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NEWS

Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of the Fourth of July. We will reopen Tuesday.

The deadlines for the July 8 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news — today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
- What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Tuesday, 9 a.m.

- Classified advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m.
 - Legal advertising — Tuesday, noon.
- We wish our readers a safe Fourth of July holiday.

THE ARTS

Step out

Wondering who to do this weekend? Perhaps our calendar can help you decide. See Page B6.



Ghosts on display

"Ghosts," linoleum block print by Barbara Schachman, is on display as part of the 1999 Members' Exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit. See Page B5.

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WEATHER

Friday: Potential thunderstorms. 89°

Saturday: Hot, humid, showers. 90°

Sunday: Partly cloudy. 90°

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Now-alumna Traceyellene Saladine, right, adjusts the cap of Maria Stravato. Both graduates received their diplomas from Jonathan Dayton High School June 24.

Dayton graduates 106 students

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Commencement exercises for the Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1999 was a blend of tradition and uniqueness June 24.

Principal Charles Serson presented and graduated the class of 106 seniors, as they move on to other educational or vocational pursuits.

The exercises were held on Courtyard Commons this year instead of Meisel Field or in one of Dayton's gyms. Courtyard Commons is front of the high school but to the east of the tennis courts.

"We like to do something a little different with each commencement," Serson said before an audience of 800. "It's hard to believe that the Class of 1999's four years at Dayton has passed. They have weathered some difficult moments for the district and the nation with maturity."

Serson referred to the recent high school shootings in Littleton, Colo., and Conyers, Ga. He and class speak-

ers also remarked about the Union County Regional High School dissolution, which came midway through the students' tenure.

"Most of the parents and family members, faculty and other dignitaries squinted back at Serson and the class. The audience was seated westward to face the exercise — and into a sunset.

"I'm a little anxious," said senior Staci Friedman while preparing to walk through the bell tower and out to the commons. "Some of us are realizing that graduation is really happening."

Nicole Loupis, by leading the Pledge of Allegiance, was the first student speaker. She was followed by remarks from respective class and Student Council presidents Evan Fischbein and Nicholas Comardo.

"The Class of 1999 had to face adversity almost from the start," Fischbein said. "From deregionalization to the interclass games, the experiences have drawn our class closer."

"We took on the stubborn character of a bulldog," Contardo said. "We went up against the juniors in the interclass games in our last shot at scoring an upset. Although we had a close loss, we didn't give up to the end."

Scott Sambar also mentioned deregionalization, recalling how the students said goodbye to their David Brearley-bound classmates from Kenilworth. The regional system, including Berkeley Heights' Governor Livingston and Clark's Arden L. Johnson high schools, was ended by their home districts in 1997.

The seniors' remarks were interspersed with those from Serson and other Board of Education administrators. Board president Richard Falkin was the last speaker before awarding the diplomas.

"I share in your anticipation and excitement," Falkin said, "as I graduated from Dayton 30 years ago to the day. Some of your teachers were here. See GRADUATES, Page 3

Board honors

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Monday night's meeting of Mountainside's Board of Education opened with a presentation to former member Pat Knodel.

"Pat was a member of the Board of Education for 26 years," said board president Pat Tieschler as she presented Knodel with a small plaque. "I've been here seven years and worked with her and learned a great deal, especially about negotiations. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience."

"We'll miss you, Pat," board member Frank Geiger said. "When I started with the Board of Education, I didn't know who was friend or foe. Pat was a friend. She helped me get established."

In her President's Report, Tieschler referred to the evaluation of Deerfield's security situation by the Mountainside Police Department.

"What we're looking for, and what we need the police to help us establish, is safety without effecting the educational system," she said.

Certain open doors, including those in the gym, janitor's office and cafeteria, and the inability of classroom telephones to access outside lines were major concerns for Police Chief James Dobie. Tieschler said, "The gym doors are open because we don't want to give out more keys than we have to," Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said.

Regarding safety issues at the front entrance, Schaller indicated the possible use of a door with a buzzer or a partial wall leading directly to the main office.

Locks on classroom doors were also mentioned. "They can only be locked from the outside using a key," Schaller said. "We're looking into that, too."

"It was time well-spent," Schaller said about the meeting with police. "We talked about everything, from bomb threats to weapons, domestic violence, drugs and then reviewed the Crisis Management Plan itself. As a parent, I'd feel comfortable knowing what safety measures would be available."

Schaller expressed displeasure at the fact that many parents, after dropping their children off at Deerfield,

remain in the parking lot too long. "We have quite a few parents here in the morning," he said. "Some like to mingle, some like to get to the teachers to talk to them, which isn't an appropriate time. The teachers have been good about it, but it's just not an appropriate time."

An opposite problem involves unsupervised children. "I'll get out of my car at 7:40 in the morning and see two kids waiting at the door. We can't have them out there unsupervised," Schaller said.

In the Chief School Administrator's Report, Schaller reminded the board of the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 district goals, which he said he wants to continue working on at the next meeting. Evaluation of the math and science programs and the development and implementation of an ongoing communications/articulation network with Berkeley Heights regarding elementary and secondary curricula and school issues are among them.

Schaller also is looking to maximize the potential of the teaching staff and to develop a plan to increase community involvement in the school district.

In the area of budget and finance, the board approved its contract with Vista Rehab Services, for occupational therapy/teach and language services for students in the 1999-2000 Moppee Program, the district's preschool program for handicapped children. A Substance Awareness Coordinator for 1999-2000 and bids from the Vogel Bus Company and Tech-Ed Systems Inc., for specialized technology, also were approved.

Concerning building and grounds, the board voted to approve the use of the Deerfield School grounds for a fireworks display July 4, and the use of the Beechwood School gym for line dancing provided by the Mountainside Recreation Department on Monday afternoons from Sept. 13 through June 5.

In personnel, the board voted to approve the appointment of Elizabeth H. Keshish as assistant principal at Deerfield.

The board's next meeting was changed from July 13 to July 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School Library.

Teacher's work ethic criticized by parents

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A math teacher's performance was the central but careful discussion at the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The 13-member audience watched the board approve 12 resolutions within three minutes. The bulk of the measures were to renew various insurance contracts and approve the hiring of nine temporary or permanent substitute teachers.

What the majority of the audience came for, however, was not on the agenda. Mostly parents, they discussed the performance of a teacher and inquired about the district's supervision procedure. It was to last the bulk of the 64-minute public meeting and brought some carefully-worded answers from board members and administrators present.

"I'm bringing before you," parent Bruce Fish said, "specific complaints about a seventh-grade math teacher." Board President Richard Falkin, however, interrupted Fish. "The board does not normally discuss matters of a personal nature before the public in a regular meeting," Falkin said. "Since there may be some legal aspects to what you'll bring up and how we respond, it is time to restate our legal disclaimer we read at our June 21 meeting."

"The board welcomes members of the public to bring forward questions or discussions about education-related items," Falkin said. "Should there be any defamatory statements of another person — an administrator, teacher or board member — the board will not be held liable in any third party suit resulting from the defaming remarks."

The board said they adopted the disclaimer on advice of legal counsel. It may have stemmed from remarks made by a parent regarding a supervisor during the June 7 meeting.

This is not the first caution about public dialogue made by the district. Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland asked the students who made an independent videotape on school grounds to run a disclaimer or edit some profanity hours before its June 17 debut.

Fish and five other parents decried the particular instructor's work ethic, which they felt contributed to their children's and classmates' overall failing grades. Some speakers said they had talked with the teacher and with the building principal on the matter after November. After seeing little improvement, they asked the board for higher-level guidance.

Several board members and Assistant Superintendent Judy Zimmerman said a teacher-supervisor or a department head would be the next person to approach. Atop the hierarchy is the superintendent and the board.

Zimmerman and board member Linda Duke, formerly a teacher in the Springfield schools, said Springfield makes teacher reviews three or four times a year, depending on tenure. The reviews include unannounced classroom visits and a review with a third party present.

Parent complaints are discussed during those reviews and the complaint letters may be entered in a teacher's file. Several parents asked if their names be deleted from the letters, fearing repercussions to their children may face.

The board restated its summer schedule, which it adopted at the June 21 session. Public sessions other than the regular July 19 and Aug. 16 meetings are cancelled into September.

Special sessions or committee meetings will be announced 48 hours in advance. If needed, and will be posted in school offices and in the Municipal Building.



Best friends Katie Hurlman, left, Robin Barter and Lauren Pagano show their affection after receiving diplomas from Governor Livingston High School June 22.

Mountainside residents receive Governor Livingston diplomas

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Governor Livingston High School's 39th commencement took place June 22, under a splendid sunset, with a gentle scent-of-flowers and fresh-cut grass.

The stage, decorated with four tall vases full of flowers, sat on the shaded side of the school's immaculate football field. Several hundred family members were seated in front of it, flanked on one side by the school band and on the other by the choir platform.

Scores of student cars, paired with "We're Outta Here!" and "We Finally Made It," and decorated with flutter-

ing balloons and streamers filled the parking lot. Students slid into their graduation gowns and milled about the school grounds, talking and joking and posing for pictures with parents and friends.

Friends and families filled the bleachers also, armed with cameras, greetings and mutual congratulations. Horns sounded, and as the school band struck up "Pomp and Circumstance," the graduates, dressed in blue and red sashes and gowns, began their procession down the hill from the school. The crowd stood, raising their necks for a glimpse of their favorite graduates. Applause and the calling out of students' names, coupled

with the horn blasts, continued until all the graduates were seated.

With the grass a rich green, even in the shadows, and the goal posts humming a bright yellow in the setting sun, Governor Livingston Principal Benjamin Jones approached the podium and welcomed the graduates.

"You've become stronger individuals over the last four years," Jones said. "I hope your future decisions will be equally based on what you've learned — from your parents and teachers."

