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Petition circulating about pool conditions

By John Celock
Staff Writer

Springfield pool-goers are circulating a petition to present a formal complaint to the Township Committee regarding their concerns about municipal pool conditions.

Last week, the governing body was marked by the resignation of resident Bob Farrell from several volunteer posts within the Planning Board, the Recreation Committee and the Union County Revenue Sharing Committee.

In his remarks to the Township Committee, Farrell said his action was because of conditions at the municipal pool. He said the pool manager did not retire his daughter as the head lifeguard after disagreements on management policy, along with other concerns.

Other township residents who use the pool have joined Farrell in criticizing conditions at the pool this year. At the top of their list of concerns is the grass, safety on the recreational equipment, a metal covering and the condition of the restroom facilities.

Springfield resident Leena Matrazza said she is displeased by the condition of the pool. Her main concerns center around two broken swings, a broken view in the restroom area, and the state of the men's room. She said one gentleman she knew took his son home to use the restroom rather than use the facility at the pool.

"The men's room is revolting," Matrazza said. Matrazza said that in her six years using the Springfield pool, she has not seen the condition of the pool improve.

In addition to her concerns about the restroom and the recreational equipment, she raised concerns on whether she is getting the most for her money. The pool's facility registration fee is \$275, plus \$1 for chair rental each time. "They have raised the price and

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not care about what is going on," said Wendo. "We do also said he noticed a danger next to the baby pool on the grounds of the complex. The danger lies in a metal plate on the ground which gets hot during the day and is surrounded by fallen caution tape and an orange cone. He said a little girl stepped on the plate last week and burned her feet.

"There should be a gate around it," Wendo said. Pool Manager Patrick Farley declined to comment on the complaints made by pool patrons. Recreation Director Mike Tennaro said the pool is an issue which is high on his priority list. He also said he did not instruct Farley not to speak to the press.

In response to the parking lot complaints, Tennaro said a project to redo the entire parking lot is under discussion and no repairs will be made because of these criticisms. He also cited that the garbage problem rests with the pack-stand workers. "Occasionally, they will miss the dumpster," he said.

Tennaro said the swings in question were repaired Monday morning. In response to the complaints about the metal plate on the ground, Tennaro said he is working to fix the problem. He said he was at the pool when the little girl was injured and he knows the girl was rushed immediately to the hospital.

Tennaro said when the problem of the plate getting hot was first reported, caution tape was administered and the orange cone placed on top. He said this wind blew the tape down.

"Why is the grass all brown? It is an eyesore. We can do better," said Lukaszewski. Frank Wendo of Springfield said that while he has resided in the township for four years, he has only just started going to the pool. "This is my first year at the pool, but I have seen better. The price goes up, but the service is not what it seems," he said.

In addition to the comparison with the Verona municipal pool, Wendo said his main concern is with the state of the grass and why it has not been watered as well as paint cans lying around the pool to collect cigarettes and the management. "The guy who runs this place does

After the incident with the injured girl, Tennaro said last Saturday towels were placed on the plate in order to alleviate the heat.

Pool patrons said they did not see the towels in place late Saturday afternoon. Tennaro said he will further analyze the problem and work to solve it.

Township Administrator Richard Sheola joined Tennaro to say there are no plans in the works to water grass at the pool complex. They cited the grass as an unnecessary expenditure of public funds.

"Would the town's people like me to spend \$5,000 to water the grass? Unfortunately, Mother Nature has not been cooperative. In the meantime, the residents can enjoy the pool," said Sheola.

"Grass is brown everywhere, and there is nothing that I can do about it," said Tennaro.

In order to bring the complaints about the pool to the Township Committee, a petition is circulating around the pool complex. "I have not seen it, but if they want me to sign it, I will," said Wendo.

In addition to the petition, pool patrons are considering attending the Aug. 4 meeting of the Township Committee in order to address their concerns to Mayor Gregory Clarke and his colleagues.

Sheola said he has not heard of the petition effort or the plan for residents to speak at the next meeting of the governing body.

"I have not seen any petition with a sufficient number of valid names on it which would be a valid cry for change," said Sheola.

Sheola also said that he has not heard anyone complain to his office about the state of the municipal pool. "There is a lot of dissatisfaction out there. It is unfortunate that it is out there. I have heard a lot of people enjoying it. It is amazing that of all these people who have complaints, I have only received one anonymous call from a resident."

Controversial captain assigned to new post

By Joe Lagara
Staff Writer

Capt. Vernon Pedersen of the Springfield Police Department, whose biased remarks got him fired by the Township Committee in July of last year before subsequently being reinstated, is now in the position of making preliminary selections for three openings in the department.

The three-member screening committee also includes Capt. James Hietala and Sgt. George Hiner.

"Placing Captain Pedersen on a hiring committee after the statements he made is inappropriate, period," said Shai Goldstein, New Jersey Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League. "Township Pedersen was fired by the captain and reinstated by the court. Now the township has decided to have him in a crucial role in hiring."

"It sends a wrong message and makes no sense. We're deeply concerned as a civil rights organization — it's insulting to the Jewish, African-American and Hispanic communities. It offends everyone who treasures diversity as a key element in American democracy."

Goldstein said he has reached out to the township attorney, and that, "from our perspective, the lines of communication are open."

"It'll take a long time to heal the wounds inflicted by Captain Pedersen," Goldstein said. "Having him involved in personnel matters at this time is chilling."

Calls to — Chisholm, Pedersen, Hietala and Mayor Gregory Clarke, the lone committeeman to vote against Pedersen's initial reinstatement, were not returned by press time. Of his own reinstatement, Pedersen said in February: "I made a comment I shouldn't have, and I'm sorry

about that. I'm sorry that the whole incident happened, and I'm just glad to have my job back."

Pedersen's trouble date to 1993, when he allegedly made a racist remark to a co-worker and then immediately reported it to Patrolman Walter Brooks Jr. Brooks, who was on the job for two years at the time of the incident, reported the comment to Hietala and Detective Judd Levinson.

The day the comment was made, Sgt. Peter Davis and Lt. Ivan Shapow discussed the possibility of going to the Prosecutor's Office over the remarks, Brooks said. No established procedures for dealing with the situation existed at the time.

Brooks visited Pedersen at the captain's home two weeks later, at which time, according to Brooks, the rumors of his filing a lawsuit were untrue. He said Pedersen apologized and the two men "shook hands."

The situation stayed fairly quiet for Pedersen until last year, when he made an anti-Semitic comment to a Jewish lieutenant over the phone. He was fired by the Township Committee, and then reinstated by County Superior Court Judge Edward Toy, who cited Pedersen's apology to Brooks as his reason for bringing the captain back.

Brooks made Pedersen's 1993 comments known during Brooks' disciplinary hearing in 1995. The patrolman claimed he overheard 45 minutes of the result of a power outage in 1993, and the department tried at first to suppress him without pay for the infraction, later reducing the penalty after the hearing, to two vacation days.

Teen begins campaign to remember lost friend

By Joe Lagara
Staff Writer

When Springfield resident Judi Spector's daughter, Elana, lost a classmate to leukemia, both mother and daughter decided to do what they could to make things just a little bit happier for children with severe illnesses.

