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Taking the mike

Local comedy writer drops his pen and picks up the mike in his own stand-up act.

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Condominiums may rise in Springfield

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Special Springfield Planning Board public hearing on Bryant Park Commons is set to be held at the Jonathan Dayton High School Library Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m.

The board and applicant Bryan Park Commons LLC & K&K Developers agreed to hold the hearing at 8 p.m. for the anticipated zoning application from Springfield and Summit. At least two Springfield officials, Councilwoman Cynthia Martin and Community Services Director Michael Townley, said in a recent meeting, "I entered myself" in the hearing to attend the hearing.

Marion Williams, Public Safety Committee, referred to the original fury. Chairman. The applicants asked for a deferral and this is the special meeting.

Planning Board Secretary Linda Gugliano said Tuesday afternoon that the meeting is still on schedule. She further said that Summit was referred

to ask the applicant for a set of plans which Townley said he received.

Bryant Park Commons and K&K want to build four three-story condominium buildings on the Carter-Bell factory site. Of the 136 dwelling units to go up, 28 would be earmarked for Springfield's low- and moderate-income housing obligation. An area of the 7.7-acre property would be allocated for 263 parking spaces.

The applicants are asking for several zoning variances, including one for landscaping the parking lot.

Springfield is to provide between 134 and 135 affordable housing units under its Mount Laurel obligation. Concerns about possible

environmental cleanup crisis, however, excluded the Carter-Bell property from several township housing master plans. That and its distance from shopping areas prompted the Springfield City Council to withdraw the site from a senior citizens housing center there.

The Carter-Bell site, zoned for general industrial use, is in Springfield's northwestern corner. It is bordered by part of the Park & Ride lot, a New Jersey Department of Transportation storage yard, Route 24, the Rahway Valley Rail Road bed and the Troy Hills condominium.

Carter-Bell and Springfield, however, share boundary lines with Summit. Across the city line is "Muyn."

County's Briar Park, a private home, eight-unit condominium, a General Public Utilities substation and the Park & Ride.

The site is zoned off from Morris Avenue by way of Park Drive. Boundaries run down the drive's centerline.

The proximity of Summit properties to the site prompted Summit Councilwoman Mary Barge to ask the city to notify residents of a pending planning or zoning matter within 200 feet of the property line.

Summit officials, meanwhile, are tracking volume, housing density and environmental cleanup costs.

Borough heads into cyberspace

By Mark Goldwurtz
Staff Writer

It's all in the name of interaction and communication with the public, said Mountainside Administrator Greg Bonin. Bonin is the designer of Mountainside's official site on the World Wide Web.

Currently residing in cyberspace at www.mountainside.nj.com, the website contains the essentials in Mountainside-related fare. It's still in the working stages, said Mayor Bob Vigliano. "When it's done, the website will be beneficial to residents and people looking to relocate to Mountainside."

According to Vigliano, the site is set up much in the same fashion as the Mountainside Passport to Citizens Participation, which volume published by the borough which serves as a guidebook to local government and organizations.

"The site will have a list of boards and commissions, pictures of officials, demographic information about Mountainside, schedules of events and a photo-tour of the town," said Bonin. "Eventually we hope to make the website interactive, so that people will be able to register, licensure and pay badges through their computer."

The website will also feature links to community organizations such as the library and Big Brothers and Big Sisters websites of interest like the White House and Congress.

Another regular feature of the site is open forum, borough council meetings shown in tape.

Mountainside's community television station currently has a staff of only two. As far as Capibancroff carried the load himself, but some time ago he has been receiving the help of James DePietri, who will now be his assistant.

Mountainside residents and organizations are encouraged to put in video tapes of noteworthy activities taking place in the community.

Work activity bringing more homes into town

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Those going plus specifically Springfield may have noticed some construction activity during the last few months.

On the 10th white birchbound Maple Avenue merges with Spring Field Avenue. Foundations for ten apartments are being laid by the Springfield Nursery on Mountain Avenue and a three-story house, being built next door.

According to the respective Columbius Corp. and The Edge at Springfield projects, whose developers have been granted to construct 30 apartments.

The work may have an impact on Springfield beyond these new projects. At least 15 of the units will be earmarked for satisfying the townships Khankhanian fair housing obligation. At the same time, there may be two less lots for each building to be built on.

The projects may usher a construction boom. NJ Cooper is preparing to build 14 units along Hillside Avenue. The Township Committee is working on an agreement which may put the new firehouse at 105 Mountain Ave.

There is also the Bryant Park Commons site plan before the Planning Board. Its developer wants to add 13 units condominium on the old Carter-Bell site.

Columbus Corp. is developing the old 44-acre Columbia Cungeyard by starting Properties Living. Stirling received Planning Board approval on Feb. 4, followed by a Department of Environmental Protection affidavit and an easement with the Elko Lodge Tree Trunks and Con-

crete pads have since been approved. "Things are going well," says project manager Joe Borromeo. "The site hasn't seen the sky yet, so we are about to begin the concrete foundation."

As three-story, 75-unit apartment buildings are to rise by year's end, with 15 units for the Mount Laurel obligation, The Edge at Springfield between 132 and 135 housing units.

The Edge at Springfield is also moving along. The developer of the same name received approvals to build 10 luxury houses on the 5-acre site in late 1997. The land was bought from the nursery and its garage and a row of greenhouses were demolished by April.

Works since then included placing concrete slabs, office, building a dead end street with curb and paving a model home.

"We should have the model home open in December 1998," says Ian Allen, The Edge Project Manager. "The street is Ronan Edge Road, named after the late Ronan Racioppo. We're getting ready to move into our sales office as the tower takes shape."

Allen hopes all 15 houses to be completed by 2000. The Mount Laurel fair-housing share, however, isn't known.

The Edge's purchase and surveying partners had come from E.P. Steele, however, reduces the 15-acre tract to 40 percent. Several fair-housing and zoning master plans have revised the nursery land as a prime area for meeting the Mount Laurel obligation.

The Springfield Nursery is close and have the parcels intact.

Cooling down at the pool



Jessica Hoher, age 4, cools down with a swimming lesson from Jaclyn Honer at the Springfield municipal pool.

Three officers reach rank of corporal

By Mark Goldwurtz

Staff Writer

Three Mountainside police officers were promoted Tuesday night and soon will don their new uniforms. Councilman Ronald Romualdo, in his third year of service, Thomas Murphy, also in his fourth year, and Andrew Sullivan, a 30-year veteran of the Mountainside Police Department.

