieve more visual balance. If you're short-waisted, suits with vertical stripes and seams will lengthen your look, diagonal lines will enhance your curves, whimsical prints and wavy patterns will make your figure appear more balanced.

If you have a long torso, opt for bikinis, blousons and styles with belts, strips or any details that break your figure horizontally. Also, look for "long torso" sizes that won't ride up in the seat or cut into your shoulders.

If you're top-heavy, support and coverage are key to your comfort, so look for wide straps, high arm holes, underwires or cup sizing, and styles that pull the eye away from your bust-line and add volume to your lower half.

If you're small-busted, create fullness with shirring, ruffles or even the popular push-up top. If you're one size on top and another on the bottom, opt for swim separates to ensure the best fit.

If you have full hips and thighs, skirted suits offer a glamorous and flattering look. Other great hip-slimmers are sarongs, jogger styles and dark-colored bottoms. Interesting necklines will help draw the eye upward-and away from your area of concern.

If you need a tummy flattener, choose a wrap-front "surplice" or loosely fitting blouson. Also, V-neck tanks, high waist bikinis and dark colors will camouflage your bulges, while tummy-control panels can help define your waistline.

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To enjoy a season filled with mouth-watering barbecues, the experts at the National Propane Gas Association suggest outdoor cooks begin by thoroughly cleaning the grill to remove any grease or grime left from previous cookouts, as well as checking to see if all the grill's components are working properly.

According to the NPGA, the proper steps to clean and check the grill are:

- Clean the burner and tubes. Greasy food drippings and hibernating insects can clog the burner's gas ports and short out the igniter's flame, making the grill difficult to start and causing an uneven flame.

- Before cleaning the burner and tubes, make sure the gas is turned off at the tank. Remove the briquettes and cooking grid and set them aside.

- Following the instructions in the owner's manual, unfasten the burner, slip the Venturi tubes off the gas lines and remove the unit as a whole.

- Remove any dirt or grease accumulation by using a soft cloth and soapy water.

- Towel dry, and clean out each burner with a toothpick.

- Clean out the Venturi tubes with a non-metallic bottle brush, and set the entire assembly aside.

- Clean the grill housing. In order to pre-

vent grease buildup and rust, clean both the inside and the outside of the grill.

- When cleaning, cover the gas orifices beneath the control panel with aluminum foil to keep water from causing corrosion.

- Scrub the grill's inner and outer surfaces with a brass-bristle brush and soapy water.

- Rinse the grill thoroughly with a garden hose and towel dry.

- Remove the aluminum foil.

- Inspect paint for chips or scrapes. Most grills are made of cast aluminum and won't rust, but moisture can corrode them if paint chips aren't repaired.

- Sand scrapes or chips until the metal beneath is white and shiny.

- Prime and touch-up with paint especially made for high heat applications. Always do these touch-ups when the grill is cold. Once the paint is dry, reattach the burner, Venturi tubes and igniter.

- Check the fuel supply system.

- Check the grill's gas line, line connections and propane tank before re-starting the grill. Although propane tanks should last as long as the grill, dented or seriously rusted tanks must be replaced immediately. Minor corrosion can be fixed the same way as the grill housing.

- Reconnect the propane cylinder to the grill. Refer to the grill manufacturer's instructions.

- Test the connections for leaks by brushing soapy water on them and turning on the gas. If bubbles appear, or you smell the distinctive "rotten egg" odor of propane gas, shut off the tank and tighten the connections. Run the test again. If bubbles persist, shut



Preparing for a summer of barbecue cooking? In addition to cleaning the grill, don't forget to clean the burner and tubes. Food drippings and insects clog gas ports and short out the igniter's flame.

off gas and call a local propane dealer.

- Clean the briquettes and cooking grids.

- Simply flip briquettes so that greasy sides-face the burner and slide cooking grids into place.

- Light the grill, close the lid and set the flame on "High" for 15 minutes to burn the

grease off the briquettes and grids.

- Once the grill is cool, remove grids and briquettes. Using the brass-bristle brush and some soapy water, scrub grids, rinse and towel dry. To prevent corrosion, coat the grids with liquid cooking oil — not an aerosol spray.

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# It's safety 1st when preparing a picnic

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Most food-related illness can be prevented with proper food preparation and handling, according to the Industry Council on Food Safety, formed by the National Restaurant Association's Educational Foundation.