Elana, 13, began a letter-writing campaign to such stores as Palmer Video, Zainy Bralys, Funcoaland and Barnes and Noble, asking for toy, video and book donations. The items, along with donations from the Sectors themselves, were given to the Child Life Program and the Valerie Fund Children's Center at Overlook Hospital.

Spector's classmate, David Nehmer, battled leukemia for two years. He died in August 1992.

"We wanted to do something in David's memory," Judi Spector said. "During the time I was planning Elana's Bat Mitzvah, I suggested calling the hospital to see what we could do. We visited the playroom there and saw what toys they had, and didn't have, and then Elana decided to begin her letter writing."

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From left, Judi Spector of Springfield; Ellen Ruban of the Valerie Fund Children's Center; Lisa Ciarrroca, child life coordinator at Overlook Hospital; and Elana Spector, 13, take inventory of the toys Spector collected for children with severe illnesses.

wish list themselves by purchasing and donating Rugrats toys, sports toys and Winnie the Pooh items. Miniature basketballs and soccer balls also were donated for use in Overlook's new path.

"We went through the list of everything kids might possibly want," Spector said, "things that were easy to use. There was a lot of 'Star Wars' stuff and a Beanie Babies basket —

Beanie Babies were one of David's favorite toys."

Most of the toys, Spector said, are kept in the hospital's playroom, although a child could find in a moment many toys, particularly of the special importance.

None of the Bat Mitzvah guests were asked, or informed in advance, of the Sectors' project. "We didn't want to exploit the idea," Spector

said. "That's why we didn't want the kids to know about it beforehand. The rabbi made the announcement about it during the event."

Following her Bat Mitzvah, Elana Spector made a cash donation to the Healing Heart Foundation, which funds research for pain medications for children with cancer. Healing Heart was founded by David Nehmer's family.

Comcast renewal delayed

By John Celock
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council voted 5-0 to table a resolution renewing the municipal franchise granted to Comcast Cablevision for the borough's cable services.

Borough Attorney John Post said the tabling is due to a language dispute with the Union County Office of Cable Services and the borough.

Post said the ordinance was submitted to the county for approval and the county expressed concern over the wording of section five of the ordinance and recommended a changing of the ordinance. Post said upon his review of the county recommendation, he advised the council to table the resolution until the matter could be resolved.

Section five states that the franchise fee will be the maximum allowed under state law. If the state changes the law to permit a higher franchise fee, the borough's fee also will rise. If there is a change in the services Comcast will provide the borough, Mountainside could charge fees for these additional services. The cable television industry has taken the position

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Officials could face penalization as disclosure form non-filers

By Joe Lagara
Staff Writer

Local government employees in Springfield and Mountainside, required by the state to file Financial Disclosure Statements, are not yet all present and accounted for.

More than two months past the April 30 deadline, 14 government employees in Mountainside and at least 25 in Springfield, including the Police Chief William Chisholm and Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen, have yet to submit the required paperwork.

New Jersey's Government Ethics Law, which went into effect in May 1991, requires government employees to list the following:

- Each source of income, earned or unearned, exceeding \$2,000 received by the local government officer or a member of his immediate family during the preceding calendar year.
- Each source of fees and honorariums, having an aggregate amount exceeding \$250 from any single source for personal appearances, speeches or writings received by the officer or family member.
- Each source of gifts, reimbursements or prepaid expenses having an aggregate value exceeding \$400, excluding relatives.

- The names and addresses of all business organizations in which the local government officer or a member

of his immediate family had an interest during the preceding year.

- The address and brief description of all real property in the state, held by either the government officer or an immediate family member.

The Legislature, according to the law, defines "public office and employment" as a "public trust" and declares disclosure statements to be public records.

"Whenever the public perceives a conflict between the private interests and the public duties of a government officer or employee, that confidence is imperiled," the law states.

"This isn't an exact science," said Summit City Clerk David Hughes,

whose city has only two non-filed employees. Local Assistance Board members Rebecca Pruitt and John Staunton. "We take the applications here and pass them right on to the state. We don't keep copies here. We're middle-men."

Individuals who have not filed at present include Mountainside Local Ethics Board member James Deroese and Michael J. Melango of the Planning Board. Dr. Joseph Calderone of the Board of Health, and Walter Christofferson and Bruce Thano of the Construction Board of Appeals also have failed to file, along with Mountainside Fire Chief Marc Franciosa, Assistant Fire Chief Gary Cana-

gallo, Deputy Chief John Browne and Walter Hieckel. Capt. Steven Smith and Stewart Jurczak and Lt. Peter Eszemplare and Karl Keiber also have not filed, along with Nancy Caffrey of the Library Board of Trustees.

In Springfield, in addition to Chisholm and Pedersen, other non-filers include Township Committeemen Roy Allan Hirschfeld and Steven Goldstein, Municipal Court Judge Steven Frischbaum Jr., Prosecutor Robert Boland, Public Defender Michael S. Witsberg, Human Services Director, Marlene Maxine, Recreation Director Michael Tennaro, Assistant Supervisor of the Department of Public Works Joseph Samo,

Supernintendent of Public Works Kenneth Homlich, Public Works Foreman Robert Boettcher, Board of Adjustment members Michael Herlinger, Sam Labash, Joseph Yee, Arlene Newman and Stuart Applebaum, board alternates Marjorie Halpin and Selig Adler and Board of Adjustment attorney Neil Dworkin.

Planning Board chairman Richard Colandrea, Board of Health members Bernard Schwartz, Dr. Stanley Newman, Lois Weber and board attorney Denise Teich have likewise not filed.

There may be more non-filers. The 1993 Local Government Officer Register, from which the above names were

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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. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• Children ages four through six can join Rodney the Rocket at 1:30 p.m. on a musical tour of the planets at the Trailside Science and Nature Center. Learn planetarium basics and explore the moon, Venus and Mars. The fee is \$3 for each person.

Saturday
• New residents of Mountaintide can join the Newcomers Club at the Mountaintide Community Pool's Adult Pool Party. For more information, call (908) 232-0132.

Sunday
• Visitors can explore a variety of scientific questions at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$3 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. The program is for children ages five to six.

Wednesday
• Rebecca Lesko from the Tenafly Nature Center will explore the adaptations of birds at 1:30 p.m. at the Trailside Science and Nature Center in Mountaintide. The cost is \$4 for each person. No children under four years will be admitted.

Upcoming Events
Aug. 4
• Mountaintide Ladies are invited by the Mountaintide Newcomers Club for a Ladies Night Out. For more information, call Carole Cahill at (908) 233-8426.

Aug. 10
• The Springfield Township Committee will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Aug. 15
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield will conduct the annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall, 78 South Springfield Ave. Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. For additional information, call (973) 379-5387.

Aug. 16
• Registration begins for the Springfield-YMCA Fall Program session at 7 a.m. at 100 South Springfield Ave. The fall session runs for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (973) 467-0838.

Sept. 23
• The Newcomers of Mountaintide will hold a new member coffee for anyone interested in joining. For more information, call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

Oct. 2
• Members of the Mountaintide Newcomers Club are invited to the club's annual progressive dinner. For more information, call Janine Cardone at (908) 232-6411.