The promotions are well deserved, said Mountainside Chief of Police James DePietri. These men are excellent individuals and proactive officers. They are all doing a terrific job.

Ariel Wagner, a sergeant at the Mountainside pool, received a resolution of recognition from the Borough Council for her heroes on the job. This may be only a piece of paper but it shows our gratitude, said Mayor Robert Vigliano. Wagner received a

mention in distress while on duty at the pool.

The Borough Council consented to tax refund in the amount of \$54,25 to her agent. According to Romualdo, she became the tax appeal by a property owner who received a favorable judgment by the court.

The council went on to authorize the execution of big modification of the Interlocal Services Agreement. This provides authorization to renew a contract we've had with the county for years, said Vigliano.

There were three sets of appointments made on Tuesday night. DePietri, a non-binding resolution passed by the Suburban Municipal Joint Health Insurance Fund. The council named Administrator Gregory Bonin as senior citizen coordinator for the Borough of Mountainside.

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Issued by the Borough Council was a non-binding resolution to pass the Suburban Municipal Joint Health Insurance Fund. The council named Administrator Gregory Bonin as senior citizen coordinator for the Borough of Mountainside.

"We're looking to increase health coverage for all borough employees," said Vigliano. "But also at a reduced price."

The Mountainside Historic Preservation Commission has three new members: George Benninger, Richard Benninger and Nancy Benninger-Spalding were all appointed by the council.

The evening's final appointment was Lisa Classy, who was named senior citizen coordinator for the Borough of Mountainside.

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The Rutgers Cooperative Extension offers a nine-month course in Master Gardening, said Greenberg. After taking a test and passing a certificate, we spend 100 hours volunteering ourselves to public projects like this one.

Several of the Master Gardeners wear Springfield Garde Club shirts or hats. While Bongiovanni said the Garde Club has worked with the historical society in the past, Greenberg and some club members happen to be Master Gardeners.

This is not the only project on tap for the Jonathan Ball House. A group of professional horticulturists are expected to work within a month. There is also a landscape design team set to be held Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Garden to grace historical house

By Walter Elliott

Staff Writer

Nine people filled the earth behind 126 Morris Ave. Monday morning.

The address is the Jonathan Ball House, headquarters of the Springfield Historical Society. The fillers, mostly members of the Master Gardeners of New Jersey, were preparing the soil for the society's first project.

This project has been going on for the last six weeks, although it feels like years sometimes, said Historical Society President Janice Bongiovanni, as she stopped collecting bricks from the plot. We're getting the soil ready to plant a new colonial era garden by herself. The garden will be blooming next spring.

Bongiovanni displayed a drawing of the new garden. The society plans to grow a manicured garden with a bird bath in the center.

The Jonathan Ball House would then have a garden in keeping with Mount Vernon, Monticello or other Georgian era homes. The house built around 1740, started life as a residence for a farming family. Although families lived in the house into the 20th century, its uses included a field hospital during the Battle of Springfield in 1776 and an inn.

Some of the plants would be herbs, said Bongiovanni, of the Georgia garden, pricing the house in years past. Herbs were used for food and medicinal purposes at that time.

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Boy Scout Troop reactivated



Above: Troop 177, the Mountainside Boy Scout Troop, is reactivated at a birthday celebration at Community Presbyterian Church, of Mountainside, on May 30. Below: Troop 177 holds its first car wash on June 20.



Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross is offering lifesaving courses

Every day in the community, the Red Cross is at work responding to emergencies. In the past year, the Red Cross volunteers worked endlessly to assist families in Disaster Relief, Hurricane preparedness training in CPR, First Aid, HIV/AIDS training, and Water Safety.

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

Sunday

The Tractate Nature and Science Center, in Mountainside will hold a planetarium show called "Queen, Queen at 3:30 p.m. The concert will feature an alien story combined with the music of Queen. Songs will include Bohemian Rhapsody, Radio GaGa, and more. Admission will be \$7.25 per person and \$2.75 for seniors. No children under age 10 are allowed. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

Wednesday

Ruth Yablonsky, Tractate Naturalist will provide a glimpse at the life of Native Americans through slide artifacts, tales, and music during a presentation called "Denepe Lore at the Tractate Nature and Science Center. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the admission will be \$4 per person. No children under the age of four will be admitted, and at the end of the program everyone will participate in a special dance.

Thursday

Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Meet at the Tractate Nature and Science Center at 352 New Providence Road in Mountainside and bring a lunch, mug for beverage, shovel, pickaxe, and gloves, if available. Participants must be age 14 and up. To pre-register, call (908) 789-3670 to pre-register.

Friday

The Summit area chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at ARC, 695 Spring

Ave. in Summit from 2:30 to 8 p.m. All blood drives are conducted by NBL Blood Services. Donors will need to bring ID with picture of signature and know their Social Security number.

Oct. 24

The second annual flea market at the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20 for a space and the rain date is Oct. 31. Flea market vendors and people looking to sell off their unwanted garage sale items are asked to call Tom at (908) 587-0779, Esther at (908) 587-4968, or the church at (973) 767-695 for an application.

Oct. 24 & 25

The second annual craft show at St. James the Apostle in Springfield will be held Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$60 for one table and two chairs for both days and \$90 for two tables and four chairs for both days. The entire school will be utilized due to the overwhelming response last year. Tables will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Any questions or for an application, call Angie at (973) 376-5612 or Janet at (973) 312-0292.

Wednesday

The Springfield Public Library has announced its summer hours. The library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday until Sept. 6, but will be open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Tuesday and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Wednesday

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

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Camillo Rodriguez

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Resident joins medical staff

Dr. Matthew Horn, a resident of Springfield and an obstetrics and gynecology physician, has joined the medical staff of Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

Horn is a graduate of Finch University Health Sciences at the College of Medical School. He completed an internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Horn will be serving as an obstetrics/gynecology house physician at Clara Maass.

Clara Maass Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, provides an unparalleled continuum-of-care to residents of northern New Jersey. Located in Belleville, Clara Maass offers acute-care services through its Continuing Care Center at Bald Eagle, assisted living and long-term care through the Continuing Care Center at Kearny; basic care and hospice services through Jersey City Home Health and Hospice; and diagnostic radiology services through Progressive Imaging Center.

