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Four centuries

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THE ARTS

Setting the tone

Despite being the spotlight, local broadcaster sets the tone behind the microphone.



Powerful start

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra kicked off its season with a powerful start Saturday at the new County Arts Center in Rahway.

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Police, township face more harassment complaints

By Allison Benheim, Managing Editor
A Springfield police officer has filed two more complaints of harassment against Township Chief of Police William Chisholm, adding to a long list of internal Police Department problems in a township riddled by lawsuits.

Officer Walter Brooks filed an official complaint against Chisholm Aug. 19 in response to an incident in which he allegedly invoked a public demonstration staff. Brooks regarding his job performance. Brooks filed the second complaint Sept. 30 in the form of a PBA grievance after Chisholm placed a letter about the incident into his personnel file without allowing Brooks the opportunity to view or sign the document.

Brooks' filing this second was in violation of township personnel policy, which prohibits retaliation for complaints. The officers' PBA com-

plaint also requires a conference with the employee before adding their lengthy personnel files and an opportunity for the employee to view and sign the actual document before it is placed in the file. "No one gave me the chance to do any of this," Brooks stated.

The latest round of complaints began around 8:20 a.m. Aug. 19 when Brooks was assigned to help direct traffic at the corner of Mountain and Henshaw avenues. Witnesses observed both Chisholm and Sgt. Yetzer Vreeland drive through the intersection without complaint several times during the course of the morning.

At 11:15 a.m. Chisholm passed through the intersection and observed Brooks talking with a civilian. According to Brooks, Chisholm parked his township vehicle in the parking lot of Bagel Supreme and walked 150 feet toward the intersection and

'We're only in the process of establishing a format for performance evaluations for township employees.'

Roy Hirschfeld
Springfield Township Committee

used his pointer finger to tell me to come to him.

According to Brooks, Chisholm proceeded to loudly berate the officer for failing to direct traffic properly and for failing to observe, invade another's legal left turn at the intersection. Brooks subsequently filed the initial complaint against the chief for harassment.

Chisholm responded Sept. 23 by composing a document for Brooks' personnel file. While the officer begins by stating that it is not intended in any other form of discipline, the chief writes that "the allegations

violated 15.09. Official Complaints are knowingly false. Had I been in your performing your duties, you would have seen the vehicle make an illegal left turn."

Brooks stated that he found the document Sept. 29 inside an unmarked envelope in his department mailbox. He then requested PBA representation to initiate grievance proceedings against Chisholm.

"I saw just a memo, it was a very personal letter that calls me a liar and criticizes my job performance," Brooks said. "It's retaliation for my original complaint and I didn't sign

anything of my own before it was placed in my file."

Brooks cites prior incidents between himself and the chief as one reason for the harassment. In August 1995, Brooks filed a lawsuit against Chisholm and the township asserting that he had been unfairly singled out for disciplinary action after reporting exact remarks made in his presence by Capt. Vernon Pedersen in November 1993. Pedersen was dismissed last July for making biased comments to Officer Ivan Shapiro in March of that year.

Brooks' lawsuit further asserts that the township permitted a hostile work environment to exist in the Police Department by failing to investigate multiple allegations of bigotry and unfair disciplinary practices. Shapiro and Sgt. Peter Davis, who supported the officers in making their complaints, have similar, separate lawsuits.

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Final hearing planned on new clinic site

By Craig Garrison, Staff Writer

Springfield Mayor Bill Mullen said Union Township is making a "mistake" by allowing a methadone clinic to relocate near the Union-Springfield border, and area residents should voice their concern at a final hearing on the matter, scheduled for Oct. 14 in Union Township.

Suburban Treatment Associates, currently located at Roselyn Place in Union, has long been a source of complaints by residents in the Vauxhall section of the neighboring township. The methadone clinic drew criticism on the relocation proposal and may be moving into their new site on Progress Street as soon as next month.

Methadone is available in New Jersey through private medical insurance plans or Medicaid as part of a treatment program for overcoming heroin addiction.

Union Mayor Anthony Terrazza said that the complaints leveled against Suburban Treatment Associates in the past will be answered by the clinic's purchase of a 1.56-acre fenced-in lot in the Progress Street industrial park.

Although Vauxhall residents are pleased with the proposed move, many in Springfield are outraged. Across the Rahway River to a quiet, tree-lined neighborhood, the needs of Union by the Milliner Road bridge.

Jennifer Neta, who lives in Springfield close to the proposed site, said that she and other area residents are infuriated with Terrazza for allowing the methadone clinic to relocate to the Progress Street site.

"He's giving his problem to us," Neta said. "It's going to be his consequence when a child gets injured. When my child gets injured five years from now, I'm the first one to sue Union Township for placing this clinic so close to a residential area."

"My constituency is outraged," Mullen said. "We have a lot of children in that area." He also said that the clinic should be located in a hospital.

Terrazza said that a parking shortage at Suburban Treatment Associates' current location required clients to walk past homes and a school. This will not be the case at Progress Street site, he said. The clinic's parking lot is an enclosed lot with electronically controlled gate. Clients will walk from the parking lot to the clinic without leaving the clinic's grounds and will access the site from Route 22.

Suburban Treatment Associates, which has been located in Union for 23 years, has had an ongoing history with Vauxhall residents. Terrazza said that the complaints were "mostly nuisance clients," such as loitering. Vauxhall residents are also concerned because of the clinic's proximity to Central Five school, which serves 5th graders from throughout Union Township.

Complaints to Union police about drug use and sales have led to arrests in the area. An 18-year-old woman was arrested Oct. 2 in the clinic's parking lot for possession of heroin, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Clara Dine, president of the Vauxhall Township Association, described Suburban Treatment Associates as a "hermophobic problem" that the residents of Vauxhall have suffered with for 25 years.

Many of the same complaints that plagued the clinic in Vauxhall are now being voiced by Springfield residents, particularly a perceived increase in crime. "Unfortunately, a lot of addicts are never completely satisfied with their drug use and they look for alternative means, and some resort to the possibility of crime," said Springfield Township Committee member William Robeco. "That doesn't speak to all of them, but it is a concern."

Township bids adieu to longtime clerk

By Walter Elliott, Staff Writer

A quiet change of Springfield Township government became visible when friends, family and coworkers gathered at the home of Helen E. Keyworth last Saturday night. Her last regular day at the Municipal Building Friday and the dinner, held at the Ballroom Golf Club, marked Keyworth's retirement as township administrator.

"We have 115 people here wishing Helen well," Fire Chief and banquet co-organizer Bill Oras said. "If anyone deserves a send-off for her work in Springfield, it is her."

"I like to call Helen our grandmother in town," Mayor Sy Mullen said. "I don't think anyone knows the workings of our government better than Helen."

The job has changed so much during my time," Keyworth said before the banquet. "There are more responsibilities, more things to do."

Keyworth's quiet demeanor belies a pioneering spirit. Her 25 years of public service include becoming Springfield's first appointed Township Clerk and inaugural Clerk/Administrator. She filed for retirement in August and will work on occasion until her accrued leave time is expended in March.

"Helen is helping us with the transition to her successor," Mullen said. "She is entitled to use the leave time she has earned."

Mullen and the township committee interviewed at least two successor candidates in a closed meeting session Sept. 27. Keyworth returned to work for the committee's executive meeting Monday night.

Keyworth entered public service when she was appointed Deputy Clerk in 1972. She succeeded Art Buehrer as township clerk in August 1984.

The clerk was an elected position at that time. Buehrer said "I was re-elected until I retired in 1983. The township committee at that time decided to make it an appointed position."

A clerk generally handles numerous complex agendas and provides technical support and training. Clerk David Hughes, the clerk's office is usually the first place people come with questions in town hall.

Keyworth's clerkship coincided with movement to create a Township Administrator's position. Advocates, which included the League of Women Voters and Mayor Edward Fanning, felt that an administrator would represent the part-time committee in workday business affairs.

"An administrator basically sets the policies of the governing body as practiced," Summit City Administrator, Reagan Burkholder, said. His duties include reviewing the performance of department heads and submit a "conflict budget."

Both Hughes and Burkholder said the respective duties of their colleagues' respective posts may vary by municipality. Although the clerk typically reports to the administrator about his or her department, they may work as equals.