Food service workers in restaurants, school cafeterias, hospitals, virtually everywhere food is served around the country, are trained to prepare and handle food safely. The Industry Council provides some tips on safe food preparation and handling:

- Avoid cross-contamination by separating raw meat, poultry and seafood from other food in your grocery shopping cart.
- Store raw meat, poultry and seafood on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator to avoid juices dripping on other foods.
- Never defrost or marinate food on the kitchen counter. Always use the refrigerator, cold water or the microwave.
- Wash hands with hot soapy water before and after handling food. Avoid handling food when ill or if you have cuts or sores on your hands. Make sure to wash hand after going to the bathroom.

**Bacteria multiply in warm temperatures. Most food-related illness can be prevented with proper food preparation and handling. Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry or seafood, for example.**

- Wash cutting boards and knives before and after food preparation.
  - Cook foods to their proper internal temperature and use a thermometer to check for doneness.
  - Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry or seafood.
  - Refrigerate or freeze perishables prepared food and leftovers within two hours.
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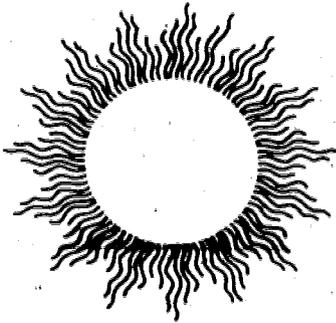
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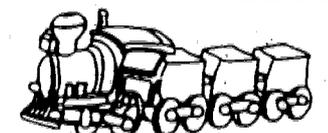
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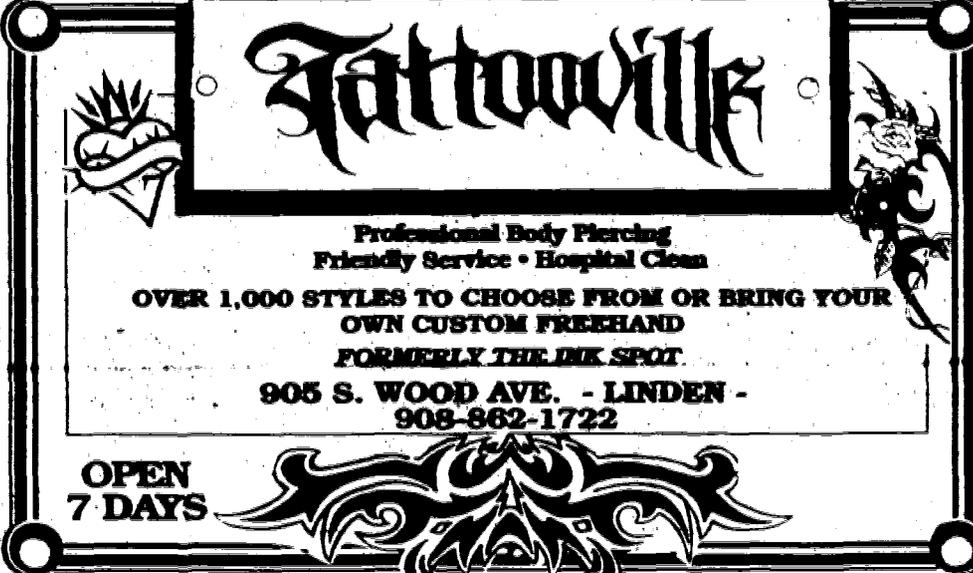
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During the pool season, pool water can be significantly affected by a number of common occurrences. The most likely are rains, winds, extended periods of above average temperatures and heavy pool use. These conditions can quickly cause the water chemistry to deteriorate, leading to algae, cloudy water and other pool problems. To prevent problems from developing routine chemical treatment is essential.

Not only should a pool be free of harmful germs and bacteria, it must also look inviting and pleasing to people who use it. The overall objective of chlorinating is to disinfect or kill harmful microorganisms, which can cause health-related problems, and to make the pool water safe for bathers.

As the chlorine is working to provide safe, clean water, it gets used up rapidly reacting with bacteria, organic matter, soils, dirt particles, ammonia products, bathing lotions, body oils, perspiration, cosmetics, hair, lint, algae and other contaminants that may enter the pool. The chlorine is quickly used up in combatting contaminants, creating a chlorine demand resulting in a need to add more chlorine to the water.

Sometimes routine chlorine dosages may



Environment can cause pool water chemistry to deteriorate.