On the stage with Jones were Mountainside's Chief School Administrator and Deerfield Principal Gerard Schaller. See CEREMONY, Page 5

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by The Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Sunday
• "Take Pride in Springfield" will be from noon to 9 p.m. on Main St. Field with rodeo, rides, games, a petting zoo and fireworks at night.

Upcoming events
July 10
• Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

July 11
• Residents can explore the colors of the spectrum when the Tralidase Nature and Science Center looks at the nature of light.

night and the movement of the sun, moon and stars. This program is for ages 4 to 6 with an adult.

July 14
• The Give and Take Jugglers will perform at 1:30 p.m. at the Tralidase Nature and Science Center.

July 20
• The Mountside Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Deerfield School library.

July 21
• Magic Ron Owens will perform "Magic is Fun!" at the Tralidase Nature and Science Center in Mountside.

NEWS CLIPS

Swing with the YMCA

The Summit YMCA and the Springfield YMCA are offering swing dance lessons in one night. Residents can join the Summit Y July 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Under the instruction of Laura Guilford, the creator of "Retro Swing," the dance class will include a basic/intermediate lesson and time for practice for beginners and those who would like to improve their technique.

Pre-register for this evening of swing. Summit and Springfield YMCA members will be charged a \$5 pre-registration fee or \$6 at the door.

Swimming registration

Registration for the 1999 Springfield swim team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is being accepted at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield.

The registration fee is \$25 for the first child in the family and \$20 for each additional child. Payment must be in check or money order made payable to the Township of Springfield.

Boys and girls from 5 to 17 years of age are eligible to participate on a team. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not be Olympic-quality swimmers.

The library needs the name, address and telephone number of the person to be contacted for anyone interested in further information.

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well. The group also will sponsor the following trips: Oct. 17-18, The Wonders of the Connecticut Woods; this trip includes a one and one-half hour tour to Newport, R.I.

Oct. 25, "Platzel Brauhaus" includes lunch, dinner and a day filled with many activities. The October Fest costs \$55 for each person. Dec. 13, "City Lights" Enjoy dinner in Little Italy, a three-hour tour of the festive lights and a visit to Ferrar's Bakery.

For more information, contact Charlyne Falgenbaum at (973) 379-5241.

Bible school offered

From Aug. 2 to Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. until noon, the Elm Presbyterian Church of Springfield and the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church are uniting to offer a vacation Bible school titled "Good News of gospelrock."

During that week, with the help of Bible stories, crafts, music and games, the children will walk along with the disciple Peter and may learn that they are never alone. Children ages 3

Clubs use SPL computer

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Springfield Public Library offers sing-along for tots

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The recipient of nine national awards, this entertainer gets the small fry crowding with both familiar and original tunes. The sing-along, which is free of charge, is being underwritten by the Friends of the Springfield Library.

We want your news

Your organization should be getting the publicity it deserves and we would like to help. We have a publicity pamphlet which explains how to tell your story. We would like to publicize your club, church, sports, school news, etc. if you have an idea for a picture or story, please let us know.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES THROUGHOUT COUNTY: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinances were introduced and passed at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountside held on June 22, 1999 and that said ordinances will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1588 Route 202, Mountside, NJ on July 15, 1999 at 8:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 44, ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 43 AND 44 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTSIDESIDE, NEW JERSEY REVISING THE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR FIREFIGHTERS OF THE MOUNTSIDESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 43: The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby amend Chapter 44, Article VI, Sections 43 and 44 of the Borough Code as and the same is hereby amended as follows: 1. Section 43-43 of the Code shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: 1.1. Eligibility: Members of the fire department shall be eligible for a clothing allowance in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 44 and subject to the conditions set forth hereunder. The clothing allowance shall be divided into two categories: A. Basic Clothing Allowance. No Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter whose rank is less than 100 (one hundred) in the twelve (12) month period ending November 30 of any year shall be eligible for the Basic Clothing Allowance. The Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief shall not be eligible for the Pay-Per-Draft Clothing Allowance as set forth in Section 44. B. Pay-Per-Draft Clothing Allowance. No Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter whose rank is 100 or above in the twelve (12) month period ending November 30 of any year shall be eligible for the Pay-Per-Draft Clothing Allowance. The Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief shall not be eligible for the Pay-Per-Draft Clothing Allowance as set forth in Section 44. C. Supplemental Clothing Allowance. No Firefighter or Probationary Firefighter whose rank is 100 or above in the twelve (12) month period ending November 30 of any year shall be eligible for the Supplemental Clothing Allowance. For the faithful performance of the duty herein provided, from the funds lawfully appropriated, there shall be paid to members of the fire department an annual clothing allowance according to the following schedule, which shall be effective for the fiscal year of 1999 and thereafter:

Table with columns for rank categories (Officers, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, Lieutenant) and corresponding allowance amounts for 1999, 2000, and 2001.

All other sections of Chapter XLIV of the Code of the Borough of Mountside shall remain unamended. IF IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage. Dated this 22nd day of June, 1999. (841.50)

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Fatal crash triggers nine vehicle charges

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The driver of a car which triggered a fatal accident on the Route 24 West ramp in Springfield June 18 faces nine motor-vehicle charges from nearby police departments.

State Police Sgt. Robert Martin announced that a count each of driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving without using a seat belt have been filed against Anthony Macahilig, 19, of Madison. Martin's announcement from the State Police Somerville Barracks was made June 24, the same day as one of Macahilig's passengers was released from a Newark hospital.

Chatham Borough Police, meanwhile, filed six other charges. Borough Det. Stephen Donnelly said Macahilig faces failure to yield in an emergency vehicle, speeding and making an illegal median crossing plus the driving while intoxicated and seat belt charges.

"Like the state police, we're waiting for the toxicological test results on the driver's blood-alcohol level. At the same time, we both have a 30-day filing statute of limitations."

Martin said no alcoholic containers nor narcotic materials were found in either Macahilig's Volkswagen Corrado from the 1993 Mazda with which the VW collided. The driving while intoxicated charges were filed, Martin

said, in part because of "the strong odor of alcohol at the scene."

Should Macahilig's blood-alcohol level test results fall below the 0.10 percent limit, Martin and Donnelly said the driving while intoxicated charges would be dropped. The continuing investigation includes the prosecutors' offices from Union and Morris counties.

Crosson said he had clocked the VW going 69 mph in a 35 mph zone along Chatham's Main Street and followed to read its license plates at 3:22 a.m. June 18. The VW pulled away and attempted to make an illegal U-turn before the merge with Route 78. It lost control and struck a westbound Mazda head-on at 3:25 a.m.

The impact killed the VW's front-seat passenger, identified as Stephen Hunter, 16, of Chatham. Critical injuries were sustained by Macahilig, fellow VW rider Ryan Gieger, 16, of Chatham and Mazda driver James Garvin, 54, of Hopatcong.

"Macahilig, as of Monday, is still listed as in critical-but stable condition," University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Hospital spokesman Rogers Ramsey said. "Garvin is still listed in stable condition."

Gieger said Ramsey, who was released June 24, Donnelly said the youth has not talked with authorities.

Mountainside offers fun in the summertime

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Summer. Time to play. The Mountainside Recreation Department's Playground '99 is underway. Held Monday to Friday at the Borough Hall Softball Field, the program offers a variety of activities, as well as opportunity for supervised free play.

"So far, we're getting 84 kids a day," said Sue Winans, the borough's recreation director. "We have four supervisors. They're all teachers, they all love kids and they've all worked here at our playground before. They're all specialized supervisors — in playing."

The supervisors all have extensive experience with the Recreation Department. Ricky Brahm, the playground supervisor, is a 13-year veteran. Scott Laudati has nine years invested. Sara Forman six and Erin Gresham four. Brahm teaches in Dover, Laudati in Newark, Forman in Madison and Gresham in Franklin Township.

"In a given day, we have three or four planned activities," Winans said. "On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays we have arts and crafts. Sara determines exactly what kinds of crafts the kids will be working on. For example, this week they'll be making butterfly magnets."

Winans points out that the playground gets its biggest group of kids between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., with the supervisors sharing the duties. "One supervisor might be overseeing a Whiffle ball game, another might be supervising free play and so forth."

Hopscotch, 4-squares, Nok hockey and a variety of board games are all available. In addition to whiffle ball, the program offers soccer, kickball, touch football, tennis,



Making sandcastles in Mountainside are, from left, front row, Scott Laudati and Krista Forr, and back row, Eve Goldstein, Grace Klebaur, Claire Golomb, Mackie Hill, Sabrina Forr and John Forr.

baseball and numerous versions of tag.

"It's a great summer job," Brahm, a Mountainside native, said. "It gets me charged up for September, when I go back to my teaching job. It's five-and-a-half hours a day, and on really hot and humid days it can be tough, but it's a labor of love."

Brahm said the older kids can visit the pool on the 7-11, with their

parents' approval. Parents can leave specific instructions, if they have them, while registering.

"I've been at this a long time," Brahm said. "All the supervisors have multiple years in. So we know the kids really well, seen a lot of them grow up. Some are even driving now — a lot of them."

Brahm said a lot of the children come back to visit.

"A girl I used to coach in softball drove by to say 'hi.' A lot of the

old-timers do that. Actually, we do have an old-timers day, when the 16- and 17-year-olds come back to play Whiffle ball against our current all-stars. Our all-time Whiffle ball home run champ — 92 homers — comes back every once in a while to see if his record's been broken yet. Close, but not yet."

On extremely hot days, Brahm said the supervisors adjust the games with water — "Water Simon Says," "Water Duck Duck Goose."

Graduates present gift

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my teachers and see prebent tonight." Members of the Class of 1999 were individually awarded their diplomas to various cheers and applause. At each class member walked to the podium, the tears shed by proud families and friends were not from sunlight.

