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Glitch delays Edwards supermarket hearing

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A last-minute procedural problem forced Royal Ahold Ltd. to pull its Edwards Super Store site plan application from the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda Tuesday night.

"The hearing of Application 98-4 by RAL Springfield has been postponed to July 21," said board attorney Neil Dworkin at the meeting's start. "The applicant had scheduled to start tonight before the board found several deficiencies late this afternoon. We have sent notices of said deficiencies to the applicant."

The deficiencies were several neighbors who were not sent a notice of hearing earlier this month. Municipal zoning law procedure

requires the applicant to notify neighboring businesses and residences within a 200-foot distance from the applicant's property site.

Royal Ahold is seeking approval from Springfield and Millburn's respective zoning boards to build an Edwards supermarket on the old Saks Fifth Avenue store on Millburn Avenue. Both towns' permission is needed as the Saks site crosses the town boundary about 20 feet in from Millburn Avenue.

The supermarket company, which also owns the Shop and Shop stores in New England, filed their application with Springfield in April over Millburn. Millburn and Royal Ahold are waiting to contest that township's traffic flow ordinance in state appellate court.

It generally takes two months for a town's engineer, planner and code officials to review an application before placing it on the zoning board's schedule. Royal Ahold's application was placed on Tuesday's agenda on June 10, however, and the township's announcement of the hearing was placed on the front lawn sign Monday.

It did not take long before word of mouth reached neighbors along Millburn Avenue. Members of the Colonial and Short Hills associations and Citizens for Sensible Government have opposed the application since it was for a Shop and Shop three years ago. The block groups cite traffic and other quality of life problems should the supermarket be built. About 24 residents and newspaper reporters

were greeted with a sign at the Municipal Building's front door. The sign, posted by Maria Franzoni of the Colonial Association, announced the postponement.

"We were informed of the postponement late this afternoon," said the sign. "We are sorry for any inconvenience."

"This doesn't surprise me," said resident John Boyle. "The applicant had the same problem last time and had the hearing in July when people are on vacation. They want to wear us down."

Nine audience members stayed inside to hear Dworkin's word. The next hearing is set for July 21 at 8 p.m.

THIS WEEK

NEWS
The top students
In this week's edition, Worrall Community Newspapers celebrates some of the brightest students in the county and showcases them in what has become our annual tribute to excellence in education and humanity. See our four-page Whiz Kids special beginning on Page B7.

What contracts?
Two employees who have contracts with the Union County Utilities Authority have found themselves out of a job, despite the paperwork. Both are suing the UCUA, claiming that the authority cannot simply void the contracts, even using the reason of downsizing. See Page B1.

THE ARTS
Shayna Maldel
There wasn't a dry eye in the house during a showing at the El Bodegon Restaurant. See Page B4.

17th Century flair
The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival starts off the season with 17th century flair in showing of "Cyrano." See Page B3.

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From left are Dayton students Brett Stein, Jennifer Lisante, Nicola Loupis and Jared Weiss, representatives to the American Legion Boys and Girls State.

Four Dayton students tapped as Boys and Girls State reps

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Four Jonathan Dayton High School juniors are in for an unexpected but unique experience in the two weeks after the end of the school year.

Jennifer Lisante, Nicola Loupis, Brett Stein and Jared Weiss will represent Dayton as part of the annual American Legion Boys and Girls State. The quartet will learn the political process through a mock government at Rider University near Trenton.

"The American Legion Continental Unit 228 and its Auxiliary has sent delegates from Dayton for years," said unit spokesperson Hazel Harigrove. "It provides an opportunity to learn first hand how and why our system of government works."

Harigrove said Lisante and Loupis will be at Rider for Girls State the week of June 27 and Stein and Weiss the week of July 6. Running for office and tackling issues and problems of a simulated city are the program's highlights. They will live on-campus throughout their respective weeks.

The local legion asked us to find some qualified candidates last March," said Dayton Director of Guidance Dominick Seville. "They were looking for juniors who

demonstrated a potential for leadership in school government or other activities, among other qualities. We sent them our recommendations and the legion selected four."

The Dayton quartet would not know of their selection, however, until June 1.

"I didn't know I was selected until Mr. Seville called me inside and told me," said Stein. "It was a surprise."

Stein and his state mates said they were planning to work at various jobs during those two weeks prior to Seville's announcement.

"I was planning to visit a cousin and become a counselor at a Hebrew Y camp," said Loupis. "I think that can wait a week."

One common denominator the delegates-select have is involvement with Dayton's various clubs and activities. Half of the group, Lisante and Weiss, have been members of the school council.

"I see Girls State as a positive thing to be in," said Lisante. "It will give me some experience in learning and handling some aspects of government operation."

"I have an interest in history and I can see how going to Boys State will relate to it," said Weiss. "I also talked with a classmate who went last year and he highly recommended it."

Debbie, Attanasio sworn in to posts

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

One week after the Mountside Borough Council unanimously called for his appointment, Lt. James Debbie Jr. was sworn in by Councilman Ron Romack as chief of police during Tuesday night's council meeting.

With members of the Mountside police force in attendance, adorned in their dress uniforms, Debbie took the oath of office. His wife, Pat, held the Bible on which he swore.

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the municipal building, including law enforcement from neighboring communities and interested Mountside residents. All greeted the words "so

help me God" with a standing ovation. The councilmen then filed off the dais and congratulated Debbie one at a time.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti called for a 10-minute recess to allow time for smiles and handshakes and a receiving line quickly formed.

"I have a lot of plans," said Debbie. "One project I'd like to begin is a police bike patrol here in Mountside." Debbie also said that a mountain bike had already been donated by JMK Motors for that very purpose.

In line with Mountside's goal for a pro-active police force, the new chief of police also spoke of his plans to have office hours at night on the second and third Tuesdays of each month. This would give residents an opportunity to meet with him and discuss whatever is on their minds.

Additional council business for Tuesday night included the appointment of officer Allan Attanasio to the rank of sergeant. In a jubilant ceremony that preceded Debbie's, Attanasio took the oath administered by Romack.



James Debbie Jr.



Allan Attanasio

With the crowd of well-wishers gone to rejoice with Debbie and Attanasio, the council moved on to an agenda full of business.

It commenced with additional appointments, including Rocco DiPaola to the position of public defender, Zenon Morjak to the Union County Aircraft Noise Board, and Administrator Greg Bonis as Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund commissioner and as a member of the Community Development Block Grant Committee.

Councilman David Hart also commented on Mountside's volunteer rescue organizations. "The Mountside Fire Department and Rescue Squad are both threatened by lack of volunteers," said Hart. Both organizations depend on volunteers to maintain their serviceability.

Hart ended the night's business on a positive note when he mentioned the Deerfield School and its improved test scores on the statewide Early Warning Test taken earlier this year by eighth-graders.

Mountside board wraps up school year

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

On June 9, the Mountside school board met and approved 14 of the 15 items that came before it, including a proposal concerning end of the year school closing times.

Students will be dismissed from school at 1 p.m. on each of the last three days of the school year, Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

"We have to allow teachers time to get their materials put away before roof work begins on June 24," said board President Pat Tieschler.

Also approved by the board were two items concerning personnel, one appointing a substitute teacher for the 1997-98 school year and another hiring summer custodians.

The one item not approved by the school board was the renewal of the employee dental plan for 1999-99. "The item was tabled," said Tieschler, "because we're still in negotiations with the teachers."

In addition, Tieschler said, "The board is pleased with the results of the state Early Warning Tests because there is improvement from last year."

"We had been concerned the last couple of years," continued Tieschler, "but we are happy to see that scores are better this year."

Deerfield School eighth-graders did in fact show a marked improve-

ment from last year. The number of students who achieved proficiency level one rose by 17.5 percent.

"We've instructed a math lab and writing lab," said chief school administrator Gerard Schaller, "as well as an EWT training center for staff where they work with students on open-ended questions."

In the individual subject areas, scores rose in all but the writing portion of the test. The mean reading scores rose 2.8 points, bringing the percentage of students scoring in level one to 80.5 percent, up 19.7 percent from a year ago.

The mean score in the mathematics portion rose 8.6 points, raising the percentage of level one scores by 20.4 percent. "We're not going to sit on our laurels," said Schaller. "We've redesigned our schedule for next year so that students will receive five days of math in four days. The fifth day will be devoted to basic skills and problem solving."

