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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Building unity

Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, the Union County Alliance has taken a county that had no direction and has built it into one with a lot of unity. The president of the organization that consists of businesses, government and industry reflects on the first five years and details projects that are still to come. See Page B1

Banding the future

The Union County Board of Freeholders approved \$38.9 million in bonds that will go toward the construction of a juvenile detention center and various parks projects throughout the county. See Page B1

THE ARTS

An impression

Enthusiasm, accomplishment is the sense of the closing of theater's first season. See Page B5



Peeping Tom

'Peeping Tom,' a watercolor by Chrsy Skubish of Wesleyfield, will continue to be on display through Saturday at the Swain Gallery in Plainfield. See Page B6

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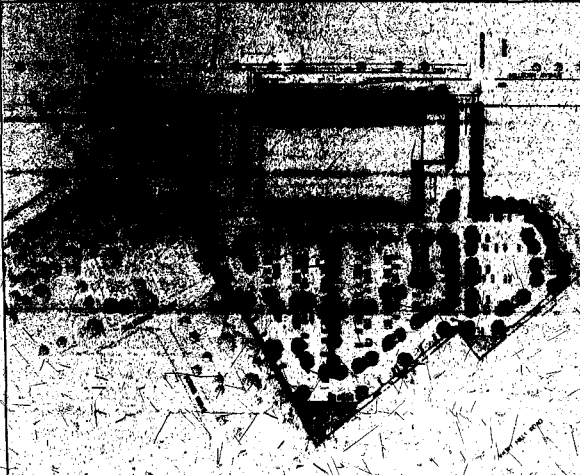
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The Royal Abold Company has submitted this site plan for construction on the former location of the Saks Fifth Avenue store on Millburn Avenue. The plan incorporates driveway improvements and landscaping for the parking area.

Site plan may move forward

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Action on the long dormant Saks Fifth Avenue store took legal and physical form last week. On Monday, the state appellate court refused to stall the Springfield Board of Adjustment's hearing on the property and a construction crew tore down a rear concrete canopy Friday. Appellate Judge David Landau denied requests from Springfield and Millburn to suspend the board hearings. Respective attorneys Neil Dworkin and Stu Liberman cited Millburn's suit up state appellate court for the stay. "It's good to be on the winning side of a case," said Royal Abold attorney James Segretto. "The decision is the final one in our favor in a row. Superior Court Judge John T. Pivarsky ruled that the hearings proceed last spring and upheld an appeal July 30. Royal Abold, who owns the Saks site, asked for a Board of Adjustment hearing for its site-plan application for several years. They want to replace the store with a slightly smaller Edwards Super Food supermarket. Millburn and Royal Abold await a hearing in appellate court over that township's traffic-flow zoning regulation. The Colonial Association block group and Village Super-

markets Inc., which owns ShopRite in Springfield and other towns, have been named as interested parties. Springfield's board, acting on Pivarsky's ruling, began the public hearing July 14. It is to return at the Jonathan Dayton High School Hall at 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Royal Abold, meanwhile, began adding security measures on the property. A contractor removed an overhead concrete canopy Friday and welded shut several metal doors. Plans include bricking up other doors and glass windows with cinderblock. The work is in response to three Millburn teenagers found inside the Saks building by Springfield police July 7. Royal Abold said the trio climbed onto the rear canopy and broke into a roof door. The property owner said evidence of fire and other damages were found inside. The *Echo Leader* confirmed the canopy's removal by observation from the Balauro Avenue gate Sunday morning. While the vehicular gate was locked, however, a pedestrian entrance remained open and unguarded. The newspaper also learned from the Springfield Fire Department that a dumpster fire had been put out on the property at about 8:15 p.m. Friday.



Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman, Springfield Committee representative Ellen Gabiselle, Chairwoman Lenore Ford, Network Representative Felicia McNeill, and Postmaster Joseph Gomicz display a new stamp promoting organ and tissue donations. The stamp was introduced last week.

Area network introduces stamp

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network of Springfield unveiled the first Organ and Tissue Donation postage stamp in a local dedication ceremony last Tuesday in Newark. On Friday, in a small ceremony at the Springfield Post Office attended by Mayor Sy Mullman and Postmaster Joe Gomicz, representatives from the Sharing Network and the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Committee unveiled the official release of the stamp, in Springfield.

The postage stamp features a mother holding a baby and a recipient receiving a transplant. The caption reads "Organ and Tissue Donation. Share Your Life." The official national ceremony for the stamp was held last week in Columbus,

Ohio, in conjunction with the National Transplant Games, an Olympic style athletic event for the donation and transplantation community.

"The goal is to make the public aware of the great need for organ and tissue donations," explained Lenore Ford, chairperson of the Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Committee. "This stamp is a very important first step in getting the word out. It will make the public more aware."

"Ed Hyatt, a transplant recipient from Millburn, has been trying to get this stamp approved since 1989. In November, 1997, the President General held the stamp was approved by Andy Levin, an attorney in New York."

"Springfield is a very important area because it contains the State

ing Network, the organ procurement network for New Jersey," Ford continued. "They provide us with materials that we give out to the general public."

Millburn was the first and first postage stamp in honor of the occasion. "The people who donate organs help save the lives of others. It's a very important thing to do," said the mayor. According to the Sharing Network, there is a tremendous shortage of donor organs because many people do not clearly declare their wishes to donate. In an effort to increase the number of donations, the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network has established an organ and tissue donor registry. The Sharing Network believes that the stamp is a very important first step in getting the word out of their 1998/99 fiscal year.

Fenton suspensio 1 to be overturned

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A significant keeping a Superior Court judge's decision on a Springfield Township Police Department personnel matter from becoming official. Judge Edward Toy overturned a decision made by the Township Committee against Officer Michael Fenton last year on July 30. Toy and his clerical staff are on vacation until Aug. 24; however, leaving the results of the Springfield Township versus Fenton matter public but not official.

Calls to Toy's chambers in Elizabeth are meanwhile being transferred to the clerk of another Superior Court judge. That clerk notified Toy and his staff's return day. The absence was also noted by Township Attorney Bruce Green and Fenton's attorney Robert J. Antkowiak.

Marc Rudek represented the Township during the disciplinary hearing while Fenton handled the appeal, said Bergh. The judge reviewed the briefs and apparently disagreed with the township's findings.

Fenton was originally found guilty of providing false testimony by independent hearing officer Robert Czech. Czech's findings were approved by the Township Committee and the officer was placed on unpaid suspension for one day.

The matter stems from an encounter between Fenton and a local motorist over a traffic violation in October 1995. According to court documents, Fenton issued tickets for parking in a

no parking zone, careless driving and failure to possess proof of insurance. The motorist, whose trial was held in municipal court March 4, 1996, provided his fiancée as a witness. The fiancée said the driver was not guilty.

Police Chief William Chisholm conducted an internal investigation and charged Fenton with providing false testimony. Chisholm recommended the suspension in his notice of a disciplinary hearing.

However, the fiancée said later at Fenton's hearing that she did not actually see what took place between the motorist and the officer. The Township Committee nevertheless upheld Chisholm's charges and Czech's findings.

Fenton, a 13-year veteran of the police force, was president of the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 76, at the time of the hearing. Along with current PBA President John Lester and Lew Ober, other officers filed writs against the Township in 1997, claiming that they were singled out for discipline while as labor officers.