Ongoing
• The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free cancer support group for adults living with any type of cancer. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit. The group is led by Debra Haupt-Saltzman. For more information, call 522-5352.

Springfield Y begins fall session registration

The Springfield YMCA will begin registration for its Fall Program Session starting Aug. 16 at 7 a.m. at 100 South Springfield Ave. The fall session runs for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7.

Full offerings for children walking to age 6 include two Tuesday morning parent/child classes, "Toddle Tots," for children walking to age 2-1/2 years from 10:15 to 11 a.m. and "More Tumble Tots" for ages 2-1/2 to 4 years from 11:15 a.m. to noon. Both classes introduce physical movement through climbing equipment and song, and focus on locomotor skills and basic tumbling.

"Friday Fun" on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m., offers a way for toddlers to learn important socialization skills through activities such as arts and crafts, stories, gym play, outdoor play and more. Preschool Dance, for ages 3-1/2 to 4 years, introduces students to dance basics and is led by instructors from the Turning Pointe Dance Center. Sports for children ages 4 to 6 years includes a variety of classes ranging from basketball and soccer to sports and games. For youth, there is "Karate" for grades one to four, a self-defense class led by a third-degree black belt instructor.

For adults, the YMCA is offering "Organizing and Preserving Your Photos," a class to help you organize

those wedding, children, holiday or vacation photos by creating keepsake albums. Classes are offered Sept. 20 and 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon and Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for each class for YMCA members or \$20 class for non-members. Early registration is suggested since classes fill up quickly and is taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Call-in registration is accepted after 10 p.m. All classes run for eight weeks beginning Sept. 7 and run through Oct. 30. An annual youth membership, \$50 plus a class fee, is required to participate in all YMCA programs. Scholarships are available for those that may need financial assistance.

Women's Club installs new officers

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs in Mountaintide announced the installation of newly elected officers.

The new officers for the 1999-2000 year are as follows: President, Pat Knodel; First Vice President, Cynthia West; Second Vice President, Sue Clement; Recording Secretary, Linda Boppano; Corresponding Secretary, Joanne Blackburn; Treasurer, Kathleen Capodanno; Trustees, Violet Rogers and Joan Shomo.

The Mountaintide Women's Club is in its 42nd year. The club's objective is to bring together women from the area for educational and charitable purposes. The club is composed of executive officers, as well as three departments: creative arts; performing arts and crafts; as well as 21 committees. The club has 104 members and welcomes new members from the community and the surrounding area.

NEWS CLIPS

Churches offer Bible school

On Aug. 2-6, from 9 a.m. until noon, the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield and the Springfield Emmanuel 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 through grade six are welcome at Church Hall in Springfield.

For questions and registration information, call (973) 379-4320 or (908) 245-6244. There is a registration fee of \$3 for each child with a \$10 maximum for each family.

Clubs use SPL computer

Those organizations in Springfield that wish to have the latest information on their organization in the Springfield Free Public Library's computer; contact the library's reference department at (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

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. Join them Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning in September. The group also will sponsor the following trips:

• Oct. 17-18 — "The Wonders of the Connecticut Woods" — This trip

'Fiddler on the Roof' to be screened at library

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its lunchtime video series, "Broadway In Your Living Room and a Dance Event," Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. with "Fiddler on the Roof."

In this three-hour musical, acclaimed star Topol gives the performance of a lifetime, winning three Oscars. Topol is Teyve, a poor Jewish millman with five unmarried daughters to support in the village of Anatevka in czarist Russia. With a sharp-tongued wife at home, and growing anti-Semitism in the village, Teyve talks to God about his troubles. His people's traditions keep Teyve strong when his existence is balanced as precariously as a fiddler on the roof.

A new lunchtime video series, "Armchair Travel Series: The Exotic and Wild," begins Aug. 17 at noon. This series will be shown every other week as follows:

• Aug. 17 — "Egypt: Secrets of the Pharaohs," one hour. "Australia's Great Barrier Reef," one hour.
• Aug. 31 — "Everglades: Secrets of the Swamp," one hour. "Sonoran Desert: A Violent Eden," one hour.

includes a one-and-one-half hour tour to Newport, R.I. Stops include the Foxwood casino and the Mohegan Sun.
• Oct. 25 — "Platzel Brauhaus" includes lunch, dinner and a day filled with many activities. The October Fest costs \$35 for each person.
• Dec. 13 — "City Lights" — Enjoy dinner in Little Italy, a three-hour tour of the festive lights and a visit to Ferraris Bakery. The cost is \$55 for each person. All tips and taxes are included.
For additional information, contact Christine Falgenbaum at (973) 379-5241.

Children's Hospital sponsors golf tourney

Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's 10th Annual Golf Classic, scheduled for Monday at the Montclair Golf Club, will include appearances by national Long-Drive Champions Art Sallinger and Brian Pavle, a PGA 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. Four-some packages are available for \$1,800. The Golf Classic has a low net format.

Tickets and sponsorship information may be obtained by calling Katherine Brozyna at (908) 301-5462.

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

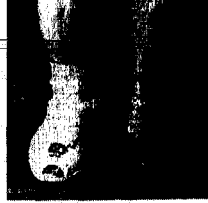
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Fund-raisers questioned by township Board of Ed

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

A central topic of conversation at the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night involved student fund-raisers.

The motion to approve the fund-raising activities for Springfield's public schools—for the 1999-2000 school year met with a 3-3 vote. Board members Stephen Fischbein, Keith Kurzer and board president Richard Falkin were absent, resulting in the tie, led vocally by Robert Fish and Ken Falgenbaum.

For Fish and Falgenbaum, the issue was not whether to have fund-raisers, but to limit their number, perhaps having one universal fund-raiser for the district, rather than a number of small ones.

"Community disturbance is a part of it," Fish said. "It can be intrusive to the parents."

Referring to the notion of a universal fund-raiser, he said, "Fish likened it to amusement parks. 'You can pay one price and take your kid on all the rides, or you can pay for everything individually and get richer—and dimmed to death.'"

"This vote of 'no' pulls the rug out from under people who are trying to do things," Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland said. "And it would be too much to take up the issue of a universal fund-raiser at this point."

"I've been in the PTA over three years," parent Nancy Scileppi said to the board, "and I can tell you that with fund-raisers, we can generate \$200 or \$300 with minimum effort. And we know where the money's going. With the universal fund-raiser, who'd coordinate it, and how would the money be distributed?"

Scileppi pointed out that many fund-raisers, such as the Walkathon, are social events for the kids. "The Halloween events keep them off the street at night and help keep their safe," she said.

Board member Jacqueline Shanes suggested putting together a subcommittee to review the issue. Fish, Linda Duke and Larry Leve expressed support and all three volunteered to participate.

Numerous positions for the 1999-2000 school year were approved, including four educators new to the township. All were given positions at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

David Nash, with four years experience in the Montgomery school system, was named a fifth-grade teacher. *Margaret Dugandic from Randolph* was appointed to teach math. Josephine Clorff was named as a world language teacher, with Lisa Burfield, presently of the Ramseye school system, named to the Guidance Department.