"I was handling the ceremony well while seated by the podium as a board member," Ben Stravato said. "Then, when my daughter, Maria, walked up for her diploma, I choked up. I'd think of her 17 awards, including for state and county, athletics, and wonder where'd the time go."

Before leaving, Class Treasurer Jared Weiss presented a floor mat for the central foyer. The foyer is the bell tower's base and before the Hall of Fame. Serson recited a poem "The Time has Come," written by senior Maria Ferguson.

Pischstein, joined by class vice presidents Friedman and Lindsay Savin, directed their colleagues to adjust their tassels, traditionally showing the end of their high school careers.

"I enjoyed this commencement," Class of 1998, graduate Louis Neuhauer said. "It's better than being in a humid gym."

"It was a beautiful ceremony," said

Project Graduation Co-chairman Bob Hagenbush. "The class handled themselves well."

"The ceremony was excellent," board member Ken Falgenbaum said.

"The only thing we need to do is to move the audience seating at an angle so they won't get the sun in their eyes."

Literacy Volunteers to start summer workshops

Literacy Volunteers of America-Union County Affiliate announces its new 1999 summer workshop programs for the training of tutors.

The first English as a Second Language workshop will be at the Elizabeth Library's Main Branch. Registration will be July 13 at 6 p.m. Classes start July 13 and are held July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10 and 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be another English as a Second Language workshop at the Union Library with registration July 12 at 10 a.m. Classes start July 12 and continue July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There also will be a basic literacy workshop at the Rahway Public Library. Registration will be July 27 at 9-6 p.m. Classes begin July 27 and continue Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Take pride locally

This weekend, many local residents will take advantage of the three-day holiday and go down the shore or otherwise leave the area. Many will celebrate the July 4 holiday as out-of-towners. In the meantime, efforts have been made locally to provide families with everything they need to celebrate this nation's independence.

In Springfield, festivities will take place all day, beginning in Meiser Park at noon and lasting until the final "aahh" at the fireworks display that night. Last year, Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Ron Kravitz said, "We're planning on adding kiddie rides next year. We want to build gradually every year." This statement came after a successful celebration that counted nearly 5,000 revelers.

Members of the chamber have upheld their promise. The festivities have truly become a community effort. This year, the July 4 celebration, named "Take Pride in Springfield," includes a petting zoo, moonwalk, rides for children, live bands, climbing walls, music, food and prizes. Area restaurants will serve as vendors.

Now all Springfield needs is its families to enjoy the day and to celebrate their pride locally. The people of Springfield should show members of their governing body, the Chamber of Commerce and local merchants their appreciation and desire for additional creative, town-wide events.

In Mountainside, borough residents, and those from neighboring towns, can enjoy a fireworks display at dusk outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 300 Central Ave.

Residents from both municipalities should use Sunday as a springboard for community involvement and excitement. Make each colorful blast a pledge toward building these communities.

Count our blessings on the 4th of July

This weekend, Americans from the Atlantic to the Pacific will celebrate the Fourth of July as the anniversary of American independence from British rule.

We would all do well to think long and hard on our reasons to celebrate, and one need only look across the Atlantic to the current crisis in Kosovo. There we see thousands of people suffering agonies for no better reason than that they want to live free — free from persecution, free from prejudice, free from violence which threatens their lives.

While many of us are divided in our opinions regarding whether or not the United States should be involved, we can all agree that no people should be subjected to the dehumanization that comes with political oppression and prejudice. Not a day goes by that we aren't reminded of the horrors in this small European country, we are sickened by reports of entire families being wiped out, of hopes and dreams dashed with every death. We may not all feel that U.S. forces belong there, but we do agree that what is happening is morally wrong.

While the plight suffered by Colonial Americans never reached such a horrific point, we must remember what our forefathers fought so bravely to achieve. Their needs were simple — a government that worked for them instead of against; a government that heard the cries of its people and responded with humanity and compassion; a government that cared, even about the lowliest peasant on the tax rolls.

We would also do well to remember that these Colonials sought a true democracy, rather than a monarchy and the possibility for tyranny that naturally comes with it. None of us wants to be told what to do by someone who doesn't even care who we are, whether we are speaking as a whole or an individual.

Although Thanksgiving is still four-and-a-half months away, make this July 4 a thanksgiving of sorts and remember to fly the American flag with pride. We should be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and for those who fought tirelessly to guarantee that generations of Americans to come could call this nation "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

We should follow their example by doing everything we can to ensure the dignity and continued freedoms of each and every American by exercising compassion and an absence of prejudice. All of us are Americans and, as such, we share in this American dream.

"The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with."

—Eleanor Holmes Norton
Lawyer, politician
1970



FEED THE BIRDS
Union County Master Gardeners Vince DeGaetano of Springfield, right, and Carol Kosciuk of Mountainside, center, help a young fair visitor make a bird-feeder at the 10th annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation. A new attendance record was achieved with 1,700 people. The Master Gardener Association is a volunteer outreach program of Rutgers Cooperative Extension. For more information, call (908) 654-9854.

Year 2000 will be no different than 1999

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

There's one species of pessimist and two species of optimist. The pessimist consists of a single quality. These are the people who, for whatever terrible reason, succeed in taking their own lives. Getting out of bed every morning is an optimistic bit of business. A suicide attempt isn't necessarily a pessimistic act, but shooting yourself with authority most certainly is.

Of the optimists, one is sensitive, with a clear realization of what has been and can be achieved in a given circumstance. The other is a tireless combatant, repeatedly pressing forth on the same issue until they have exhausted themselves with positive words and irrevocably alienated even the sanity among us.

But, now, in the waning moments of the century, we're experiencing an unusually large, fresh growth of the combated optimist dandelion. The fertilizer is the millennium.

The millennium doesn't occur in 2000. It occurs in 2001. But that doesn't matter. Politicians and administrators of all sorts know how easily "the millennium" gets audiences to mist and grin sweetly and swell, with pride and affection for all humanity. It's come, in no time at all, a somewhat catch phrase, not worth a penny to anyone.

It's not the phrase itself that's the problem, you understand. It could be called "the turn of the century" or "the next century" and the effect of glib, optimistic salesmanship would still be the same. I've grown weary of being told by blubbing presidents, senators, councilmen and every other 2000

insurance salesman that the world will witness great changes in "the millennium." I'm a sentimental man, and an optimistic one, but not quite that stupid. The change of century represents two things — a fact and a public relations gimmick.

My particular brand of optimism insists on referring to next year as next year. It's foolish to put up a big partition between Dec. 31, 1999 and Jan. 1, 2000. The turning of the calendar page is being treated, by many people in many ways and in many places, as "the miller of an New Year's resolutions.

All the vague, happy talk about "the millennium" means absolutely nothing. When the curtain rises on 2000, the issues of the 20th century will still be vibrantly present. Once the euphoria and "kismet" wear off, we'll all have to pick up the old troubles and get on with it. I do understand the need for separation, of starting with a clean slate psychologically. But determining a dividing line by the calendar is a mistake. Like any New Year's resolution, it'll wind up in the can at the first suggestion of inconvenience.

My own form of optimism tells me that the dividing line ought to be drawn not once every thousand years, but every time we make a change in ourselves. So if we stop smoking, that's a line. If we learn how to better control our tempers, that's a line. If we learn more tolerance, that's another line.

Then, once we've put together a string of decent achievements, we can carry them into the next period, whatever that might be — a minute, month, century — with confidence that things might be a little better on the other side. 2000 is New Year's resolution as Dick Clark will probably be there. Otherwise, it's the first day of another thousand years. Bring your lunch.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New Jersey is no place for waste

To the Editor:
The Clark Environmental Commission strongly believes that public officials owe the public the unadulterated truth.

In particular, matters of public health, such as the planned Union County infectious medical waste treatment facility, should not be manipulated in any way. Building this facility will change how infectious waste is handled in the Northeast by encouraging hospitals to discontinue in-house decontamination of waste. As a result, 36 tons a day of infectious material will move out into the general population in a daily torrent on the roadways of the states of our region.

The Clark Environmental Commission is therefore understandably upset when a public official who approved the project would suggest to the press that this entire operation will be "completely safe." First, even the industry expert who advised the county admitted that there is risk involved, although the risk was "acceptable" to him. Unfortunately, nobody asked the expert if the risk was acceptable to the expert because he was from North Carolina, or if he was just tolerant of body counts and epidemic outbreaks.

Second, common sense alone would suggest that there is a problem with putting massive amounts of infectious waste on the streets and highways of a region with a population density and rate of vehicular accident that are among the highest in the nation. The question is not if, but how often, collision, mechanical breakdown or human error will cause human exposure to infection carried by air, blood or waste.

The Clark Environmental Commission also is concerned that the public may be deluded into a false sense of security by statements that infectious material will be in "sealed containers." The public needs to know that infectious medical waste will be transported in plastic bags in cardboard boxes, which are subject to puncture, leakage and rupture from mishandling or vehicular impact. All could cause human exposure.

Consequently, the Clark Environmental Commission supports the position that all infectious waste be decontaminated by steam autoclave before it leaves any major hospital or laboratory facility and that untreated infectious waste be decontaminated by steam autoclave before it leaves any major hospital or laboratory facility and that untreated infectious waste should not be imported into New Jersey.

Members of the commission urge all good people to tell their state legislators that laws enforcing these requirements are needed to protect the public health and safety.

William T. Fidiński, chairman
Clark Environmental Commission

I urge Mountainside residents to learn more about the franchise terms. If you have questions or concerns go to the council's July meeting and be sure to voice them before the council members vote.

The mayor and council members discussed the terms of this important proposed agreement at their June public meeting, but only a handful of residents was there to listen. It would be nice if the governing body circulated a written statement summarizing the main terms. Looking at an official version of the agreement is to provide Mountainside with its own full-time community access channel — no more alternate-day service. Deerfield School and/or Livingston High School are to be linked directly to this system. Equipment valued at \$10,000, training in its use and \$2,500 for buying additional equipment are to be contributed to the system.