The case is not the only one from the department going through Superior Court. Attorney John Young is anticipated to file an appeal on behalf of client Capt. Vernon Pedersen, who was terminated by the Township Committee as a result of biased remarks made about another officer. Czech presided over that disciplinary hearing as well but recommended unpaid suspension for Pedersen.

Borough to address emergency services

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

An issue that most Mountainside residents either gave no thought to or decided was someone else's concern, now looms as a potentially decisive, if not dangerous problem for the entire community.

The Mountainside Borough Council met Tuesday night for their monthly work session and discussed at length the impending demise of both the volunteer rescue squad and volunteer fire department.

"As of the day school starts, we do not have a rescue squad," stated a grim Mayor Robert Vigilanti.

"The Fire Department is only half a step behind," added Councilman Keith Turner. The Borough Council has set Aug. 31 as the date when representatives from the rescue squad, Fire Department and Police Department will convene for an emergency work session. Possible solutions will be discussed in order to prepare for a public meeting soon after.

"Lack of community support, in addition to the departure of staff, has left the fire department in a precarious position. We've been appealing to the residents for years," said Councilman Rogo Romak. The Mountainside Emergency Management coordinator, "I suspect that people are not interested in volunteering in any degree. People expect the Fire Department and the rescue squad to show up. It's our responsibility to make sure these services are available at the lowest cost to the taxpayers."

With these volunteer emergency

services about to disappear, all of the possible solutions are likely to come at a cost to Mountainside residents. Paying a private service for emergency care, charging residents per emergency fire and medical call, or starting an in-house paid rescue squad and fire department were all preliminary ideas discussed Tuesday.

The only definite is that the Borough of Mountainside now finds itself in an increasingly perilous situation. According to Mountainside Police Chief James DeBbia, a traffic accident four weeks ago on Route 22 was left unattended until ambulances from Springfield and Summit could arrive. The undetermined rescue squad was unable to respond.

More recently, repeated fire alarms went unheeded by the Fire Department at 2 p.m. one afternoon. The fact that they were false alarms was all that saved Mountainside from a catastrophe.

As a means to alert the people of Mountainside to the grave situation they now face, the Borough Council will likely issue an open letter to residents, as well as broadcasting information on channel 35.

The current state of emergency services in the Borough of Mountainside is being on the Westfield Fire 8th Squad and Union County Mutual Aid Fire Fighters. It is one that the Borough Council and Vigilanti judged unacceptable and dangerous. However, as Vigilanti said Tuesday, "The Fire Department and the rescue squad have not help and they have no answers."

Freeholders to take over county health commission

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Springfield and Mountainside are two of several Union County towns which are struggling in on a county government issue.

A number of towns have passed or are considering resolutions that oppose the Board of Chosen Freeholders taking over the Union County Regional Environmental Health Commission, or UCREHC. UCREHC is responsible for investigating various mental health problems and conducting air, soil and water quality tests. The Board of Chosen Freeholders will take over the commission, everything in the com-

County Environmental Health Act. Several Council and Freeholder have passed resolutions asking the freeholders to continue the same services that UCREHC currently provides without county tax increases or additional fees.

They also urge the freeholders to sit down with UCREHC commissioners to discuss the takeover. UCREHC chairman Andrew Snyder has complained that the freeholders have not kept him informed of the takeover and have not applied to numerous requests for information. Check Township will vote on a

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Fall sports are offered

The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting registration for three fall sports.

Full Soccer Program for boys and girls in grades one through eight. Games will begin in September. Fee is \$25, payable to Township of Springfield.

Full Girls Soccer Program for girls in grades three through eight. Games will begin in September. Fee is \$25, payable to Township of Springfield.

Full Minutemen Football Program for grades four through eight. Beginning in early September, teams will compete in the Suburban Football League.

Residents may register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers for soccer program may write in their names on registration forms.

For more information, call (973) 912-2227.

Center hosts kids' concert

Their one-of-a-kind concert programs have captivated audiences of all ages throughout the tri-state area, and on Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m., Peanut Butter n' Jam'n will appear at Trailside Nature and Science Center for the final program in Union County's Wednesday Matinee summer series.

According to Fochziger Alexander Mitchell, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Dawn Lehman and Michael Thomas's unique blend of playful antics and their musical talents lead children and their families on an interactive and entertaining journey for the imagination.

Presented by Peanut Butter n' Jam'n in make regular appearances at hundreds of indoor/outdoor concerts all year round. Performing at various art centers, fairs and festivals, they also have appeared on television with their very own half-hour show produced and taped in New York.

Wednesday Matinee performances are for children 4 years and up and their families. Tickets are \$4 per person and are sold at the door the day of the program.

If you have any questions about this or any other activities at Trailside call (908) 789-3670. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a facility of Union County Division of Parks & Recreation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 in P.O. Box 9109, Union, 07083.

Sunday The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold a Sunday planetarium show at 2 p.m. The program is called "Summer Celestial Sights" and will feature finding the summer triangle, Hercules, Scorpius and other prominent summer constellations. Any special current sky events will also be added to the show.

Coming Events Aug. 20 The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold a Thursday Planetarium show at 1 p.m. The program is called "Rock and Roll Rocks" and will feature Rodney the Rocket on a musical journey to the moon and planets to look for aliens and learn about moonrocks.

Aug. 24 The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at St. Vincent de Paul on Beabout Avenue in Sterling from 2:30-8 p.m. The drive is open to the public and will be conducted by New Jersey Blood Services. Donors will need to bring ID with a picture or signature and know their Social Security number.

Aug. 26 PREP, People Responsible for Elderly Persons, support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. at SAGE Senior Activity Center, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call (908) 272-4598.

Oct. 4 Sandmeier School, 666 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will hold an Outdoor Flea Market sponsored by the PTA. The market will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and vendors and crafters with new and used merchandise are wanted. For more information, call Fran at (973) 376-6186.

Oct. 21 The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a bus trip to Princeton. The trip will include a guided tour of the governor's mansion, lunch at the Nassau Inn and a guided tour of the art museum at Princeton University. The all-inclusive price is \$55, and all proceeds will be donated to Youth 'Allyah to be used in the Children's Villages that are helping to integrate the young and new arrivals to Israel. Checks can be made payable to Springfield Chapter of Hadassah. For reservations, call Beat Kaplan at (973) 376-3171.

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) 567-0779. Entry at (908) 276-4968 or the church at (973) 376-1693 for an application.

Oct. 24 and 25 The second annual craft show 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-served basis. Any questions, or for an application, call Anne at (973) 376-5612 or Janet at (973) 912-0392.

Nov. 21 The second annual Winter-Craft fair at the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be held indoors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Venues are \$200, advance fee \$25, which includes a table and chair. Call Tom at (908) 567-0779. Esther at (908) 276-4968, or the church at (973) 376-1693 to reserve early.

Openly 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 9 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Storage plan rejected by borough

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Adjustment narrowly rejected Lackland Self-Storage's site plan application Monday night.

The board, after three hours of listening to applicant testimony and public questions, actually voted 4-3 in favor of Michael Lackland's bid. It was defeated, however, as five votes were needed for approval.

Board Chairman Frederick Picot and fellow panelists Dean Paslow and Jim Rubin voted against the application. Board members William Blunne, Albert DiAntonio, Anthony DeChellis and Theodore Zaslavsk supported the plan. Panelist Nancy Launceaux and Patricia Gagliardi, however, voted absent.