*Sometimes routine chlorine dosages may not be enough to meet the demand, so an extra high dose must be added, possibly, on a weekly basis.*

not be enough to meet the demand so an extra high dose of chlorine must be added. This is referred to as a shock treatment which raises the chlorine level 7.5 parts per million to meet the demands placed upon the water. In addition to adding your routine chlorinator, shock-treat the pool on a weekly basis, both as a remedial and preventive measure.

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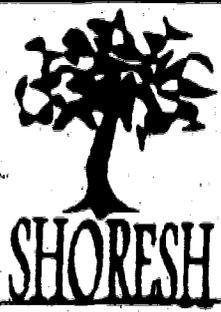
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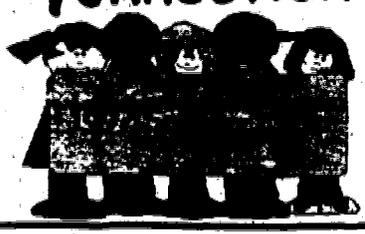


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# Sunshine: Too much of a good, fun thing?

The growing popularity of outdoor recreational activities runs tangent to an alarming increase in melanoma, a potentially dangerous skin cancer of pigmented cells called melanocytes. Whether bicycling, in-line skating, tanning or jogging, Americans are exposing themselves more and more to the sun's damaging rays.

While a health-conscious public is demonstrating greater awareness of the dangers of excessive sun exposure, little attention has focused on protecting the lips. As one of the body's weakest defensive links, the lips are always exposed to the elements and frequently ignored in the skin care regimen.

"Lips contain little or no melanin, the natural pigment in skin that screens out the sun," said Dr. Charles Zuger, Northwestern University Medical School associate professor of clinical dermatology. "While most people use sunscreens to protect their skin, very few protect their lips."

# In warm weather, pets are at higher risk than humans

Maybe you thrive in the warm breezes and bright sun of summer. But when it comes to hot weather, pets aren't like us. In fact, summer's heat can be dangerous for dogs and cats.

The veterinarians at Veterinary Pet Insurance have these suggestions for preventing heat stroke and injuries:

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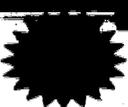
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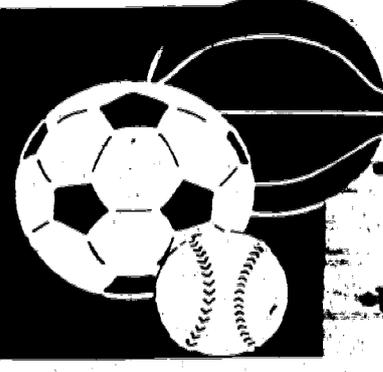
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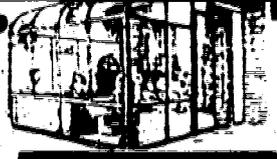


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- Put away the heavy-duty facial moisturizers and cremes you used in the cold weather. They offer more than you need when it's warm. Because they leave a film on your skin and may make your face feel hot, you seem to perspire more. Switch from a creme to a lotion or use a lighter lotion than usual. During the day use sun protection. Out of the sun, look for fast-absorbing products that provide a soothing sensation while repairing damage from the harsh effects of the sun, sand and surf.

- Moisturize your body regularly, but zone in on a lighter version of your cold weather product.

- Cleanse gently. Because skin is more sensitive in the heat, it needs gentler products than at any other time of the year. Some skincare products and medicines can cause a rash or in some cases burns, when skin is exposed to the sun. If you have sensitive skin, ask a dermatologist which method of summer cleansing is the right one for you.

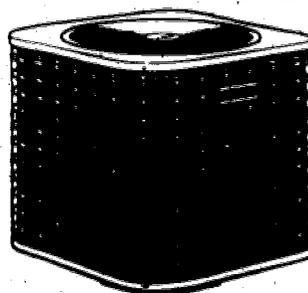
- Use a non-alcohol based astringent that cools and degreases without drying. If you want to control oily skin, try a clay mask at least two or three times a week.

- When applying makeup, switch from heavy foundations to a light matte, water-based product. It will absorb extra oil and help deter breakouts on hot, humid days. Going swimming? Give the new versions of waterproof makeup a try. Made with silicone instead of wax and oil, new waterproof formulas are lighter and more natural looking.

- The ultimate in staying cool inside and out is drinking plenty of water. On a typical day the average person loses two cups of water from sweat alone. Add exercise and the effects of dehydration can appear in 20 minutes. With "water deficiency" comes crankiness, an inability to expel toxins and dizziness. Dehydrated skin looks parched and feels dry — whole hydrated skin is soft and pliable. Drink two cups of water two hours before you go outside and then eight glasses to remain hydrated.