While other towns have separate clerk and administrator positions, Springfield's committee decided to combine the two titles. Keyworth was appointed Clerk/Administrator on March 10, 1997.

"It was felt at the time that a full



Helen Keyworth

time administrator was needed, despite the expanding work load," said Mullen. "Since Helen had a lot of experience, it was decided to have her hold both posts. As for her successor, the leaning is toward having a separate, full-time clerk staff a full-time administrator."

Keyworth was succeeded as Deputy Clerk by Kathleen Wisniewski in 1984. Joining them in the office were Carrie Verdick as Receptionist and Tara Rowley as Executive Secretary.

"Last Friday was tough," Wisniewski said. "We tried to conduct business as usual, but everybody wanted to see Helen."

"Helen was an active member of the Municipal Clerks' Association of Union County," Mountainside Borough Clerk Judith O'Leary said. "Whenever a new clerk had a question or process of procedure, Helen was there for us."

"I've been a clerk for nearly 20 years and Helen was always there for me," Hughes said. "She was always dedicated and brought a sense of professionalism to her work."



Landscape architect Dan Greenberg displays one of the new name tags adorning Springfield trees.

Residents 'join up to clean up'

By Walter Elliott, Staff Writer

While some Springfield residents look forward to making leaves the weekend of Oct. 17, members of the Springfield Environmental Commission and volunteers took toward making it the week of Oct. 17.

Commission President Clara Harlick kicked off the sixth annual Clean Communities Week with the results of a slogan and poster contest Tuesday. The group selected at least five winners from among school age children to help publicize the weekend.

"We replaced to select Stacey Fonseca's entry for this year's slogan," Harlick said. Her "Join Up to Clean Up Slogan will be put on a banner over Mountain Avenue in advance of the weekend."

Fonseca is a sixth-grade student at Florence Gaudimer Middle School. She will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and a certificate of merit from the commission.

Three other elementary grade level students will also receive \$30 savings bonds and certificates for their posters. The winners are Jessica Morley of Washington School in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten level, Caldwell School student David Neimanas in the first and second grade division and Kerry Olmon of the Saldmeyer School in the third and fourth grade class.

Having the posters and banner displayed are not the only preparations being made for the weekend. Rakes, shovels, gloves and bags have been loaned near Township Recycling Coordinator Kathy DeHay's Municipal Annex office. Harlick has extended volunteer registration to Friday.

The object of Clean Communities Week is to assist the Department of Public Works. Volunteers will fan out from the Municipal Pool to collect trash and recyclable materials from about 24 parks or public spaces. About 200 people collected about 15 tons of trash, said Harlick.

The weekend is one of several events staged by the commission to promote environmental awareness. As a volunteer report, its members analyze and recommend municipal ecological health. It has held a seminar series on outdoor air quality and periodically awarded individuals or companies.

One project in the installation of recycling barrels in Springfield's municipal parks. Another is the installation of recycling signs near trees in other areas. The commission membership voted for the barrel project in the spring. Harlick said, "While there are recycling bins at home and in some work and public places, we noticed that none were in the parks. The recyclables were being dumped in trash cans with the garbage."

"Last summer was my first time working with the environmental commission," Recreation Director Michael Terrazza said. "I don't know of any other town having recycling barrels in their parks."

"Planting name tags on trees, which began about the same time as the barrel project, is being conducted with the help of landscape architect Dan Greenberg. The tags have the common and Latin name of the tree and the nameplate are made to expand with the tree's trunk. Examples of tagged trees are found on the library grounds and at the post office."

The tags appeared on the trees one day. Springfield Free Public Library Director Susan Permosh said. "They have started conversations by parents who don't even know when a particular tree was cut. One of our response librarians answered a pointed-in-use question by running outside and looking at a tagged tree."

Call (973) 912-2222 for Clean Communities program details.

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Students honored with college credit

Principal of Governor Livingston High School, Benjamin J. Jovine announced the following students who have been selected as semi-finalists in the 1998 Merit Scholarship Competition: Sanjay R. Varma, Binli D. Vo-Sarah L. Williams and Esther M. Yan.

Nearly 12,000 students in over 20,000 U.S. high schools entered the 1998 Merit Program by taking the PSAT Test.

The above students are four of 15,500 semi-finalists who represent the highest scores in each state. They now must fulfill the requirements for advanced placement. Final standing will be submitted for a Merit Scholarship Award.

Merit Scholarship awards will be announced in the spring of 1999. In addition, Governor Livingston student award recipient, Binli D. Vo-Sarah L. Williams, has been named Advanced Placement Scholar by the College Board in recognition of her exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations. Approximately 21 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only 1.7 percent received the highest score of 5 on the AP Examinations in Math.

The College Board recognizes exceptional achievement based on the number of academic courses and exams. At Governor Livingston High School, Binli D. Vo-Sarah L. Williams qualified for the AP National Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on 10 or more AP Exams of her senior courses.

Ten students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 4.5 on all AP exams. The students are: Loretta Flaga, Rebecca Hirschbeck, Ning Xuhua, Tanja Lee, Melissa Onghien, John Robert, Kristen Rippe, Alex Sathive, Jeffrey Smith, Michael Vogel.

Twelve students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 4.5 on all AP Exams taken. Grades of 4 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Kimberly Egan, Ryan Glen, Robert Hopkins, Philip Jones, Kristel Kozlak, Robert Long, Carson Ng, Gregory Peng, Alpa Piyevsky, Bahana Spohn, Wesley Tom and Esther Yan.

Fifty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: Eud Adair, David Aizenberg, Christopher Kales, Lawrence Corwin, Neza Ghaffari, David Gino, Bethany Karl, Michael Lin, Lucas Ruedo, Stephanie Sam, Matthew Sun, Sanjay Varma, Ryan Vo, Shannon West and Sarah Williams.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college level courses at their high schools, are graded on a five-point scale.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• Silk City will present an instrumental music performance at 7 p.m. in the Mountainide Public Library. Acoustic music will be performed by a string band including mandolin, guitar and bass. The show is free and open to the public. Call the library at 908-233-0115 for more information.

Friday
• The Program scheduled for the Senior Citizens Club of Mountainide will include Dan Kaledin, CHIME coordinator, who will discuss new developments in the Medicare Program. The seniors meet in the Community Presbyterian Church at Mountainide, Friday afternoon. Call Gladys Gueset, membership coordinator, at 908-232-5010 for more information or for an application to join the group.

Sunday
• The Trailside Nature and Science Center will present a program called "Autumn Wonders" at 2 p.m. The show is for ages 6 and up and will feature the Jupiter, Saturn and several constellations. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.50 for seniors. The center will also conduct a program called "Leaf Zoo" at 2 p.m. where a variety of colorful pressed autumn leaves will be used to create imaginary animals. The cost of this program is \$2 per person. The Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainide. Call 908-239-3620 for more information.

Wednesday
• The Mountainide Public Library will conduct a program called "October Time" at 10:30 a.m. The program will include stories and nursery rhymes for children accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required and must be made by calling 908-233-0115.

Thursday
• The Springfield Free Public Library will conduct a Great Books Discussion Group on "Chaucer's Canterbury Tales" at 10 a.m. New members are welcome. Call 973-376-4930 for more information.

Coming Events
Oct. 15, 16 & 17
• The first Presbyterian Church of Springfield will hold a Runaway Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 16 and from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Oct. 17. For more information, call 973-378-4320.

Oct. 17
• The James Caldwell School, PTA, 26 Caldwell Place, will hold its annual Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. rain or shine. Proceeds will go to defray the building's energy playground at the school. There will be a raffle, refreshments and games. Visit 26 Caldwell Place and activities for the whole family. For more information, contact Gen at 973-364-9923.

Oct. 17 & 18
• The Township of Springfield will conduct its sixth annual Clean Communities Week from 9 a.m. to noon. Community organizations,

families and interested individuals are invited to work together to reduce the amount of litter in the parks, playgrounds, public properties and roadsides. Meet at the Municipal Pool off Morris Road for signs, refreshments, tools and work assignments. Children must be supervised. Call 973-912-2222 for more information.

Oct. 20
• The Springfield Library will conduct a Lunching Theater at 1:00 p.m. featuring Frank Capra's "American Dream". Participants should bring a bag lunch and coffee and dessert will be supplied. Call 973-376-4930 for more information.