Comcast would provide free Internet access to Deerfield and the library. The company would continue to pay the standard annual franchise fee of 2 percent of its revenue, which currently brings the borough about \$14,200.

Comcast would "make every effort to deploy new or advanced technology and/or services in the borough," but the agreement gives the borough no specific leverage to use to this end. The agreement notes that Comcast recently upgraded its system but says nothing specific about future upgrading. After five years, if the governing body could review Comcast's compliance with the agreement and take some action if it finds that the company hasn't substantially complied with the terms. There's no provision for such reviews during the following 10 years. However, company representatives could be called to appear at a public hearing at least once a year to discuss cable-TV matters, presumably including residents' complaints about service.

My concern is that electronic and other technologies are changing rapidly and that Mountainside itself is likely to change considerably over 15 years. How will we make sure that our general cable-TV services, and also our Channel 35, will keep pace with improving technology? And, for example, what would be the effect on Channel 35 if the school population exploded and we had to reopen Beechwood School? Or if, for some unforeseen reason, we no longer sent our students to Governor Livingston?

Governing body members say that because this is a nonexclusive agreement, we can rely on competition to keep Comcast on its toes. But what are the chances that another cable-TV company would enter the tiny Mountainside market?

The expenses of improving and expanding Channel 35 could be paid out of the annual franchise fee, which may be expected to grow. But is that the governing body's intention?

I hope Mountainside residents will consider these questions and seek answers at the council's July meeting. Copies of the draft agreement are available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

Scott A. Schmedel
Mountainside

Tune in to cable TV negotiations

To the Editor:
The Mountainside Borough Council plans at its July meeting to approve a 15-year extension of Comcast Cablevision's nonexclusive franchise to provide cable-television services in Mountainside. The agreement would take effect next October and would require Comcast to provide a number of valuable free services to residents, especially for our school, library and community-access Channel 35.

However, these immediate benefits should be weighed against the borough's commitment to ask for nothing more from Comcast until 2014. A lot can happen to technology and to Mountainside in those 15 years.

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 township 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.

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Call anytime, day or night. Please speak clearly into the phone when leaving your message. Callers can remain anonymous.

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Township speaks up for local programming

As we move toward a new millennium, our fast-paced and ever-changing society requires multimedia to find out information about our community and events.

The Township Committee took action last year to recognize the need to take Springfield into the 21st century with the creation of a township web page, e-mail and a local community access television program, called "Speaking of Springfield." This program is broadcast every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and every Friday at 8 p.m. on Channel 36. The focus of the programming is public information, news and light entertainment about our community and the events that surround it.

Programming has presented information about local township departments and how residents can seek out services. Public information programs also have been shown about public and household safety issues. Interviews with our police chief and our mayor have given viewers an opportunity to personally know more about the people who run our town.

Recently, we have incorporated programs about educational issues such as about the best way to bring up our children and identity concerns. "Speaking of Springfield" is now linked with the Jonathan Dayton High School television studio where our programs originate.

We can set up internships for students with Comcast and help students prepare for their own careers in the broadcast media fields. This television program is a clear example of

Speaking of Springfield

By Roy Hirschfeld

shared services and cooperation between the Board of Education and the township government.

The future looks bright for "Speaking of Springfield," with programs planned for the pool in the summer and planning for new public information and educational programs for the fall.

Our funding is currently an annual budget of \$5,000, with most of these funds deriving from the cable franchise fees Comcast pays the town annually. Taping and producing the programs at the high school cost us nothing and saves us a lot, now that we do not have to use Summit's TV-36 studio. All our programs are copied and sent on VHS format to the town library for circulation.

We need your help and suggestions on present programming. We would also like residents to get involved in every phase of the programming from production to hosting to camera work.

"Speaking of Springfield" is meant to serve you, the residents of town, so call us today at Town Hall and get involved. For information, call (973) 912-2200.

Roy Hirschfeld is a member of the Springfield Township Committee.

We're asking

What is your advice for the Class of 1999?



Joe DeVino
"Stay away from alcohol and drugs. That about covers it."



Nancy Harrigfeld
"Work hard in school; your success will follow."



Dan Herrman
"Stay in school and don't use drugs."



Bob Cheely
"My six-year-old granddaughter told me at her graduation to learn from others' mistakes. Life is too short to make all of your own."

Slugging away

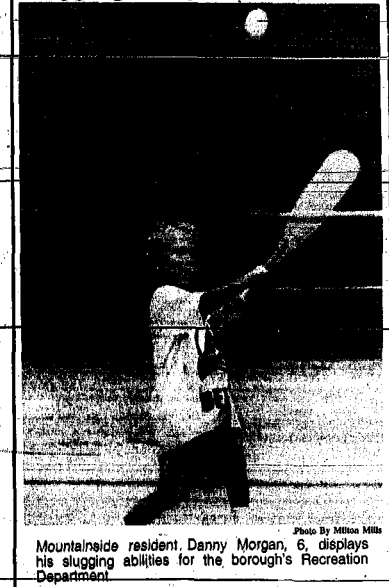


Photo by Mitche Mills
MountainSide resident Danny Morgan, 6, displays his slugging abilities for the borough's Recreation Department.

Residents suspected of robbing township florist

POLICE BLOTTER

Three MountainSide residents were arrested in Springfield for allegedly burglarizing a township florist and attempting to cash its checks at the Pulaski Savings Bank Monday.

According to police records, a motorist identified as Brian Divito, 19, and his two passengers tried to cash the checks at Pulaski's drive-through window at 2:03 p.m. Bank officials detained the car until Springfield Police Detective Judd Levenson made the arrest.

MountainSide, Police Sgt. Todd Turner said his officers were alerted by Levenson. Borough officers conducted a consent search at Divito's residence on Kings Court, where they uncovered less than 50 milligrams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Divito has been charged in MountainSide on the two drug charges. He faces additional charges of burglary, conspiracy, forgery, theft and theft by deception.

Springfield Capt. James Hiestia said the same township charges have been filed against each of the two passengers. They are identified as Jonathan Kulcar and Brian Sharkey, both 19.

All three suspects were released on their own recognizance. An investigation of the florist burglary is continuing by Springfield Detective James Fine.

Springfield

A dispute between a manager and a just-fired employee brought a township patrol car to the west end of Morris Avenue at 12:30 p.m. Friday. The former employee said the manager uttered profanity and threatened him and tried to push him out the eatery's door. He said he was refused his paycheck and an apron allowance.

Employees of a Route 22 West electronics store sensed that a 1982 Buick did not belong in their parking lot June 23. A police investigation discovered that the Buick belonged to a Belleville resident, who had earlier reported it as stolen.

POLICE BLOTTER

Two local drivers backed into each other in the parking lot of the Lyons Building on Morris Avenue Saturday. The driver of a Volvo wagon said he had looked both ways before backing up, as did a Chevrolet Chevelle motorist from the other direction at 4:31 p.m.

Neighbors along Meekes Street had a scare when two of their own collided on the roadway at 2 p.m. June 22. One resident said she was driving her Suzuki Sidekick west from South Springfield Avenue when a five-year-old neighbor on a bicycle came out from a driveway. The Suzuki's right front tire hit the bicycle's rear tire, sending the rider onto the street.

The boy suffered minor cuts on his left arm but was wearing a bicycle helmet. The child and his mother were taken by the Springfield First Aid Squad to Overlook Hospital as a precaution. The Suzuki driver was not ticketed.

MountainSide

A long-running family feud resulted in the arrest of Union resident Kenneth Kuczynski June 22. Kuczynski, 42, allegedly placed 47 hang-up calls to his brother at the brother's place of business. MountainSide police obtained a subpoena for the phone records from Bell Atlantic. Kuczynski was issued a summons and released.

Clark resident Edward Pires was stopped on Route 22 East Sunday for having a tinted license plate cover. A computer check revealed a suspended driver's license. He was held in lieu of \$250 bail. Howard Hudson of Plainfield was arrested on Route 22 West for driving while intoxicated.

Alberto Mauro of Perth Amboy was involved in a motor vehicle accident in South Amboy Saturday. Further investigation revealed a warrant out of MountainSide for contempt of

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court. A court date of July 15 was set.

- Todd Kittenney, of Manchester, N.H., turned himself in Saturday. Kittenney was notified of a \$780 warrant out of MountainSide, which he returned to New Jersey to pay. As a matter of procedure, he was arrested, processed and given a court date of July 29.
- Wendell Bowers of East Orange was arrested by state troopers as the

result of a motor vehicle stop on the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel June 24. A computer check revealed Automated Traffic System warrants out of MountainSide for \$350 and East Orange for \$250. Linder resident William McKenney was transported from the Plainfield Police Department to MountainSide on another outstanding warrant, his coming from the Elizabeth Municipal Court.

Fire Department tends to early morning calls

FIRE BLOTTER

Three very different sources got the Springfield Fire Department running out the week of June 22, twice in the early morning.

An 8:02 a.m. call reporting smoke coming from a house sent the department to the area of Laurel Drive and Cypress Terrace June 22. The rapid evaporation of waste on the roofs of two homes, caused by the heat, was the source of the problem.

A 2:14 a.m. call reporting an odor in the house sent Engine One to a Shunpike Road residence June 24. The source of the odor was immediately identified as that of a skunk in the neighborhood. A 9-1-1 call placed from a New Drive residence Friday eventually led the department to a toaster oven.

A foil tray with a cardboard lid was burning slightly, causing the odor.

Three activated fire alarms and one call for an activated carbon monoxide detector at a South Springfield Avenue condominium complex were answered Saturday.

The department responded to Route 78 East near Glenside Avenue for a brush fire Friday. Summoned by Summit Fire Dispatch, the fire had already been extinguished by Summit and Berkeley Heights departments, who were already on the scene. There also was one call from a Morris

Apartment to check on the welfare of a resident, and two medical service calls on the day.