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If you have a home with a pool, or a residence near a lake or beach, follow these key tips for your safety and the safety of children.

Know the swimming ability of adults and children. Know how to help someone who gets in trouble in the water. Someone should know how to administer CPR.

For natural bodies of water:

- Areas clearly should be separated and designated for activities, including wading, advanced swimming, diving, scuba-diving and boating.

- Know about the tides, currents, waves and the temperatures of the water.

- Locate rocks, tree stumps, and other natural hazards.

For pools:

- Maintenance procedures must be followed, including water circulation, chemical balance of water and removal of debris.

- Water depths must be marked very clearly.

- Access should be controlled by a fence with a gate that can be locked.

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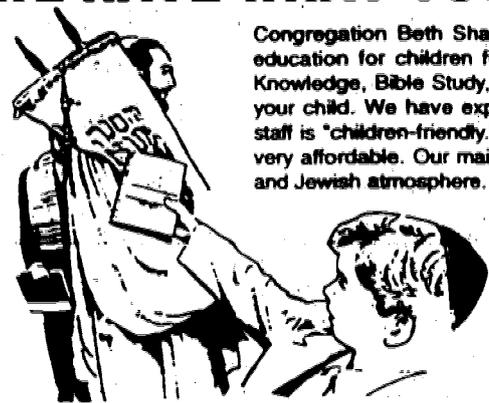
The pool area and a dock or diving platform in a natural body of water should have Safety-Walk strips and treads to prevent slips and falls. Expose the adhesive by removing the protective liner on the backside of the abrasive strip. Then, press onto the surface.

Have rescue equipment handy and in prime condition, and know how to use it. Also, somehow, have a phone installed nearby to call the emergency services if needed.

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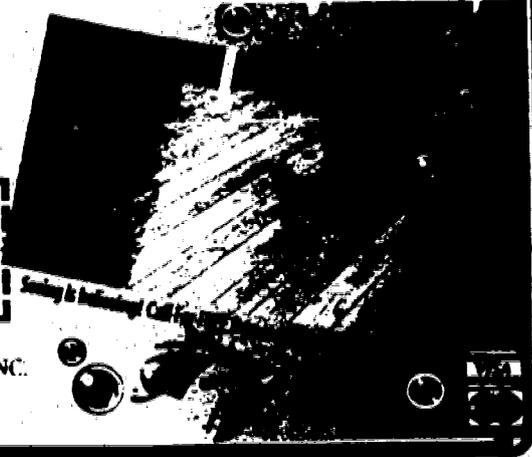
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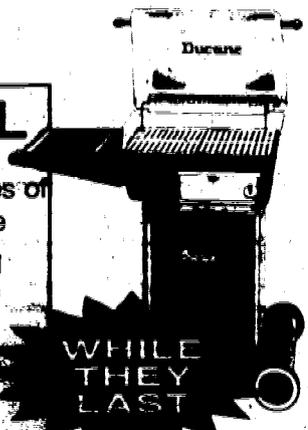
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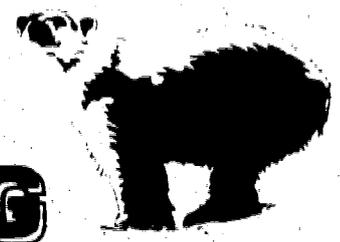
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**Summer artist program  
 is available to children**

The Westfield Summer Workshop, a five-week arts program for students in pre-school through grade 10, has published its 1997 summer brochure, containing a listing of 87 courses in speciality areas.

There are 32 offerings in the arts and crafts curriculum. Popular courses in painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, basketry and cartooning are among the many standard classes. New to the department this year are courses in decoupage, decorative arts, which involves stamp arts and arts and stenciling, and a carving course in which students will actually carve a small village.

The communications department offers 11 courses, some of which include sign language, writing, TV production and Spanish. A new course called Video Animation offers students the opportunity to create their own animated cartoons.

Fencing, which was a popular selection in the past, has returned to the dance and movement division along with aerobics and taekwon do.