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Matthew Horn

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County to study safety

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced plans to conduct a pedestrian-safety study in the Union and Springfield sections of Route 22. Union County has received a \$48,000 federal grant to conduct the study and has agreed to match it with \$12,000 of county funds.

"It is our belief that the Union and Springfield sections of Route 22 can be very 'dangerous,' particularly because of the center median," said Freeholder Donald Gomperts of Elizabeth. "The freeholder board has been concerned with the number of pedestrians who attempt to cross the highway."

The study will examine the dangers of pedestrian access to Route 22 from a variety of directions and will look

for possible solutions. In some cases, employees who use mass transportation must cross the highway if their bus stops on the opposite side. Pedestrian safety impacts the economic development of that area, employment opportunities for the full- and part-time workers in stores and future development of highway businesses, he said.

This study is an example of the ways Union County has aggressively sought grants and other funding opportunities," said Freeholder Edward Daniel Sullivan. "The county will conduct a \$60,000 study on a very important topic by laying out only \$12,000."

The county's economic development office expects to conduct the study later this year.

Deuchar named to position

Walter Heyvina, president of Statewide Mortgage Funding, has announced that former Mountaintop resident Anne Elizabeth Deuchar has joined Statewide Savings Bank's new Mortgage Funding division as executive vice president and operations manager.

"The addition of Anne solidifies this important new division at Statewide Savings Bank," says Heyvina. "Anne will assist us in generating new mortgage loan business."

Deuchar has more than nine years of banking experience. She spent the last four years in the mortgage warehouse lending business as a loan officer and operations manager for SunTrust Bank. Prior to that, Deuchar was employed at CoreStates-New Jersey National Bank for five years as a small business banking officer and small business loan analyst.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Congratulations and thanks

We congratulate the Lightning Wheels, a group of athletes from the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside who recently journeyed to Washington state and claimed the title of number one junior wheelchair team in the country.

Events such as these are extremely important for kids with disabilities as they allow the children to get out into the world and to experience more than simply the inside of a hospital or home. In addition, the athletic competition boosts self-esteem as well as physical fitness, two very important benefits for any child but especially so for kids unable to enjoy many of the simple pleasures most other children take for granted, like running through the playground or climbing a tree.

Anyone who has experienced prolonged illness or chronic conditions requiring frequent medical care knows how disheartening it can be to be poked, prodded, or even to merely see the inside of a medical facility on a regular basis. For many children with disabilities like cerebral palsy or spinal injuries, these experiences can make up a large portion of their lives.

Ruth Marks, mother of Jillian Marks, a member of the Lightning Wheels and a cancer patient, best summed up the benefits of participating in the national athletic events when she stated, "The best part about the competitions is that Jillian feels like she's normal like there's nothing different about her."

The Lightning Wheels are regulars at the wheelchair championships which provides the kids with something to look forward to and to work toward. All travel to these national competitions made possible by constant fundraising, and we thank all of those responsible for providing the money necessary for these important events.

Make a decision

Empty buildings, in addition to being an eyesore in a community pose numerous hazards for residents ranging from acting as a potential hideout for the homeless or those on the lam from the law, a safe haven for illegal activities like drug use, or a haven for juveniles to drink alcohol and engage in vandalism. The latter potential was demonstrated in Springfield this month with the discovery of three teen-agers inside the vacant 83,329-square-foot Saks Fifth Avenue store on Millburn Avenue.

The property, bought by the Royal Arnold Company in 1994, has been empty for four years. During that time, the building has been frequently breached, as evidenced by the fire and interior property damage discovered at the site. Empty liquor bottles were also found inside.

Royal Arnold has planned some construction on the site to prevent further intrusion and vandalism. However, this step is unlikely to eliminate the problem, as any self-respecting delinquent with time on his hands is more likely to see reinforced locks as a challenge instead of a deterrent.

In engine focusing fire-safe has created three revenue deviants by preventing the property owners from using the location as intended — by opening an Edward's supermarket on the site. Although the township agreed with the plan does involve some important issues such as increased traffic volume and other detrimental effects on nearby residences, four years is too long a period of time to leave such an enormous structure in limbo.

The township's basic argument has been that the variances granted to the Saks Fifth Avenue store in 1988, namely those allowing parking spaces and a building addition to cross into Springfield's residential zone, cannot apply to the new owners. This is silly. The land—including the parts in the residential zone, have been used for the purposes of business for the past 30 years, and any person purchasing such land could reasonably assume that this should continue to be the case.

Superior Court Judge John T. Pisarsky agreed, overturning the Springfield zoning board decision to deny variances to Royal Arnold. Still, the zoning board has failed to make any decisions allowing the owners to take control of their own property. Yet another, likely ineffective, meeting on the issue has been scheduled for next month.

The current state of the site continues as that of a crime and fire hazard for residents and unsupervised kids who use the place as a hang-out, and the township of Springfield is shooting itself in the foot through its stubborn grip on ordinances established more than 40 years ago. Not only is the extraordinary construction delay unfair to the new owners, but no one wants an unheated homeless shelter or a drug den established in the township. Lose the issue, and give the owners what they paid for — both the land and the use of it.

"The First Amendment stands for the notion that when it comes to free speech and a free press, government is always the problem, never the solution."

David Bartlett

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CAMPING FUN — Zachary Silverman, Michael Wallich and Adam Hirst, fifth-graders from Springfield, show their enthusiasm for Willow Lake Day Camp in Lake Hopatcong. The camp boasts three heated pools and a private lake for boating and fishing.

State heritage too important to let slip away**Trenton Report**

By Richard H. Bagger

In we were playing a game of historical word association and I said to you "images," your first response might be "Hollywood." If I said "Revolutionary War," you'd probably say "Boston" or "Philadelphia." If I said "baseball," you'd almost certainly say "Cooperstown, New York."

The correct answer in each case should have been New Jersey, but not many people are aware that the first movies ever filmed on New Jersey sound stages, the George Washington campaign longer in New Jersey than in any other state, or that the first game of baseball was played in Hoboken's Elysian Field.

The fact is very few people know much about New Jersey's history since New Jerseyans don't know nearly enough. As a state we suffer collective amnesia about our past, insecurity about the present and myopia about our potential for the future.

It is sadly also a fact that New Jersey has not done a very good job of remembering what it has done and has done a worse job of telling its children, "and the rest of the world," about its glorious past. The state in which the American Revolution was forged, the Industrial Revolution was forged and the Information Age was born should not have to rely on us telling the punch line to previous jokes.