Excited by the results of this year's test, Schaller and his staff now seek to raise the bar for achievement even higher. "I think our students can rise to the occasion," said Schaller. Ambitious new programs, including summer reading and summer math packets, are the latest in the Deerfield School's pursuit of excellence.

Seniors' forum targets fraud

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

If one wants to learn about a variety of topics, stop in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center most Wednesdays. Senior Citizen Group One invites guest speakers to talk before lunch.

"We try to get a wide variety of people in to speak," said group spokesperson Ann DeLeonardis. "It is a way of informing our senior citizens on topics which concern them."

Two of the more recent speakers were patient advocate Dan Kalem and Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. Kalem appeared June 10 to discuss the latest in Medicare, Medicaid

and other medical insurance developments.

"When it comes to outpatient services, you have to know who you are dealing with," said Kalem before an audience of 50. "The Federal Office of Management and Budget discovered a phony home care group in Louisiana. A couple of people set up a company, hired nurses and therapists and would charge for services not rendered."

Kalem spent an hour on topics ranging to changes in the American Association of Retired Persons insurance to Health Maintenance Organizations. The attentive audience

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Seniors to celebrate all night

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

"The people who are working on Project Graduation have put together a great program," said Jonathan Dayton High School Principal Charles Seron Tuesday. "They've made a few changes this year."

Seron, according to Project Graduation '98 Co-Chairperson Vera Stier, is slightly enveloping the changes. This year's event, for the first time, is being co-produced by their Kenilworth counterparts.

"It was decided at the start of the year to hold a joint Project Graduation with David Brearley High School," said Stier. "The senior class at both schools spent most of their time at Dayton and have borne the brunt of derisionization."

Seron referred to the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District, which took effect July 1. The voter-approved process reopened Brearley and returned Kenilworth students back from Day-

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Dr. John Tabatchnik is first to donate blood at a Blood Drive on May 27 to benefit the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross and the community at large. Tabatchnik is the Red Cross chapter chairman. The chapter's next blood drive is scheduled for the first week in August.

Official in the slammer to raise funds for MDA

By Mark Goldwert Staff Writer

Springfield Recreation Director Michael Tennaro spent Thursday, June 11, jailed at the Steak and Ale on Route 22 East. Bail money, which came in the form of personal and business donations, went to the Central Jersey and Staten Island district of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"Michael Tennaro was arrested handcuffs and all," said MDA District Director Becky Cole. "He was kept here and fed not bread and water, but food from the Steak and Ale." Donations were made in person and over the phone in what the local MDA tries to make a monthly spectacle.

Tennaro wasn't the day's only jailbird and director Becky Cole said they hoped to raise \$20,000 before the event was through.

Jailbirds were picked up from their homes by MDA representatives dressed as police officers and remanded to the Steak and Ale where they were "shackled" and allowed only the use of telephones donated by Bell Atlantic/NYNEX to call for pledges.

Vietnam Veterans elect new slate of officers

At its May general meeting, Union County Chapter 688 of the Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., held its installation ceremony for its 1998-2000 officers.

Taking the oath of office were President Jerry Hughes, First Vice President Bob Clark, Second Vice President John Perry, Treasurer Allen Weingartner and Secretary Joe McCourt. Also installed were incoming members of the Board of Directors: John Huska, Dan Kloczynk, Jim Pressman and Rich Zalnikankas.

Current directors, Jim Donelan, Ed Martucci and Bill Siskowski, have one year remaining on their two-year terms.

The Vietnam Veterans of America is a veterans' service organization of former members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served during the Vietnam War era — January 1959 through May 1975. The primary goals of VVA are to support the full range of veterans' issues important to Vietnam-era veterans, to create new

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Today
• Between 2 and 4 p.m., the Mountainside Women's Club will hold a High Tea to honor Carol B. Hancock, a former club president, who was recently elected New Jersey state president of the Women's Club. To make your reservation, contact Marilyn Tommensen at (908) 233-4537.

• The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will hold its monthly dinner meeting at Spanish Tavern, Route 22 East, Mountainside. Networking begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program at 7:30 p.m. Betty Groves of Price Waterhouse will be the guest speaker and will discuss "Turning Lemons into Lemonade." NJAEF members pre-paid will be admitted for \$30; non-members pre-paid will be admitted for \$35; and walk-ins will be admitted for an additional \$5. For more information, call (908) 275-1767.

Saturday
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club Social Committee will hold its annual June barbecue for Newcomer Adults at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme will be "Down Under" with lots of Australian fun. Call Martha Perasso for information on joining at 654-7789.

• Local Mountainside company Zachary Jackson Financial will be hosting a community event at 865 Mountain Ave., Mountainside, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Educational literature will be distributed for investments, insurance and mortgages, and professionals will be available to answer any questions. For more information about the event, call (908) 232-9191.

Sunday
• With a program, "Family of the Sun," residents can learn about the solar system including new information gathered by probes and telescopes. Residents can also learn where to locate planets in the night sky. The program will be held at the Trullis Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. It begins at 3:30 p.m., and is not for children younger than 6 years old. Admission is \$3 per person, and \$2.55 for seniors.

Tuesday
• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

Coming events
June 26
• Temple Beth Ahm Springfield, will hold a joint installation of officers and trustees of Temple, Men's Club, Women's League at 8 p.m. The installation ceremony will follow Friday night religious services. The installing officer will be Rabbi Perry Raphael Rank, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Ahm.

June 27
• Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding Literacy Library Day at the Mountainside Library, Constitution Plaza, on June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is for all interested potential or current students

and tutors. Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having. Potential tutors can find out about the program. Interested students can be assessed if they call the LVA office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for that day. Literacy Volunteers is the most active adult tutoring organization in Union County.

June 29
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in special session at 7 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room.

June 30
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Pampop Chef fund raiser at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature Pampop Chef Kitchens and coolers items demonstrated and for sale. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Newcomer's fund raising. For information call Carole Cahill at 233-9426. The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers, and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child or a change in employment or marital status. For membership information, call Martha Perasso 654-7789.

Ongoing
• If you're looking for challenge, adventure and creativity this summer, the Springfield Summer School is the place to be. The summer session will run from June 28 to July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program includes courses in wood-working, arts and crafts, ceramics, gymnastics, computer technology, creative writing and publishing, cooking, science, basketball, rockery, tennis, study skills, baby-sitting, reading, mathematics, music and fitness. Many classes fill early, so register for your summer adventure soon. The brochure and registration forms will be available in early May. The registration fee of \$60 per one hour course for the four weeks makes this an inexpensive way to learn and have fun each morning in July. For enrollment information or further questions, call Nicholas Corby at Sandmeier School at (973) 376-1025, Ext. 3420.

• The Springfield Garden Club is sponsoring a contest to find the tree in town with the largest circumference (measured 3 feet off the ground). Send entries to Springfield Garden Club, P.O. Box 970, Springfield, 07081. In case of duplicate entries, the earliest postmark will win the floral prize.

• Pool membership registration is being accepted for all previous members and new members. Registration is taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. If anyone did not receive a form for pool membership or day camp, they may call (973) 912-2227 or pick one up at the office.

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Rescue squad shows life-saving equipment

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

All this month, tools of the life-saving trade are on display at the Mountainside library. The Mountain-side Rescue Squad, which is the subject of this month's display at the library, supplied the contents.

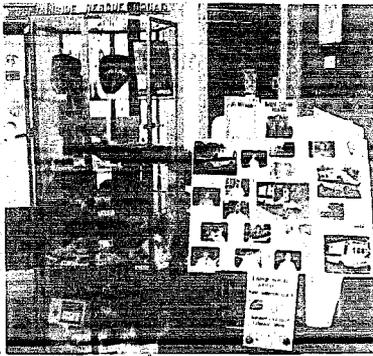
Equipment from the early days of the Mountain-side Rescue Squad and the latest in life-saving gear can be viewed in the library's lobby. "We keep the old equipment for nostalgia," said rescue squad Captain Russell Midgaard. "It reminds us of how arduous things were in the past compared to now."