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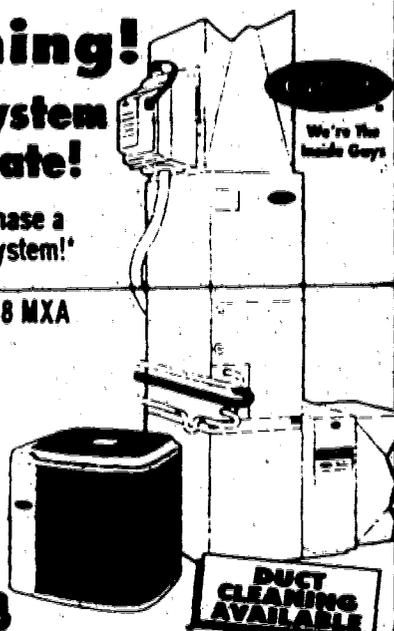
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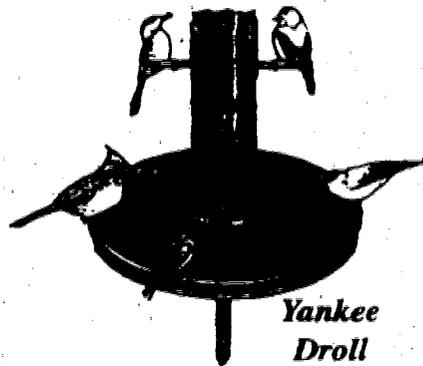
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# Summer artist program is available to children

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Kaleidoscope, which includes such courses as chess, math, science and reading, contains 10 courses. New this year are Kitchen Chemistry and Cooking Magic.

In Theater World, students can choose from two major theater productions for grades 6 to 10: "The Wizard of Oz" and a musical version of "Robin Hood." The Traveling Players, boys and girls in grades 4 to 7, will continue to entertain residents of senior citizen housing, nursing homes and hospitals.

The pre-school department offers a class for 3- and 4-year-olds while the kindergarten class is intended for students who will be entering school in September. This latter group is divided into several smaller classes of approximately 10 students each, which allows for greater individual attention. Both Pre-K and K are mini-workshops which include art, music and movement.

The Summer Program will run from June 30 to Aug. 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. The Junior Musical will be held at Westfield High School on Dorian Road.

Brochures will automatically be sent to households in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Westfield, Mountainside and Cranford. Residents of other towns may obtain a brochure by calling (908) 789-9696.

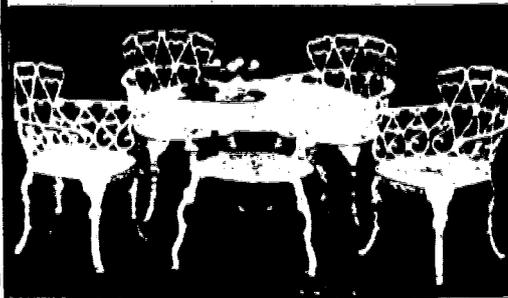
The Westfield Summer Workshop is located just 7 minutes from Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway and less than 10 minutes from the Mountain Avenue exit off Route 22 East.

All classes are taught by certified teachers, professional performers or skilled artisans. Before-care and aftercare are available for an additional fee. A full day program is available in conjunction with the Westfield YMCA. Students are transported by bus to the "Y" accompanied by their counselors.

The Westfield Summer Workshop, in its 26th season, was founded by Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg. It is a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, which includes the Westfield Fencing Club, The Music Studio, Kids 'N' Arts, Tots 'N' Arts and the Westfield Art Gallery. The NJWA can be seen on the Internet at its web site at <http://www.westfieldnj.com/njwa>.

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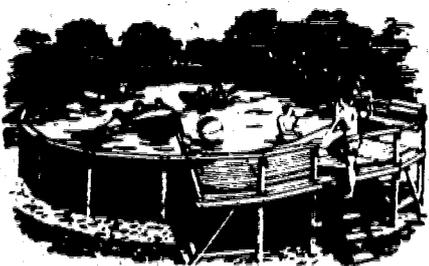
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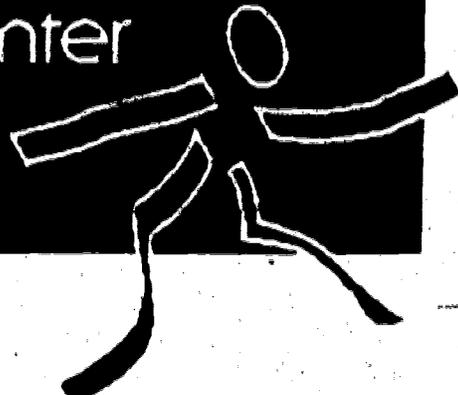
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