This ignorance could explain why Benjamin Franklin once called New Jersey a "valley of humility between two mountains of conceit" — and why we often still don't quite grasp the pivotal role New Jersey has played during the past 200 years of American history. New Jersey is a Jersey to be reckoned with.

Our pride is only one of the prices we pay for ignoring our past. The price we pay for losing our heritage can be measured in lost business and foregone tax revenues.

I'm proud of and to be proclaimed — at New Jersey would only take the time to do it. Self-respect, alone, is reason enough to pay more attention to our state's past.

There's another good reason, too.

We tend to live exclusively in the present, as we are the present, but the past and the future is misapplied by us. At our efforts in plan for tomorrow are bound by yesterday's decisions. We are now debating

how to preserve more natural portions of New Jersey's past, its primitive open spaces. This is a debate that cannot take place unless we understand that before shopping malls took root in Bergen County's fields, the "strip mall" gave the Garden State a nickname just as surely as it did the "new" in Burlington County. Or that the explosive growth of the shopping mall never happened without knowing of the history changing construction of the Garden State parkway, or of the creation of a space across New Jersey now can easily succeed if we understand what happened during the past 50 years.

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Consider this: one of the fastest growing sectors of the United States economy is travel, generating \$400 billion a year, and one of the fastest growing segments of the travel industry is what the experts call "heritage tourism," the trips we take to places such as Independence Hall in Philadelphia or the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. New Jersey does well with general tourism, but has not had an concerted plan for heritage tourism.

Several years ago Governor Whitman and several other very concerned New Jerseyans set out to try to change this. The Governor signed a bill I sponsored, with former Assemblywoman Maureen O'Donnell to create a Task Force on New Jersey History, on which I had the honor to serve.

Last year we released a four-volume study of the issues. The task force reached several conclusions that were at the same time disturbing and filled with hope. The Task Force found that if we do not act fast, we will lose vast portions of our past, our identity and, moreover, apathy and indifference. But the task force also found that past investments in preservation sprouts, as they play, will still generate \$432 million annually in expenditures by heritage travelers, resulting in \$77 million in tax revenue to the state and local governments and the creation of more than 7,000 jobs. New Jersey were to take a more consistent and concerted approach to heritage tourism, each of these categories could grow significantly.

We have already begun to make these changes. Governor Whitman accepted the task force's recommendations.

Now take to the many various state agencies with an interest in history and historic preservation and get them on the same page and operating under the same administrative roof. This governor signed an executive order to concentrate these state agencies under the aegis of the Secretary of State.

Recognizing the need to keep our museums out of mothballs, Senator Robert Littell and I are sponsoring a bill to establish a grant program for the history museums around the state.

The time has come to do more. The Littell-Bagger bill is only a start. New Jersey still is not doing enough to physically preserve sites, and documents. We are not doing enough to teach our children about our past or to encourage scholarly efforts to uncover more of it. We have not invested enough to achieve these goals.

There will be those who wonder whether we should do this. When Tom Kean invested in the arts and in tourism advertising as tools of economic development, people scoffed. The scoffers are now silenced by the thunderous applause of standing room only audiences at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and the jingling of cash registers at the Jersey Shore. The time has come to make a similar investment in our heritage and our history. The time has come to reclaim our past so that we can seize the future.

Richard H. Bagger is a New Jersey Assemblyman representing the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Praise for township's decision**

To the Editor:

The July 16 open hearing for the Shaw Sharpe case was quite an experience. I was one of the 50 or so citizens who attended that hearing — a hearing at which the town had decided to drop all charges against Sharpe brought a wave of relief and gratitude to all who were present. My heartfelt congratulations to Mayor S. M. McMullan and the entire Township Committee. Obviously, when the people speak, they listen, and that's good to know.

No ruling can promise and citizens can expect a long time to operate without problems or conflicts. What we can promise and expect is that when the problems and conflicts erupt — as they inevitably do — that we shall treat each other with respect and go about resolving the problems with a common goal, the best interests of the township.

Using that same cooperative spirit that met this most recent problem, I believe that the same cooperative spirit may meet this most recent problem to resolution in the future, as we continue to tackle even greater problems.

Rabbi Perry Raphael Rank
Temple Beth Ahab
Springfield

Look forward to more participation

To the Editor:

Business Week has predicted that this year, as little as one out of three eligible voters will bother to go to the polls, a new low. In order to counteract these abysmal numbers, it is reported that special targeting of the religious right, Republicans and Hispanics and Black voters by the Democrats will be undertaken.

What an opportunity as elected officials to motivate citizens to participate because of the issues we face as Americans, and not simply on the basis of point fund raising or get-out-the-votes.

Starting with the basics, transportation improvement is a big element of the economic development of Union County. Transit costs are especially significant in our ongoing efforts to develop job opportunities for income workers. The Union County Council of Economic Advisors, which I chair, just last week completed our review of light rail transit to invigorate central Union County. This project can become a reality to improve economic condition.

As summer weekend congestion continues, we can ponder the report of the Campaign for Efficient Passenger Transportation, which calculates that mass transit saves four times each dollar invested through reduced-congestion parking fees and oil costs.

Transportation and other subjects are, of course, funded in part by population counts. The desperation of the situation is that while only one-third of the eligible voters participate, it is estimated that 4 million citizens are missed by the current census format and don't show up as Americans at all.

On a host of issues, such as open space, juvenile justice, and the rise again in alcohol and drug use among juveniles, it is demonstrated that there is much work to be done by all levels of government to seek improvements. In a period of relatively good economic conditions, it is said there is less motivation for voter participation. I believe that as long as we in government have something to say and offer, we can look to greater voter participation. Prediction of one-third turnout should be a hard warning for all to get involved, no matter what so-called target group citizens have been designated.

Donald Goncalves
Union County Freeholder

Safety study is unnecessary

To the Editor:

I will perform a public service at a fraction of the federal \$40,000 grant to study safety issues concerning Route 22, Concourse. It is unsafe for pedestrians. Here's a bonus: It is unsafe for motorists as well. Questions?