An old emergency radio, an oxygen mask, a burn mask, and splints to help mend broken bones are just a few of the items that bring you as close to an

emergency as you hope you'll ever get. That is unless you take one of the applications to join the ranks of the rescue squad that are available at the library exhibit. "We desperately need members," said Midgaard.

The rescue squad exhibit is part of a monthly series of displays at the Mountain-side library. "They're mostly done by community organizations like the rescue squad or local collectors with something interesting they'd like to share with their community," said reference librarian Anne Lyeon.

"We take pride in what we do," said Barbara Vanning of the rescue squad. "We're always learning and expanding on our medical knowledge. The exhibit shows us where we've been, where we are now, and where we hope to be in the future."



The Mountain-side Rescue Squad has a display of artwork on exhibition at the public library.

Seniors to celebrate

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Dayton, Brentley, Arthur Johnson in Clark and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights became part of their home school districts for the first time.

The four former regional high schools, however, continue their respective Project Graduation traditions. Their Parent Teacher Organizations, senior classes and local civic and business groups held various fundraisers and produced programs for the overnight affair. The fundraisers ranged from the senior car wash and haunted house in the fall to March's basket drive.

Project Graduation was developed during the last 10 years to provide a drug and alcohol-free means of celebrating a high school commencement. The basic program consists of the senior class participating in various activities at one location all night long.

"The Springfield Township Alliance donated \$3,500 toward Project Graduation," said Alliance Chairman Richard Falkin. "We hold or sup-

pon programs that promote the prevention of alcohol and drug use — and Project Graduation is one event where the kids have a good time safely."

"There are Co-chair Sandi Kazemi and Merle Rosenbaum and about 20 other people involved in Project Graduation '98," said Steir. "Autolog and between 80 and 90 other local businesses have sponsored or supported us, not to mention other, nationally based companies."

This year's edition, which is to start at Dayton at 9 p.m., marks the return of the Summit Area YMCA as a venue. The Y, which was undergoing an interior renovation last year, will keep their pool, basketball courts and gymnasiums for all night. Entertainment will feature a hypnotist and two disc jockeys from WKTU-FM.

The project is to end with buses returning the seniors to Dayton at about 5 a.m. The pickup is the only time for parents to pick up their sons or daughters - Call Steir at (973) 912-8574 for details.

Special needs, senior prank are topics

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education agenda could have worn a "Handle with Care" stamp when it was distributed Monday night.

The board applied sensitivity and caution to several topics it voted on or discussed. Two of the main topics concerned a change in the special services department and the handling of a "senior prank" at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Sensitivity became apparent when the board voted to establish a full-day program for special needs students. The program would retain two teachers for full-time and part-time instruction at the Walton Early Childhood Center.

The new program will supplement the two Springfield Prekindergarten Readiness Opportunities of Unique TODD offerings. The main SPR-TODD class is to provide one-on-one

instruction for children with autism or other serious handicaps while SPR-OUT Plus is a program for 4-year-olds who are deemed ready for mainstreaming.

"I thank the board and Administrator of Special Services Rosemarie Krosche for their consideration of a proposal I made at the June 1 meeting," said Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland. "I also have to thank the parents who attended this and last meeting and called me. It came down to how best to improve an existing successful program."

In a related matter, one parent brought her 7-year-old son to Monday's meeting. While praising SPR-OUT for her son's progress over the current school year, she expressed disquiet in having to wait until October to have an evaluation that would determine which class he would go to. Another parent suggested more fre-

quent group meetings with the service staff.

"We are noting your situation and bring them to the department's attention," said board President Robert Fish. "It sounds like this would be more of an administrative matter than a policy one where the board would be involved. Perhaps this is an opportunity to open more lines of communication with parents."

Caution was given to a matter related to a senior prank that occurred on Dayton property Friday. Board member Ken Falgenbaum asked his colleagues and Friedland to look into a perceived disparity between in-campus and off-campus suspension.

"I'm not prepared to talk about the matter at this time," said Friedland. "I do not want to discuss it until I have an opportunity to talk with the principal and vice principal about the circumstance and the discipline meted out."

The Echo Leader learned from a parent who wished to be anonymous that a prank occurred Friday and senior class members were suspended. The source said the event involved the construction of a swing set and a luncheon cheer. The source, whose details are yet to be verified and are therefore unofficial, said about 40 percent of the class — or 44 seniors — were suspended.

Manuel Perera, Dayton's vice principal and dean of students, referred the Echo Leader to Principal Charles Serson Monday afternoon. Perera said the quoted figure of those suspended, however, is false.

Serson, when reached Tuesday afternoon, said the earliest he can speak would be sometime today. He cited the scheduling of meetings and events Tuesday and supervision of final exams yesterday for the timing.

Forum targets fraud

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fielded the county Medicare counselor coordinator with general and particular questions for the remaining 30 minutes.

"Going to the Sarah Bailey center and talk with the senior citizens there is part of what I do," said Kalem afterward. "I frequently speak on these matters around the county."

Kalem followed Froehlich, who recalled his grandmother and gave tips on fraud detection June 3. Froehlich and an assistant also made senior identification cards on request.

"Two developments I have seen over the years is the lack of respect for elders and a lack of reverence for God," said Froehlich. "I don't know if it is something we failed to teach but I

do know that my work would be a lot less if more young people had those qualities."

Froehlich's visit at Sarah Bailey was one stop of a series promoting the senior ID card. The card, which includes a photograph and vital information, would take the identification function of a state drivers license.

Group One is among the nine groups participating which senior citizens join at Sarah Bailey. The semi-autonomous groups pick a leader in September and sets activities for the upcoming year. Under Springfield Recreation Department supervision, they would stage holiday parties and take field or shopping trips among other events. Lunches are served on weekdays at the center.

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Many of these students will go on to college or trade schools; many will enter the workforce; and many will simply explore the options available to them as they cross this monumental threshold.

To all the graduating seniors, we wish the best of luck. The choices that await you will not always be easy ones; some may be so difficult as to make your high school decisions pale in comparison. As you face these crossroads, use the skills which you have learned in high school to aid you in the choice. We do not necessarily mean reading, "rting and rithmetic; we are talking about deductive reasoning, thoughtful analysis of the factors involved and, most importantly, the ability to draw mature and considered conclusions based on what is right and not necessarily on what would be fun right now.

Your experiences while a student in high school will be with you always, and while it may now seem an immeasurable gift to leave high school behind, the day will soon arrive when you fondly recall this time and perhaps may wish you were back here again.

As you take your last look at your alma mater as a student, remember the investment that each teacher, administrator and parent has made in your future. Then thank them as you say goodbye.

Responsibility is life's major lesson.

With high school graduations come parties. It would be foolish to expect our young adults to greet this milestone without some form of celebration, but all too often these festivities get out of control. With emotions running high and, unfortunately, controlled substances often added to the mix, this night could well be marred by encounters with the police or, in the extreme, tragedy.

We caution all graduating seniors to abide by the law tonight and this weekend. We are not merely talking about the laws of the municipalities of Springfield and Mountainside and the State of New Jersey; we are also speaking of the laws of common sense and good judgment.

Do not fall prey to the idea of "It couldn't happen to me" because it very well could. Many of us know of young people whose promising lives were forever marred or tragically cut short. Moreover, the consequences of irresponsible behavior need not mean death or impairment. It could be as simple as a police record, something none of you need to begin adulthood.

Regardless of the outcome, such revelry — particularly among those who are under the legal drinking age — carries the potential for far more consequences than any of us would wish to endure.

Be responsible. Your life is too precious to be wasted.

Honoring dad

As Father's Day approaches Sunday, all of us would do well to take some time to think about all the ways in which our fathers have been a part of our lives — the various ways, both large and small, that he has guided, encouraged, advised and helped us through the years. The times he made us laugh, the times he dried our tears and the times he was tough on us when we really needed it. In these ways and many more, our fathers have helped to mold and shape us into the people we are today. For this we cannot express enough thanks.

On Father's Day, we encourage dads to take a moment to reflect on all the good things fatherhood brings. From your child's earliest accomplishments — first smile, step and word — through the stirrings of independence — first day of school, report card, bike ride — to the beginning of adulthood — first kiss, first car, graduation — and to marriage and children of their own, fatherhood truly brings a host of everyday miracles. Despite the often hectic lives we lead, we should not lose sight of these things.