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 the trip will be donated to Youth World, Inc. based in the Children's Villages that are helping to migrate the young and new arrivals to Israel. Checks can be made payable to Springfield Chapter of Hadassah. For reservations, call Beat Kaplan at 973-376-3111.

Oct. 24
• The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a bus trip to see the play "Les Misérables". The performance begins at 7 p.m. and the bus will depart from the South Branch Civic Center at 6:30 a.m. and will return around 6 p.m. Tickets will be at \$15 per person, and transportation. Call 973-912-2222 for more information or to register.

Oct. 24
• The second annual Fall Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the Springfield Municipal Center. The market vendors and people looking to do business will have a great day. Vendors are asked to call Tom at 908-886-7700 for more information. The market will be held at 11:30 a.m. The return amount of the market will be at 1:30 p.m. and transportation. Call 973-912-2222 for more information or to register.

Oct. 24 & 25
• The second annual Great Show at St. James the Apostle in Springfield will be held on 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 two chairs for both days. The entrance fee will be waived due to the overwhelming response last year. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Any questions, call 973-912-0392.

Oct. 28, 29, & 30
• Jonathan D'Amico High School Senior Class and PFSO will present the third annual "Harvest of Hope" from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation, a scholarship-free graduation night event. Tickets will be \$5. All the day, 7th-12th graders under 18. For more information, call 908-886-7700 or 973-376-4930. Maureen at 973-564-6054.

Oct. 31
• The St. James Second Annual Halloween Costume Dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free beverages, DJ, dancing, a costume contest, prizes and refreshments will be offered. The cost is \$20 per person. For tickets or for more information, call Barbara at 973-912-8938 or Maria at 973-376-7331.

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Track less train
moon/parade ship
Ferris wheel

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Searcrow Toss
Super Challenger (2)
Stand the bottle
Spin Art 2 tickets
Make a necklace
Ring your teacher

Golf put
Pumpkin fish
Beauty salon 2 tickets
Basketball Throw
Wheel of Fortune
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Cotton Candy

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Actress makes TV debut

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

A Springfield native will be reappearing in her hometown this month by way of the television screen. Rikki Dale, who graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School as English Honors in 1983, will be appearing in television shows on ABC, CBS, and UPN during the month of October.

The Berniston lived on High Point Drive in Springfield for 30 years, with all five children attending Jonathan Dayton High School. "Rikki acted in plays in high school," said her mother, Elaine Berniston. "She did it a little and, always, left it but it wasn't something she pursued."

Dale graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a bachelor's degree in communications, then completed her studies at the William Asper School of Acting in New York. After marriage, acting didn't seem

like a viable career path, but after spending 10 years away from the stage, she decided to revive her theatrical aspirations.

Dale, related she, plans to her mother, who responded with disbelief. "I said, 'You've got to be kidding.'"

She was not. "She just decided out of the clear to move to L.A. and do it," said her mother. She moved to southern California, with her husband, to embark on her acting career without even a small role as an extra waiting for her.

"After three years of auditions, and no luck, Dale finally got her break this summer. She will be making her television debut on UPN Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. Her next appearance will be on CBS on "Marital Law" in an episode which is scheduled to air in October. Dale's fans can catch her in a reu-



Rikki Dale

ring role as a waitress on ABC's "Zoe Blue." A situation comedy, making its debut this fall, "Comely seems to be what she does best," her mother stated.

Students devise fire escape plans

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

While most death-defying acts are carefully planned and thoroughly practiced before being attempted in real life or death situations, many area residents discovered that an escape plan planned in case of a life-threatening house fire is often unpracticed.

The residents of Summit, Springfield and Mountaintop are being alerted to the importance of fire escape plans during National Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Oct. 5 to Oct. 12.

The National Fire Protection Association, which has sponsored National Fire Prevention Week with local fire departments for more than 70 years, developed "The Great Escape" theme in response to results from its 1997 Home Escape Survey that showed only 16 percent of respondents had practiced their own escape plans. "It's not enough to just draw up a home escape plan — people have to practice them," Springfield Fire Captain Kenneth Rao stated.

While we do have fire education programs year-round for all ages, Fire Prevention Week concentrates on grammar school children. By teaching them about fire prevention at a young age, we are helping them build good habits and they bring what they learn home," Rao said.

Using the theme of "The Great Escape," area firefighters addressed students at the local schools that were Summit firefighters visited last year. Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Harrison public schools, as well as Kent Place School and Oak Knoll School, at Deerfield School in Mountaintop. George McGrath addressed the students about fire safety in an assembly Tuesday. In Springfield, one of the department's fire engines will be assisting schools this week.

The Summit Fire Department will be working with students to create escape plans for their homes using graph-

paper to sketch out their plans and plot at least two escape routes for their families.

The escape plans will be evaluated and the best will receive prizes. Summit Fire Chief Chris Carter will select the best plan and submit it to the national contest. In November, the NFPA will choose the grand prize winner, who will receive a trip for up to four people to Walt Disney World. The grand prize vacation is sponsored by Kidde Safety, a leading manufacturer of home safety products.

The Summit Fire Department will also be supervising fire drills at Summit's schools-city hall, and some of the larger businesses in town.

The greatest number of fire-related fatalities occur in residential dwellings," said Carter. Most fire-related fires start in the kitchen. "Never leave cooking food unattended and always practice kitchen safety around a stove."

Carter also reminds area residents to test or replace their fire alarms. "Plan an escape from your home as one component of fire safety," he said. "Another escape component is to have a working smoke detector on each level of your home."

Smoke detectors and a well-practiced escape plan give you the best chance of surviving a house fire, Carter said. He added that residents should replace the batteries in detectors annually.

Fire Prevention Week includes Oct. 9, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The blaze leveled the center city, killing an estimated 250 people and causing \$196 million in property losses.

Summit, Springfield and Mountaintop Fire Departments all depend on volunteers. For information about the Summit volunteer program, contact Lieutenant Raymond Carlson at (908) 273-1033. For the Mountaintop Volunteer Fire Department, call (908) 275-2147. For the fire station between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday nights, for information about joining the Springfield volunteer division, contact Chief William Gray at (978) 912-2260.

Schools address schedule changes

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

More than 500 parents attended Back To School Night at Florence M. Friedman Middle School Oct. 2 and several expressed confusion regarding the class schedule.

The confusion arose from the night's format. Gaundinger and Board of Education officials sought to acquaint parents with particular teachers by simulating their children's schedule. The next seven periods day would last two hours, leaving less than 10 minutes to meet a teacher.

"This night is like a first day at a new school, with parents asking for directions or getting the wrong class," Gaundinger Principal Dennis McCarthy said. "We did not let the parents refrain from questions about their children's class teachers for time. However, the night is going well."

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland and board member Linda Duke were among three directing parents. They were also on hand to answer questions on scheduling questions, but these were never asked.

"Dr. Friedland and I were in the cafeteria for the lunch periods," Duke said. "Throughout those three periods, I was asked about the schedule revisions. We mostly let Bob Gilman and Staff Powers talk about their guidance services."

Friedland told the township Board of Education on Monday that the middle school's scheduling and class size problems have been largely corrected.

Duke and Friedland were anticipating questions about a major class-schedule revision which took effect at Gaundinger five weeks before. Friedland and McCarthy simi-

lated the schedule when they found several classes holding over 25 students in the original edition.

"The problem first came to my attention while I was reviewing the schedule on Sept. 30," Friedland said. "I noticed a Spanish teacher had only 33 minutes allotted to have lunch and travel between Gaundinger and another school. Reading on there, we had two science class periods with 12 and 13 students followed by two more having 26 and 27 students. There were classes of up to 35 students — and that's not fair to the kids."

The original schedule was constructed from student class choices and staffing availability by Gaundinger and district administrators during the summer. Friedland and McCarthy, after ruling out re-registering all 519 middle schoolers, spent most of the Labor Day weekend reworking the schedule.

"With the science classes, we combined the first two, which allowed us to move the extra students into a fifth class," Friedland said. "That was one example of what we did to re-schedule. We also worked around the faculty monitoring day times."

Friedland informed the board of his action during a Sept. 28 meeting. He said he is aware that some of the children affected included those whose parents are on the board, but stressed that transferring students to other classes was done in an impartial manner.

"I am gratified that you acted on the problem in a swift and strong manner," board member Kenny Kutzler stated to Friedland.