Need proof? Take a look at any section of Route 22 in Union County. People dashing across the road on foot or bike looking like a scene from the movie "Rollerball." Major traffic making U-turns through the center strip where no turn lanes, utility poles six inches off the road surface, abrupt parking lot entrances, mounds sweeping across multiple lanes unsafely, and large trucks that get on and off the road exhibiting poor driving skills and judgment.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

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Rash of property stolen along Route 22

Springfield

At least four persons stole property from several locations along Route 22 July 14. The first report came in at about 8:30 p.m. when a store employee noticed two air conditioners were missing from an outlet display. Each unit was valued at \$140.

The owner of a 1990 Chevrolet parked in the back of a stationary store reported his car was broken into and had a cell phone removed at about 9:55 p.m. Another car on the same lot was broken into about five minutes later, and a stereo and wallet were stolen.

A third car was broken into and had its radio stolen while parked on a different street lot at about 11 p.m.

* The driver of a Ford mustang thought his Honda ahead of him had merged onto Route 22 East from the South Springfield Avenue exit ramp July 15. The Honda was rear-ended at about 12:22 p.m. The Honda driver and his passenger were injured but were treated by police.

* A motorist at the Gare Station on Route 22 West reported his car stolen from its lot at about 9:16 a.m. July 15. The vehicle contained a cell phone, an umbrella and other personal effects.

The Springfield Juvenile Bureau arrested a Plainfield boy on shoplifting charges at about noon July 17. The youth had apparently purchased a BMX-style bicycle from his home to a targeted store on Route 22 West. He was released in the county juvenile authorities and being stopped at police headquarters.

Montainside

* On July 19, two Elizabeth youths were pulled over by Montainside police for an alleged lane change while driving on Route 22 East.

* At approximately 10:30 p.m. Officer Stephen DeVitis found the driver, 27, to be intoxicated and in possession of his older brother's driver's license and registration.

* On July 19, at approximately 4 p.m., in Elizabeth, he was stopped for a minor vehicle violation while driving on Route 22 East.

* Officer Thomas Nardino arrested the suspect, Alexander Roman, 20, when a check of the driver's license revealed him to be a suspended driver.

* On July 19, at approximately 10 p.m., Officer Thomas Nardino stopped a Westfield man for a minor vehicle violation while driving on Route 22 East.

* Someone removed a \$300 ladder, major from an unoccupied MetLife Avenue garage at about 11:29 p.m. July 19. A Troy Drive apartment dweller reported \$80 taken from a purse while a Newark moving firm was present at about 10 p.m. That night.

* Two Newark Seniors collided at the intersection of Murphy and Morris avenues July 19. The first female driver said she had a green light, turned from eastbound Morris Avenue while the northbound Newark senior had a yellow light. The pair had a head-on collision at about 7:10 a.m., resulting in the second Senior being injured and his driver being rescued.

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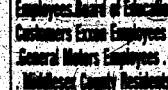
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OBITUARIES

Ethel H. Petersen

Ethel Petersen, 88, of Summit died July 10 in the Glenlawn Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Fortville, N.Y., she lived in Maplewood and Normandy Beach before moving to Summit in 1945. Mrs. Petersen worked for Ford & Taylor in Millburn for 26 years before she retired as a manager in 1977. She was a member of the Maplewood Senior Center and the Maplewood Service League. Mrs. Petersen also was a volunteer for the Over 50s Club of Summit.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzanne Lyman and Joyce Ashurst; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Frances B. Davis

Frances B. Davis, 95, of Nutley, died July 13 in the Kroc Center Center of Chappaqua.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Davis lived in Nutley for 24 years. She was a former member of the American and Estate Tax Division of the Jacobson Department in Philadelphia. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Christ Uplift Society, Sigma Chapter of the Girls' Daughters of the Americas and the Rosary Society of St. Teresa of Avila, Chappaqua.

Surviving are a daughter, Katherine Randi; a son, John M. McNally; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Frank DeLeo

Frank DeLeo, 61, of Summit died July 18 in the Kroc Center of Chappaqua.

Born in Bayonne, Mr. DeLeo moved to Nutley and lived there for 15 years before moving to Summit recently. He was a production manager for 10 years with International Fossils, Mount Holly, and nearly 15 years at Tivoli. Mr. DeLeo was a Mason for many years with Local 20 in Union City.

Students traverse Irish countryside

David Haire and Timothy Martin from both of Summit are currently studying and traveling in Ireland for five weeks this summer as members of The Irish Way, a unique cultural and educational program specifically designed for American high school students.

This year marks the 3rd year of The Irish Way program and Haire and Martin were each one of a hundred students chosen from across the country to participate.

The students attend specially developed classes in Irish history, literature, language, sports, music, dance and drama, and take field trips which highlight the classroom activities. Among other activities, Haire and Martin have attended "Stamian," an Irish song and dance production "done entirely" in the Gaeilge language, as well as a play at the world-famous Abbey Theatre in Dublin.

In addition to staying at high

schools in Killarney and Galway, Haire and Martin have also lived with an Irish host family for a week, learned to speak the Irish language, and have visited many of Ireland's national monuments such as the Dingle Peninsula, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Lakes of Killarney.

The students will be returning to the United States on Aug. 1.

For further information on The Irish Way program or to request an application, call (973) 665-1991.



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SPORTS

Springfield Baseball Invite winding down

The Springfield age-9-10 and 11-12 All-Star baseball teams will be competing in the semifinals of the second annual Springfield Invitational Tournament, scheduled to conclude this Saturday and Sunday.

Springfield's age 9-10 team defeated Westfield 9-4, and fell to New Providence 14-10 in games played last weekend. The 11-12 team was defeated by South Orange 7-1 last Saturday, but is still in the semifinals because there are only four teams in its tournament.

Saturday's semifinal schedule has the 11-12s playing at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Roesner Field and the 9-10s at 1 p.m.

Sunday's championship games are set to be played at Roesner, the 11-12s at 10 a.m. and the 9-10s at 12:30 p.m.

9-10 Tournament:

Springfield 9, Westfield 4: The team met in the regular season with Springfield also losing but the top-Westfield scored twice in the top of the first and Springfield answered with a run of its own. Ryan O'Reilly and Stephen Suarez reaching base and David Steinman driving in O'Reilly.

Steinman later drove in O'Reilly and Suarez to tie the game at 3-3. Westfield took its last lead at 4-3 in the fourth before Springfield scored the final six runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Jesse Galinink began the inning with a triple and then O'Reilly hit a single that scored Galinink. Suarez hit a single and then Steinman drove in his fourth run of the game.