We also encourage fathers to ask themselves how much time and interest they are taking in the lives of their children. Far too many fathers are largely absent from their children's lives. For some this is an active choice, for others it is simply the result of having too much to do in too little time. Whatever the case may be, we encourage all dads to spend some time each and every day talking to and really listening to their kids. This time may well become the best part of your day.

So remember, make sure to use Father's Day as an opportunity to tell him just how much you love him, how special he is, and how much he has meant to you. Luckily for you, June 21 is a day set aside for doing just that.



NOW THEY'RE GRADUATES — From left, Springfield residents Jillian Barocas, Rebecca Levine and Laura Spresert were among the 45 young women who were graduated from Kent Place School in Summit on May 30.

Education must get its act together for kids

No doubt most of you have heard the old chestnut where the prison convict runs the jail.

I was stunned the other day to read that in some New York City and New Jersey schools, students have all but taken over the building, and woe betide the teacher who protests. They are shoved into a corner and lucky to be fired or suspended.

When I was a student at an elementary school, the teacher was the boss. We may not have always agreed with her, but we obeyed her. And pity the poor student who was sent home with a note from his or her teacher complaining that the student was unruly, rude and a troublemaker. The kid would have been grounded for a week. Not today.

Nowadays, if a teacher sent home a note complaining about a student's conduct, many parents would rush to the school to complain that their child is being picked on and the teacher should be removed. For many parents, there is a maxim: "My child is never wrong, should be allowed to express himself/herself in any way they want and if the teacher knows what's good for him/her, but out of my kid's affairs or the president of the Board of Education will hear about

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher Correspondent

the teacher's dereliction of duties and charges will be pressed.

Of course, I'm exaggerating; but in some schools this happens. In one school in New Jersey, a student assaulted his teacher by spitting at her and kicking her. The child was not suspended even though the law requires it. The child was told never to do that again. A note was sent home to the parents who replied in part that their child would not do such a thing and besides, so what. Don't teachers have anything better to do than get all worked up over a little spitting and kicking? Case closed.

Of course, children are not to be slapped or struck. In fact, some schools forbid the teacher to lay a hand on a child for fear of being sued. In many cases, complaints from teachers generally are not acknowledged by parents and if they are,

responses generally go against the teacher. "Mr. Johnny's teacher control his class!" is one response, and again, "Johnny's always being picked on for nothing."

Some schools are highly opposed to putting the miscreant student in a corner for fear he/she will feel isolated and will have a negative effect on his self-esteem. Teachers should not say anything if a student comes to class late and there should be no corrections made about a student's bad spelling. All of this negativism will make Johnny feel humiliated in front of his classmates.

One teacher in a South Orange school says there are always a few who continually disrupt class, ruining the day for others. "There's something good about having a healthy fear, maybe it's called respect, for adults, and the way things are going now, we've lost it."

In our modern social life, many students have become more impulsive and react violently to a situation. Perhaps they watch too much television there, in order to get your own way, you lash out at the opposition. Maybe the children forget television is mostly make-believe, but life is not make-believe, and if you want to get along

and fit in as best as possible, guns, a fat mouth and an attitude must be left home.

In a recent survey in a north New Jersey town, 71 percent of the students said there was too much disruption in the classroom and if the teacher and principal try to do something about it, they are accused of not being in touch or are old-fashioned. The disruption is dismissed as just some harmless hijinks. The survey also showed that in the same school, only about 13 percent of the students were "very respectful" of teachers.

What is happening? It's obvious that education must get its act together or future generations of kids will be going to schools where anarchy rules the roost. With all the other problems we have, this cannot be allowed to happen. We must rethink this thing we call education.

And let's not forget the proliferation of guns being brought into the classrooms and the consequences we are seeing. We seem to be pushing the wrong buttons.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

A father's presence is never really gone

This weekend, dads and kids across the country will celebrate Father's Day. And, like my fellow fathers, I will be with my own children, Tori and Reid, enjoying and reveling in the many facets of that special relationship unique to men and their offspring.

This is my sixth Father's Day as a dad, a new tradition in my life which began in 1993 when Tori was five months old. Prior to that special day, it had been two decades since Father's Day was celebrated in our house — my own father died in March 1974 when I was 12 and, with his death, Father's Day became someone else's holiday.

I often wonder what my life might have been like had my father never taken ill and quickly succumbed to cancer; my mother frequently uses

Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant Staff Writer

on how fond Daddy would have been of my wife, Wendy. But then I realize that, had he lived, the course my life took might have differed and might not have led me to Wendy and, ultimately, our children. And that's a life I can't conceive.

One of my personal philosophies is that, today, I am the result of all of my life's experiences. Each triumph and tragedy has culminated in who I am, and that includes the inestimable loss of my father as well as his brief but immeasurable presence in my child-

hood. However extreme, I survived the highs and lows, as people will do. That's life.

Perhaps these thoughts are more prevalent this year because my eldest niece — and goddaughter — has recently left her husband. It's no secret in the Van Sant family that the husband in question is held in very low esteem — and that's putting it as best I can in a family publication. In fact, we all breathed a sigh of relief when Cindy moved back into her parents' house with her three small children in tow.

However, at my brother's 50th birthday party a few weeks ago, Cindy commented that she hopes her husband can get the help he needs because she didn't see a father — and I had to bite my tongue, in itself a rare occurrence for me.

I realized that although I lost him when I was only 12, I grew up fine without a father. Although he died when I was on the threshold of adolescence, he left me with memories of a wonderful man whose subtle lessons of fairness and kindness remain with me even to this day. In that way, Daddy never completely left my life.

And I was once again reminded of the scope and responsibility of the job I have undertaken.

This weekend, as Tori and Reid and I play in the back yard, I'll thank God for having loaned me such a wonderful example to follow and try to be the kind of father that would have made my own father proud.

Happy Father's Day, Daddy, and thank you for invisibly leading a child into adulthood.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to all the walkers

To the Editor:

More than 600 residents from Union County recently achieved a great "feat" in the fight to save babies' lives. They made big strides in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica by walking and raising money to "Fund Breakthroughs for Babies." They were part of the nearly 10,000 northern New Jersey residents who stepped out on WalkAmerica Sunday to help raise a total of \$1.175 million toward lifesaving breakthroughs to improve the health of babies.

On April 26, local Union County participants in 1998 March of Dimes WalkAmerica helped raise more than \$75,000 to continue the March of Dimes 60-year record of success. Together, we funded lifesaving breakthroughs for babies such as: the discovery of vaccines that protect every baby from polio; the establishment of regionalized neonatal intensive care units to care for sick babies; and research that led to the development of treatments like surfactant therapy that help babies breathe. These programs are made possible through the efforts of all walkers, volunteers and sponsors who participated in WalkAmerica.

In addition to the many walkers, teams and volunteers who stepped out for healthy babies, we want to acknowledge the support that made WalkAmerica at Union County College in Cranford a great success, many thanks to all of our

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Participants in and supporters of March of Dimes WalkAmerica can feel proud that their contributions are helping to champion programs of research, community services, education and advocacy to help ensure that all of New Jersey's babies get a healthy start in life. Thank you for helping to fund breakthroughs for babies in Union County. To send in additional WalkAmerica money, or for information about March of Dimes programs, call the North Jersey Chapter office at (973) 882-0700. Or, for specific questions about maternal or child health, contact "The March of Dimes Resource Center" directly at 1-888-MODIMES.

Susan Gordon, Chairman
1998 Union County WalkAmerica Committee

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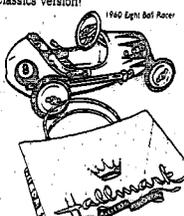
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STUDENT UPDATE

Two are graduates

Sonnie Cooper of Springfield and Jacob Mentlik of Mountside were among the 100 students from Newark Academy in Livingston who received diplomas during the school's commencement exercises June 7.

Cooper will be attending Rutgers University in the fall. Mentlik will be attending the University of Pennsylvania. While at Newark Academy, Mentlik earned the The George M. Pierson Latin Prize for excellence in Latin, and was an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar.



Sonnie Cooper



Jacob Mentlik

Five to graduate

Five Springfield residents are among the more than 300 students, including members of the Evening Division and Adult High School, who will be awarded certificates of course completion when the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools holds their 31st annual graduation ceremonies Tuesday at the Raritan Road campus in Scotch Plains.