After cancelling Monday's conference session, the board is to reconvene Oct. 19.

Performance evaluations still pending

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suits currently in litigation.

"It's gotten ridiculous. The complaints are coming from three years' worth of different personalities," Brooks stated. "If not a company, there's a serious problem."

Shapiro declined to comment on the latest complaints.

In addition to the lawsuits, Officers Michael Fejton and John Foster have filed suits stating they were singled out for disciplinary action while serving as presidents of the local PBA, which supports officers in filing complaints.

According to Township Committee Brian Hirschfeld, Springfield is currently on a waiting list at the State

Attorney General's office for an investigation into the rash of problems relating to history and harassment within the Police Department.

"I've urged the rest of the Township Committee to hire a private investigator or instead, but the deal I agree," he stated. "We could be waiting a long year."

Chisholm could not be reached for comment.

Hirschfeld observed that Chisholm has never undergone a performance evaluation in his 10 years of employment with the township. "We're in the process of establishing a formal performance evaluation system for town employees," he said.

Hirschfeld also noted that depart-

ments regarding the Police Department are currently being conducted by the Civil Rights Prosecutor's Office.

Executive Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary stated, "Someone from Springfield forwarded some information to us, but we can't comment on any ongoing evaluations while they're ongoing."

While acknowledging outstanding problems within the Police Department, Hirschfeld suggested some officers may simply be unable to accept change. "With the history of animosity between Chisholm and certain officers, anything Chisholm does now will be construed as racist," he said. "It's not possible that someone could actually be doing something to warrant criticism."

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We congratulate the Mountianside Police Department on another job well done. The borough's Detective Bureau recently distinguished itself in the eyes of Supervisory Inspector Joseph Fresco of the Newark Field Office of the United States Postal Inspectors, who awarded two borough detectives with plaques recognizing their outstanding efforts in halting an outbreak of fraud and identity theft.

Detective Lt. Richard Osieja and Detective Sgt. Todd Turner worked alongside the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Postal Inspection Service and the Union County Sheriff's Office in apprehending nine individuals who had committed crimes in the Union County area by making unauthorized charges to financial accounts or opening new accounts in other people's names. Officials estimate that \$2 million in cash advances and fraudulent credit charges and checks may have been stolen by this group. The arrests and convictions began in January of this year and investigations are continuing.

Residents should take note of these crimes in our area and protect themselves accordingly. It is with good reason and few tears that we have bid farewell to the days of burying our life savings in a Mason jar in the backyard — we all know that by keeping our funds in the bank or stock market our money can make money through interest or dividends. However, entrusting our finances to professionals does not necessarily ensure its safety, as the recent crimes have demonstrated, and residents should guard any information that provides access to personal finances as carefully as they would guard a map to the buried Mason jar.

According to Turner, simple precautions include keeping Social Security numbers and dates of birth confidential — this information is often the key to personal bank and credit accounts. When taking cash from the ATM or making purchases with a credit card, don't toss your receipt on the floor or into an overflowing public garbage can where someone might remove it and use the card number. Urge loved ones, especially older citizens unfamiliar with modern money management, to take the same precautions.

Area residents can rest assured that dedicated law enforcement officers such as Osieja and Turner are on our side, but we must also help them in their efforts by failing to provide criminals with the opportunity.

It all starts with newspapers

Think for a moment how life would be without newspapers. News from around the world could go unreported, as well as national news that impacts our lives every day of every year.

On the local level, decisions by governing bodies could be conducted behind closed doors away from the public; they were intended to serve. Political deals to sway, ones could go unexposed. Players on the local Little League teams would not be as excited come Thursday morning because there would not be a newspaper that publishes their previous week's heroic efforts. Community events could go unreported.

If community events are not reported — well, to coin a phrase, there goes the community.

That is what a newspaper is all about, and as we celebrate National Newspaper Week, Oct. 4-10, we reflect on the importance of the local weekly newspaper and how it has the strength to unite a community.

Much can be said about newspapers — some good, some bad — but the one thing many of us take for granted is how vital our First Amendment to the Constitution is. It is there that we have freedom of the press — freedom to expose untruths in government, freedom to report how budgets will impact a household, freedom to expose evil, and freedom to make life a little better for us all.

This year's National Newspaper Week theme is "It all starts with newspapers," and no truer words can be spoken.

Newspapers are the stage for community discussion; they play a crucial role in day-to-day life in every city, town and village in the country. Beginning with a birth announcement, newspapers start their coverage of people's lives at the earliest event. That coverage continues throughout a person's life, recording accomplishments, failures, milestones and death.

As a keeper of the stories of a community, the newspaper is there at the start, and the finish, and remains the only effective instrument for such record-keeping.

During this special week for us, we urge readers to get more involved with their local newspaper, especially by using it as a learning tool for youngsters. Encouraging your child to read a newspaper every day is the starting point in our nation's fight against illiteracy.

Remember, it all starts with newspapers.



Photo by Barbara Kuchala

BIDDING BOOKWORMS

From left, Tommy Kirk, Suzanne Petrilli, Arthi Sundar, Dawn Wilkenfield, George Wentz and Tyler Bujowski listen to a story told by children's librarian Kathy Perocco during a program hosted by the Springfield Public Library.

Type A personalities threaten our well-being

This week's columns dedicated to the impossible task of trying to help the world's masses by showing you all how to live with one of the biggest threats to your mental and physical well-being — the type A personality mutant — hereafter called "TAMP."

You know who they are: TAMPs can't let the slightest mistake made by others go by without the blurt of cry "You're killing me" with your stupidity!

Remember, they are perfect beings; they can't possibly ever be blamed for anything — that is, not completely correct!

They are the egomaniacs who truly believe the world does revolve around them. For example, they are the ones who will say to you on Friday night as you're when you're caught yawning and glancing at the clock, "So what's it eight? I didn't have anything to do tonight, so why are you complaining about being here?" In how asking you to do anything I'm not doing, I pay you, therefore, I own your time until we are done!

Translation — your meager little

Give Us A Smile

By John Shackley

Life means nothing compared to a TAMP; so get down and work until you're dismissed by the almighty one. You get the idea.

TAMPs cause us all the most stress and take years off our lives, not their own. So here's a little story to help us all deal with these monsters a little better.

"One day, one of these 'truly blessed' died. So that's not the story. Read on because this person had an incredibly perfect — ordered — life. TAMP passed through heaven's gates with no problems at all.

Of course, TAMP did not win any heavenly points for exclaiming that the gates were not as "pearly white" as they should have been — they were "milder of a dull gray." TAMP told Saint Peter he should take more pride

in his work and after all, first impressions counted so much.

"This 'truly blessed' TAMP then took the stair to meet the 'God and Girl.' Of course the TAMP asked to the glowing angel that an escalator would be more efficient. The time saved by projecting new souls could be used to create more productivity from the angels. There is, after all, more.

Upon this poor misguided soul's dying with the 'perfectly correct one' the final mistake was made: This pompous TAMP had the gall to point out that the clouds were not geometrically uniform. The business affairs could be handled more expeditiously, and the heavenly choir was off-key. There was no need for an escalator — gravity works wonders of the way to hell.

The devil met his newest charge at the dusty, patheographed gate. He smiled at the disapproving look his new guest gave. He knew he had the perfect eternal punishment for this demerited idiot.

He led the TAMP to a small, dirty, smelly, windowless, cluttered room. As anyone who knows a TAMP can tell you, they can't stand chaos, for even a second without popping a major vein.

Inside this room, in the corner, was a chair. One chair. Sitting on this chair, slowly forming to meet their gaze, was an excitation of the perfect knockhead. Same face, same body and worst of all — same personality.

The TAMP was expected to spend the rest of all time with himself. Fights soon broke out over who should pick up the clutter, who was right all the time, who got the chair, and most importantly — who controlled the thermostat!

This went on day in and day out — forever — while Satan cackled away.

So remember this story the next time you have a TAMP screaming "You're killing me with your stupidity!" in your face with your eyesight — and give us an inward smile.

John Shackley is a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Traffic island will create hazard

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that an island is to be built in the middle of the street at the intersection of Mount View and Shimpke roads. I pass through that intersection almost every day and I agree that this is a dangerous situation. A hill with limited visibility for any turns makes it somewhat dangerous.