One medical service call, a call from a Keeler Street residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector and an oven problem at a Briar Hills Circle residence were all answered June 24.

Two medical service calls, one activated fire alarm and one call from an Evergreen Avenue residence for a water condition were handled by the department June 23.

Two alarm activations brought the department out in separate incidents June 22. Two medical service calls and one carbon monoxide detector activation also were answered.

An engine crew responded to the site of a two-car accident on South Springfield Avenue between New Brook and Linda lanes June 21. A northbound Honda Accord stopped in traffic and a Kia Sephia behind it did not at 8:43 a.m. One of the five occupants was reported as injured but no further details were given.

The day's business included a medical service call and an activated fire alarm.

Ceremony brings finality to high school career

(Continued from Page 1) and Schaller, Board of Education President Pat Taeschler and board member Frank Geiger.

The Junior ROTC Cadets presented the colors, with class president William Stolling leading the audience in saluting the flag. The first of several musical numbers was then performed, as the Graduation Chorus sang "One Moment in Time," with the lyrics also provided in sign language.

Stolling returned to the podium to present the class gift, a sign reading "Welcome to Highland Country."

"It will serve as a reminder to visitors of the rich tradition of Governor Livingston," Stolling said.

According to Jones, all the students at Governor Livingston write graduation speeches, with the speech committee selecting two for presentation to the class. Allison Kellman and Jennifer Pruskowski delivered their messages.

"High school is not about what college you end up going to, but who you become after four years," Kellman said. "We learn about ourselves and we get to experience a little bit of everything — the good, the bad and the boring. The real door that's been closing for us has been closing for a long time — that is, the door to our childhoods."

"Commencement is a beginning," Pruskowski said. "It will lead to new

and adventurous experiences for all of us."

The chorus then performed a recording and interpretation of "It's Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday," this time performing the sign language themselves, to great applause.

As the shadows lengthened, Taeschler and Geiger assisted in the awarding of diplomas. Jones then approached the podium again, noting the school's various achievements, including its 55 seniors enrolled in the National Honor Society, four National Merit Finalists and one perfect SAT score.

"I've witnessed the goodness of heart of this class," he said in closing.

The chorus performed "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," and as the school band struck up "Scottland Brave" to complete the program, every graduation cap went airborne.

Afterward, the graduates looked exhilarated, overwhelmed and smiling, meeting with family and shaking friends' hands.

"It's been four long years, but it just goes great," said graduate Michael Patrick Debbie MountainSide. "I got to meet a lot of new people at Governor Livingston — being on the football team helped with that. I'm going to be staying around here. I'm going to Union County College to study photography — action photography is what I'm really interested in."



SIGN OF THE TIMES — Deerfield student Britany Grillo-Kutsop puts some finishing touches on the Class of 1999's 'Wall of Fame' at MountainSide's Deerfield School. A long-standing tradition in the district, graduating eighth-graders leave a pictorial legacy on the walls of their elementary school.

Children's Hospital sponsors annual fund-raiser

Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's 10th annual Golf Classic, scheduled for July 19 at the Montclair Golf Club, will include appearances by national Long-Drive Champions Art Sallinger and Brian Fowler, a "Beat the Pro" competition with two PGA professionals from Seaview Country Club, Absecon and a life auction including four tickets on the 50-yard line at Giants Stadium for the 1999 football season.

Single tickets are available for golf at \$450 each. Foursome packages are available for \$1,800. The Golf Classic has a low net format. Tickets and sponsorship information may be obtained by calling Katherine Brozynski at (908) 301-5462.

Proceeds from the CSFH Golf Classic will benefit Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's only pediatric rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclusively to children.

OBITUARIES

Stephen Frank Jupa

Stephen Frank Jupa, 48, of Billings, Mont., formerly of Springfield, died June 20 in Billings.

Born in Kasky, Mr. Jupa lived in Springfield for 25 years before moving to Billings in 1976.

Surviving are his mother, Sophie, and a brother, Joseph M.

Isabel Lubenau

Isabel Lubenau, 83, of Ormond Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died June 19 in the Kozy Corner Nursing Home, Ormond Beach.

Born in Union, Mrs. Lubenau lived in Springfield and maintained a summer residence in Blairstown before moving to Ormond Beach 11 years ago.

She was a self-employed antique dealer in Springfield for more than 30 years and retired in the early 1970s.

Phyllis Faith Hinkes

Phyllis Faith Potash Hinkes, of Springfield, a psychotherapist, died June 24 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hinkes lived in Union before moving to Springfield in 1980. She was a self-employed psychotherapist in Union.

Mrs. Hinkes was a graduate of Keene College, now Keane University, Union, where she received a bachelor's degree in social science.

Jewish Conservative

TEMPLE BETH ANIM 50 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Rev. Raphael Rabin, Richard Medel, Cantor, Paul M. Poyser, President. Beth Anim is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages.

TEMPLE SHARAY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield (201) 393-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi, Amy

Surviving are four sons, David Gregg, Stuart Alan, Barry Glen and Marc Reid; a sister, Myrna Brodsky; three brothers, Perry, Tony and Ricky Potash; three grandchildren, and her companion, Steve Pavlouinis.

Elizabeth A. Naulty

Elizabeth Ann Naulty, 73, of Mountaineer died June 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Manchester, N.H., Mrs. Naulty lived in Westfield for 30 years before moving to Mountaineer 14 years ago. She was the dean of admissions at Chatham College, Pittsburgh, Pa., for several years before retiring.

Mrs. Naulty graduated from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where she received a bachelor's degree in education. Mrs. Naulty also received a master's degree in education from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Surviving are her husband, Leslie, a daughter, Sharon; two sons, Sherr and Robert, and two grandchildren.

Theodore P. Engert

Theodore Philip Engert, 63, of Mountaineer died June 28 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Engert lived in the Bronx before moving to Mountaineer 32 years ago. He was an electrical engineer and worked in management for Lucent Technologies in Berkeley Heights before retiring in 1990.

Previously, Mr. Engert was employed by Western Electric and AT&T in Manhattan and several locations in New Jersey. He received a bachelor's degree from Manhattan College and took graduate courses at Brooklyn Poly Tech. Mr. Engert was

a member of the New Jersey Canoe Club and the Sierra Club. Surviving are his wife, Nancy J.; two sons, Philip T. and Thomas J.; three daughters, Carolyn R. Pleyera, Elizabeth E. Manzo and Gail M., and two grandchildren.

Martha Forbringer

Martha M. Forbringer of Gillette, formerly of Summit, died June 25 in Morrisview Memorial Hospital.

Born in Summit, Miss Forbringer moved to Gillette five years ago. She was a private-duty registered nurse and also worked at Fair Oaks Hospital, Summit. Miss Forbringer was a graduate of Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, where she received a nursing degree. She was in the Army Nursing Corps during World War II and served in the European Theater. Miss Forbringer was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Josephine Borowski

Josephine Borowski, 88, of Iveslin, formerly of Summit, died June 25 at home.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Mrs. Borowski lived in Summit before moving to Iveslin seven years ago. She was a cook for the Summit school district for many years. Mrs. Borowski was an active volunteer in the St. Joseph's Senior Residence in the Strawberry Hill section of Woodbridge Township.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices published by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information, call 686-7700.

Local graduates Brandels

Stefanie Friedman of Springfield received a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Friedman is the daughter of Paul and Daria Friedman.

The list is achieved

Summit resident Charles Francis Ingrassia has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Kutztown University, a sophomore, is the son of Paul Ingrassia.

To achieve Radford's dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.4 or above with no grade below a C.

BU awards Hanagan

Summit resident Thomas A. Hanagan received a bachelor of arts degree in English, cum laude with distinction, from Boston University this spring.

Students make dean's list

Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania named local residents to the dean's list.

Daniel V. Hammer, a senior majoring in biology, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Hammer of Springfield. He is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Springfield resident Jay Fuigenbaum is a senior communications major. He is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Kenneth Fuigenbaum.

Randi I. Schur is a sophomore majoring in psychology. She is a graduate of The Pingry School and the child of Ms. Susan B. Orner of Springfield.

Dean's list students are required to have a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average to attain this standing.

Occi makes list at Keene

More than 700 students have been named to the Spring 1999 dean's list at Keene State College in New Hampshire, including Springfield resident Carrie A. Occhi.

To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State undergraduates must achieve a 3.5 or higher average.

Student makes the grade

Kevin Mathew Barisonck, son of Walter and Kathleen Barisonck of Mountaineer, was named to the dean's list for the Spring 1999 semester at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt.

To achieve this standing, students need to achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4.

Mullick receives degree

Anjali Mullick, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Satish Mullick of Springfield, received a bachelor of arts degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. May 10.

Contact is looking for volunteers

Her days are filled with color and canvas. Original artwork adorns the walls of her Mountaineer home.

For retired interior designer Jane Annis, painting is her passion, a true labor of love. With watercolor and ink, she creates paintings that are joyful. It is not unusual for her to slip into her home studio on her way to bed at night and paint until the wee hours of the morning.

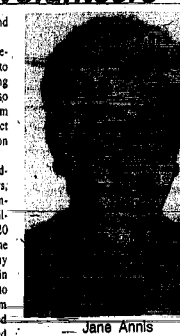
Union, Somerset, Middlesex and Essex Counties.

"Working one-on-one with someone in need feels like the right thing to do," said Annis. "I feel it's something I'm doing for God. When, after so many years I begin to feel as if I'm burning out, someone calls Contact and I feel as if I was the right person to be there for them."

Annis, who covered the Westfield-based Ideas for Interiors for 25 years, decided to become a Contact volunteer during a time when she was totally devoted to her work. "After 20 years doing volunteer work with the Junior League, I was at a point in my life where I was totally absorbed in my work and wasn't doing much to give back to the community. I am blessed with a wonderful family, good health and financial security. I wanted to do something to help others."