The students from Springfield are Brent Haseman, Brian Padovano, Salvatore Cocuzza, Eugene Corelek and Matthew M. Marzolanca.

DeVry honors 34 county residents for academics

DeVry Institute in North Brunswick has announced its academic honors dean's list for the 1997-1998 school year. Among the dean's list students were 34 Union County residents.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 out of 4.0.

DeVry/North Brunswick offers associate degree programs in electronics engineering technology, computer information systems, business administration and telecommunications management as well as an electronics technician diploma and digital electronics technician diploma.

The students are: Phyllis Bess Dawkins, Evelyn Hernandez, Reali

Goode, Christopher Labarre, Brian Miskinis, Joe Sweeney and Janusz Dragan, all of Linden; Rahway residents Jorge Cisneros and Lucia Booth; Herman S. Alvarez, of Union; Marc Becker, John Watt, and Sandra Ray, all of Westfield; Anthony Izzell, Mountside; Michael Mastro, Edvard E. Cardozo, Filipe Monteiro, Anthony Bianco, Alexander Camacho, Ankur Khanna, Eleanor Tolliver, Eliana Aristizabal, Sandra Peruz, Javier Torres, Thomas Ganz, Carlos Vargas, and Dimitri D'Anna, all of Elizabeth; Crystal N. Carter, Leslie A. Garcia, Robert Whitefield, Lenise A. George and Joseph W. Vitorino, all of Roselle, and Hillside residents Daniel Lockwood and John Levetik.

Jorham has stellar year performing

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

Kristin Joham of Mountside, a freshman at Governor Livingston High School, was accepted into three New Jersey All-State musical organizations this year.

Joham, who is a French horn player as well as a singer, performed in February with the New Jersey All-State Band at Rutgers University. In April she auditioned for the New Jersey All-State Chorus and was just one of three freshmen accepted into the first soprano section.

The most prestigious of Joham's new memberships came when she was accepted as a member of the French horn section in the New Jersey All-State Orchestra, also this April. As a member of the All-State Orchestra, Joham will perform at the November teachers' convention in Atlantic City and at the NJPAC Prudential Hall later that month.

"My mom influenced me to learn an instrument that no one else really played," said Kristin Joham of her French horn.

Joham has been playing the French horn since the fourth grade and began singing long before that.

"My mom used to run a choir in Austria where I lived until I was five," said Joham. "I've been singing all my life."



Kristin Joham relaxes outside Governor Livingston High School recently. She is one of the youngest members of the New Jersey All-State Chorus.

Joham has performed with the junior players at the Paper Mill Playhouse and has been a fixture in school musicals over the years. This summer she will attend the National Arts Camp in Interlochen, Mich., where she will perform in Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinaflore."

Of singing, acting, and the

French horn Joham said, "I love playing the horn the most."

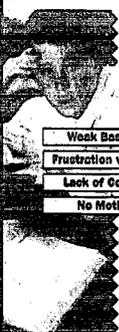
In the future Joham hopes to attend college where she said she'd like to have a double major, biology perhaps, to accompany her musical studies. After that, she hopes to continue with her musical pursuits and one day would like to play professionally in an orchestra.

Schneider graduates

Jessica Ilse Schneider of Mountside was among the students who graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., on June 14.

Schneider, a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, received a bachelor of science degree, cum laude, in psychology.

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RELIGION

Trip to Israel set

Temple Emanu-El of Westfield is sponsoring a trip to Israel in this, the 50th year of its existence. The trip, led by Rabbi Renee Goldberg, will begin Oct. 10 and end Oct. 18, when the weather in Israel is at its best. Included in the itinerary is the capital city of Jerusalem, the holy Golan Heights and the cosmopolitan city of Tel Aviv. Among the sites to be visited are the Golan Heights, Zippori, Safed, Tiberias, Beit Shean, Old and New City of Jerusalem, Maasada, and the Dead Sea. Special features include a Jeep tour of Golan Heights, security seminar at Kibbutz Misgav Am, an archeological dig, a special tour of the

Christian quarter of Jerusalem, an archeological seminar in the old city of Jerusalem, and a visit of Kahlil Ra'anana. The cost per person is \$3,099, based on current air fares, with a single supplement of \$835. If you are interested in celebrating Israel's 50th anniversary and Simchat Torah in Israel, call Temple Emanu-El at (908) 232-6770.

Temple sponsors trip

An all-inclusive trip to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary will be sponsored by the Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, on Nov. 2-15, 1998. The 14-day fully escorted deluxe tour of Israel,

will leave from Newark Airport on El Al Airliner. The cost is \$2,795 per person, round trip, double occupancy. Single and triple rates are also available. All are invited to join the group. There will be no additional charge for non-Temple members.

The tour will begin in Jerusalem with accommodations at the new Dan Pearl Hotel for four nights including extensive sightseeing and celebrating the Sabbath together with a dinner and service. The following day, the group will leave for Masada and an overnight stay at the Hyatt Spa at the Dead Sea. Next continuing south, there will be a visit to the Mines of Solomon, Mt. Zabor, and a stop at a working Kibbutz for lunch. The overnight stay

will be at the Moriah Hotel in Eilat followed by a tour of the underwater aquarium, bird sanctuary and Biblical Zoo. Next on the Jordan through the Arava border, arriving at the city of Petra where the night will be spent. The following day there will be a tour of the ancient buildings of red sandstone, traveling north over the Jordanian mountains viewing Mount Nebo (where Moses first viewed the Promised Land) and stopping at Amman and Jerash, toward evening the group will cross back into Israel over the Hussein Bridge and an overnight stay at the Moriah Hotel in Tiberias. There will be an early morning visit to S'fal, followed by the Golan Heights, Meggido, Haifa, and

Cassarea. The final destination will be Tel Aviv to view such attractions as the Dispora Museum and Haifa and a farewell middle eastern dinner at the hotel.

Included in the tour price is the extensive sightseeing; deluxe meals; full Israel breakfast daily; five dinners; all taxes and service charges; all tips to guides and drivers; private home visits; and meetings with Israeli Government officials.

Space for the Sha'arey Shalom Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom must be made by June 1. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Marge

Grossbath or Arlene Newman through the Temple office at (973) 379-5387.

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YMCA to host free wellness workshop

The Summit YMCA is running a free wellness workshop called Women and Heart Disease on Wednesday, June 24 from 3-4 p.m.

Most of what we know about heart disease evolved from research done on men. This workshop will present current recommendations and diagnostic techniques specifically for women. Maureen Howard, R.N., who will present the workshop, is a cardiovascular clinical specialist at Overlook Hospital.

This wellness workshop is presented through the YMCA Fitness

Center, which will be hosting a series of wellness workshops on themes topics of interest to YMCA members featuring lectures, demonstrations and hands-on participation. The theme for the summer is Heart Health.

In addition to the Women and Heart Disease workshop, the YMCA will also host Healthy Mind, Healthy Heart on July 15 from 3-4 p.m., and August 4 from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, please contact the YMCA at (908) 273-4242. The YMCA is located at 77 Maple Street in Summit. Just off Morris Avenue.

Letter writers

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor expressing views on topics of interest. Letters should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than 2 1/2 pages. When needed, letters will be edited for length.

Address letters for consideration to: Letters to the editor, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. The deadline for letters is 9 a.m. Monday.

Gladys L. Bowman

Gladys L. Bowman, 87, of Springfield died June 10 in New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, New York City.

Born in New York, Mrs. Bowman lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1935. She was a bookkeeper for Bankers Indemnity Insurance Co., Newark, for many years before retiring. Mrs. Bowman was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group Six.

Surviving are two sons, Alfred E. and Lee T., and three grandchildren.