Now it appears someone who obviously doesn't know anything about the normal traffic control issues in this area has decided to add an island in the center of the road, transforming a dangerous intersection into a hazardous intersection.

Vehicles traveling both up and down Mount View frequently need to make a turn to navigate that corner given the poorly maintained road surface, the poor visibility of incoming traffic, up-hill roads and the frequent slippery conditions, especially during wet or winter weather.

In addition, although the Fire Department has determined that it will not be able to negotiate the turn with the new island, the township engineer is insisting the work will go ahead anyway. They must make any sense!

Repairing the road correctly, instead of the constant poor patching that has been done for years ago, and the addition of some lanes on the pavement would be a far cheaper and safer fix.

How do we protect ourselves from those who are supposed to be protecting our welfare and insure that our hard-earned taxpayer dollars don't instead put our lives in jeopardy?

Marvin Gornfield
Springfield

Polls reflect the economy

To the Editor:

It seems as if the polls are in the clouds because of the "growing economy." What will the polls say later as corporate earnings come in short and the Dow falls only jumps but doesn't reach the 10,000 forecasted just a short time ago? Well, it still be the economy!

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountianside

D.C. follies detract from local issues

To the Editor:

A visit to Washington last week convinced me that the business of the people is suffering by the current distractions. Specially, by Congress. Congress should have completed work on the funding bills necessary to keep government operating. I don't see that deadline being met.

Among the bills for consideration are two of special concern to Union County: funding for summer youth jobs and low-income Home Energy assistance. It is clear that energy issues such as Union will have to fight the battle in mid-term programs that benefit our citizens.

At this point, more than \$6 million in funding is at risk for Union County. So Summer Youth Employment and Training Program provides economically disadvantaged young people with meaningful work experience. It is obvious that there is a direct connection between the drop in juvenile crime in the state and the ability to provide alternatives to just hanging around for our young people.

Equally at risk is the low income Home Energy Program, which is of such great assistance to our senior citizens. A basic right of Americans should be the security of being provided basic comforts of shelter and warmth. In this regard, the so-called conference committee meeting between both the House and Senate will be critical. Currently, the Republican House of Representatives bill does not provide any funds for the summer jobs or energy assistance. That is truly an outrage.

Union County sits in the National Association of Counties is due to our designation of the 100 largest counties in the United States. For that reason, we have taken up the battle yet get our share of funding.

Along with the other urban counties of this country, we have a new mission. Namely, that the range of critical issues facing us are not lost in the current Washington whirlwind. U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman said, "We must recognize the better value of us in the better off of us." That means fighting for the disadvantaged in our country.

The responsibility to improve the conditions of our fellow citizens should be left to the current Washington climate.

The people's business such as summer jobs and heating assistance for seniors will be the last of judgment for representatives long after the current Washington follies are completed.

Frederick Deakin, Executive
Union County

Success hinged on local support

To the Editor:

In September, the Springfield Chamber sponsored Business Against Drunk Driving. The chamber, with the help of Avondale of New Jersey, arranged for the Chrysler Drunk Driving Simulator Car to be at Jonathan Dayton High School for 100 days.

The first day's program was for the high school students. The second day, open to the public, included exhibits and demonstrations. Numerous organizations assisted the chamber by contributing funds. They include the Springfield Alliance Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Springfield Rotary Club and the Avondale, Springfield Rotary Club.

Organizations and businesses that had exhibits or demonstrations included the Union County Sheriff's Department, Emory Hospital, Overlook Hospital, Springfield Litch Club, Springfield First Aid, Food Care Health Care, Corrections Corporation of America, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the local PTA. In addition, the simulator was a major attraction with the Springfield Fire Department, laws of life demonstration with cars courtesy by Debris Auto/Body.

We thank businesses and organizations for their tremendous efforts in helping demonstrate that, in Springfield, businesses are against drunk driving.

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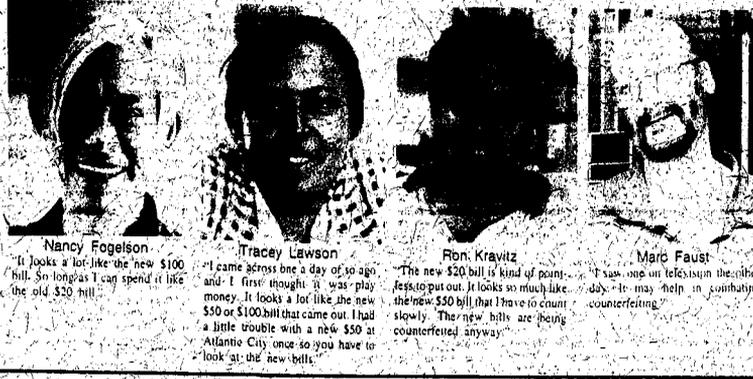
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Ron Kravitz
"The new \$20 bill is kind of pointless to put out. It looks so much like the new \$50 bill that I have to count slowly. The new bills are being counterfeited anyway."

Marc Faust
"I saw one on television the other day. It may help in combating counterfeiting."

Borough police arrest two men for automobile burglary

Two Elizabeth men casing vehicles in the Macy's parking lot in Springfield were apprehended by Mountaintop police for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

On Oct. 3, Mountaintop police headquarters received a report that a grey Pontiac Grand Am had been observed "casing" the Macy's parking lot. Officers saw a vehicle matching the description on entering Route 22 and a check of the Grand Am's license plates revealed that the tags were registered to a 1982 BMW. Mountaintop police stopped the vehicle at about 12:08 p.m.

The vehicle was unregistered, uninsured and the license plates were stolen from a 1982 BMW. Found inside the vehicle were tools commonly associated with vehicle break-ins: the vehicle's driver, David Lorenzo, and passenger, Ramon Lorencio, were arrested and the vehicle was impounded.

Detective Sergeant Todd Turner questioned both men. Lorenzo, 32, said that he and Lorenzo were driving the Macy's parking lot looking for vehicles to break into, hoping to steal car stereos. Lorenzo also admitted to several break-ins in Mountaintop and the surrounding towns with Lorenzo and other men over the last few months. Lorenzo, 40, refused to answer any questions.

A witness to a theft on Sheffield

POLICE BLOTTER

Street that occurred Sept. 24 was called to headquarters. The witness identified Lorenzo as being involved in the crime he observed.

Bruce Holmes of the Union County Prosecutor's Office advised Turner to charge Lorenzo and Lorenzo with burglary no motor vehicles, criminal mischief, theft, and possession of burglary tools.

A Phuong Nguyen, 26, was arrested Oct. 4 for driving a vehicle with a suspended license. Nguyen was initially stopped for a broken left tail light at 4:32 p.m. on Route 22 West.

A Mountaintop police pulled over Samuel Rivera, 21, for running a red light on Route 22 East at 7:37 p.m. Oct. 3. A computer check revealed he was wanted in Dover on a contempt of court charge and that his license was suspended.

A Plainfield woman was arrested on Route 22 West for driving under a suspended license. Delishawn Smith, 32, was stopped Oct. 3 at 8:09 p.m.

Eqpt J. Andino, 26, of Mountaintop was pulled over on Route 22 Sept. 29 at 10:41 a.m. and arrested for driving under a suspended driver's license.

Abraham Bentall, 30, was stopped at Sherwood Parkway and Mountain Avenue Sept. 29 at 7:39 p.m. for suspicion of a motor vehicle

break-in. A computer check revealed he was being sought by Newark police in a contempt of court charge.

A Plainfield man was stopped Sept. 28 at 10 p.m. on Route 22 West for improper display of license plates. Jeffrey Gregory, 32, was arrested for driving under a suspended driver's license.

Elizabeth Leconte, of Livingston was arrested for passing bad checks after writing one to the Mountaintop Municipal Court Sept. 10. Leconte, 25, was arrested Sept. 28 at 12 p.m.

Springfield

Two motorists were told by members of the Springfield Police Department to leave town Sept. 25. The men were found to have outstanding warrants from Bristol, Pa., and Union Township while undergoing separate motor vehicle checks that day.

The first driver identified as David M. Rucher, 43, of Bristol, was pulled over on Route 22 East at about 11:38 a.m. He was first charged for driving while on a suspended Pennsylvania license. A check with his home town's police headquarters then uncovered the warrant.