- Additional appointments
- Megan Mahoney: grade two, Caldwellwell School.
- Christine Heron: reading/basic skills, Caldwellwell School, Sandmeier School.
- Lori Holderried: grade five, Gaudineer School.

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- Judy Cariani: grade six, Gaudineer School.
- Darren Mischel: math, Jonathan Dayton High School, Gaudineer School.
- Donna Dunbar: media, Caldwellwell School, Walton School.
- Paul Sep: physical education, Jonathan Dayton High School.
- Stephanie Darchowsky: communication arts, Gaudineer School.
- Lynn Avellino: Guidance Department, Gaudineer School.
- Deaise Murray: business education, Jonathan Dayton High School.
- Irene Ornovitz: biology, Jonathan Dayton High School.
- Betsy Carey: family and consumer science, Jonathan Dayton High School.
- Holly Callahan: art/photography, Jonathan Dayton High School.
- Helen Zuber: English as a second language, district.
- Patricia Darcey and Lisa Ferraro: technology.

Department chair appointments

- Ken Matfield: English/media and world language.
- Barry Giordano: math.
- James Bachheimer: social studies.
- Tom Gale: science.

Some positions remain open. A vocal music teacher for Gaudineer and Jonathan Dayton has yet to be found, along with a world language teacher for Dayton. Beyond Clorff's appointment, no other world language teacher has been named to the elementary schools.

Elementary science at Gaudineer and elementary special education at Sandmeier also remain vacant. Among the department chair positions, neither a fine, practical and performing arts chair, nor an assistant principal for Gaudineer have been assigned.

Public complaints

In his report, Friedland spoke of his concern regarding those parents who make complaints about teachers publicly.

"There's an established procedure," Friedland said. "I think it's unfair to both the teachers and the parents to have such issues raised in a public forum. We keep a communication file in regard to each staff member. It's not appropriate for parents to come to a board meeting to complain about a specific staff member. We have to direct them in the proper course of action."

Fish added, "The people we've had up here, you've voted their complaints don't realize there's an aspect of love involved in some of the things they say."

Future uncertain for civilian war memorial

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

When Maplewood resident Sara McAteer set out on her daily walk Tuesday morning, she did not realize the emotional impact it would have.

As she walked down Springfield Avenue, she looked behind her and noticed police cars driving slowly with lights flashing. "Trodding down the hill toward Springfield, were seven individuals toting a granite memorial bearing the inscription, 'Unknown Civilians Killed in War.'"

It is in the name of peace and compassion that drives these "stonewalkers" to lug a 1-ton memorial stone along a 490-mile route from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C. On the way, they passed through area towns, uncertain of what they would find when they reached their destination.

The contingency traveled along Meisel and Springfield avenues Tuesday on their way to Arlington National Cemetery, the nation's first military burial ground. Their mission: to transport a memorial for unknown civilians killed in war from Peace Abbey in Sherborn, Mass. to what they hope will be its new home, beside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Virginia's historic cemetery.

"Stonewalk is a national grassroots expression of conscience that seeks to mobilize people from all walks of life on a journey of remembrance and reconciliation," stated Lewis Randa, director of the Peace Abbey.

For McAteer, the memorial brought back memories of her family's plight in England during World War II, as family members worked for an ammunition factory. "My brother was killed in World War II, my son served in Desert Storm," she said, as she waved nos-



Photo by Barbara Koblak

Seven 'stonewalkers' drag the 1-ton memorial for civilians killed in war through this area. They are making their way from Massachusetts to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

telligently to the weary walkers. "There were so many people killed. This is a piece of history."

The stonewalkers began their exodus July 4 from Peace Abbey, an interfaith center that promotes peace around the world. They plan to arrive at the cemetery Aug. 6, the anniversary of the atomic bomb drop on Hiroshima.

The question remains if the walkers and their gift will be welcomed at the gates. "There are procedures in order to get any memorial in Arlington, regardless of the cause or the people it's meant to memorialize," David Theall, a spokesman for Arlington National Cemetery told the *Connecticut Post*. "It'll take an act of Congress."

Arlington National Cemetery has received no direction from Congress to erect a monument at the cemetery.

"Even if we knew for certain that the Memorial for Civilians Killed in War would be rejected at the gates of Arlington, it would still be worth the 500-mile, 33-day journey of faith and reconciliation that the stones represents," Randa wrote to John C. Metzler Jr., superintendent at Arlington National Cemetery.

Randa's e-mailed letter was a response to Metzler's warning that "no authorization has been granted by the undersigned for this event."

The fact that the memorial may not find a home in Arlington does not deter nor worry the walkers. "We have a spirit with us on this journey that makes it unnecessary to worry," said Jim Goodnow, a member of Veterans for Peace.

"While our numbers may be few, we are surrounded by tens of millions of people killed in wars," Randa said Tuesday. "You can't count all of those who are with us because they were killed in war. They won't be included in the numbers in the newspapers, but in our hearts they are with us. That's why we're doing what we are doing."

Tomorrow ends the New Jersey leg of the journey, as the stonewalkers passed through Irvington, Maplewood, Union Township, Springfield, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Plainfield Tuesday. Tomorrow they head toward Pennsylvania, eventually passing through Maryland and Washington, D.C. to get to the Virginia cemetery.

The committee voted unanimously to urge the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to change the county policy of assigning responsibility for curbs on county roads to local municipalities. The resolution calls on the freeholders to have curb maintenance paid for at the county level—but less of a burden on municipal taxpayers.

The committee also voted unanimously to spend \$7,000 from the capital improvement fund to purchase property on Tulip Road from the state; it will be used to create a pocket park.

"Take Pride in Springfield!" Township Committeewoman Clara Harlick lauded the efforts of volunteers who participated in "Take Pride in Springfield Day," held July 4 at Meisel Park.

Township Committeeman Roy Allan Hirschfeld called the event "a real success."

"It was a great day," Hirschfeld said. "I tip my hat to the people who worked very, very hard behind the scenes."

Springfield will apply for COPS grants

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee resolved July 13 to apply for two federal COPS grants totaling \$200,000, and committee members praised the volunteers who participated in the July 4 "Take Pride in Springfield Day" festivities.

"Committee members passed two separate resolutions without dissent to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Justice COPS program — a \$125,000 grant for the COPS in Schools program and \$75,000 grant for the COPS Universal Hiring program.

In other police news, the rate of compensation for Springfield police officers working off-duty — so-called "men in blue" jobs — was set by ordinance following a unanimous vote by the Township Committee. Police officers working off-duty jobs will receive \$25 an hour if working for a charitable organization, or \$35 an hour if employed by another organization. In addition, the township will receive a \$5 per hour administrative fee.

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EDITORIALS

Good luck

The actions of the Springfield Police Department are no longer shocking. Sad, maybe. Surprising, not at all.

In February, Superior Court Judge Edward Toy overturned the July 14, 1998 decision made by the Township Committee to fire Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen because of anti-Semitic remarks he made to Lt. Ivan Shapow. Not only was Pedersen given back his position of authority in the department, he also was given full back pay.