"I'm stunned," said Lackland, whose Meuschen-based company has 18 other storage sites in New Jersey. "It is too early to say what I'll do next."

"The applicant has the option to reintroduce a revised site plan," said board attorney Vincent K. Loughlin, "or he can seek redress from a higher level."

"I'm glad the vote went the way it did," said resident Heva DeBurr. "We have a lot of self storage places in town already and I want Mountainside to keep its present character." Lackland got beat out by Public Storage and Safeguard Self Storage.

Public Storage has had a 450-unit facility at the Blue Star Bus Lines garage site on Route 22 West since 1983. Safeguard, who received unanimous board approval Monday night, is to build a similar warehouse almost next door. Their approval came in part from the applicant withdrawing a height variance during the July 13 hearing.

Lackland sought to build two three-story buildings on 1221 Route 22 East. Aside from 1,600 square feet for office and a resident manager's apartment, space would be provided for 581 storage lockers. There would be an option to build two more buildings, totaling 616 spaces, pending additional site plan approval and market conditions.

Safeguard and Lackland sought site plan variances for use of less than 200-foot frontage along Route 22, a front parking lot and increased parking space for handicapped customers. Lackland additionally asked to divide the 6.45-acre lot in half, with the western section left undeveloped. He also sought variances for a smaller than 30-foot buffer along the lot's back and reducing required parking spaces from 76 to seven.

Among the 14-member audience, however, were residents of Locust Avenue. Their concerns included the type of buffer bordering their own property and Echo Lake Park. Board members asked themselves about long range planning.

"Where's the limit in building self storage units?" said Blunne, who proposed the resolution. "We're going to get people who are mostly from outside the borough, whose towns most likely do not have these facilities."

"The economy and the market," said DeChellis, "will determine how many self storage spaces are needed."

Businesses plan fair against drunk driving

By Mark Goldwert Staff Writer

An initiative by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, known as BADD, Business Against Drunk Driving, is currently in the planning stages.

Business Against Drunk Driving started as a chamber initiative. We wanted to show that businesses were against drunk driving," said Susan Harbison of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

The program will commence with an outdoor education fair on Sept. 12. Those who attend the free event behind Jonathan Dayton High School will witness an auto accident rescue demonstration by the Springfield Fire Squad, the Fire Department's "Jaws-of-Life" on a car domed by a local business, an appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the opportunity to step into a drunk driving simulator.

The simulator costs \$3,400 a day. Local organizations and businesses have stepped in to bring it to town, said Jacobson. The Rotary, Kiwanis, the Springfield Drug Alliance, Aubland, and Pulaski Savings have all joined in the effort so far.

The simulator is a Dodge Neon equipped with computers that enable the driver to experience what it feels like to drive with different levels of alcohol in their blood stream. The simulator will first spend a day with Dayton High School students.

Andrea Karsian helped bring the simulator to the high school a year ago and this year, with the help of Chrysler, will make the car available to the public. "The kids get a lot out of it to this year we will expand the project to the public," said Karsian. "We need to make people aware of the dangers of drinking and driving."

"This simulator is a very powerful tool," she added. "It makes people realize the effect alcohol has on you when you drive under the influence."

The education fair will also feature booths run by local businesses and hospitals offering different types of screenings. "It will be the whole community coming together to make a statement," said Jacobson.

"We need people to sign up to help," said Jacobson. "We need people to help set up and quite a few people to help to make this happen."

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce meets tonight, and community members are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and expertise.

Police cruisers sport brand new look

By Mark Goldwert Staff Writer

From now on, when Mountainside's finest patrol the streets in their cruisers, they will have vehicles sharp enough to match their police skills.

"It adds a little more color," said Cpl. Thomas Murphy of his new ride. "It spices the car up." The new police cars, yellow and blue with a black outline, also feature the latest in light racks, making the new cars much more visible. The difference from the older blue and white cars is striking.

The Mountainside Police Department rotates its new vehicles when the patrol cars reach 80,000 miles, or about every three years, according to Police Chief James DeBie. "You have to keep rotating the vehicles. If not you will have to face astronomical maintenance costs," explained DeBie.

As each police car reaches 80,000 miles, a new one will be rotated into its place. Currently, there are two new edition Mountainside Police cars, the arrival of another is imminent as one more car is near 80,000 miles.

As for the design on the new cars, they mark the new era of the Mountainside Police Department under Chief DeBie, who is in his second month of the job.

"Murphy has been given credit for the new design, but as Chief DeBie explained, he had some ideas of his own. "I wanted to incorporate the patches we wear on our shoulders," said DeBie. "Mountainside police officers have worn the patch since 1934."

Towns may pass opposing resolutions

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Similar resolution on Tuesday. Roselle Park, Mountainside, Springfield, Westfield and Garwood will also be considering such resolutions in September.

City of Summit Health Official Stuart Palfreyman opposes the takeover. He requested that Summit pass the resolution.

"We just think it was working fine and we didn't think we needed to add additional levels of administration," he said.

County Manager Michael Lapolla did not want to comment about the resolutions.

UCREHC, which formed in 1983, is being taken over and replaced by the newly formed Office of Environmental Health, or OEH. Freeholders passed the ordinance authorizing this July 23.

According to sources, the freeholders are taking over UCREHC partly because it is an autonomous agency.

This means that the freeholders do not control UCREHC's budget worth \$400,000 this year, with \$125,000 coming from the State Department of Environmental Protection — and its six full-time employees.

Lapolla has said that none of UCREHC's employees would be fired. All would simply be transferred to the OEH.

In an Aug. 7 letter sent to Union County's mayors, Lapolla said that the takeover would improve the quality of environmental health programs in the county.

The OEH will also be responsible for programs that UCREHC does not do, including water pollution and a "more aggressive" garbage program.

UCREHC is also being taken over in order to eliminate a program called Air Source Regulation Fees.

These fees are slapped on companies that emit air pollution, such as refineries, dry cleaners and incinerators. Each company's fee is based on the amount of air pollution it emits.

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DEPOSITS FDIC Insured to \$100,000

COMMUNITY FORUM

School lunches out of jeopardy

A word of thanks to the school districts of Summit and Springfield for their swift action in eliminating the potentially disastrous problem of school food service from the minds of area parents.

When the Ja-Ce Co. of Bound Brook announced last month that it would no longer serve lunches to any of the 58 school districts in New Jersey that have depended on the company for food service, school administrators across the state, including those in Summit and Springfield, scrambled for alternatives. With school doors opening in one month, concerns ensued about whether children would even have the option of buying lunch in the school cafeteria in September, and many busy parents looked toward packing lunches for their kids each morning with a sense of dread.

However, thanks to the quick thinking and efforts of school administrators, parents have been assured that school children will be able to purchase lunches without interruption. The Springfield Board of Education had been looking at proposals from food service companies since May, before Ja-Ce announced its closing. A board committee was set up to handle the matter, and the committee has conducted negotiations with several food vendors. Its recommendation will be presented to the school board early next week.

In Summit, the Board of Education has already secured a new food service contract with Chartwells Inc., a division of the Compass Group, which handles the cafeterias of several school districts and colleges in New Jersey. In addition, to smooth the transition between companies, Chartwells has offered to employ many of the food service personnel currently employed by the Summit school system.