Rucher was released on his own recognizance. He was arrested and taken to the Bucks County Police station in person.

The other motor vehicle stop involved a Springfield man before a Morris Avenue office building at

about 6:23 a.m. The driver, identified as Alberto Di Tullio, 33, was found to have a warrant from Union Township. Di Tullio was released on his own recognizance and was not to check with Union Municipal Court.

The outstanding warrants, according to Capt. James Hietala of the Springfield Detective Bureau, may be as simple as an overdue parking ticket. A talk with the court issuing the warrant and a check of a suspect's record are factors in releasing that person or holding him on bail.

Township police are looking for four shop vacuum cleaners taken from a car rental agency Sept. 25. The industrial vacuums were last seen to an outdoor maintenance area of the agency building on Route 22 East.

A Accounts from three eyewitnesses helped police sort out a traffic accident at Morris and Morris Avenue avenues Sept. 29. A Mack garbage truck headed west on Morris Avenue collided with a Chevrolet coming from southbound Springfield. About at about 1:15 a.m. it had appeared that the 80,000-pound truck ran a red light before running into the Chevy drivers side door.

One witness, a driver following the Chevy, said Springfield Avenue had a green light. The other two witnesses said the truck moved into the right hand lane and passed one of them on the light before entering the intersection.

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Firefighters investigate accident, spill

Springfield

The Springfield Fire Department, rolled into an Oct. 3 afternoon motor vehicle accident resulting in a spill. The fire fighters cleaned up the results of the early-morning crash at the intersection of Meisel Avenue and Conage Lane at about 7:53 a.m. Later that morning, the squad investigated an activated carbon monoxide detector at a Robin Court residence, and at 12:09 p.m. the department responded to Ballyroy Way to assist Springfield police, who entered a home to check on a resident.

On Oct. 2, all units responded to a Kimberly Court residence to investigate an activated fire alarm.

The squad handled four medical service calls Oct. 1 and also stood in for their Summit, colleagues in response to a request via Union County Mutual Aid.

Firefighters battled a truck fire on Springfield Avenue Sept. 30 on a day

FIRE BLOTTER

that also included five medical service calls.

The squad responded to a minor vehicle accident at Morris and Meisel avenues Sept. 29 at 9:17 a.m.

Two incidents Sept. 28 required all units to respond. The fire fighters investigated an activated fire alarm at a Mohawk Road residence at 1:11 p.m. and responded to a dryer fire at a Hillside Avenue home at 8:20 p.m.

The department also assisted the Mountaintop Fire Department with a truck fire at 12:25 p.m.

Two vehicle incidents Sept. 27 required the department's services. A car fire on Route 78, West was contained by the squad at 6:18 p.m. and firefighters attended to a motor vehicle accident on Route 24 East at 10:30 p.m. Springfield's bravest also investigated a fire alarm activation at Cauldwell School at 7:04 p.m.

Election coverage guidelines

In fairness to all school board candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of Board of Education elections.

Under the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic position taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates' nights and fund-raising in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.

News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial feeling of controversial or sensational issues in the first edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in school board elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them, if necessary, to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 16 election. Letters to the editor, political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of April 4. Letters may be printed as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Letters containing more than 75 words will be edited for length. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for office will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear April 4.

Our endorsements: Endorsement ads will appear April 11.

Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, will appear April 11.

Election results: Look for complete election result coverage April 18.

Swim Classic raises funds for leukemia research

Young swimmers at the Springfield Municipal Pool concluded a very successful Super Swim Classic. The participants raised \$2,700, setting the original goal of \$2,000. The funds will be used to support the University of Maryland's research on leukemia in children.

Twenty-five youngsters participated in the Super Swim Classic. Danielle DeCasta, Anthony DeNicola, Nicole Green, Allison Mason and Hilary Rosenberg led the group by raising \$100 or more.

Pool manager Patrick Farley of Edison, who teaches advanced physical education at Newark's Branch Brook and Roseville Avenue Schools, noted that the Springfield Municipal Pool has the "Lemonade Society's" 1988 Union County Super Swim Championship. He added that next year he will bring his "Newark" swimmer to the pool.

Farley also noted that the pool is open to all children with their parents. He added that the pool is open to all children with their parents.

Borough singer makes debut

Country singer Tita Gillis and the Tita Gillis Band, along with singer Kathy Cassell of Mountaintop will perform "The Branson Review" on Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Branson Review will feature western swing, oldies, country and gospel music along with an evening of comedy. Show producer Gillis said they are the first to bring a Branson Review show to this area.

His wife, Cassell, is also here for her debut. She will be performing in her own right.

The show will be held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Millburn.

Conference set for disabled students

Preparing students with disabilities for entry into the workforce will be the framework for a conference hosted by Our House Foundation. The conference is supported in part by the New Jersey Department of Education, the Board of Career Education, the Board of Career-UP and Montclair State University. The program will address the issues and concerns of minority members, educators and supported employment personnel.

The keynote speech will be given by Katherine Ross, Ph.D., president of the National Association of Vocational Rehabilitation Administrators. It will focus on career challenges and solutions to employment and how they can be overcome. Workshops will include: Instructional Strategies for Actively Pursuing Employment; Orientation Skills Training; Work featuring the Transition Program at Elizabeth High School; Working Towards the Future — The Career Internship Program at Livingston High School; and Post-Secondary Academic and Vocational Opportunities.

The conference will be held at the Student Center, Montclair State University Oct. 22. For further information and registration call Karen Kunkel at (908) 444-3000, ext. 122.

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OBITUARIES

Danny Pastore

Danny Pastore, 70, of Mountainside, died Sept. 29 at home. Born in Summit, N.J., Pastore lived in Union before moving to Mountainside in 1964. He owned and operated J. Pastore & Son Inc., a union paying contract company, for 45 years and retired two years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Anna, 3 daughters, Ann Marie Pastore, Joanne Josephine, a daughter-in-law, and seven grandchildren.

James DeCastro

James DeCastro, 55, of Mountainside, died Sept. 25 in his summer home in Manhattan.

Born in Bound Brook, Mr. DeCastro moved to Mountainside 20 years ago. He also maintained a summer home in Manhattan. Mr. DeCastro worked in the retail automotive trade most of his life. He was a member of the Union County 200 Club and was a New Jersey licensed small craftboat captain.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia, two daughters, Christina and Gina; a son, James Jr.; his brothers, Robert and George; and two sisters, Angela Robinson and Louise.

Richard Hackenburg

Richard Hackenburg, 91, of Summit, died Sept. 29 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Austria, Mr. Hackenburg moved to Summit in 1915. He was a maintenance worker at Balfour Golf Club, Springfield, and retired in 1975. Earlier, Mr. Hackenburg had owned greenhouses in Chatham and the Hill-top Farms, Berkeley Heights.

Surviving are four daughters, Jane DiNardo, Conny, Cole, Jean, Mabel and Lauren Ackerman; a son, Rick; a sister, Lydia Wassbach; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

George M. Plain

George M. Plain, 92, of Coronado, Calif., formerly of Summit, died Sept. 27 in the San Diego Hospice in California.

Born in Hoboken, Mr. Plain lived in Jersey City and Summit before moving to Coronado. He was a bank trust officer for 50 years at Hudson County National Bank, Jersey City, and the Trust Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, and retired in 1974. Mr. Plain graduated from the American Institute of Banking, New York City, and served in the Army Air Force for one year. Mr. Plain was a president of the American Institute of Banking, Hudson County Chapter, New Jersey. He was a member of the Jersey City Board of Clubs, the New Atlantic League, Jersey City, and the Coronado Masonic Lodge No. 447.

Surviving are his wife, Edith B., a daughter, Marilyn Plain; a son, Geoffrey; and a grandchild.

David C. Benson

David C. Benson, 62, of Springfield, a retired insurance executive, died Oct. 1 in Armstrong Memorial Hospital.

Born in Glen Ridge, Mr. Benson lived in Sydney, Australia; Berkeley Heights and New Providence before moving to Springfield last year. He was president and director of Aegion International Insurance Co., New York City, and president, director and chief operating officer of Citi Inc., New York City. Mr. Benson retired in 1985. Before that, he was vice president, life/foreign manager with Chubb & Son Insurance Co., New York City, for 12 years until 1981. During this time, Mr. Benson also was the Asset manager of Chubb & Son operations in Sydney for five years. He graduated from Episcopal College, East Orange. Mr. Benson served in the Marine Corps Reserve during peacetime.