Steven Tattamanti drove in two runs with a stand-up triple and then Zach Silverman drove in Tattamanti with a single. Gregg Siedlak drove home Silverman with the game's final run when he connected on a single.

Suarez shut down Westfield in the top of the sixth inning to earn the mound victory.

New Providence, 14, Springfield 10, Brandon, Stein Charles, Randy Hering, David Steinman, Steve Tattamanti and Stephen Suarez drove in runs for Springfield.

Springfield fell to 3-1 in tournament play with the defeat.

New Providence, also 3-1, earned the top seed for this weekend's semi-final series play by defeating Springfield 11-12, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 and 19-20.

11-12 Tournament:

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13-14 Tournament:

Springfield 13, Mountainide 2: Springfield defeated Mountainide for a second time as Michael Mohr with the winning run in the bottom of the fourth. Suu singled and then moved to third base after stealing second and third.

Lisa Tark drove home Suu Steinman with Springfield's first run and Lee Silverman belted a double that brought John Steinman with the game's second run. Steinman reached base after she belted what would be a stand-up triple.

15-17 Tournament:

This week is the final week of regular season play with games scheduled to begin tomorrow and Saturday to be played at Roesner Field at 6 p.m.

Tonight: Springfield vs. New Providence (11-12).

Tomorrow: Springfield vs. South Orange (11-12).

Saturday: Springfield vs. Bloom Park (11-12).

Swim Team:

Springfield's swim team won its first North Jersey Summer Swim League meet of the season on July 6 when it defeated Livingston 250-178 in Division 1 competition at Livingston.

Here's how Springfield swimmers performed in their win over Livingston:

13-14 Boys' IMI: 1 Karen Boscan, 1 Matt Reheus, 1 Nate Denner.

8-under Girls' Freestyle: 1 Leah Alonso, 3 Alyssa Stock.

8-under Boys' Freestyle: 1 Joe Gianni.

9-10 Girls' Freestyle: 1 Julia Weisz, 2 Carolyn Mai.

9-10 Boys' Freestyle: 1 Matt Reheus, 3 Joe Palma.

11-12 Girls' Freestyle: 1 Elizabeth Andrade, 2 Lauren Wojciech.

11-12 Boys' Freestyle: 2 Logan Pappalardo, 3 Steve Stock.

13-14 Girls' Freestyle: 2 Diane Galante, 3 Jimmy Conger.

13-14 Boys' Freestyle: 2 David Filippi, 3 Michael Hollander.

15-17 Girls' Freestyle: 1 Barbara Mai.

15-17 Boys' Freestyle: 2 Ryan Farrell, 3 Shawna Swingle.

Amenity: Amanda Grywalski, 3 Laura Atkins.

8-under Boys' Backstroke: 1 Matt Reheus, 2 Joe Gianni.

9-10 Girls' Backstroke: 1 Joanne Galante, 2 Katherine Kazior.

9-10 Boys' Backstroke: 1 Casey Santino, 2 Matt Reheus.

11-12 Girls' Backstroke: 1 Cara Galante, 2 Catherine Andrade.

11-12 Boys' Backstroke: 1 Jonathan Reho, 2 Helina Abdulla.

13-14 Girls' Backstroke: 1 Karen Boscan, 3 Kristen Roggeman.

13-14 Boys' Backstroke: 1 Mitchel Hollander, 2 Druie Deague, 2 John Colletti.

15-17 Girls' Backstroke: 1 Kristen Roggeman, 1 Jennifer Ross.

15-17 Boys' Backstroke: 1 Matt Reheus, 2 Matt Deamer, 3 Mike Quackenbush.

9-10 Girls' Breaststroke: 2 Renée Gaynor, 3 Amanda Grywalski, 4 Julie Palermo.

11-12 Girls' Breaststroke: 2 Amanda Grywalski, 3 Julie Palermo.

13-14 Girls' Breaststroke: 2 Amanda Grywalski, 3 Julie Palermo.

15-17 Girls' Breaststroke: 2 Amanda Grywalski, 3 Julie Palermo.

15-17 Boys' Breaststroke: 2 Matt Reheus, 3 Matt Palermo.

11-12 Girls' Butterfly: 1 Christine Grywalski, 2 Diana Galante.

13-14 Boys' Butterfly: 1 Drew Difesa.

15-17 Girls' Butterfly: 1 Barbara Mai.

15-17 Boys' Butterfly: 2 Matt Reheus, 3 Nate Denner.

8-under Girls' Butterfly: 1 Amanda Grywalski, 2 Laura Atkins.

8-under Boys' Butterfly: 2 Matt Reheus.

9-10 Girls' Butterfly: 1 Diana Galante, 2 Jamie Conger.

9-10 Boys' Butterfly: 1 Matt Reheus.

11-12 Girls' Butterfly: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

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13-14 Girls' Butterfly: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

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15-17 Girls' Butterfly: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

15-17 Boys' Butterfly: 1 Matt Reheus.

11-12 Girls' Fly: 1 Jamie Conger.

13-14 Girls' Fly: 1 Jamie Conger.

15-17 Girls' Fly: 1 Jamie Conger.

11-12 Boys' Fly: 1 Matt Reheus.

13-14 Boys' Fly: 1 Matt Reheus.

15-17 Boys' Fly: 1 Matt Reheus.

11-12 Girls' Medley Relay: 1 Cara Galante, Christine Grywalski, Carolyn Mai, Julian Weisz.

12-under Girls' Medley Relay: 1 Joe Palma, Andrew Stokes, Luis Palomo, Matt Reheus.

13-14 Girls' Medley Relay: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

14-15 Girls' Medley Relay: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

15-17 Girls' Medley Relay: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

11-12 Boys' Medley Relay: 1 Matt Reheus, 2 Matt Palermo.

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11-12 Girls' 100 Fly: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

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15-17 Boys' 100 Fly: 1 Matt Reheus, 2 Matt Palermo.

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13-14 Girls' 50 Free: 1 Jamie Conger, 2 Natalie Weisz.