Thanks to all those involved in securing nutritious school lunches for our children this year and easing the minds of parents.

Not in our neighborhood

The proposed site of a methadone clinic in Union Township has many Springfield residents up in arms, and a careful analysis of the effects the clinic may have on the quality of life in nearby Springfield should be made before the new location is finalized.

The methadone clinic has remained at the old site in Union for 25 years, and all reports indicate that it has provided neighboring residents and business owners with incessant nightmares from day one. People who live or work near the current clinic location have cited those coming for methadone therapy, for numerous crimes, including car burglaries, drug sales, and accosting young children for urine samples. The entire neighborhood has been trying to get rid of the establishment for years, and it looks as though they will finally get their wish; however, no good can come of merely transferring their problems to another residential area.

The proposed location of the clinic is just across the Rahway River in one of Union's industrial zones. The river forms the divider between the two townships, and on the Springfield side, one can find a quiet street with single-family homes as well as a playground bustling with area kids. These residents have already voiced concern about the possibility that clinic patients may make their way to Springfield, an unwelcome thought in many minds.

Methadone clinics serve a valuable purpose, and not all former junkies are looking to exploit a suburban neighborhood that suddenly presents itself close at hand. However, a handful of bad influences prowling nearby is all it would take to force parents to keep their children indoors after dusk or discourage them from enjoying their youth on the neighborhood swing set. The problems demonstrated for more than two decades at the old clinic location indicate that the establishment does attract a significant number of malicious deviants to the area, a fact that will be more than enough to make Springfield residents extremely nervous if the clinic is allowed to move nearby.

While the wooded lot and Rahway River separating Springfield and Union creates a formidable barrier between the areas in question, it also forms a dim, isolated space where persons could easily conceal themselves. Residents who now plan to affectionately outside their living room windows at this small slice of nature may soon envision the methadone clinic on the other side and see a dark and dangerous area where unwelcome visitors may furtively lurk.

The clinic needs to move somewhere, but relieving one neighborhood of methadone-related problems by afflicting another is not the best answer. The Springfield Township Committee is on the right track in asking Union to reject the new site, hopefully their voices and those of Springfield residents will be loud and adamant.



Catherine Marvin and Stephanie Crosta of Mountaintop, both 8, take a break from swimming by playing a quick game of cards in the grass near the Mountaintop Municipal Pool.

Our freedom comes with a hefty price tag

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

Africa, that long tormented continent, is still in the throes of starvation, civil war and cruelty beyond imagination.

In the 1960s, most of the continent's nations were part of Europe's vast colonial system. But once some of the colonies' leaders emerged, nationalism rose rapidly and by 1956, most north, African and sub-Saharan nations emerged as independent countries. France, England and Spain relinquished their hold on these lands, and most of the world's nations applauded their dramatic moves while we looked upon these states as partners in a new and enlightened world of freedom and progress.

But something went terribly wrong. Many of the new leaders of this much toward freedom from their mother countries proved to be inept, corrupt, totalitarian and brutal. The people were used as pawns and talk of democracy was quelled by rifle butts and intimidation. First on the agenda for these unfortunate nations after so-called dictators gained control was to loot the treasury, spend billions of dollars on lavish luxuries, fancy uniforms for an ill-trained, bloodied army and fancy airplanes with every conceivable gimmick ever invented. These new rulers went on to every way to push the nation, which had

been colonies for decades, back 500 years.

In many cases, starvation became or continued to be rampant. But the rulers who fell in love with a new lifestyle did nothing to alleviate the people's woes, regard themselves with their new and ill-gotten wealth. The dictators' friends were well compensated for their loyalty in the new crown by huge payoffs including large houses, fleets of brand new limousines, tax loopholes and a private airplane if two-lane was good, and it all came from the people.

To make life a little more interesting, those who were left out of the loop, mostly members of the military, would stage a coup and these so-called free nations would become a military government complete with suspensions of the constitution or what passed as one. The leader of the coup, generally commander of an army or navy, would install himself as interim president with a cabinet made up of cronies and would spend most of the day looting the nation's coffers and pondering how much more wealth they could accumulate via looting on a grand scale.

Nations that were military rich suddenly found they were not so rich anymore because no attention was being paid to keeping the books and monitoring what was going on. Looting was the name of the game and governing the nation was time-consuming and boring. Their attitude was to hell with the people, the nation is ours to do with what they wanted. These kinds of governments dotted Africa and if any citizen spoke up and denounced the government, it was the last denunciation he made because a company of soldiers came to his house and he was never seen again.

However, another element entered this chaos, the beginning of the devastating civil wars which have plagued large parts of Africa for years. Nations such as Sudan, Kenya, Angola, Zaire, have been going on for far more than 10 years, resulting in nearly 2 million deaths, most of them innocent victims, and destruction of hundreds of villages. The results? Famine, bloodshed and continuing war and pestilence.

Last week, the *Star Ledger* published a photo of a starving Budapest boy who was too weak to stand, trying for food. He looked like he was 40 years of age and almost every bone in his body could be seen protruding from his body. There were also photos of starving mothers carrying their young. Many had no clothes and looked as though they hadn't eaten for days. It's a good bet that many of those pictured are now dead of starvation and dehydration. We wonder how the rulers of these nations can sleep at night knowing their people are going through their own hell. For many of the younger people, this is the only way of life they have ever known.

We know the United Nations' charter forbids member nations from invading individual nations' territorial affairs. But under the present situation in Africa and other sections of the globe where famine and war are routine, something should be done to amend that agreement so the UN can go into another nation and try to bring an end to the civil war, feed the starving and heal the wounds. What is going on today in Africa is genocide brought on and abetted by leaders of many nations who just don't care and who should be charged with just what a crime.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Firefighters pay attention to detail

To the Editor:
I want to thank the wonderful men of the Springfield Fire Department for responding to my urgent call for help on June 24 about my 14-year-old daughter's missing cat. She was away on business and my husband and I were the designated cat sitters. We were afraid the cat was trapped behind a basement wall. The alarm had a happy ending. It's great that a cat has nine lives. The men were at my house in minutes. The residents of Springfield are fortunate to have such a car with as well as competent Fire Department. I can't thank them enough.
Rita Broderick
Springfield

Jitney service is around the corner

To the Editor:
As an original respondent to the survey pertaining to proposed jitney service to the train station, I would like to update you on current developments. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for your efforts in helping me convince the state and NJ Transit that Springfield's train commuters have been on the short end of the parking situation for too long. As a result of the grant I wrote, and our joint efforts, NJ Transit did award Springfield an annualized grant for \$50,000 and a 20-seat "jitney bus" on a lease basis.
Greg Clarke and I have had various meetings with NJ Transit and township personnel to get this grant program moving. NJ Transit indicates the bus will arrive around the end of August, and the contractual agreements should be completed in September. We had hoped to get this service started in the early fall of 1998.

Greg and I closely evaluated the needs of commuters and the large number of survey respondents, which was more than 80. We recognized that Springfield is a large town servicing three train stops — Millburn, Short Hills and Summit. After analyzing the amount of time it would take to provide door-to-door service, we found that such a service would not be timely, and would be limited to a small number of residents.