Annis signed up for Contact's volunteer training class, which teaches individuals how to actively listen and deal with a broad range of human need. "The training was wonderful," said the graduate of Marshall University and the New York School of Interior Design.

Her long tenure at Contact includes six years on the nonprofit agency's Board of Trustees. "There was a time when I was doing something for Contact on a daily basis," said the former chairperson of the agency's personnel and long-range planning committees. "I am proud that while I was on the board, Contact took big steps forward with staffing and funding. We accomplished a lot."



Jane Annis

The rewards of working the phone line are tremendous, according to Annis. She smiles as she speaks of one caller, a long time caller, who was always so depressed, not functioning well. "There has been a positive change in her recently," said Annis. "It's so wonderful. It makes me feel so good to know that I was there for her when she was so down."

For more information on becoming a Contact We Care volunteer and making a difference in people's lives by actively listening, call (908) 889-4140.

The next volunteer training will be Wednesday evenings, Sept. 22 through Dec. 8, from 7 to 10 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

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Senior club plans trips

The Senior Council of Union County invites the public to travel with the council's "Over 55" Travel Club. Trips are open to adults of all ages. Day trips for 1999 are July 11, Woodloch Farms, \$34, Aug. 18, Bethlehem, \$34, Oct. 4, Plant, Brabantia "Circles", \$35, Oct. 25-26, South Jersey Callery Arts, \$42, Nov. 10, Larison's and Village, \$38, Nov. 17 and 30, Radio City Christmas Show and the South Street, \$45, Nov. 21, The Three Barkers Christmas Show, \$66, Dec. 5 and 15, tour of the New York City lights and a stop at the Clarmon Drive for coffee and desserts, \$25, children age 5 and older are invited. For information or a brochure, call Richard Stone during the day at 964-7555 and during the evening at 687-1559. For day trips, payment in full is requested by mail.

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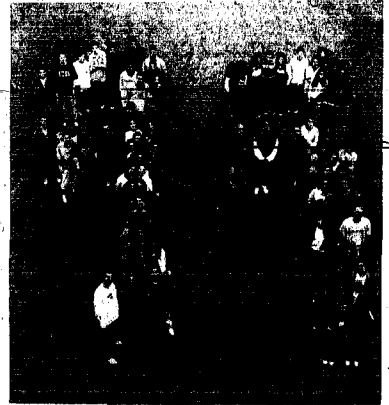
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Congratulations, JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1999



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Posing for the last time in front of the bulldog as Jonathan Dayton High School students are Scott Sambur left, valedictorian; Lina Cherfas, salutatorian; Evan Fischbein, class president, and Nick Contardo, student council president. These four, along with 102 others, graduated June 24.



Members of the Jonathan Dayton Class of 1999 assemble into formation so they never forget their graduating year.

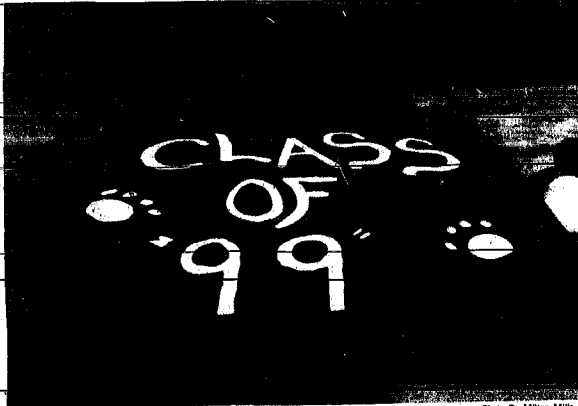


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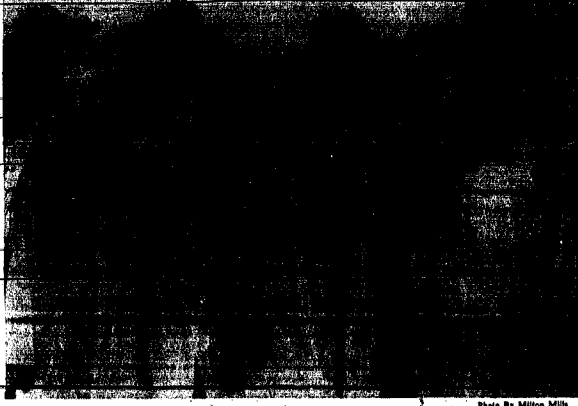


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A Dayton-decorated car awaits the students who will attend Springfield's Project Graduation as alumni.

Dressed in traditional white gowns are Sheryl Brounstein, left, Sonia Schiavone, Larisa Agranovich, Angela DeCicco and Annie Hagenbush. The friends prepare to march at the June 24 graduation ceremony.

- Larisa Agranovich
- Anthony David Alava
- Jose E. Araya
- George Matthew Arezzo
- Nicole Felice Arnold
- Dana Liane Avidan
- Eugene Belous
- Valeriya Biryuzova
- Alaina Elizabeth Bland
- Mauricio F. Blondet
- Robyn Lisa Bluestone
- Sheryl Jen Brounstein
- Michael Jay Brown
- Lauren Amy Brownstein
- John Laerte Bruno
- Daniel R. Carbone
- Lina Cherfas
- Christopher Cheung
- Stacy Jennifer Cohen
- Nicholas Contardo II
- Danielle Cooperman
- Jenna Lauren Coppola
- Daniel Glenn Cozzi
- Ciro John Cucciniello
- Christopher J. Datre
- Angela Christine DeCicco
- Nicole M. DeFino
- Antonella DeGirolamo
- Matthew E. Del Mauro

- Antonia Delgado
- Lucian Gabriel Dobre
- Daniel Michael Fabrizio
- Maria Emanuella Ferguson
- Nicole Ferreira
- Laurie Beth Firsichbaum
- Evan Harris Fischbein
- Terrence W. Franklin
- Allison Brooke Friedman
- Staci Brook Friedman
- Michael J. Gersh
- Anthony Joseph Giglio
- Deborah Liat Gill
- Brian Michael Girandola
- Richard Scott Greeder

The Time Has Come
By Maria Ferguson, Class of 1999

*The time has come
When it all ends
When we all move on
And break all the ends
When we hold each other
And shed tears that fall
Hold each other close but for once more
When we walk down this path
To wherever we are choosing to go
To move on but never forget
The good times we had
The laughter, the tears, and all of those fears
But now the time has come
So let's all say goodbye
But say it with happiness
And say it with pride
Say it from our hearts
And from our souls
Because the time has come
To go on our own.*

- Bohdana S. Lukiw
- Christopher W. Mallon
- Adam Michael Masiello
- Nathaniel Reuben Maslow
- Courtney Ann McNanna
- Peter Meiler
- Eric Michael Menzie
- Donna Mirjahangiry
- Jessica E. Moelk
- Danielle Marie Mojo
- Kristin Ann Montouri
- Ross Harris Mullman
- Todd Jason Ovstew
- Nadia Concetta Pacifico
- Chelsea Shannon Page
- Marcia Lenhare Paige
- Mahendra Patel
- Vinokduma S. Patel

- Ann Michele Hagenbush
- Eugene Ryan Harmon
- Soncerra Shante Hunter
- Courtney Quinton-Hydrock
- Athanosios Katsagonis
- Patricia Kazanowski
- Claire Elaine Keller
- Vyacheslav Khoroshevskiy
- Yoori Kim
- Julia B. Kirschner
- Sara Anne Klein
- Rachel Amy Kurtzman
- Jason J. Lewis
- Jennifer Marie Lisante
- Nicole Michelle Loupis
- Angela A. Podias
- Rafal K. Rolinski
- Lateaf Powell
- Jessica Lauren Rajs
- Joshua Aaron Ravitz
- Semen Ring
- Amber Michelle Ryzaj
- Tracey-Ellen Saladino
- Scott Michael Sambur
- Ricardo Saporta
- Jennifer Sarracino
- Lindsay Tara Savin
- Jonathan Peter Sayki
- Sonia Denise Schiavone
- Cameron Matthew Scudato
- Michael R. Seaman
- Brett Daniel Stein
- Maria Adrianna Stravato
- Alexandra Terskiy
- Kordel W. Thom
- Keval R. Turakhia
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Congratulations, GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1999



Balloons of congratulations and best wishes greeted the Mountainside and Berkeley Heights graduates of Governor Livingston High School before and after the June 22 ceremony.



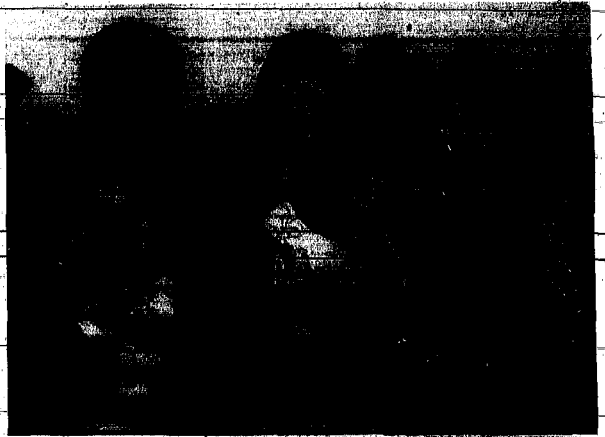
Graduates jubilantly toss their caps outside of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights June 22. This motion signified the end of their high school careers.

Photo By Milton Mills



Now-alumna Leslie Lauren Good receives her high school diploma from Gayall Fisher, vice president of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education.

Photo By Milton Mills



Celebrating graduation are Song Hyup Kim, left, Sharon Kim and Kyung Hee Kim, as the student was presented with flowers and balloons to recognize her achievements.