Regina Weinberg

Regina Weinberg of Somerset, formerly of Roselle and Springfield, died June 13 in the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged, Somerset. Born in Germany, Mrs. Weinberg lived in Roselle and Springfield before moving to Somerset six years

ago. She was a salesperson at Levy's Department Store, Elizabeth, and retired in 1973. Before that, Mrs. Weinberg worked at Goerke's Department Store, Elizabeth. She was a member of the Senior League of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Wisom-Goldman, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lucille Cruse

Lucille Cruse, 86, of Summit died June 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Cartersville, Ga., Mrs. Cruse lived in Buffalo, N.Y., before moving to Summit 15 years ago. She was a department manager for a 20-year at Manufacturers Trades and Trust Co., Buffalo, and retired in 1977. Mrs. Cruse was a 1932 graduate of Georgia State College for Women. She was a member of the Fournightly Club, the TWIG at Overlook Hospital, the Saltbrook Quarters and the

Central Presbyterian Church Women, all in Summit.

Surviving are two sisters, Katherine Gisel and Dorothy Ryden.

William S. Dean

William S. Dean, 94, of Summit, a retired engineer, died June 10 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Eufaula, Ala., Mr. Dean lived in Summit for many years. He was employed by New Jersey Bell Telephone Co., Newark, for 40 years and retired as a division manager in 1969. Mr. Dean received a degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, and a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School. He was a member of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers, the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit. Surviving are his wife, Ruth W.; a

son, William S. Jr.; two daughters, Dorothy Royce and Carolyn; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Shaw

Mary Shaw, 75, of Joplin, Mo., formerly of Springfield and Summit, died June 9 in a nursing home in Missouri.

Born in Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Shaw lived in Springfield and Summit before moving to Joplin in 1997.

Surviving is a brother, Charles Crowder.

Mary G. Vetusch

Mary G. Vetusch, 85, of Summit died June 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Vetusch lived in Summit since 1928. She was a volunteer with the Verona Fathers in Montclair.

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Springfielder reflects on a historic battle

As the 218th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, which took place on June 23, 1780, approaches, Springfield resident James Napier was inspired to write a poem about this important conflict including the events which preceded it. Its premiere public recitation was done by Napier at the May 19 meeting of the Springfield Historical Society. It reads:

The Battle of Springfield
June 23, 1780

Let history speak of a distant date
A father D-Day the 6th of June, 1780;
Slumbering on the meadows the canopy of night
Springfield on this date was touched by destiny,
Springtime then, the frozen winter past,
The receiving earth awaiting the spill of blood,
Suddenly, atop the Short Hills, the alarm cannon's roar!
Knyphausen massing westward on Morris Avenue
Opposing him furious brigade and militiamen.
Three hours steadfast, steadfast in the breach.
And then retreat,
Union in flames.

Washington and troops rush from Morristown.
His stern command: Defend at the helm.
Again the dusk and the dark; now the anxious vigil.
This day's portent clear, a new dawn, a new death.
Strange outcomes in deepest night:
Violence above; lightning, thunder, pouring rain.
And Knyphausen gone!

Obscure prologue to the obscure battle
To follow, when the British army, reinforced,
Returned on the 23rd to drive the patriot back:
To push Greaves from the Railway,
To capture Washington in the trap.
And end the war at a stroke.

Family panic and flight; now Springfield was taken.
No victorious glow awaited the British advance.
Hit and run was the patriotic way. Strike and strike —
Now here, now there! Attack, withdraw, harass.
Defend and scramble, reform and stand.
Add the sniper's deadly fire.

Too much at last for the invading foe.
Burn the village, burn the church — retreat!

Here at Springfield was no Concord shot
Heard round the world.
Battle or skirmish — no matter the name
To those who fought and lived, and those who died.
Here were quarrelsome ways, mutinous disputes all put aside:
Here in concert was the countryside roused.
Here fought the ragged, ill-fed Continentals,
The New Jersey Brigade of Maxwell
And the dauntless farmer militiamen,
In from family, field and homestead,
Defying the crown and bending the will of England.

After the shot of musket and rifle, the concussion of cannon,
Hark to the whisper of names borne on the wind of memory:
Dayton and Dickinson, Angell and Stark and Reeve, Caldwell and Greene...
These, and more, borne from the waving fields of Springfield
To this small plot, this burial ground, where now we pause
And summon long thoughts on victory and loss.
Jim Napier
May 15, 1998

Napier is a retired professor of English from New Jersey Institute of Technology, formerly Newark College of Engineering. He and his wife, Mary Francis, are longtime historical enthusiasts. They and their three children have been residents since 1955.

Their intense interest in the community's lifestyles of the 1700s was reinforced when Napier's wife participated in a project for the Springfield Garden Club involving the beautification of the Springfield cemetery across from the historic First Presbyterian Church. She mentioned some of the names on the tombstones of New Jersey militiamen who had been buried there to her husband. Research of the Battle and the Colonial era was done at the Springfield Free Public Library. Napier did more onsite investigations of the tombstones in the cemetery. He then incorporated the actual physical observations with the historical accounts from the buried bones.

Unit seeks vols

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery Program.

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MOPPETS — The MOPPET preschool class at Deerfield School in Mountaintown is shown practicing for their production of "Barnyard Banter." The students helped to construct their animal costumes and props. A successful performance was held for family and friends during Open House at Deerfield School on May 28. Top row are Emily Smith, Matthew Griffin, Nicholas Tricarco, Reidin Embry and Daniel Sommer. Bottom row are Alex Choma, Max Menaker, Tyler Quinivan and Emily Lovell.

Deley appointed

Union County Manager Michael J. Lepolla has announced that the county has chosen James Deley as director of policy and planning. Since 1995, Deley had been director of project development for the Elizabeth Development Corporation, responsible for project management of the city's \$100 Million Midtown Redevelopment Area project and on several other planning projects within the city.

Mauro Checchio, who currently serves as director of policy and planning, will continue to work for the county as special assistant to the county manager for economic development. Lepolla said Checchio will work half-time for the county and half-time as special assistant to Ronald L. Applbaum, the president of Keen University.

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Deley brings extensive project management experience to the position, particularly with large public entities. He has worked with the Newark Economic Development Corporation, NJ Transit and the City of Clifton, as well as for several private organizations, including Continental Airlines. He was a project manager on development of One Penn Plaza in Newark and on the Newark-Elizabeth Rail link, which will ultimately connect the business districts of Newark and Elizabeth with Newark Airport and Port Elizabeth.

"This appointment furthers this board's goal of linking economic development with transportation planning," said Freshfields Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "As our economic development projects move from concept to actual blueprints and development plans, we need someone with

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Mr. Deley's experience and background at the helm." Sullivan noted that Deley has managed projects which required coordination with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, private businesses, and county, state and local governments.

Seminar offered

A Union County Police Officer Youth Week seminar is being offered next month for young adults interested in law enforcement. The seminar is for high school students who have completed their junior year. To qualify, applicants need to have a written recommendation from their school's guidance counselor or principal and be able to participate in physical fitness activities. The simulated law enforcement

training program, with a special emphasis this year on gang resistance education, will be conducted by the Union County Police Chiefs Association with the support of the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

"This promises to be an exciting week of interesting presentations that will cover all facets of police training," said Garwood Police Chief Robert Ryan. The Youth Week program will take place at the John S. Stamler Police Academy from July 13 to July 17. Training will include information about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse, anger management, conflict resolution and cultural diversity.

Applications are available at all Union County high schools. For more information, call Chief Ryan in Garwood, (908) 789-1500.

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Sundays, festival & holiday morning-9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both high school and pre-collegiate school aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Chanukah School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for film through weekly prayer, and a Boy's Adult Education program. A Simons' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 76 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5787. Leahna Goldstein, Rabb, Amy Daniels, Cantor/Religious Director, (201) 379-5787. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, mechaziv by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evening at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Sunday morning Torah study class begins at 9:45 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturdays and mornings for grades K-5; on Tuesdays and Tuesdays afternoon for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for ages 8-12. Multi-subject Sunday school classes are available for children ages 2-7 through. The Temple has the support of a wide range of programs including Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call Temple Office, (201) 379-5387.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The 7th grade Summit Lacrosse Club team plays an outstanding game in defeating Chester 10-5 last week.

Eric Lupton scored four goals and Grant Cowherd three to pace Summit's explosive attack.

Fred Kron, Mike Tammaro and Ryan Dinnmore also played well for Summit, which finished its season with an impressive winning record of 7-3.

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 The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association/Educational Testing Service Scholar-Athlete award program has completed its 14th consecutive year.

Growing from an initial list of 405 winners of participating schools, they have selected 547 male and female winners, with 288 schools responding.