Since that time, the department has given Pedersen responsibilities that must make it difficult for an officer carrying his stigma to hold — public spokesman for the department and member of a screening committee to hire new officers.

Because a Superior Court decision ordered Pedersen's reinstatement, the department had no choice. It would be easy to say that Pedersen should have been allowed back onto the force in name only. They could have hidden him in some back corner of the headquarters and given him responsibilities that do not include public service. But, in so doing, they would waste nearly \$100,000.

Because of this ruling, members of the department are stuck with Pedersen. For almost \$100,000, they may as well put him and his more than 30 years of experience to work.

Pedersen never should have been let back onto the force. The anti-Semitic comments he made to Shapow and alleged additional racial remarks he made to other members of the force create an unhealthy, insecure atmosphere in a township department that is charged with the responsibility of ensuring and maintaining security. However, we cannot hand pick which responsibilities Pedersen should hold.

The other two members of the screening committee, James Hietala and George Hillner now carry an additional burden. They must not only determine which candidates are the strongest to serve the public, but they must consider whom they are working with.

While members of the department cannot minimize Pedersen's responsibilities, they should consider community perception. Pedersen may be an excellent judge of character. He may instinctively know who will be best to serve the people of Springfield. But, because of his record, every decision he makes will be questioned. The most qualified candidates he recommends will be looked upon with suspicious eyes. We wish Hietala and Hillner a lot of luck.

Commuter needs are addressed

Commuters in Mountaineers have a reason to celebrate. During Tuesday's meeting, the Borough Council awarded bids for the construction of a 40-space commuter parking lot adjacent to the public library.

With the lowest effective tax rate in Union County, the borough has become more desirable for young families in recent years. With so many of them commuters, and with the borough's location along Route 22, Mayor Robert Vigilanti recognized the need for mass transit into New York City.

The initiative also is a response to a parking crunch at Borough Hall. Commuters currently use the lot for long-term parking, making it difficult for residents who need to access the municipal building during the day. With extra space across the footbridge, this problem is alleviated.

This action demonstrates the mayor's and council members' reaction to public needs and should be commended.

Old-fashioned charm

A neighbor shouts hello across the crowded parking lot and waves another over to her. She wants a second opinion on the fresh Jersey corn, ears piled high beside golden sunflowers.

Both Mountaineers and Springfield should consider adding a Farmer's Market to their downtown areas.

Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each week in Summit, city residents and visitors from local municipalities can join together.

At the Farmer's Market, customers are guaranteed freshness and personal attention. Because the same vendors come back week after week, they recognize patrons and plan accordingly.

As two municipalities that struggle with the identity of a true downtown, a Farmer's Market can give residents a true feeling of community.

"I am not so much concerned with the right of everyone to say anything he pleases as I am about our need as a self-governing people to hear everything relevant."

—John F. Kennedy
35th U.S. president
1959



Photo By Jeff Grant

BLOCK PARTY FUN — Watching with anticipation as a trampoline is assembled here, from left, Joseph Buonomo, 8, Eric Bopp, 7 and Joe Grisoli, 10, at the 15th annual block party on Marion Avenue in Springfield Saturday.

Today's good times need a good soaking

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

Whatever that may mean.

Well, it has become apparent that these glorious days lead to strife. It doesn't take a meteorological genius to figure out that we've had very little snow or rain during the first seven months of the year.

Everyone applauded the mild winter. Wasn't it great? No big snow storms. No ice storms that lasted for days and weeks. And no big snow cleaning bills for the city to pay.

So, then the winter was wonderful. It wasn't even that cold. So the fuel bills were kept down, too. Isn't that just glorious?

And, now, we've had some "glorious" spring and early summer days, because there has not been any rain.

So everyone who has had a vacation planned at the shore or in the mountains is just beaming. And everyone who owns a resort business

is smiling all the way to the bank. But, not everyone is happy.

Indeed, anyone with any common sense isn't happy at all. No rain and no snow could lead to disastrous consequences.

Already, the state, proud of its farmers and trying to preserve what precious farm land is left, should be listening to the farmers at the local Farmer's Market, which comes to Summit every Sunday. They are hurting.

And, while that is hard on the farmer, who really cares? It takes a long time for the concerned to understand how dependent are those and every other farmer whether it's here in New Jersey, or in the South, or somewhere else, where there is no rain.

Then, New Jersey also is proud of the pinelands, which are potential fire hazards. And, since there has been no rain, the potential increases drastically. But, does anyone really care, as long as the pinelands are down there and we are up here in the glorious sunshine?

Some of us remember severe drought years. And, while there is water in the reservoirs now, what about two weeks from now, and worse yet, what about a month from

now when we hit the dog days of August, well known in this state and region? What then?

Already, firefighters are worried. And they are worrying out loud. If the water pressure must be reduced, they will not be in a position to train hoses effectively on fires. Who takes the rap then? Hopefully, not the firefighters, but they stand to take the guff first.

On Long Island, there are some areas with green lawns. The water company is going berserk. These people have been told, "Do not water the lawn." But who obeys that caution? Certainly not the proud household with the green lawn. But, the axe will fall when the fines arrive.

All these days may appear glorious and in keeping with the attitudes that good times must be had by all at all times. But life is not all good times. And, unless we get some serious rain, there will be no good times, as the water decreases, the lawns brown and the food dries up in the fields during what the farmers have called the worst drought in five years.

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

New budget meets state's priorities head-on

Report From Trenton

By Donald DiFrancesco

For several years now, New Jersey's economy has been booming. Its unemployment level has been held under 5 percent for a year and a half, and tax revenues have been flowing into state coffers at a rate reminiscent of the late 1980s. The recently enacted fiscal year 2000 state budget reflects the great financial strength the Garden State currently enjoys by addressing the needs of all our citizens.

The \$19.5-billion budget document meets the priorities of New Jerseyans head-on. In fact, it takes direct aim at the most pressing area of concern to our taxpayers: property taxes. This budget contains over \$8.7 billion in property tax relief for New Jersey's hard-working families and senior citizens. Not only does it provide a record total of \$6.4 billion in education aid and \$1.9 million in municipal aid, it also boosts spending on a host of new property tax relief initiatives, including \$170 million for the first installment of the New Jersey Saver Program, and \$11.5 million for my proposal to raise the level of municipal aid to the inflation index.

As New Jerseyans discovered in April when filing their taxes, the phase-in of the property tax deduction program has been completed, allowing homeowners to deduct their property taxes from their state tax liability. The budget also contains \$24 million to pay for a property tax freeze for eligible senior citizens and \$5 million to exclude a greater portion of seniors' pensions from state taxes, making it more affordable for those on low, fixed incomes to stay in New Jersey during their retirement years.

work were also given serious attention this fiscal year. That is why the state budget provides nearly \$23 million to improve elder care and to provide COLA increases for direct and personal care workers, as well as \$500,000 for background checks for personal care attendants.

Our standard of living in New Jersey depends not only upon the economy and upon the availability of good jobs, but also upon the quality of services available to our citizens. This budget takes the necessary steps to preserve quality health care in our state.