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E. Scott Adams Jr.
David Jacob Aizenberg
Michael Alexander
Christopher Kenneth Anders
Monika Elaine Anderson
Lauren E. Aumens
Tania M. Balci
Robin Ann Barter
Adel Bashir
Danielle Joye Baynes
Tracy Becker
Philip Anthony Bellezza
Michele Marie Bepedeuce
Emily Caroline Bissell
Mentor Blidi
Cynthia Boggiano
Amelia Lorraine Brown
Bethany Moore Bryant
Brian Bukowsky
John R. Bustronio
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Marie Antoinette Cacace
Joanna Elizabeth Caffrey
Annemarie Calabrese
Donald Anthony Carrelli
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Edward H. Cong
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Michael Robert Cook
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Stacey Ann Dempsey
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Jennifer Lynn Dorzi
Sarah Lynn Drake
Kevin M. Dreitlein
Mark Evan Dwyer
Ruth Elizabeth Eshak
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Jessica L. Ferry
Gregory T. Fovola
Ronnie Filipatos
Ellen Elizabeth Findlay
Miguel Justin Fragozo
Keith Brian Freudenberger
Cristi Rebecca Futar
Benjamin Michael Gary
Kristin Ellen Gaume
Katherine Shannon Gerow
Neda Ghaffari
Leslie Lauren Good
Ryan J. Good
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Christopher Thomas Keller
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Mark Knaaz
Allison Courtney Kobel
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Mable Mui
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Steven Murray
Neil Allen Myers
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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Former Dayton star Fishman earns baseball letter at Bucknell

Eric Fishman was a standout athlete at Dayton High School in both baseball and basketball, graduating from Dayton last year.

This past baseball season the Springfield resident earned a letter as a member of the Bucknell University varsity team.

Fishman was also one of 139 students at the Lewisburg, Pa. school to earn Honor Roll recognition.

At Bucknell, a student-athlete must earn a varsity letter and achieve a grade-point average of 3.2 or better during the semester of competition.

For his efforts, Fishman was named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll for the spring semester that was just completed.

Bucknell, with an enrollment of 3,400 students, competes in NCAA Division I (Division I-AA for football) as a member of the Patriot League.

 The Springfield Recreation Department, in cooperation with Skyhawks, presents Summer Sports Programs for the months of July and August.

The programs will take place at Chisholm Park on 100 S. Springfield Ave. and each has a different individual fee.

Here's a look at the programs offered:

Flag Football: July 6-9, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 7-14, \$71.

Mini-Hawk: July 12-16, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4-7, \$76.

Soccer: Aug. 2-6 and Aug. 16-20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., ages 6-14, \$86.

Golf: Aug. 9-13, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 14-18, \$86.

More information may be obtained by calling Springfield Recreation Department director Michael Ternaro at 973-467-4608.

 U.K. Elite Soccer, New Jersey's only professional coaching organization, will host its annual soccer camp at Passaic River Park in Berkeley Heights next week, July 6-10.

Travel team and recreational players ages 5-13 are welcome. All costs are provided by USSF- and NSCAA-licensed professional British coaches.

Each player receives a free Reebok ball, a free U.K. Elite T-shirt and a free NY/NJ MetroStars ticket. To register or receive a color brochure, call 973-631-9802.

Union County Senior American Legion Baseball

The following is a look at upcoming Union County Senior American Legion baseball games:

Monday, July 5
 Westfield at Elizabeth, 5:45

Summit at R. Park (DH), 5:45

Cranford at Berkeley H., 5:45

South Plains at Roselle, 5:45

Tuesday, July 6
 Kenilworth at Union, 8 p.m.

Summit at Springfield, 5:45

South Plains at Cranford, 5:45

Wednesday, July 7
 Clark at Westfield, 5:45

Elizabeth at Cranford, 5:45

Kenilworth at Linden (DH), 5:45

South Plains at Summit, 5:45

Thursday, July 8
 Union at Clark, 5:45

Westfield at R. Park (DH), 5:45

Roselle at Berkeley H., 5:45

Cranford at Springfield, 5:45

Friday, July 9
 All-Star Games at Union's Rabinin Field, 5:45 and 8:00

Saturday, July 10
 Elizabeth at Berkeley H., 10:30

R. Park at Roselle (DH), 10:30

Westfield at Linden (DH), 10:30

South Plains at Clark, 10:30

Sunday, July 11
 South Plains at Westfield, 10:30

Monday, July 12
 Roselle at Elizabeth, 5:45

Kenilworth at R. Park, 5:45

Springfield at R. Park, 8:00

Tuesday, July 13
 Union at Cranford, 5:45

Westfield at Summit, 5:45

Clark at South Plains, 5:45

Wednesday, July 14
 Union at Summit, 5:45

Roselle at South Plains, 5:45

Thursday, July 15
 Berkeley H. at S. Plains, 5:45

Clark at Roselle, 5:45

Here comes the pitch



Berkeley Heights Senior American Legion pitcher Dan Bussiccolo earned the mound assignment last Saturday morning as he gets ready to fire a pitch during his team's game against Cranford at the Orange Avenue Field in Cranford. Berkeley Heights is scheduled to host Cranford on Monday at 5:45 p.m. at Floyd Taylor Field.

Photo by Jeff Grant

Springfield squad playing better than mark indicates Senior American Legion team is competitive

By Mike Gesario

Staff Writer

On the outside, Springfield's Senior American Legion baseball team's record of 3-1 isn't very impressive. But a closer look reveals the team has played some close games this year and many of the players are showing signs of improvement.

"Record wise, we aren't doing so well. We've been in just about every game. It seems like we always have one bad inning. It's mental errors and it's also making the errors in the field. And it seems to happen at the worst time," head coach Joe Carriello said.

The Springfield lineup has produced its share of runs this summer. Catcher Lorenzo Williams, outfielders Adam Slater, David Wyche and

Jesse Stormeyer and first baseman Todd Walters have all contributed offensively. Williams had a three-run homer and a bases-loaded triple for six RBI in his team's win over Scotch Plains.

"He (Williams) has developed a lot," Carriello said. "I can see him as an All-County player next year."

Springfield's pitching staff has also turned in a solid performance. Nate Demier and Rich Shanley and James Carriello make up the team's starting rotation.

"Our pitching, overall, has been pretty good," Carriello said. "Our starters have done a pretty good job."

Springfield also has depth at many positions, especially around the infield. New Providence's Mike Pic-

colo, one of two players on the roster not from Dayton High School, usually starts at third, but Carriello can also insert utility player Charles Beyer, Shanley or Ian Cordini into the third base slot. Piccolo can also play other positions.

"He's such a great player, I can play him just about anywhere," Carriello said of Piccolo. "He's a very consistent player. He really helps the club."

Second baseman Matt Del Mauro, has provided strong leadership for the rest of the team to follow.

"He's done a great job for us. He's solid defensively and swings the bat well. He's also the team captain. It's too bad we'll lose him next year," said Carriello.

Alex Siegel, Justin Woodruff and Sean Cordini have also played a considerable amount of time for Springfield. Carriello said these players and the other younger members of the team are getting valuable experience that will help the program down the road.

"They are the younger guys and we are trying to get them in when we can," Carriello said.

Getting these younger players as much time as possible and improving the varsity program is what summer baseball is about for Carriello. He and assistant coach Clayton Trivett, who is also the assistant varsity coach at Dayton, are trying to improve the high school program by giving the players experience over the summer.

"It's nice that the high school program is getting involved with the American Legion program," Carriello said. "That's the way it should be. They do expect a lot for next year. They think they have a good chance of winning the conference."

The expectations could become a reality as Carriello said it seems that the players on Springfield's team are learning what it takes to become better players.

"The kids are always there," he said. "The kids do work hard and they don't quit."

Springfield teams find ways to win

Combine to claim 3-of-5 games

The Springfield Minutemen ages 11-12 baseball team had a busy week. First came a 6-5 win over New Providence, followed by a 10-3 loss to Mountaineer.

On Friday the Minutemen bounced back by posting an impressive 5-2 win over Millburn.

The ages 9-10 squad won its home-opener, posting a 10-7 win against Livingston. Springfield was then edged by Millburn National 16-15 in eight innings last Thursday.

Minutemen Baseball

Here's a look at each of the five Minutemen contests:

AGES 11-12

Springfield 6, New Providence 5: New Providence opened the game with two runs, followed by Springfield's four runs in the bottom of the first. Kenneth Suarez hit a single and then Sara Stejman followed with a ground rule double. Lee Silverman hit a double that brought home Suarez.

With two on and two out, Mike Tis belted a two-run triple. Pitcher Jeremy Marx followed with a run-scoring single.

Marx then kept New Providence scoreless in the second. Steinman pitched the third and also kept New Providence off the scoreboard.

Springfield increased its 4-2 lead in the bottom of the third as Mike Mannarino singled and advanced on a Steven Tetamanni sacrifice. Tis drove in Mannarino with a double to give him his third RBI of the game.

After scoring again in the fourth, New Providence scored three runs in the fifth to tie the score at 5-5.

In the bottom of the fifth, Steinman reached on a walk and moved to second on a Silverman single. Steinman was then thrown out attempting to steal third.

Mannarino walked to put two runners on with two out. Tetamanni then drove in Silverman with what turned out to be the winning run.

In the top of the sixth Silverman came in to pitch for the Minutemen and struck out the side. Steinman was the winning pitcher and Silverman earned the save.

Mountaineer 10, Springfield 3: Springfield scored two of its runs in the top of the second, both unearned. In the bottom of the third with two on, Mountaineer hit its first home run of the game, giving it a 3-2 lead.

Matt Parman reached on a bunt in the top of the fourth and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kenneth Suarez. Steinman then hit a single and Parman was able to eventually come around and score what turned out to be Springfield's final run of the game.

Mountaineer scored seven runs in the bottom of the fifth to put the game out of reach.