Surviving are two daughters, Kristen and Karolya; a son, Eric; a brother, Pamela; and two grandchildren.

George E. Atkins

George E. Atkins, 97, of Hightstown, a former businessman in Summit, died Oct. 1 in the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Atkins lived in Short Hills before moving to Hightstown 68 years ago. He was president of Atkins Company Inc. of Summit, which, created school and stadium bleachers and set up laboratories for pharmaceutical companies and schools. He founded the company about 1947 and retired in the early 1980s. Mr. Atkins was a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. During World War II, he served as a major in the Army Air Corps. Mr. Atkins was a member of the Balfour Golf Club, Springfield, and the Old Guard, Millburn. Surviving is a sister, Florence D'Amico.

Robert L. Murphy

Robert L. Murphy, 82, of Springfield, died Oct. 3 at home.

Born in Chatham, Mr. Murphy lived in Springfield for 42 years. He was a letter carrier for Chatham Post Office for 35 years and retired 25 years ago. Mr. Murphy also was an assistant yachts at Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, for 35 years and retired eight years ago. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 92, Chatham.

Surviving are his wife, Marion, five daughters, Kathleen, Wreckley, Rita, Sanjancenta, Susan, Pappé, Carol, Luciano and Patricia Turcuti; a son, William J.; and 14 grandchildren.

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Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan welcomes, from left, Kim Kónors, Judy Wilson and Chrissy Sparks of the Party Dolls to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, ending the Summer Arts Festival Concert Series for this year.

Party Dolls conclude concert series

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan and Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. welcomed the Party Dolls to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, ending the Summer Arts Festival Concert Series for this year.

Co-sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and PSA of the Party Dolls, known for their inventive banding and fun, groovy sounds of the 60's, the Echo Lake Park on the first night of the Series. This has been a incredible summer concert series and the Union County Freeholders are delighted to end on such a high note, Sullivan said. There were over 3,000 people at the free concert.

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SPORTS

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 New Providence at Dayton
 Johnson at Gov. Livingston

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

One area team posted its second straight shutout, one its first and another almost had its third.

Hillside improved (6-2-1) by blanking Bound Brook (29-0) in Bound Brook last Friday night, scoring a touchdown in each quarter. The Comets, who blanked GL the week before, will face Ridge this Saturday at 1 p.m. in their home-opener.

Roselle is 3-0 for the second consecutive season and last Saturday posted its first shutout, blanking GL 38-0 in Berkeley Heights. The Rams' host 3-0 Immaculata this Saturday at Ammanio Field at 1 p.m.

Union is 3-0 and has outscored the opposition by a whopping 145-7 after routing host Livingston 66-7 at Matthews Field.

WEEK FOUR
 Friday, Oct. 9
 Keany at Union, 7:00
 Newark East Side at Eliz., 7:00
 Linden vs. Shabazz at Newark's Schools Stadium, 5:00
 North Plain at R. Park, 7:30
 Saturday, Oct. 10
 Johnson at GL, 1:00
 Ridge at Hillside, 1:00
 Immaculata at Roselle, 1:00
 New Providence at Dayton, 1:00
 Westfield at Rahway, 1:30
 Mendham at Summit, 1:30
 Bound Brook at Brearley, 2:00

WEEK THREE
 Friday, Oct. 2
 Immaculata at Johnson 10
 Hillside 29, Bound Brook 0
 Dover 21, Summit 6
 Saturday, Oct. 3
 Roselle 35, GL 0
 North Plain 49, Brearley 14
 Union 66, Livingston 7
 Elizabeth 33, Keany 7
 Linden 28, Cranford 6
 Rahway 9, Shabazz 8
 Dayton 13, R. Park 13 (OOT) (ie J.R.)



Photo by Milton Mills

Dayton players Atila Vigilante (No. 44), Nick Contardo (No. 47) and Brian Berger (No. 40) make sure this Roselle Park ball-carrier is going nowhere.

Dayton grid team tied by R. Park

The Dayton High School football team has shown a great deal of improvement this year.

After a tough season-opening setback, the Bulldogs managed a road victory before coming home for the first time last weekend.

Dayton faced Roselle Park at Meisel Field in its home-opener and the two teams played to a rare tie, the final score, deadlocked at 13-13.

Roselle Park scored a touchdown with less than two minutes left to knot the game at 13-13. Kevin Kolbeck's ensuing extra-point attempt was blocked by junior Brian Berger, setting the game into overtime.

Kolbeck then responded in overtime during their first time possession, thus the game ended in a tie. Overtime in the regular season began in 1995.

It was Dayton's first tie since the year before overtime became available in the regular season. The Bulldogs lost the game was a 9-9 decision at Governor Livingston in game No. 2 of the 1994 season a year in which Dayton finished 4-4.

This was Roselle Park's first tie since the 1985 season, a year in which it finished 7-1 and reached the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 final.

Dayton junior B.J. Jones returned a punt from Roselle to a touchdown in the first quarter and junior Dan Dell'Acqua kicked the extra point.

The Bulldogs went ahead 13-0 in the second quarter when junior quarterback Lorenzo Williams completed a 24-yard touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Jeffrey Stapher.

Roselle Park had seven points on the board in the third quarter with its first touchdown.

Dayton's record moved to 11-11 while Roselle Park's moved to 0-2-1.

The Bulldogs continue play in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this Saturday at Meisel Field at 1 p.m. when they host Valley leader New Providence (3-0).

The following are Dayton stats from the Roselle Park at Dayton contest:

Rushing: B.J. Jones 24-55, Matt Fischer 5-23, Nick Contardo 4-3, Lorenzo Williams 4-3. Totals: 34-91.

Passing: Lorenzo Williams 5-17-9, 67 yards, one touchdown.

Receiving: Jeffrey Stapher 2-29, one touchdown; Brian Berger 1-19, B.J. Jones 1-10, Keith Allen 1-9. Totals: 5-67, one touchdown.

Kickoff Returns: B.J. Jones 2-59, Matt Fischer 1-3. Punt Returns: Dan Carbone 4-27.

Tackles: Matt Fischer 11 solo, 6 assisted for 17; Justin Hurley 9 solo, 4 assisted for 13; Brian Berger 10 solo 2 assisted for 12 total; Atila Vigilante 4 solo, 6 assisted for 10 total; Keith Allen 5 solo, 2 assisted for 7; Jeffrey Stapher 4 solo, 3 assisted for 7 total; B.J. Jones 4 solo, 11 assisted for 6; Nick Contardo 3 solo, 5 assisted for 8; Charlie Byers 2 solo, 3 assisted for 5; Todd Walters 2 solo, 1 assisted for 3.

Fumble Recoveries: Keith Allen, Justin Hunter, B.J. Jones.

Interceptions: Nick Contardo 1-10; B.J. Jones 1-10; Keith Allen 1-0.

TERRIFIC TWELVE

1. Union (14-0)
2. Elizabeth (2-1)
3. Roselle (3-0)
4. Rahway (2-1)
5. Linden (1-2)
6. Hillside (2-1)
7. Johnson (1-2)
8. Dayton (1-1-1)
9. Roselle Park (0-2, 1)
10. Summit (0-2)
11. Gov. Livingston (0-3)
12. Brearley (0-3)

Kobel twins off to a good start

Mountainsiders among best

By Joe Ragozino
 Staff Writer

Before the start of the Union County Girls' Tennis Tournament, Lauren and Alison Kobel had been playing 18-hole individual seasons for Governor Livingston High School.

The Mountainsiders went sporting unblemished records and were seeded fairly high in their respective singles flights in the tournament, which took place in Tanager Park in Westfield.

Though they stumbled in the semi-finals last Saturday, the Kobels fought their opponents hard, leading the Highlands to an impressive third-place team, showing, while cementing their status as two of the best players in the county. At second singles, Lauren Kobel, the fourth seed, took the top seed, South Plains' Diego Nolasco, to three sets before falling 6-3, 5-0, 6-1.

High School Girls' Tennis

Meanwhile at third singles, No. 3 seed Alison Kobel recovered nicely from a slow start against Ilka Noravali of Westfield, taking the second seed to a second set tie-breaker. Noravali prevailed 6-0, 7-6 (7-5), on clutch in the tie.