What we have decided, and we hope you will find this acceptable, is to set up a central parking site — Duffy's Corner parking lot on Morris. As soon as access from Caldwell Place — and then just a shuttle to the Short Hills station every 10 minutes. This station is the closest and has the same schedule of trains as Millburn and Summit. The cost to park your car at this site will be \$10 per year. The cost of the jitney service will also be \$10 per year, and you will receive a Springfield resident ID card, which you will present each time you use the jitney service. There will also be a shelter set up at Duffy's Corner for inclement weather.

I hope this information is helpful. The next letters you receive will be the

application for the June 12 and the parking permit. Do not miss this opportunity to ease your commuting situation and costs. Please feel free to comment and provide any constructive feedback. As always, our goal is to serve the residents of Springfield. Call me anytime at Town Hall, 973-912-2200, or e-mail me at commute@springfield.nj.com.

Roy Hirschfeld
Springfield Township Committee

Swimming in the municipal toilet

To the Editor:
Everything was great this year at the Springfield Pool until something started happening. Some child fish a problem has been defecating in the big pool. Suggestions were made by the pool manager and to the board of Recreation allow only one group of campers into the pool for a time to take where the problem was. At this late time of the season, it was finally done and the suspect group discovered. However, upon suggesting that they should be kept out until the problem was solved, we were told you can't keep campers out of the pool.
Since when do camp kids take preference over paying adults who work hard and take vacation time to come to the pool to relax? Consequently, everyone else has to sit in the heat for hours while the pool is reworked. Well, campers can do other activities and swim with their parents after camp. Wherever other paying members come strictly for swimming.
We paid to enjoy the pool. We did not pay to be ignored and swim in a toilet.
Glenn Brienstock
Springfield

Our policy on letters and columns

The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and the County of Union.
The *Echo Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Suvvyn Ave. Union, NJ 07083.

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Possible contamination found at area residence

Springfield
 The Springfield Fire Department is waiting for results from the State Department of Environmental Protection regarding possible contamination at a Benjamin Drive Avenue home on Aug. 3.

According to Township Fire Prevention Officer David Mass, a contractor was digging for an in-ground swimming pool when a gasoline pump was found. The contractor then noticed bits of an underground plastic covering and the smell of gas.

Mats and an engine unit retrofitted at about 3:40 p.m. to conduct an investigation. The pump was handled over later to DEP representatives.

A natural gas leak was sniffed out at a New Brook Lane address at about 10:26 a.m. Saturday. An engine crew assisted police and a Caldwell Place resident regarding a leakout at about 11:10 a.m. that day.

Springfield's bravest and finest

FIRE BLOTTER

converged on a pair of Route 22 U-turn accidents Friday. The first case was of a Hyundai Elantra driver who ending an Oldsmobile Toronado he thought had merged onto 22 East at about 2:26 p.m. An injury was reported among the six occupants involved at the milepost 52.7 U-turn crash, but no further details were available.

The mishap was preceded by a similar one at the milepost 52 East-West U-turn at about 3:28 a.m. That incident involved a Toyota Camry running into a Nissan Altima. One driver was injured and treated by the Springfield Fire-Rescue Squad.

An engine unit was sent on a fire alarm from the Walton School at about 8:24 a.m. Friday. The remaining calls were given over to First Responder-related medical assistance calls. They were taken from addresses along Meisel

Avenue at about 1:35 p.m. and Mountain Avenue at about 5 p.m. and 6:08 p.m.

A Route 22 business called the department concerning a bomb threat at about 4:45 p.m. Aug. 2. The scare was called off, however, when no device was found.

The day started at about 1:25 a.m. with an all-units call to a brown Avenue business activated fire alarm and was followed by a similar alarm from a Cottage Lane home at about 8:17 a.m. (A water condition at Wabeno Avenue residence was also reported at about 1:34 p.m. and a Mountain Avenue business' electrical problem at about 3 p.m. There were also two medical service calls that day.

The department answered 10 medical assistance calls Aug. 5, two of which stemmed from auto accidents. The first involved a Mazda driver who was brought to a Toyota Camry along Morris

Avenue at about 8:44 a.m.; the second involved a Chevrolet exterminating van and a Mazda at Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road at about 10:35 a.m.

The firm Mazda driver refused medical assistance but the second had her neck problem tended to by a Springfield first-aid unit. The Chevy van driver complained of a minor wrist injury.

Calls came in regarding smoke conditions in a Shunpike Road area at about 9:24 a.m. and in a Mountaint Avenue basement at about noon Aug. 4. Three medical service calls were also registered that day.

The department responded to the report of a downed and burning wire along Evergreen Avenue at about 3:17 p.m. Aug. 1. Arriving minutes later, they found a utility transformer and its pole base ablaze. The ground fire was quelled while waiting for a General Public Utilities crew to appear.

Shop volunteers needed

The Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers for the Discovery Shop, an upscale resale store located in Westfield. The shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours are flexible and volunteers are asked to work at least two or more hours per week. Volunteers are responsible for accepting donations, pricing clothing and displaying merchandise. No experience necessary, but volunteers must be personable. For information, call (908) 354-7373.

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Scam involving false gift certificates leads to arrest

Springfield
 An attempt to purchase an air conditioner with hot store coupons lured a Brooklyn man in a cool Springfield jail cell July 31. The man, according to the Route 22 appellate store, tried to buy "the units with fake gift certificates."

The suspect, identified as Michael Anderson, 30, was arrested at the store at about 10:30 a.m. He has been charged with the count of theft by receipt.

A pair of Jeeps had an accidental meeting at a Route 22 West-East U-turn Sunday. The driver of a Jeep Wrangler thought the Jeep Cherokee ahead of her had blended into traffic but rear ended it at about 12:48 p.m. One of the Cherokee's three occupants suffered suffering injuries from the milepost 52.1 mishap but refused medical attention.

The day's traffic incidents also included a car described as a green Lexus brooding a Toyota Tercel on Route 22 East at about 9:20 p.m. and a Dodge Aries trying to make a left-hand turn from the northbound Maple Avenue center lane onto Morris Avenue at about 7:07 p.m.

The driver of 26 daily newspaper vending machines reported theft and vandalism occurring sometime during the overnight Friday-Saturday. Locks were broken off and some \$450 in change was stolen.

A Plainfield resident was arrested at a Route 22 West clothing store and charged with shoplifting Saturday. According to store security, the suspect, identified as Shyrtolosa Johnson, was found attempting to steal two N.Y. Jet baseball caps totaling about \$36. Another store on nearby South, Springfield Avenue reported a posted back door search and a shattered glass pane on the premises at about 4:50 a.m. Friday.

The owner of a Buick Lesabre reported being "barged by another car while parked along Interstate 96 East at about 8:40 a.m. Friday. The owner of 8 Par Hills Road House, who had just sold the property, discovered a 12 piece silverware set, a 12 piece china dinnerware set and a silver tray missing that same morning.

The driver of a Chevy pickup truck was seen sidestepping a Lumina parked alongside it on a Route 22 West parking lot at about 5:30 p.m. Aug. 5. The pickup's official business identity was linked to a Mountaintaint and Bronx police were told to have that driver call Springfield headquarters.

He told Township authorities he hid an emergency kit home. Police charged him with careless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

POLICE BLOTTER

Guests of a Route 22 hotel told of having their Ford van broken into and their spare tires removed at about 3:16 and 4:35 p.m. Aug. 7.

Mountaint
 A Plainfield woman was arrested on Aug. 9 after being pulled over for speeding on Route 22 West at 8:19 p.m. Patrolman Michael Jackson stopped Kimbra Lovelace, 30, and found her to be a suspended driver. She fourth offense of the kind.