Though often taken for granted, the state's transportation network is also an important quality of life issue. The fiscal year 2000 budget lifts the cap on the Transportation Trust Fund from \$700 million to \$900 million to ensure that vital roads and bridge

improvement projects get done in the coming year. Maintenance of our infrastructure is vital to our commuters, to our businesses, and to our continued economic growth. Transportation investments are always dollars well spent for our present and future prosperity.

Despite the nation's record economic expansion, the ebb and flow of the state and country's economic cycle will certainly continue in the next century. With this budget, we will be able to withstand any economic downturn, and will be well-prepared to reap the bounty of future economic prosperity.

A resident of Scotch Plains, Republican Donald DiFrancesco is president of the State Senate, representing the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountaineers.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pride committee expresses thanks

To the Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation to the many participants, volunteers and attendees who made the "Take Pride in Springfield" July 4 celebration a great success. Many people and businesses contributed their time and effort and financial support to make sure that this event would take place this year.

Special thanks to the Springfield Township Committee for their support in allowing this year's fireworks to be part of an all-day celebration. Our grateful appreciation goes to the Springfield police and fire departments and the Springfield Emergency Management for their tireless help all day at the event.

The vendors should be applauded for their support and contributions made to the success experienced on the Fourth of July. We also want to recognize the staff and students of Jonathan Dayton High School for their assistance and participation.

We hope that the residents and visitors who attended the celebration enjoyed the rides, the great food, the music and games and, of course, the spectacular fireworks display. We would also like to express our gratitude to the businesses that donated the wonderful prizes that were given to so many lucky winners.

Take Pride in Springfield July 4 Committee

Editor's note: This letter was signed by Ron Kravitz, Pat Paoletta, Scott Seidel and John Cottage.

Comcast question tabled

(Continued from Page 1)

Members of the public expressed several comments to the mayor and council about the ordinance, which grants Comcast a 15-year franchise for a fee of \$14,000.

The ordinance permits for review of the franchise at the five- and 10-year marks.

Borough resident Clark Landau expressed concern over the length of the agreement and questioned the governing body's collective mindset when members agreed to enter into the agreement.

"I need to understand, and the public needs to understand, why you enter into a 15-year contract with Comcast," Landau said.

Councilman Paul Mirabelli explained that the council can only enter into a franchise and set the fee along with seeing if the utility is granting the customers proper service. With the review process, Mirabelli said the borough has the right after five years if they are not pleased with Comcast to petition the state Board of Public Utilities to fix the problems.

If the 10-year review reveals discontinuity, the council can petition the BPU to terminate the franchise, Mirabelli said.

He explained that while the borough is entering into a 15-year contract, Comcast is offering several additional services. He identified them as a separate cable TV channel, access to the Berkeley Heights channel, the termination of channel-sharing with Fairwood, two character generators for both Borough Hall and Deerfield School and a \$2,500 grant for the borough to buy any necessary equipment for local access Channel 35.

"When we compared the package they offered to us, to the packages offered to other towns our size, we got overwhelmingly more," Mirabelli said.

Borough resident Yvan Schimide expressed concern that his Comcast rates are going up and that the council is trying to block other cable companies from entering Mountaineer. "You are making it unattractive for another company," said Schimide.

"This is not an exclusive franchise," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti, who also cited that rate decisions are up to the BPU and not the council.

Schimide expressed further concern with the review process and questioned the governing body over the subject. "You are relying on the fact that the review can take place after five and 10 years. How often is it used and is it effective," Schimide asked.

Vigilanti told Schimide that it is his choice to make use of Comcast and pay the rate they offer. "When have you had service that is so horrendous that you drop the service?" he asked. "The rate, sir, is your choice," said Vigilanti.

Councilman Ronald Romak told Schimide that he can cancel his cable service and buy a satellite dish for his television service.

"If the rates get too expensive, then drop it," Vigilanti said, advising Schimide on the cable rates.

Borough resident Scott Schmedel asked the council to form a committee to monitor Comcast's performance and issue a yearly report on the subject. Vigilanti said he will take it under advisement.

Upon the motion of Councilman Keith Turner, with the second from Mirabelli, the council voted 5-0 to table the Comcast ordinance until the dispute with the county is settled. Councilman Werner Schon was absent from the meeting.

Outside of cable television, Vigilanti also asked for a moment of silence in memory of County Surrogate Ann Conit, a Mountaineer resident, who died last week.

He also expressed the borough's sympathy to the Kennedy and Besette families on this weekend's deaths of John F. Kennedy Jr., Carolyn Besette Kennedy and Lauren Besette.

Thirty years ago Tuesday, two Americans walked on the moon. There was no good reason to go there. Unlike the great expeditions of exploration five centuries ago, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were not expected to return from their mission laden with gold, exotic spices or a faster route to the Orient. It was a mission for science, for patriotism and to fulfill the promise of John F. Kennedy, to have men on the moon before the end of the decade. The Apollo 11 mission was the first of six manned lunar landings, ending with Apollo 17's 75-hour stay in 1972.

Who would've believed our presence on the moon by the end of the century would still be nothing but a flag, a plaque and footprints in the dust?

As the Cold War came to a close in

We're asking Why are Americans fascinated by the Kennedys?



Lisa Sassone "The family itself is about power. Americans respond to that. As for JFK Jr., people still look at him as the little boy, slapping his daddy. That's an issue of respect, and people respond to that, too."

Bob Torre "The Kennedys are almost thought of as a royal family, similar to the Royal Family in England. And they're still thriving."

Matt Dubno "They're the closest thing America has to a royal family."

Richard Cina "It's the lifestyle. People are naturally interested, like with any other superstars."

Thirty years later, mankind waiting for its 'giant leap'

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Reporter's Notebook

By Craig Garelton Staff Writer

In the early 1990s, economists predicted America's dominance also would begin to fade — if our economy were no longer propped up with the billions of dollars being poured into national defense, it would quickly fall behind the lean-producing, fast-growing corporations of the East. That bleak prediction is not yet reality, but America is still groping for a challenge to unify and inspire a nation concerned with little beyond the Dow Jones Industrial Average, sports scores and "The Jerry Springer Show."

Space is not forgotten. We still send satellites and shuttles, and work is slowly progressing on our next space station. But these missions are increasingly justified for financial reward — the jewels of Queen Isabella replaced by lucrative contracts to deliver communications satellites. It would have been inconceivable to any who watched Armstrong's first halting steps on the lunar surface that, 30 years later, many of our space missions would be devoted to enabling us to watch another 200 channels on TV.

Vikings discovered North America 500 years before the Journeys of Columbus. But no one cared. Plunder from the few Arctic tribes encountered was slim compared to what could be wrested away from the remnants of the Roman Empire. The knowledge that could be gained from such forays promised no immediate

benefits. Those early journeys, made around the end of the first millennium, netted little for Leif Eriksson beyond timber, furs and a footnote in the history books. The New World would wait another 500 years for Europeans to return, driven by a lust for gold and empire, but also for a desire to discover — asked by every scholar since Plato reportedly started off across the Atlantic — what's out there.

Though manned explorations beyond our own orbit have become the stuff of science fiction, though each mission must be justified to the public with the promise of some immediate economic return or medical breakthrough, space is still — quoting Kennedy, not Kirk — "the final frontier."