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Summit soccer team goes undefeated



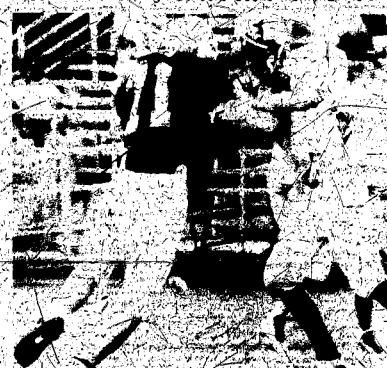
The Summit YMCA Youth Soccer program was sparked by the guidance of coaches Linda Sabo, Carolyn Booth-Gutierrez and Mike MacMillan, all Summit residents. The Brick Team, nicknamed the Hot Shots, finished its season undefeated in competition between other YSA kindergarten teams. Children on the Brick Team are from Summit and Shore Hills. Sitting, from left, are Emilie Gutierrez, Joey Kizel, Thomas Glancey and Noah Silverman. Standing, from left, are Julianne Kievit, Conner Berkery, Garcia Sabo, William Frelander, Jacob Weisman, William Cummings, Shelby MacMillan and Lucas Vreeland.

Road team continues winning ways in Snapple Bowl series



Photo by Jeff Gruber

Jeff Vogt of Dayton played outside linebacker for the Union County squad in last Thursday night's Snapple Bowl 5 at Union High School's Cooke Memorial Field.



Chet King of Governor Livingston, a Mountainside resident, had three sacks from his defensive end position for the Union County team.



Joe Liscio of Governor Livingston, a Mountainside resident, was a late addition to the Union County squad and saw one at linebacker.

SPORTS

Springfield Senior Legion team gives a solid effort

Squad improved as season progressed

By Joe Rappaport,
Staff Writer

For the Springfield American Legion baseball team success wasn't about compiling victories.

Nor success for the team entailed obtaining the necessary experience that will go a long way toward building a strong program at Dayton High School.

Throughout the arduous season, that was the credo which head coach Joe Cariello tried to instill in his young players, who held their own in the Always-Gaugh Union County Legion League, despite mustering only one win and two ties.

"We knew it was going to be a tough season," Cariello said. "But I give these players credit for being there. Because of that commitment, the players were able to realize a strong development even though the final record of 1-19-2 would suggest a tough season."

"One of the highlights of the season was watching the kids improve," Cariello said.

Another highlight, of course, was the lone victory, which Springfield accomplished in a come-from-behind fashion against Clark by the score of 11-9. Trailing 7-4, Springfield scored four runs in the ninth to take a one-run lead at 8-7.

Springfield added to that advantage in the top of the seventh when Eric Fishman slugged a two-run homer, followed by a solo shot belted by Mike Piccolo.

Clark scored two runs in the bottom of the inning, but its rally fell short.

Springfield's two ties were against Westfield and Summit, teams which hail from larger school districts.

"We didn't always get blown out," said Cariello, whose assistants were Clayton Trivedi, who is the Dayton assistant, and Phil Bauer, who has served as a legion assistant for 14 years. "There were a few times we were

competitive."

Fishman, an outfielder/pitcher, was the team's sole Dayton player who graduated in June. A second-team All-County performer, Fishman provided leadership to a team that consisted of two freshmen, eight sophomores and five juniors from this past school year.

"He was the backbone of the high school varsity team and that leadership carried over," Cariello said of Fishman, bound for Bucknell. "The kids really looked up to him."

Besides Fishman, who was mostly used as a reliever instead of a starter, which was his role on the Dayton team, the pitchers consisted of Nate Denner, Garrett Wiese, Rich Stanley and James Cariello, the coach's son.

The pitching corps faced some of the top hitters of the county and that experience helped them tremendously, Cariello said.

"The competition that they went up against was very, very stiff," he said. "I think they received a good education. They were there when we needed them and they had a lot of guts. I give them a lot of credit."

Among the remaining players who contributed were catchers Ryan Stanek and Lorenzo Williams; infielders Ian Cordon, Matt Del Mastro, John Laurencie and Brian Berger and outfielders Keith Allen, Rafael Polinsky, Adam Slater and Jesse Stromeyer.

Piccolo and Stanek are from New Providence, in which the former was named first-team All-County.

"The kids did their best," Cariello said. "They always came out and played hard. They always gave 100 percent. They never quit. You could see their improvement and I think that's going to benefit the high school program a lot."

"Baseball is a funny game because you have to think a lot and that comes with playing and getting the experience. They experienced game situations that will help them in the future."



The Springfield Senior Legion baseball team was sparked by the talents of, kneeling from left, Mike Piccolo, Matt DelMastro, Adam Slater and Jesse Stromeyer. Standing, from left, are coach Joe Cariello, Keith Allen, Ryan Stanek, James Cariello, John Laurencie, Rafael Polinsky, Eric Fishman, Brian Berger and coach Clayton Trivedi. Team members not in picture include Garrett Wiese, Lorenzo Williams, Rich Stanley, Nate Denner, Ian Cordon and coach Phil Eisner.

Summit Senior Legion excels

Played Monday in playoffs

By Andrew McGann,
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite the loss of some key players, the Summit Senior Legion baseball team still managed to make it to the final heat record in Union County play and set out to advance in the playoffs this past Monday night at Memorial Field in Summit.

Third-seeded Summit, led by Bruce Phillips and assistant coach Paul Phillips, was set to take on sixth-seeded Berkeley Heights on Monday and with victory would have earned licensure to play the winner of fourth-seeded Westfield against fifth-seed Scotch Plains-Ridgefield Park a day later.

Should Summit have emerged victorious from its first two playoff games, it will join Cranford and Roselle in receiving a berth bid for the state's four-place team. The four-place team will be awarded a bid to enter the Connie Mack Tournament.

Summit, which finished the regular season 14-7 behind only Cranford and Roselle, fought its way into the playoffs despite injuries to its top two pitchers, Jared Chellevold and Jason Flores, its lead man and centerfielder, Fred Luberto, and pitcher/torcher Ben Phillips.

Phillips' most crushing blow, not only to the team but to his colleagues, came when Luberto, who will attempt to make the University of Maryland baseball team as a walk-on in the fall, came early this season with a torn ligament in his knee.

Luberto, who shared the quarter-back duties with Johnson's Dennis Bowden, and Westfield's Bob Baykowski, finished the season 3-0-1 for 117 yards and was not intercepted.

The Union offense, limited to one first down by the first half, managed just 50 yards on the ground and committed two costly turnovers in the second half to help seal the deal for Middlesex.

Despite the large margin of defeat, several Union players on the defensive side of the ball turned in standout games, most notably Mountainaire's returner and defensive end Chet King of Governor Livingston, who registered three sacks.