On Aug. 7, Cpl. Ken Capobianco

stopped a Rochester, NY man for a possible DWI after he observed the subject weaving on Route 22 West. Capobianco arrested the driver James Waffle, 27, after he found drug residue and paraphernalia in the car and wanted to be unlicensed.

At 9:18 a.m. on Aug. 7, Cpl. Ahleed Sullivan arrested a North Plainfield woman in her disabled vehicle along Route 32 East. Melissa Jara 23, was found to have an expired registration card and to be a suspended driver. Her fourth offense of the kind.

Mountaint Police arrested Ricardo Caceda, 36, of Elizabeth on Aug. 6 at 8:15 a.m. patrolman Thomas Norton stopped Caceda for a motor vehicle violation on Route 22 East and found him to be a suspended driver.

Patrolman Norton stopped a St. Albans, NY man for a motor vehicle violation on Route 22 East at 8:57 a.m. When a check of his New York license revealed he was suspended, Norton placed Dion Johnson, 31, under arrest.

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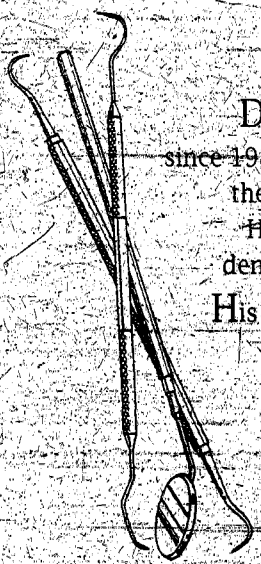
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application for a site plan has been filed with the Planning Board of the Township of Westfield, New Jersey, by K & K Development, Inc. and Robert J. Carr, Jr., the owners of 8 Par Hills Road House, who had just sold the property, discovered a 12 piece silverware set, a 12 piece china dinnerware set and a silver tray missing that same morning.

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OBITUARIES

Clarence H. Winans

Clarence Halford Winans, 84, of Mountaintide, president of a consulting company in Linden for 40 years, died Aug. 11 at Central Carolina Hospital, Suffolk, N.C.

Born in Landon, Mr. Winans lived in Mountaintide from 1962 to 1986 and moved to Sanford in 1986. He was president of Winans Contracting Co., Linden, for 40 years. Mr. Winans received a bachelor of science degree from Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He also was a member of Jetersburg United Methodist Church in North Carolina, a member and chairman of the Business Management Commission of the Westfield United Methodist Church, a member and past president of the Linden Rotary Club, honorary member of the Jetersburg Rotary Club, member and former chairman of the Mountaintide Planning Board, member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountaintide, a member of Westfield's New Jersey Chapter of S.A.R., member of the Board of Trustees of the First National Bank of Central Jersey, and a member and trustee of the Associated General Contractors of New Jersey.

Surviving are three daughters, Joyce Christler, Susan Winans and Christine McDonald, a sister, Elizabeth Chappell, and a grandson.

Gilbert C. Hanson

Gilbert C. Hanson, 87, of Englishtown, formerly of Springfield and Union, died Aug. 3 in the Manor at Freeland.

Born in New York City, Mr. Hanson lived in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Jersey City, East Orange, Springfield and Union before moving to Englishtown several years ago. He was in payroll work with Air Reduction Sales Co., New York City, where he worked for more than 40 years and retired in 1973. Mr. Hanson served as a Seabee with the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are a brother, Howard, and a sister, Dorothy Grizkow.

John Scheuerman

John Scheuerman III of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Mountaintide and an aerospace engineer, died Aug. 3.

Mr. Scheuerman resided in Mountaintide before

moving to Florida. He worked for Curtiss-Wright Aviation in Wood Ridge for many years before retiring. Earlier, Mr. Scheuerman had worked for Bendix Aviation. He attended Newark College of Engineering and studied law at LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter, Judith Lippe, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Martin Applebaum

Martin Applebaum, 79, of Wayne, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 5 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Newark, Mr. Applebaum lived in Maplewood, Springfield and West Orange before moving to Wayne recently. He owned and operated Branford Press, Inc., Newark. Mr. Applebaum was a member of the New Jersey National Guard.

Surviving are his wife, June; two daughters, Janet Ledbetter and Nora Donnelly; a son, Ken; two brothers, Charles and Joseph; and five grandchildren.

Arthur G. Colley

Arthur G. Colley, 79, of Summit died Aug. 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Ludovick, Ga., Mr. Colley lived in Summit for 69 years. He was a self-employed tailor in New Providence for many years before retiring. Mr. Colley served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 322, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Martha B.; a daughter, Strang, Clark, a son, Edward Ross, three sisters, Ruth Byrd, Edith Byrum and Juana Neal, and three brothers, Herbert, George and Walter.

David Nehmer

David Nehmer, 102, of Springfield died Aug. 6 in Hackensack Hospital.

Born in Summit, David lived in Springfield. He was a student at Florence M. Glendon Middle School in Springfield. David attended Brook Lake Camp, Brook Lake, N.Y., and participated in the Springfield Baseball League and Springfield Minuteman Football League. He was an avid baseball and hockey fan and also was an accomplished skier.

Surviving are his parents, Dr. Steven and Lisa Nehmer, a sister, Rachel, and his grandmothers, Jackie Strattman and Mina Nehmer.

Children prepare for trip to Ireland

Some very special representatives of Children's Specialized Hospital, headquartered in Mountaintide, are preparing for a trip to Ireland where they will advocate for a program near their hearts to be replicated throughout the world.

Dennis Fitzpatrick, a 12-year-old from Scotch Plains, Frankie Kinney, a seven-year-old from Sea Girt and Mickey (Michael) Cohen, a seven-year-old from Turnersville — all of whom use small computer-like devices with synthesized voices to communicate — are traveling along with CSH's Manager of Augmentative Communication, Dr. Jean Brugio and their mothers to present a prototype of the camp they attend each summer.

Their presentation entitled "If We Really Hate Camp Chatterbox, Why Do We Keep Coming Back?" was selected as one of 18 out of over 200 papers to be presented in a two-day format during the English-British International Augmentative and Alternative Communication Conference on Aug. 25 at the College of Dublin.

The presentation, humorous and poignant at the same time, includes Dr. Bruno's introduction of an overnight camp for AAC users and an outline of how to develop such a program, a parent's perspective and "what I do at camp" explanations by the campers. Additional components of the presentation will be delivered by Florida family who attends the New Jersey camp and professionals from New York State and England. A dress rehearsal was held at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide on July 22.

Camp Chatterbox, the only overnight camp in the world specifically designed for children who use Augmentative Communication Systems and their families, was created in

1992 by Children's Specialized Hospital as an intensive therapy program. Today this camp is regarded as a summer getaway opportunity where children become more interactive with their AAC devices while having fun. Their parents gain skills necessary to facilitate functional device use at home, and those professionals who work in the field gain hands-on experience with AAC users.

This week-long program, according to Bruno, is structured for success. Intensive therapy is the focus here. AAC systems of all kinds are integrated into recreational activities like boating, swimming, and arts and crafts. Children, parents and professionals, all of whom are eager to learn, should all benefit from the camp. Systems for communication join together to share their knowledge, their laughter and their great strength.