Space will wait for us, and as long as children look up to the stars and wonder, we will return — eventually.

Board of Ed will complete necessary self-evaluation

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

Mountaineer's Board of Education identifies that it needs to evaluate itself. "There's no one to evaluate what we do," board president Pat Tassekter said at Tuesday night's meeting. "There's no one to evaluate us. We have to evaluate ourselves."

The evaluation, provided by the New Jersey School Board Association, consists of two parts. All board members fill out the first part, with the second section to be completed only by the voting members of the board. In Mountaineer, this section will be completed by everyone except Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller and Board Secretary/Business Administrator Fran Tolley.

No firm date has been given for submission of the form, although Tassekter and Schaller targeted Aug. 17 as a mailing date. The evaluation is sent to Carol Larsen at the New Jersey School Board's office in Manalapan.

Board members rate their performance in various areas, including the handling of policy, budgeting, personnel and any remaining board functions.

Schaller used a substantial portion of the meeting to review and comment on the numerous programs the board has instituted to meet its district goals.

Programs in both math and science have been revamped, as well as a Reading Recovery Program, which Schaller described as "an intensified program — one-on-one between teacher and student. The success rate of the program has been great in making the students active reading members in the classroom."

"I think we had a productive school year," Schaller said.

He gave special notice to the fact that the district's Special Education Department, after having gone through state monitoring procedures, came through successfully in all areas. "I was very pleased with that," he said.

On the agenda, in the areas of budget and finance, summer transportation routes with the Morris-Union Jointure Commission were approved, along with membership service with the Union County Educational Services Commission for the 1999-2000 school year. A resolution for the Mountaineer Board of Education to participate in Coordinated Transportation Services with the Union County Educational Services Commission also was given the affirmative.

In buildings and grounds, the Substandard Facilities Renewal Application for the 1999-2000 school year was approved.

In the area of personnel and curriculum, Deborah Posner was appointed to handle girls' soccer, boys' tennis, girls' volleyball and boys' volleyball for the coming seasons. The board also voted to approve the tuition reimbursement, Jo Posner for a three-credit graduate course taken at New Jersey City University.

The Enrichment Staff also was approved, along with Jeanne K. Decker as treasurer of school moneys for 1999-00. One summer school salary was revised.

The board's next meeting is planned for Aug. 24.

designed to celebrate the beauty and wonder of nature through the visual arts, music, crafts and poetry. Forest, meadow, lakeside and stream will provide the inspiration to create original artwork. Parents will be invited to view a display of the students' artwork on the last day of the program. "Earth Artists" is offered July 26 to July 30.

• The Trailside planetarium is the site for "Solar System Surfers." This program also will be offered July 26 to July 30. Children will learn about stars, including the sun, find out the most recent information on the planets from recent space probes, cook solar treats and sample an astronaut snack and create space stations.

Week-long programs for children entering the fifth- and sixth-grade include:

- "Backwoods Lore" is designed to introduce children to the life of an American pioneer when each day through new challenges for survival. Students will gather, prepare and sample wild edibles, build an emergency shelter and fire, follow a course with a map and compass and track deer. Backwoods Lore is offered Aug. 2 to Aug. 6.
- "Ocean Wonders," a program in which children can learn facts about marine life from plankton to whales. Children will find out why the salt marsh plays such a vital role for the survival of life in the ocean.
- Two van trips during the week will include Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant for a behind-the-scenes tour and a visit to Horseshoe Cove at Sandy Hook to use seine and dip nets to collect and identify fish, snails, crabs and other marine organisms. This program will be offered Monday to July 30.
- "Earth Friendly" is a program in which students will sample a stream and pond looking for water quality indicators, collect and identify forest recyclers, install water bars to prevent soil erosion and cut down tree stragglers. "Earth Friendly" will be offered the week of Aug. 2 to Aug. 6.

Pre-registration is required for all programs. For information on times, fees and availability, call (908) 789-3670.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located in Mountaineer and is a facility of Union County.

Brush fires fuel calls to Fire Department

Lack of rain has kept the Springfield Fire Department busy.

Five brush fires, including two at Duffy's Corner, were reported last week. The first incident, reported at 5:56 p.m. July 11, came from a driver who saw smoke in the parking lot at Duffy's Corner. Members of the department arrived to discover smoldering mulch, which they extinguished with a two-and-a-half gallon extinguisher.

On July 15, two more small fires, also resulting from burning mulch, were reported. The calls, placed at 10:06 a.m. and 3:47 p.m., sent the department out both times to Route 22 businesses. The cause of the morning fire remains undetermined.

The final incidents took place Friday, one at a Vista Vista residence and another again at Duffy's Corner. Discarded smoking material, dropped in mulch, was the cause of the second Duffy's fire.

The department responded to Route 24 East at 4:17 p.m. July 14 on a call from the Police Department reporting a truck fire. The vehicle, an 18-wheeler, had its drive shaft pulled out, with the resulting fluid and overheating causing smoke, but no fire.

A flatbed truck, experiencing mechanical difficulties, caught fire in its engine on Route 78 East near exit 49 Friday. The truck was ablaze on the exit ramp when the department arrived. The fire was extinguished without incident. The driver escaped unscathed. The Summit Fire Department, who was on the scene, although its services were not required.

FIRE BLOTTER

- The department responded to Short Hills Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injuries Friday. Two activated fire alarms, one medical service call and one call to a Rose Avenue residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector also were answered.
- An activated fire alarm at a Milltown Road residence sent the department out at 1:13 a.m. July 15. At 1:51 p.m., the department responded to a Sheffield Street business in Mountaineer on a mutual aid call for a building fire. There were six medical service calls on the day.
- On a request from Union County Mutual Aid, the department responded a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters July 14. An activated fire alarm at a Shunpike Road business and two medical service calls rounded out the day.
- A water condition at a Morris Avenue business and a medical service call to an Independence Way residence were the activities of the day July 13.
- An activated fire alarm, a medical service call and a call from a Springfield Avenue apartment complex for an animal rescue were all answered July 12.

A tropical celebration



Iris Citron of Creative Travel in Springfield, center, displays her award from the Islands of The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism for her contributions to the nation's tourism industry. Honoring Citron are Minister of Tourism C.A. Smith, left, and Director-General of Tourism Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace.

Editorial deadlines
Following are deadlines for news, church, club and social — Thursday noon.
Entertainment — Friday noon.

Roads closed for facelift

In Summit, River Road from Passaic Avenue to Iris Road in Summit will be closed beginning on or about today while in Springfield, South Springfield Avenue from Mountain Avenue to Meisel Avenue will be closed beginning on or about yesterday. The hours of operation for all closures will be approximately 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The work being performed will consist of resurfacing and rescripting the roadway. Due to the nature of the work involved and the amount of men and machinery required, partial or full closure of the road may be warranted in the area of work to optimize the safety of the work crews and motoring public.

It is anticipated that the work will take approximately three days, excluding the weekend, to complete, weather permitting.