In the third-place consolation on Monday, Alison Kobel defeated Abby Cumar of Oak Knoll, the fourth seed 6-4, 6-2. Lauren Kobel, however, fell to No. 1 seed Erin Arnold of Summit 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Post-game, playing valiantly against the No. 1 seed was particularly satisfying.

"Personally, I felt like I played my best tennis," she said. "Something just clicked and I was hitting the ball really well. I think in the third set I got a little tired because I was fighting so hard in the second set. But I'm happy that I fought the top seed really hard."

Alison Kobel was also proud of her effort against an opponent she knows pretty well.

"I was really happy with how the tournament went," she said. "I've played Noravali before, and she's always tough. The first set, I really don't remember. But the second set was really intense on trying and I fought hard, especially in the tie-breaker."

That impressive performance gave Alison enough confidence to play well in the consolation.

"I just felt strong throughout the entire match," Alison said after consultation with her coach.

Inspiring the Kobels throughout their careers has been GL head coach Jerry Brill.

"During each match, he always tries to keep our confidence up," Lauren Kobel said.

Personal achievements aside, the Kobels are especially happy with their progress of the team this season. The Highlands are one of the few undefeated teams in the county, with a mark of 7-0 as of Monday.

"I'm just really happy with how the season has gone so far, personally and as a team," Alison Kobel said.

Individually, the Kobels have stellar records. Alison is 18-0 and Lauren 9-2, with all of their losses coming in the county tournament. Both marks could mean berths in the NISIAA individual tournament. The qualifying players are expected to be announced by late 1998.

"The Kobels aren't sure whether they will continue their careers in college. But they'll always have a place in their hearts for a sport that has given them so much."

"You're always going to have ups and downs and sometimes you're not doing so well," Lauren said.

"It makes you mentally tough and focused, because tennis is such an individual sport," Alison said. "You have to be self-confident, going into the match."

"When you're on the court, it's just you, so you have to be focused," Lauren added.

Minutemen grid teams excel

The Springfield Minutemen A Team's record is 1-1 after it fell at home to Millburn 14-13 last Sunday at youth football competition at Meisel Field.

The A Team began the season with a 20-14 win at Chatham on Sept. 27.

The C team did not play against Chatham because Chatham does not field a C team. Instead, Springfield opened at home last Sunday against Millburn and came away with a 13-0 victory.

Following quarterback Kenneth Suarez's completion of eight yard pass to Heno Washington on his first possession and Lee Silberman broke free for a 30-yard pass.

Danny Kahonee continued the momentum of the team's next possession and then Silberman ran the ball in for Springfield's first touchdown of the season. Danny Kahonee ran in the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Suarez had a nice run for a first down on Springfield's next possession. Washington had a nice gain on a third down and 12 yard later in the drive.

Suarez completed a touchdown pass to his brother Stephen for Springfield's final touchdown. It was Kenneth Suarez's first career touchdown pass.

Also playing well for the Minutemen were Vincent DeMaio, Matt Foley, David Zarillo, Justin Molinar, Christopher Muccio, Zach Silverman, Ryan O'Reilly, Daniel Cohen, Matt Stromeyer, Steven Fischer, Siddharth, Mike Robert Elias, Brandon Gines, Cornel Wolfe, Eric Dubeau, Steven Deater, Paul Belliveau, Michael Wallace, Jason Cappa, Derek Siegel, Jake Royal, Jake Tuchman and Andrew James Garcia.

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Dance program offered

The Summit YMCA is proud to present "Deep Dance," an intensive, two-to-three-hour dance movement and meditation to be held at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St. on Saturdays from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

"Deep Dance" will be led by Eyal Klempner, a certified Kravle Yoga instructor, a former elite gymnast through a wide variety of self-integrative dance rhythmic meditations and a sequence of stretching yoga postures which are based on the techniques of world-renowned dance teacher Gabrielle Roth. A technique social with snacks and beverages will be offered afterwards. No previous dance or yoga experience is necessary.

People of all ages are welcome. The cost of the event is \$15. 550 Summit YMCA members 18 and over pay the \$10 fee.

Schools to be discussed

An update on news from the Summit Public Schools is among the topics to be featured on an upcoming "Summit Region" series airing on TV 58.

Summit Superintendent of Schools Michael Kowalyn and Mayor Walter Long were guests of TV 58 host Beth Pinco. Kowalyn discussed new changes in the school district for the 1999 school year, recent construction and renovations in the district, and how the district is working to encourage cross-agency collaboration in the elementary schools, and space and enrollment needs at Summit High School.

The program will air on Oct. 9 at 9 p.m.

Church plans trip

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield is planning a trip to Oberammergau in Germany to witness the 40th performance of the "world-famous Passion Play" in August of the year 2000.

The re-enactment of this magnificent work of art has been presented every ten years because of a vow made by the townspeople of Oberammergau in 1634. They pledged that if they were spared from the Black Plague which was spreading through Europe, they would perform a play depicting the last week of Christ's life.

The tour leaves Newark, Aug. 8, 2000, with a stop in Virginia, Virginia Beach, Florence, Milan and Lugano, Italy. Travel plans should be made well in advance as the "Passion Play" event always sells out years in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield at 1973-779-4320.

Bookstores honor literacy month

Literacy Volunteers of America/Union County Affiliate, the county's largest free adult literacy tutoring organization, will be celebrating October as Literacy Month with the help of Union County's local bookstores.

Information tables will be set up during the month of October in Barnes and Noble on Route 22, Western Springfield and in Book Lovers, Cakes and Coffee on South Avenue in Millersburg. All customers will be on hand to answer questions and sign up prospective tutors and students on Oct. 17 at Book Lovers' Outlet and Oct. 24 at Barnes and Noble.

For more information on Literacy Volunteers of America or to volunteer, call the county office at 908-492-0440.

Library to host Halloween program

Registration is now underway for the Halloween Thrills and Chills Program at the Summit Free Public Library. The Children's Librarians will be presenting a series of activities for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Dianne Coulter and Lynn Thompson will be telling scary stories and doing interactive tales with the children. Pat Obit is organizing clever Halloween craft projects. All these will be heading the children in playing "Wrap the Mummy" and a costume rally. The children will also be able to make a "painted pumpkin." The 1940-1950 "pumpkin" number line will come in the pumpkin and the candy.

The program will take place on Oct. 24 from 11 to 12:30 p.m. at the Johnson Center, 2 Walnut St. Registration is required to register, stop by in person at the Children's Thriller or call the Children's Department at 777-9433.

Poll workers needed

Both political parties need to hire additional poll workers for General Election Day Nov. 11, in order to be eligible for employment in Summit, interested people need to register.

Registered Democrats should contact

Registered Democrats should contact Maybelle Cromwell at 271-3596. Republicans should call Elizabeth Cox at 277-4398.

Out-of-town Democrats should call Cromwell and Republicans should call Terry Brown at the Union County Election Board at 527-4125.

All new election board workers are required to attend a county Board of Elections one-hour training session to learn the basics of election machine

operation, said David L. Hughes

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The General Election Day staff works these hours in addition to the time required to open and close the polling places.

Board workers earn \$100 for the day's work. The county pays an additional \$12.50 for picking up or returning election materials to City Hall, making it possible to raise the salary to \$125 for some people that day. Democrats are responsible for the materials for the Primary Election and Republicans for the General Election.

Voler registration hours extended

In order to accommodate late-minute voter registration, the Summit City clerk's office is scheduling evening voter registration hours.

On Monday, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Regular voter registration hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located on the second floor of City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave. City Clerk David L. Hughes

provisional residents that they must be registered in order to

General Election. Eligibility requirements for registration include U.S. citizenship at the time of registration and county and city residency of at least 30 days before the election. A voter must also be at least 18 years old by Election Day.

Registration is permanent but re-registration is required for a change of name or address. For further information, call the city clerk's office at 271-6400.

Magazine fundraiser to be conducted

Summit Middle School will hold its annual "magazine drive" fundraiser from Oct. 8 through Oct. 22.

Students will be offering new magazine subscriptions and renewals of existing subscriptions at reduced prices. Any renewal offer sent by publishers will be honored.

To order subscriptions, contact any Summit Middle School student or Sarah Kimber at 522-0382.

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