Camp Chatterbox is an AAC camp — everyone coming together, sharing in the excitement of the children who are improving the quality of their life by perfecting their ability to communicate, and Bruno.

For the families who attend, it's a magical experience. For those who are not, it's a valuable training for professionals, many of whom prior to attending have little knowledge of how the devices work, the

It's a true camp experience for the entire family. Everyone sleeps in cabins on bunk beds, and Camp Chatterbox even includes day camp programming for those disabled siblings. In the evenings, parents gather to "get out" and share their experiences and concerns.

According to Sharon Fitzpatrick, a mother who has vacationed at Camp Chatterbox for the past seven years, "Camp gave my child the experience of interacting with other children who use AAC. So what you don't always know, what you're eating and you experience nature walks in the bath, room with mice and spiders — that's camp."

Camp Chatterbox is located off the grounds of New Jersey Eastern State's Camp Merry Heart, located at 123 acres in the wooded hills of Warren County, outside of Hackensack. The 1998 session is scheduled to begin on Sunday, August 23, and will include 19 families from New Jersey, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont and Florida. Each enrolled child of the 19 are enrolled with siblings.

Children's Specialized Hospital is New Jersey's only hospital dedicated exclusively to pediatric rehabilitation. CSH treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years. Founded in 1891, the hospital provides outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long term care through its network of facilities in Mountaintide, Fairwood, Toms River, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

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EVANGELIST BAPTIST CHURCH - CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE - 342 Shopton Rd., Springfield, N.J. - Sunday, 8:30 AM. Pastor: Stanley A. K. Baker. Sunday School: 9:30 AM. Bible Study: 10:30 AM. Nursery through Seniors: 10:40 AM. Worship Service and Nursery: 10:45-11:30 AM. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM. Evening Service A, Nursery and Bible Study: 7:15 PM. Pastor: Stanley A. K. Baker. Sunday School: 9:30 AM. Bible Study: 10:30 AM. Nursery through Seniors: 10:40 AM. Worship Service and Nursery: 10:45-11:30 AM. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM. Evening Service A, Nursery and Bible Study: 7:15 PM. Pastor: Stanley A. K. Baker.

METHODIST

THE SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for our Adult Christian Education Forum at 9:30 AM, and for worship at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in love, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available. For more information on our worship services, contact Pastor Stanley A. K. Baker at 973-371-1740. The church is located on Church Hill in Springfield, NJ. Pastor: Stanley A. K. Baker.

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LOCAL SPORTS
HIGHLIGHTS

SportsSMARTS Fall Pitcher's
and Catcher's Camp will be held
Saturdays Sept. 20 and 27 at Union
Catholic High School in Scotch
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Elizabeth High School's head
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The camp is open to youngsters
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only to be summed when they reach
their senior year of high school and
the offers never come," said Rich
Samsogale, director of the fifth annual
event. "The Metro Showcases
gives talented players the exposure
they need to reach the next level."

Here are the dates of the sporting
events:

BASEBALL
Aug. 22-23 at St. John's University
in Queens, N.Y.

Aug. 25 at South Shore, Babe
Ruth Complex in Staten Island,
N.Y.

Aug. 29 at St. Ignace High School
in New Rochelle, N.Y.

SOFTBALL
Aug. 25 at the College of Staten
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Many talented players and parents
will be able to attend college coaches
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games. Samsogale said "X" player
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college ball, but coaches won't
even know his name. The
showcase gives players an opportunity
to get more exposure in one
day than all of their high school
and summer league games
combined.

Players also come to the showcase
to give fans a chance to earn a
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The Metro Stars will compete in
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regarded tournaments for top college
prospects — the Fall Classic in
Virginia, the Sunshine Classic in
Florida and the Lehigh Valley
Showcase in Pennsylvania.

Together, these events attracted
over 230 college coaches and 68
major-league scouts last year.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic
Athletic Association (NJSSIAA)
and the New Jersey Scholastic
Coaches' Association (NJSCA) 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.

The clinic will run from 8:30
a.m. to 5 p.m. with registration
commencing at 8:30.

This clinic is designed to meet
the needs of various coaches, assistant
coaches and recreational
coaches.

NJSCA volleyball coach Dave
DeBore will be one of the clinic
speakers.

The registration fees range from
\$25-\$55 and are from \$15-\$65
depending on NJSCA membership
status.

More information about the
Men's and Women's Volleyball
Coaches' Clinic may be obtained by
calling the NJSSIAA office in
Rohamptonville at 609-259-2789.

Springfield squad succeeds



The Springfield Minutemen ages 11-12 All-Star baseball team, sponsored by Exquisite
Caterers, had an outstanding summer season, reaching the semifinals of its own tournament
—the Springfield Invitational. Standing, from left, are assistant-coach Rich Silverman,
assistant-coach John Kronert, Jeremy Marx, coach Fred Silverman, Kenneth
Suarez, Steven King, Michael Mohr, Michael Kronert, assistant-coach Michael Sklar, and
Lee Silverman. Sitting, from left, are Cory Berger, David Sklar, Sara Steinman, Bryan Sitt,
and Lisa Clark.

Next stop will be Texas for
championship softball squad
Summit resident Palumbo lends a hand

By Andrew McGann
Assistant Sports Editor

With the help of Summit resident Rob Palumbo, the
1998 New Jersey state champion Crescent Bating Cage
A's of Union men's fast-pitch softball team took its incredible
season one step further the first weekend in August
when it captured its first-ever Mid-Atlantic Regional Amateur
Softball Association title in six games.

"This is absolutely the best team I've ever coached,
hands down," said head coach Malcolm Miller, who played
fast-pitch softball for 24 years and started the team in
1977. "These guys would demolish any team we've had in
the past and we've had some good ones."

Just as they had on the road to the state championship,
the A's did it hard way in the Regionals, losing their first
game before rolling off five consecutive victories out
of the losers' bracket.

After losing 2-0 and having a perfect game thrown
against them in the opening round by Middletown, N.Y.
hurler Chris Smith, the A's responded with a 7-1 win over
Miller's Fuel of Auburn, N.Y. in their next contest.

Al Pepe, the ace of the staff who hurled a three-hitter in
the losing effort against Middletown, once again held the
opposition to three hits, and backed by catcher Shawn
Laverty's two hits, notched the victory on the mound.

In the third game of the afternoon, Mike Romero and
teammate Joe Mauro picked off three hits apiece in leading
their team to an 11-5 triumph over state tournament rival
City Auto. Pepe threw his third game of the afternoon and
won his second in limiting City Auto to eight hits.

The A's came back to Warnanco Park in Elizabeth
the next day (Aug. 2), with their backs to the wall
again and facing elimination in the double-elimination format.
They won their first game 3-0 over the Ringwood
Black Sox at Palumbo, Kurt Buppel and Frank Schepe
banged out two hits apiece.

Crescent also kept the opposition off the scoreboard in

its second game of the day as Romero showed off his skills
on the mound by throwing a four-hitter over 6 1/3 innings
in a 2-0 win.

Third baseman Rick Binner plated both runs for the A's
by blasting a two-run home run in the seventh inning.
When one out and the bases loaded in the last of the seventh,
Pepe came to bat to relieve Romero and recorded the final out
to preserve the win.

The sixth and final game of the tournament had an ominous
beginning for the A's as Middletown held a 6-2 lead
going into the bottom of the sixth inning. The A's scored
their third run on a single by Steve Toback, but that was
only the beginning.