The 6-1, 215-pound King picked up his first sack, a six-yard setback, late in the first half with the other two coming in the opening and waning minutes of the third quarter.

King made his mark when he punched his name on the Union three-yard line, thwarting yet another Middlesex scoring attempt.

Middlesex' quarterback Luke Capella of Dunellen, headed for Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., in the fall, walked away with the MVP trophy after connecting for 12 passes for 177 yards and one touchdown.

Middlesex leads the series 2-1 and 1-0 at this time.

Springfield age 13 All-Star baseball triumphs

The Springfield Minutemen age 13 All-Star baseball team defeated Scotch Plains 13-6 last week, the second time this season that Springfield was victorious over Scotch Plains.

Ryan Stromeyer and Christina Palermo pitched well for Springfield. Stromeyer striking out seven and Palermo two.

Mike Nitolo belted a double, scored two runs and drove in one and Kevin Dash drove in two runs and also a double.

Steve Cohen batted out, two singles, scored two runs and drove in one. Michael Rodriguez belted a double, scored two runs and drove in one and Matthew Stiglano scored two runs and Dean Chenehart, Fred Bulmann, Stromeyer and Palermo scored one each.

Donald Volkert played well defensively.

Rodriguez, playing catcher, picked off a runner at third base as Stiglano applied the tag. Stiglano also caught a fly ball along the third base line.

Rodriguez caught a fly up against the fence on the first base side.

Cohen made an excellent play around half-the-way from home. He dove and scooped the ball up and then was able to throw the runner out at first.

Volleyball Coaches Clinic Aug. 30

The New Jersey State Intercollegiate Athletic Association (NSIA) and the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NSCA) has announced the scheduling of a Men's and Women's Volleyball Coaches Clinic to be held Sunday, Aug. 30 at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. Call 609-466-7716.

Schneider participates

Jessica Schneider, a resident of Mountaintop and a class of 1998 psychology major at Union College, has spent the past year volunteering in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Schenectady, N.Y.—Schneider, a 1994 graduate of Jonathan High School in Springfield.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, an entrepreneurial national youth-springing organization, is based on a one-on-one relationship between an adult and a youth at risk. As Big Brothers or Big Sisters, Union College students spend three to five hours each week with their Little Brothers or Little Sisters, serving as mentors and role models and providing friendship and individual attention.

Program attended

Ariel Fisher, the daughter of Rossa Walker and Gare Fisher, of Springfield, is one of 10 high school students from the midwest selected to participate in the summer Genesys Program at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

Launched with initial funding from Steven Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundation, Genesys is a four-week residential program designed to help teenagers, both Jewish and non-Jewish, relate their secular interests to Judaism by integrating study of the arts and humanities with hands-on community service.

For more information on the program, call faculty at Brandeis University at 781-736-3416.

Beck graduates

Jennifer Beck, daughter of Robert and Michelle Beck of Springfield, received her master's degree in Bear Education from Columbia University May 19.

Beck is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Ithaca College and Springfield and Ithaca College.

Love named to list

Bruce Lovett of Mountaintop has been placed on the Spring Dean's Honor List of the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C. The dean's list is an honor reserved for those students who demonstrate excellence in their academic performance. To be eligible for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and 15% credit hours 12 of which must be completed at Ad. credit.

McNamara is selected

Newt Academy announced that senior Douglas McNamara of Mountaintop was a named Clubs and Activities "leader" of the "Patriot," the school's yearbook, for the 1998-99 academic year.

At "Academy," publication songs by the Patriot contain photographs of each class, sports activities, faculty administration and staff. Students handle most of the production along with the assistance of two faculty advisors, preparing for the final publication, which is distributed at the end of the school year. The name of the yearbook was derived from the motto of sacred poetry, "Patriotism."

in keeping with the classical model of the school—Ad Lumen, meaning Toward the Light.

Schiavone is awarded

Daniel Schiavone of Springfield has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Lincoln Technical Institute in Boston to cover costs of tools to be used in connection with his studies in automotive technology program. A graduate of Jonathan High School in Springfield, Schiavone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Schiavone.

Stephen Buchen, executive director, has announced that members of this year's scholarship selection committee included Robert Hennkowitz, vice president, ABS Graber Supply Co., Ulrichshoff Johnson of Bellville, retired automotive engineer; James Whelan, assistant district manager, American Tire & Auto Care.

The Union campus located at 229 Vauxhall Road, is one of 14 facilities in the east and midwest operated by Lincoln Technical Institute. Open for day and evening sessions, it also offers programs in diesel truck technology, air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology, and architectural/mechanical drafting and CAD technology. LTI is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools/Colleges of Technology.

Greenbrook, Theresa Kotoff, recruiter, United Parcel Service, Parsippany; Charles Davis, recruiter, Steaus Discount Auto, South River; and Victor Rajoppi, district manager, Jiffy Lube, Parsippany.

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Ferraro named

Lina Ferraro, a resident of Mountaintop, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring semester.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 18 schools and colleges. The university

offers exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science, and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research located in the heart of a city rich in cultural and intellectual attractions.

The university is one of the nation's preeminent institutions of higher learning.

Sayer honored

Melody Sayer, a resident of Springfield, was among the 597 students named to the dean's list at Drew University by Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Paolo Cucchi. All students named to the dean's list at Drew University must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.4 or more, equivalent to a B+ or better on a scale in which an A equals 4.0.

Founded in 1867, Drew University is a selective, independent educational university with a total enrollment of 2,299 students in its College of Liberal Arts, Graduate School, and Theological School. There are 1,530 students in the College of Liberal Arts.

Zimmerman awarded

Matthew Zimmerman, age 9, of Mountaintop, won the 50 and 100 meter sprints at New Jersey Hershey Track and Field state championships held at Governor Livingston High



Matthew Zimmerman

School. Zimmerman's time for the 50 meter race was a swift 7.37 seconds, only .05 seconds off the State Hershey record. His time qualifies him for the national finals in Hershey, Pa.



Daniel Schiavone

Overlook Hospital Ranked Best in Nation for Quick Treatment of Heart Attack Patients

Your quick action can mean the difference between life and death. At Overlook Hospital in Summit, we're dedicated to saving lives. Our Chest Pain Center is the first in the country to offer a "fast track" treatment for heart attack patients within 15 minutes. This is twice as fast as the national average. And it's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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