Springfield 5, Millburn 2: In the first inning, Lee Silverman kept Millburn scoreless. In the top of the second, Millburn scored two runs.

Down 2-0, Springfield had something going when Patrick Circelli, Michael Mohr and Michael Kroner reached on walks. David Tarullo then brought in one run with a sacrifice.

Silverman kept Millburn scoreless in the top of the third and his teammates scored one in the bottom of the inning to close it at 2-2. Tis tripled, Silverman walked and then Mannarino brought in Tis with a sacrifice.

Springfield kept Millburn scoreless in the fourth and fifth innings. In the bottom of the fifth, Silverman and Mannarino each hit singles. With one out, Cory Berger stepped up and belted a two-run triple to give Springfield the lead for good at 4-2. Marx brought home Berger with a single to finish the game's scoring.

Millburn was shut down in the top of the sixth by Marx, who was pitching in relief. Silverman, who struck out five, earned the mound victory, while Marx preserved it.

Springfield was scheduled to host Millburn Monday and Union American last night. Tomorrow the team has a game scheduled at home against Cranford.

AGES 9-10

Springfield 10, Livingston 7: The road team, Livingston, scored one in the top of the first only to have Springfield come right back and tie the game at 1-1. Ryan O'Reilly walked and was advanced by Doug Singer's run. David Steinman then drove in O'Reilly with a single.

Pitches Evan Ring kept Livingston scoreless in the second and third innings.

In the bottom of the third, Eric Dworkin walked, then Ring singled and Jimmy Guarino walked. Ted Hopkins followed with a two-run single.

In the top of the fourth, Steinman came in to pitch and kept Livingston off the scoreboard.

In the bottom of the fourth, Ben Zwerman and Steinmann walked and then Ryan Sabinsky's sacrifice scored Zwerman. Ring followed with a run-scoring hit that brought home Steinman. That gave Springfield a 5-1 lead.

Steinman held Livingston in the top of the fifth and then Springfield scored five runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 10-1 lead it would not relinquish.

Hopkins got things started with a single and then Chris Kurzman walked. O'Reilly, after both runners stole second and third, delivered a hit that scored Hopkins and Kurzman.

Sabinsky hit a single and Steinman was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Sabinsky hit a single that scored one run. Dworkin followed with a run-scoring single of his own. Guarino followed with what turned out to be Springfield's final run.

Livingston made the game close by scoring six runs in the top of the sixth, but Springfield held on for the 10-7 triumph. Ring earned the mound victory.

Millburn National 16, Springfield 15 (8 Inn.): Ryan O'Reilly scored Springfield's first run in the first inning after he reached on a bunt, stole second and then rounded the bases after Stephen Suarez delivered a hit.

Millburn came back to score four in the bottom of the first and then after both teams scored one run in the second inning, Millburn had a 5-2 lead.

Springfield took an 11-5 lead by scoring nine runs in the top of the third. Driving in runs were Ted Hopkins, Doug Singer, Jimmy Guarino, Evan Ring, Brandon Ginoel, O'Reilly (2), Suarez, David Steinmann and Ryan Sabinsky.

Millburn answered quickly by scoring eight runs of its own in the bottom of the third inning to take a 12-11 lead. Millburn scored two more in the bottom of the fourth for a 15-11 advantage.

Springfield scored its final four runs in the top of the fifth to even the score at 15-15. Driving in runs were Hopkins, Dworkin (who also stole home), Guarino and Ring.

After scoreless sixth and seventh innings, Springfield did not score again in the top of the eighth before Millburn pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the frame.

Springfield was scheduled to host South Orange Monday at Sandmeier and then play at Mountaineer Tuesday. The Minutemen have a game scheduled for today at Millburn National.

Contardo and Stolting to play in Snapple Bowl

Local players Nick Contardo of Dayton and Bill Stolting of Governor Livingston are among the 40 players on the Union County roster for this year's 6th annual Snapple Bowl.

The high school football All-Star Game, pitting some of the best players from Union County vs. some of the best from Middlesex County, is scheduled to be played Thursday, July 15 at East Brunswick High School. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Middlesex leads the series 3-2, having won all three of the games that have been played at Union High School so far.

The road team is 3-0 thus far, with the Union County team posting victories at Sayreville in 1995 and at East Brunswick in 1997.

Middlesex won last year's game 33-7 at Union, while Union won the 1997 contest 28-7 at East Brunswick.

Save a penny



Young Andrew Shanes presents Jeff Shanes of the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad with a donation check from the Temple Beth Afiim preschool, while teachers Joy Stopol Rojas, left, and Sara Kurtzman look on. The children collected their pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters all year to donate this money to the squad.

Library displays stitch exhibit at Palmer

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library presents an exhibit, "Stichery," featuring the needlepoint of Emma Home. The work will be on display from now through July 22.

Home began designing works for needlepoint in 1968. The following year she started teaching a small circle of friends needlepoint-stitches and by 1970 she was offering classes, mostly in her home.

Throughout the years, Home has been associated with many needlework shops both within and outside this area. Home started teaching at a shop in Summit, Knit Wits, as well as at the

Summit YMCA. Her involvements also included The Gifted Hand in Millburn, and for 10 years, teaching at Petit Point Junction in Saddle River. Home continued to teach in the various homes of her students in that area, and has continued to do so for the past 16 years. In addition, Home has taught at The Needle & Land at The Stitching Bee in Chatham.

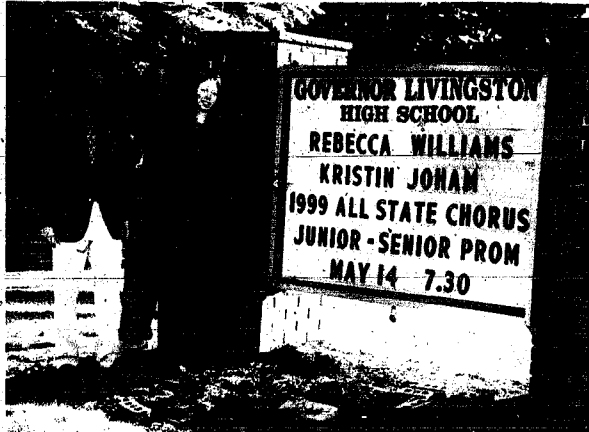
Home has held daytime classes in her home, as well as offering evening classes for working women. In 1994, she took third place in the nationwide Golden Swan Needlework Exhibition, sponsored by the Women's Educa-

tional and Industrial Union in Boston, Mass.

The exhibit will include pillows, framed pieces, wall hangings, mats and a small assortment of holiday decorations.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Sunday hours up to and including June 27 are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call (973) 376-4930.



Jim Muscchio, left, vocal director at Governor Livingston High School, congratulates Kristin Joham and Rebecca Williams on their acceptance in the 1999 New Jersey All State Chorus.

Local musicians make All State

Mountainside residents Kristin Joham and Rebecca Williams have successfully auditioned for the 1999 New Jersey All State Chorus.

Joham was accepted into the first soprano section and Williams into the second soprano section. The All State Chorus will perform under the direction of James Beil of Westfield in Atlantic City for the New Jersey Education Association Convention Nov. 12 and Nov. 21 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Williams and Joham are not new to the All State organizations. Last year they performed at the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City and at the NJPAC as members of the 1998 All State Orchestra — Williams on violin and Joham on French horn. Both students were again accepted into All

State Orchestras on their respective instruments in 1999 but elected to accept participation in the Chorus. They also are active members of the New Jersey Youth Symphony.

The Governor Livingston High School Chorus, under the direction of Jim Muscchio since 1998, performed at Governor Livingston June 3 in a musical program featuring the Chorus, Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble. Muscchio said he is "extremely pleased with the accomplishments of the G.L. Chorus this year and his looking forward to a successful 1999-2000 school year, as well."

He added, "It is an honor to have two members accepted into All State Chorus and I will again offer this opportunity to audition for Region II and All State Groups to chorus members next year."

Old Guard sponsors talk on Japan

The Summit Area Old Guard will sponsor a lecture from Thomas J. Garneau on Japanese culture Tuesday at the New Providence Municipal Building.

Garneau went to school in New Providence. After four years in the Air Force, with service throughout East- and Southeast-Asia during the Vietnam conflict, he received a degree from Columbia University and went to Japan with the Bank of Tokyo serving as language advisor.

After further study at the University of Washington in Seattle, he came

back to New Providence to start a Japanese language program at the high school. He is now teaching at Southern Regional High School in Manahawick.

His observations of Japan through the eyes of a local citizen are both interesting and informative. His talk on Tuesday will be illustrated by slides.

The Summit Area Old Guard meets every Tuesday at the New Providence Municipal Building. Coffee begins at 9:30 a.m. and meetings start at 10 a.m. and usually end by 11:30 a.m.

Douglas Gamo, program chairman for July, also has announced the following schedule.

• July 13 — Richard Bohner will discuss "Science In The Millennia: Alpha to Omega."

• July 20 — Michael Billig will take the Old Guard members and their guests on a "Slide Tour of West Point."

The Summit Area Old Guard invites retired men to attend its meetings. Call Ed Vant at 273-1660 for details or write to P.O. Box 386, Summit, 07902-0386 for a descriptive folder.



Westfield's Dale Santilla, left, and John Giffen relax with Summit's Bill Morrison and Satt Oishi after a tough day on the golf course June 14. Summit defeated Westfield 10 to 21.

Old Guard defeats Westfield golf team

Members of the Summit Area Old Guard beat Westfield in golf June 14 by a score of 10 to 21. This is the second win of the season, as Summit defeated Millburn 10.5 to 12.5 May 10.

Home games are played at the Summit Municipal Golf Course. Tee-off time is at 8:30 a.m.

Golf is one of the activities enjoyed by members of the Summit Area Old Guard, an organization of retired men.

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