With the bases loaded, Binner, the tournament MVP,
belted a grand slam home run to left center to put the A's up
7-6. Pepe, 15-7 on the season with a 2.57 ERA, set down
the side in the bottom of the seventh to win his fourth game
in two days and lead his team to the Mid-Atlantic crown.

A strong pitcher during the regular season, Pepe slipped
up his big game in the tournament, posting a miniscule 0.95
ERA in 36 innings of work.

The A's will next head to College Station, Texas for the
ASA Men's Fast-pitch Nationals, which will feature the
best 72 teams in the country.

Having won the Mid-Atlantic Regionals for the first
time, the team has now won 19 titles in 22 seasons. Among
the championships are two state crowns, seven playoff
series and nine pennants.

Chris Seizer leads the A's in both batting average at .372
and home runs with seven. Romero is second in both
categories with a .368 average and four dingers.

Schepe, a New Providence resident, is batting .333 with
four home runs. Joe Mauro (.309), Ruppel (.365, three home
runs), Palumbo (.288) and Toback (.270) are also among
the hitters who have thrived at the plate all season long for
Crescent, which is batting .291 as a team and hit 290 in the
Mid-Atlantic Regionals and a lofty .329 in the states.

Buntin has coached many
YMCA Seals standouts
Summit's Slonaker among them

By Joe Ragazzino
Staff Writer

In his 35 years at the helm of the Summit YMCA Seals, Hank Buntin has had
the pleasure of coaching talented youngsters who have gone on to enjoy outstanding
careers.

Buntin has no doubts that Kate Slonaker will be the next Seals alumna to join
that impressive group.

"She made a great contribution to the team," Buntin said of Slonaker, a Summit
resident and Oak Knoll graduate who completed her nine-year career with
the Seals this season. "She helped raise the level of training as well as the level
of goals for the whole team. When you lose an outstanding person like that, it's
like losing Michael Jordan. Her training attitude and work habits helped to
bring along the younger swimmers."

Slonaker, one of the best state high school swimmers ever, helped the Seals
come home as the top-scoring team from New Jersey at the National YMCA
Swimming Championships held in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. this past spring.
Of the more than 200 teams which competed, the Seals finished 19th, breaking
several team records.

*They're very goal-oriented. They're very
self-sufficient and self-directed. They're just a
great bunch of kids. They're great to work
with because they have such a great work ethic.*
— Veteran Summit YMCA Seals coach
Hank Buntin.

"We're extremely proud," Buntin said. "We had outstanding kids who came
to swim, too."

Slonaker, who captured three consecutive NJSIAA championships at the
50-yard freestyle and won the 50 free and 100 free three times in the Union
County Championships (holding records in each), broke the Seals' team mark in
the 50 free, finishing in a time of 23.63. Slonaker also shattered the team mark in
the 100 breaststroke at 1:04.72, which was good for seventh.

In the 200-yard medley, Slonaker teamed up with Summit resident Katie Fay,
Renée Quetel and Mia Yocco in setting a new team record at 1:49.04 for 13th
place. The same unit broke the team record in the 400-yard medley, finishing in
1:56.32 and placing 12th.

Rebecca Shore also joined Slonaker, Quetel and Yocco in establishing anew
team mark in the freestyle relay at 3:37.43. Shore, Yocco, Quetel and Janet
Jungmann set a team record in the 800-yard relay, finishing in 8:02.14.

Individually, Paul Breen led the boys with a 16th-place finish in the 100-yard
butterfly in a time of 51.59, a new team record.

Mark Roberts broke two team records, the 100 and 200 breaststroke events.
His outstanding times were 1:01.45 and 2:10.98.

For the girls, Quetel equaled the team record in the 100-yard butterfly with a
57.55 effort. Shore, who finished her sophomore year at Columbia High School
and is a two-time 200 individual medley Essex County champion, cracked the
team mark in the 400 individual medley, finishing in 4:42.52.

In the 200 free and 200 breaststroke, Fay set a new team mark as the second
fastest 2:08.52 times.

Slonaker, headed to the University of Virginia, was sixth in the 100 free in a
time of 51.46.

Other Seals contributors at the Nationals included Jim Hall, Maureen Ellwood
and Summit resident Nick Nagel.

Besides Slonaker, the Seals lose Jungmann (Rider University) and Breen
(Rutgers University) to high school graduation.

Despite the subtraction of those three talented athletes, the Seals look to be
promising again, hoping to improve even more next year in their performance at
the Nationals.

For Buntin, coaching this year's team was quite enjoyable.

"They're endowed with talent and endowed with a work ethic to develop that
talent," he said. "They're very goal-oriented. They're very self-sufficient and
self-directed. They're just a great bunch of kids. They're great to work with
because they have such a great work ethic. They're also great kids. Most of
them are honor students."

Dayton Football

Scrimmages

Sept. 1 at JFK 12:00

Sept. 12 at Newark Academy, 10:00

Regular Season

Sept. 18 at Bound Brook, 7:00

Sept. 26 at Manville, 7:00

Oct. 3 Roselle Park, 1:00

Oct. 10 New Providence, 1:00

Oct. 17 North Plainfield, 1:00

Oct. 24 Gov. Livingston, 1:00

Oct. 31 Johnson, 1:00

Nov. 7 at Roselle, 2:00

Nov. 26 at Breatley, 10:30

Governor Livingston

Scrimmages

Sept. 5 at Hanover Park, 10:00

Sept. 12 Breatley, 10:00

Regular Season

Sept. 19 Newark Central, 1:00

Sept. 26 at Hillside, 1:00

Oct. 3 Roselle, 1:00

Oct. 10 Johnson, 1:00

Oct. 17 at Ridge, 1:00

Oct. 24 at Dayton, 1:00

Oct. 30 at Birminghams, 7:30

Nov. 7 Manville, 2:00

Nov. 26 New Providence, 2:00

Applications
accepted
to become
soccer
referee

Applications are now being
accepted for candidates wishing to
become high school soccer referees in
the School and College Officials
Association (SCOA) for the 1998
season.

Candidates must be physically fit
and a minimum of 18 years of age to
referee.

Successful candidates will be eligible
to take the NJSIAA exam, which
will then qualify them to referee high
school varsity soccer matches.

Interested candidates may obtain
information by sending a self-
addressed stamped envelope to:
David R. Klein, 37 Bryant Ave.,
Roseland, NJ 07068-5401.

Applications are due by Friday,
Sept. 4.

Indoor softball

Sportsplex is now taking registration
for its first indoor fall softball
season.

More information may be obtained
by calling Sportsplex at
201-904-1314.



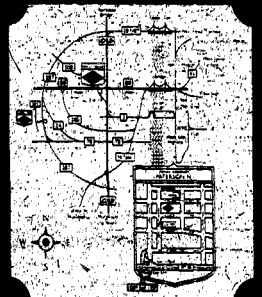
FUTURE BASEBALL STARS — Coach John Bravetta, left, instructs youngsters on how to get the glove down to field a
ground ball at last month's SportsSMARTS Baseball Camp held at Sandmeier School in Springfield. Among the listeners in
front of director Paul Reddick are, from left: Brian Romoser of Springfield and David Klimowitz, Nick Watson, Ryan
Halvorson, Billy McMillan and Casey Donnelly of Union.



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