ETS President Nancy S. Cole and NISIAA Executive Director Boyd A. Sands expressed pride and satisfaction at the success and growth of a program which recognizes versatile student leaders.

Winners must rank in the Top 10 percent of their senior class, have the recipient of at least two varsity letters, and have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, character and service within school and community.

Below, boy first and girl second, are the Union County NISIAA Scholar-Athletes for 1988:

Roselle: Koran Godwin, Alexis Smith. Johnson: Eric Gerstner, Justine Kosmoski. Cranford: Kevin Feeley, Megan Weiss. Brearley: Kevin Foy, Marc Kaminsky. Dayton: Katrina Moulton, Eric Fishman. Hillsdale: Jason Freeman, Aneshkah Simmons. Kent Place: Sarah Hill. Linden: Mario Principato, Stephanie Narkiewicz. New Providence: Jeffrey Eng, Catherine Chen. Oak Knoll: Brema Supple. Orator: David Cruz. Plainfield: Kishwayne Virgo, Lynette Thorpe. Rahway: Antonio Gump, Kaye Feroce. Roselle Catholic: Nathaniel Opych, Shannon Walker. Scotch Plains: Douglas Bishop, James Langevin. Union: Terrell Jackson, Kristen Redeker. Union Catholic: Christopher Mason, Erin Vogt. Westfield: Daniel Todd, Sage Steffik.

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 Tickets are now on sale for the 20th Annual First Union North-South All-Star Football Classic and the inaugural Governor's Bowl.

Both high school All-Star football games will take place at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway, the North-South contest scheduled for Saturday night, June 27 at 7:30 and the Governor's Bowl set for Thursday night, July 9 at 7:30.

The North-South game pits 40 of the best players from North Jersey against 40 of the best from South Jersey.

The Governor's Bowl pits the 50 best players from New Jersey against the 50 best from New York.

Tickets for the North-South Game may be purchased from any participating player at \$7.50 at the gate and proceeds go to The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis.

Area players in the North-South game include Elizabeth quarterback Assad Abdul-Khalig (Minnesota), Elizabeth defensive back Gerard Bishop (Temple), Rahway defensive lineman Antonio Garay (Boston College), Johnson linebacker Brian Drake (Pennsylvania) and Governor Livingston linebacker Chris Picomoni.

Tickets for the Governor's Bowl in advance are \$5 and may be purchased by calling the Governor's Bowl ticket hotline* at 973-884-7337 or by sending a check or money order to: Governor's Bowl c/o 600 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, N.J. 07054. A portion of the proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.

Area players in the Governor's Bowl include: Abd-Khalig, Bishop, Garay, Johnson, offensive lineman Jerry DeRillo (Illinois), Elizabeth defensive lineman Keivan Graham (Virginia), and Elizabeth defensive back Maurice McClain (Syracuse).

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 Union County College will expand its tennis course offerings to include courses for beginners and intermediate-level players. Classes will be conducted on the college's tennis courts beginning Tuesday, June 20 and will run through August 1.



Summit High School standout catcher Joe Mormak will continue his baseball career on the Division 1-AA level at Lehigh University.

Springfield Youth Baseball squads turn in solid efforts

Players sparkle at bat and in the field

The following are Springfield Youth Baseball Association results:

PONY LEAGUE

Springfield Yankees 7, Berkeley Heights Giants 3; Christina Palermo struck out three and Dean Kakounis two for Springfield. Also playing well for the winning team were Mike Nitolo, Nick Perrelli, Ted Young, Tim Homilich, Dean Chencharick, Steve Cohen and Erich Butnaman.

Springfield Yankees 5, Berkeley Heights Yankees 4; Tim Homilich and Dean Chencharick struck out three each. Also playing well for the winning team were Steve Cohen, Dean Kakounis, David Berschey, Ted Young, David Levine and Christina Palermo.

Springfield Orioles 15, Berkeley Heights Arizona 7; The Orioles threw into the winning column with a strong victory that took place last week at Sandmeier Field. Kevin Dash hurling a complete game in scoring his first victory. Eric Decker and Alec Garlin had two hits each and Matt Sijaling scored four runs. Also playing well for Springfield were John O'Reilly, Sean Frank, Brian Sperber, Joe Kabooni, Daniel Levinson and J.T. Weatherston. Kehon and the team's catcher, threw out two runners attempting to steal.

Fishkin, Alison Helfand, Sara Neimani, Caitlin Norton, Amanda DiCocco, Jaime Kukowski, Carol Rodriguez, Amanda Lagotis, Daniella Scheer, Kaitie Favorio, Miran Aptean and Courtney Manders.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

The Springfield Metal Braves had a spectacular softball season.

From the very first game, hitting and fielding came naturally to these fine players.

Alex Mohr was a fielding star as well as a speedster around the bases. Justina Fiorelli, with both hitting and fielding skills, is sure to be an All-Star in her next few seasons.

Caitlin Curtis was safe on every hit with her lightning speed. Dana Robinson was, by far, one of the team's most consistent hitters all season.

Haley Korspan displayed a very powerful swing and Christine Loi made several excellent fielding plays.

Carly Adnan, with her speed and her arm, was one of the team's best all-around players. Sarah Johnston made some major league plays in the infield and also hit the ball well.

Lisa Genovese made superb contact with the ball and Erica Blaugher made outstanding plays in her favorite position, second base.

Janis Cohen and Stacey Sommer were golden glove stars who also produced the team's biggest stuns.

Red Sox and Marx and Leo Silverman pitched one scoreless inning each for the Dodgers.

AA

Rockies 7, Marlins 5; Stephen Suarez, Scott Cheroff and Jake Floyd drove in runs for the Rockies after the Marlins had a 3-2 lead.

Floyd drove in Suarez and Cheroff with his second triple of the game in the fourth inning.

Playoff action, involving eight teams, was scheduled to commence Monday and continue Tuesday.

The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday and the championship game for Sunday.

Traveling All-Stars chosen

The Springfield age 9 and 10 traveling All-Stars include: Paul Bellevue, Pat Ciroelli, Jesse Galinkin, Randall Hering, Ryan O'Reilly, Zach Silverman, Greg Stefanelli, David Steinman, Brandon Stern-Cherles, Kenneth Suarez, Stephen Suarez, Steven Totumanni and P.J. Torres and the coaches, Scott Steinman, John O'Reilly and Michael Suarez. Sponsors: (9-10) 6th Ave. Elctc., (11-12) Exquisite Caterers, (13) Autoland.

All-Stars selected

Springfield's All-Stars will challenge teams from Berkeley Heights, Kenilworth and Mountainside.

The All-Stars include: Brent Berger, Yuri Porungal, Michael Rodriguez and Ryan Stromeyer of the Phillies; Eric Decker, Sean Frank, Joseph Kahooni and Greg Zinberg of the Orioles and Dean Chencharick, Steven Cohen, Michael Nitolo and Christina Palermo of the Yankees.

All-Star Games commenced this week and will continue on Sunday, with the league playoffs scheduled to begin next week.

LOWER DIVISION GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Marlins 7, Phillies 7 (tie); Stacey Fosco and Justine Burke pitched well for the Phillies and teammates Jaclyn Salant and Leslie Tiele also played well. Carrie Fishkin and Amanda DiCocco pitched well for the Marlins and teammate Caitlin Norton hauled out a hit and scored a run.

Also playing well were Nicole Cerglino, Lisa Friedo, Jon Cullio and Carolyn Maul, who made an outstanding play at first base that helped prevent the Phillies from scoring in the winning run.

All-Stars named

The Phillies and Yankees All-Star team will play the Marlins and Cardinals All-Star team Saturday at 1 p.m. at Chisholm Field.

Phillies/Yankees All-Stars include: Rachel Dickinson, Leann Frawley, Jessica Roland, Jennifer Karl, Dana Pollock, Jennifer Sanchez, Rachel Grubberg, Julie Schoenfeld, Stacey Fosco, Pauline DiFabio, Justine Burke, Jaime Weisman and Jaclyn Salant.

Marlins/Cardinals All-Stars include: Carrie Fishkin, Adrianna, Carrie

Red Sox 23, Yankees 1; Lisa Clark pitched well to earn her first mound victory. Lyndsey Stearns scored four runs and led the Red Sox with six RBI. Anthony DeNicolo batted a two-run triple in the second and Anthony Sivalo batted an inside-the-park, grand slam home run. Mike Luciano, Harris Tuchman and Sara Steinman held doubles and David Sklar blasted two triples.

Dodgers 11, Yankees 4; Kenneth Suarez pitched two scoreless innings in this playoff game for the Dodgers who entered with a record of 6-5-2. Steven King drove in the team's first run.

Jesse Weatherston batted a double to drive in a run for the Yankees. Bryan Stitt drove in a run for the Dodgers with a double.

The Dodgers broke the game open in the fourth with seven runs. Corey Evans, Kenneth Suarez, Leo Silverman, Jeremy Marx and Stitt drove in runs. Stitt batted a triple.

Loe Ferrino scored the Yankees' final run while Evans drove in the Dodgers' final two runs.

Red Sox 10, Braves 8; This playoff game, contested at Roessem Field, was tied at 8-8 when David Sklar drove in the winning run.

Red Sox 4, Dodgers 3; David Sklar provided the game-winning hit again, as the Red Sox rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the championship game.

Michael Krosner drove in the Dodgers' first two runs and Jeremy Marx the third.

Starters Frankie Miceli for the Red Sox and Jeremy Marx for the Dodgers both pitched well. Harris Tuchman pitched two scoreless innings for the

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Summit's Mormak is quite a catcher

Emotional leader off to Lehigh

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

Summit High School senior catcher Joe Mormak, the emotional leader of a team that captured the Union County Tournament title as well as the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division championship this past season, will take his baseball talents to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, beginning in the fall.

Not your traditional catcher, Mormak, a southpaw, was nearly impossible to run against while flashing excellent speed himself on the baspaths.

Maybe the most impressive of all his feats this season was the fact that Mormak played every inning of every game for Summit. Rightfielder Kyle Bennett was the only Hilltopper other than Mormak to accomplish the feat.

The Hilltoppers compiled a lofty 22-6 mark and also reached the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 title game.

The fiery Mormak, who always kept his teammates focused on the game, also called the pitches for one of the best, if not the best, pitching staffs in Union County. Mormak's game-calling helped senior Jared Chelvello to a 6-2 mark and a 2.48 ERA and led fellow senior Jason Flores to a 5-1 record and a 0.93 ERA.

At the plate, Mormak batted .269 and tied with Chelvello for fourth in the team lead in RBI with 14: One of only three Hilltoppers to hit a home run this year, Mormak smacked a two-run shot in Summit's 5-0 blanking of Boonton on the road on April 29.

Mormak, who carries a 3.8 GPA, also played every minute for the football team in the fall, carrying the ball nine times up for 50 yards and catching four passes for 33 yards on offense while nailing 14 solo tackles and assisting on 19 others on defense.

Summit won four games last season, including a 26-20 victory over playoff-bound Mendham in the season-finale at home on Nov. 30.



OUTSTANDING GYMNAST — Kyla Mattioli, a graduate of Deerfield School in Mountainside, competed in the Junior Olympic Women's National Gymnastics Tournament held in Seattle, Washington. Mattioli also competed at the state championships held in Erie, Pa. and placed fourth in the vault and fifth in the uneven bars. Mattioli placed seventh on the uneven bars and ninth in the all-around, earning a spot on the Region 7 National Team, which consists of gymnasts from Virginia, West Virginia, Washington D.C., Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware. Mattioli trains at Parkettes National Training Center in Allentown, Pa. and is finishing her sophomore year at Allentown Central Catholic High.

Mountainside's Conway is a college baseball All-America

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

Following a stellar senior season on the diamond at Governor Livingston High School in 1997, Mountainside resident Craig Conway continued his excellence on the field this year as a member of the highly successful Montclair State University baseball team.

A second baseman, Conway was named a Division 3 third-team All-America, the first freshman ever to gain such an honor in Red Hawk history.

Conway batted .362 (63-for-174) with one home run and 30 RBI. The super frosh also scored 40 runs, smacked 12 doubles and banged out six triples, the second-highest total on the team.

Conway, who began the season hitting in the seven hole but was moved up to third in the order as he continued to make progress at the plate, was also named to a slew of all-star teams, including first-team All-New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC), All-East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) and All-State.

Conway played in and started all 47 games this season for the Red Hawks and helped Montclair State to a 35-11-1 record and a berth in the NCAA Division 3 World Series title game.

Conway, who began swinging a hot bat, Conway also excelled in the field where he compiled a lofty .961 fielding percentage and made just nine errors in 230 chances while helping to turn 33 double plays.

Conway's veteran-like performance as a freshman surprised many, but not among that group were his current head coach, Norm Schoening, nor his previous head coach, Bill Howard of GL, both of whom who had nothing but high praise for the rising star.

"I expected Craig to come in and be an outstanding player for us," said Schoening, who just completed his 11th season as the head man for the Red Hawks. "He went out and played every game as second for us and that's exactly why we signed him."

Conway, who became the 31st All-America selection in Red Hawk history, and freshman shortstop David Wurst have an excellent chance to become the best middle infield duo ever at Montclair State according to Schoening.

"Aside from being an outstanding baseball player, Craig is a fine young man and a very good student," Schoening

said. "I believe he has a strong baseball future, not only collegiately, but also down the road at another level."

Howard, whose team won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 title this past season, described Conway as, "a very intelligent tools player with no weaknesses," and one of his favorites over a coaching career that has now spanned 23 years.

The Division 3 national runner-up Red Hawks were also crowned NJAC and Mid-Atlantic Region champions on the way to their appearance in the NCAA World Series.

Montclair State, which won the Division 3 World Series in 1993 and 1987 and has now reached the Regional Finals seven years in a row, went 4-2 in the Series this year, downing Cortland State twice and Aurora University and NC Wesleyan once apiece while falling to eventual national champion Eastern Michigan twice.

A key factor in Montclair State's success this season was its impressive 17-5 record on the road. The Hawks also went 9-3-1 at home while winning nine against just three losses at neutral sites.

Conway's teammate Dan Wyther, an outfielder who hit .392 with nine home runs, 54 RBI and a team-high 60 runs scored, was also named a third-team Division 3 All-America. First baseman Shawn McCorkle, who hit .412 with 14 homers and 54 RBI and was taken in the seventh round of the Major League draft by the Seattle Mariners, was a second candidate for All-America status but was not named to the team.

Should McCorkle sign with Seattle, something he has yet to do, he and senior E.J. Scheble would be the only two every day players from this season's squad not to return next season, something that bodes quite well for the immediate future of Montclair State baseball.

As a senior at GL, Conway batted .530 and fell just .010 points short of the record for the highest single-season average in Highlander history. Also the team's No. 2 starter, Conway garnered first-team All-County, All-Mountain Valley Conference and All-State Group 2 honors in 1997 for his standout play.

Maybe the most impressive of all his high school achievements, though, may have been the fact that Conway struck out just once during a junior season that included more than 90 at-bats. As a senior last season, Conway was sent down on strikes just five times.

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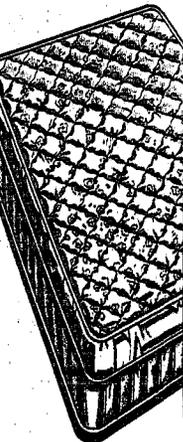
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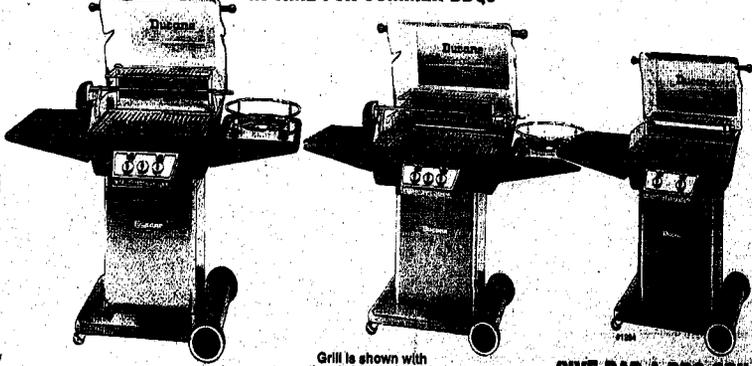
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