A clearly marked detour route will be established and maintained. The road will be opened to traffic at the conclusion of each workday. Emergency vehicles will be allowed through at all times. Access to residences, including delivery and other services, will be allowed as much as possible. However, it is possible that during specific paving operations in the immediate vicinity, access will be temporarily denied.

The county recognizes the inconvenience to residences, including delivery and other services, will be allowed as much as possible. However, it is possible that during specific paving operations in the immediate vicinity, access will be temporarily denied.

The county recognizes the inconvenience that any road closure may cause and apologizes for any difficulties encountered. The county shall make every effort to expedite the work in order to open the road as soon as possible.

Should you have any specific traffic inquiries, call the Traffic Bureau at (908) 789-3353 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you have any other type of questions regarding this project, contact the Engineering Bureau at (908) 789-3653 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. For any emergencies that may arise, contact the police departments.

Township aid squad logs calls

Another busy month for the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad is coming to an end.

The squad answered over 200 requests for emergency medical treatment and transportation. The following is a selected list of the calls the squad responded to:

- A 35-year-old male was found by members of the Springfield Police Department just off Route 22 after he apparently jumped from the moving tractor-trailer he was driving. He was treated on the scene by the squad and transported to the State Trauma Center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

- A 29-year-old female who was walking on the Meisel Field track passed out. The squad treated and transported her to Overlook Hospital in Summit with advanced life support care provided by Medic Unit 2.

- A 42-year-old male was overcome when he inhaled dry chemicals and fumes from a blown tire. He suffered from nausea and blurred vision and had difficulty breathing. He was treated and transported by the squad to Overlook Hospital.

- A 51-year-old female suffered back, neck and shoulder injuries when she was involved in a two-car collision at the intersection of Mountain and Henshaw avenues. She was extricated from the car by members of the Springfield Fire Department and transported to Overlook Hospital by the squad. The driver of the second car suffered minor injuries.

- A 67-year-old male suffered cardiac arrest while exercising at Betty's on Route 22. The squad and paramedics responded and administered CPR and defibrillation. Despite all efforts, he was unable to be resuscitated.

The squad recently held a very successful open house and membership drive. Ten new members joined the squad and are undergoing training. The squad is always looking for new members. All training is provided at no cost. The squad is independently sanctioned and donations are appreciated.

STUDENT UPDATE

Oak Knoll graduates Tien

Christina Tien of Springfield was among the recent graduates of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Tien is a member of the Cum Laude Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She was senior section editor of Oak Knoll's yearbook staff and received the Foreign Language Department Award her freshman year. Tien also was a member of the Concert Choir and Ensemble, a select group of singers, as well as the calligraphy club.

The daughter Ave Gozo of Springfield, Tien plans to attend Cornell University.



Christina Tien

The ceremony honored the Intern and Resident Class of 1999-99 at the hospital's Community Services Center.

Lieb makes the grade

Adam Michael Lieb of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 1999 semester at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Lieb, a member of the class of 2001, is the son of Martin and Linda Lieb.

Dean's list honors are given to students who have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Resident named to list

Summit resident Christa Nagel was named to the dean's list at Miami University in Ohio. This honor is awarded to students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Frith makes dean's list

The University of Vermont named Summit resident Bradley C. Frith to the dean's list. Frith is a sophomore business administration major.

Undergraduate students with averages of 3.0 or better and who are in the top 20 percent of their classes have been named to the dean's list.

Hospital has graduation

Springfield residents Roel Galope, Lisa Miller, Barbara Maigle and Marcia Whalen recently graduated from the Union Hospital Medical Educa-

Kessel makes the list

Julie Kessel, daughter of Marc and Leona Kessel of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Penn State University, University Park, for the spring semester. Kessel is a communications major who will be a junior this fall.

In order to be named to the dean's list, a student must maintain an average of 3.5 or higher.

Kessel also was accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. This is a highly selective organization that recognizes undergraduate students who excel academically. She will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Penn State.

Pingry announces honors

The Pingry School announced the following Springfield residents who were recently appointed to the second semester and the year-end honor rolls. They include Alana Wilf, grade seven; Nicholas DeAngelis, grade eight; William Weidman, grade 10;

Grace Niu, grade 11; Barrie Suskiad, grade 12; Lindsey Whalen, grade 12; Springfield's Sean Ciullo, grade 11, was named to the year-end honor roll.

This recognition is given to students who have achieved an academic average of B plus or better.

Gelfond receives masters

Michael David Gelfond, formerly Michael David Prashker, a 1995 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, received a master of arts degree in political science from the University of Delaware in May. He was awarded a full fellowship for the 1998-99 academic year.

Gelfond graduated summa cum laude with a double major in history and political science from the Honors College at the University of Delaware in May, 1998. After receiving a full academic scholarship and stipend, he has decided to attend the University of California-Los Angeles law school in the fall.

Gelfond is the son of Anne and Jerry Reddy of Springfield. He is the grandson of Charlotte and Joseph Gelfond of California, formerly of Springfield.

Briscoe gets degree

Springfield resident Christopher Martin Briscoe graduated from the University of Maryland May 23. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

High schoolers honored

Summit High School graduates Marissa Kellog and Sanders Kleinfeld; Robert Phillips, a graduate of Governor Livingston High School; and Jonathan Dayton High School graduate Scott Samble of Springfield are among 181 New Jersey students who will receive Robert C. Byrd Scholarships for 1999.

Commissioner of Education David Hespe has announced the winners for the federal scholarship program, administered by the New Jersey Department of Education. It awards scholarships to the most academically

talented members of high school graduating classes. The students compete against other applicants within each of New Jersey's 13 congressional districts.

Scholarship winners receive \$1,500 a year, contingent on federal funding, for four years of study at any accredited college or university. Students who maintain full-time status and exhibit academic progress by school standards are entitled to renew the scholarship each year.

Almost 1,300 applications were received. The winners were selected based on their college entrance examination scores, class rankings, grade point averages, and other factors, including academic honors and responses to an essay question.

Applicants had to be legal New Jersey residents and be nominated by their schools.

Abruzzese earns degree

Peter J. Abruzzese of Summit earned a bachelor of arts degree in art from the School of Humanities and Sciences at Ithaca College's 104th commencement.

Stegel earns degree

Jessica Danielle Stegel of Springfield was among 506 students who earned degrees at Drew University's commencement ceremony this year. Stegel graduated summa cum laude, meaning she had an overall grade point average of 3.8 or better.

Farry named to list

Colleen Elizabeth Farry of Summit was among 563 students named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Drew University, Madison.

Ladies Auxiliary vets wins awards

The Elin-Unger Ladies Auxiliary 273-04 of the Jewish War Veterans recently won awards at a convention in Ellenville, N.Y.

At the convention, held at the Nevelle Grande Hotel from June 23 to 27, co-presidents Ilsa Cohen of Manalapan and Bobbie Eisenberg of Springfield were awarded the Presidents of the Year trophies.

In addition, the post won trophies for many parties, most varied hospital parties, community work and for the most outstanding historian book, created by Cohen.

Citations were presented for their work for child welfare, red ribbon, legislation, scholarship, community affairs, consumer affairs, veterans and servicemen's service, aid to Israel, Americanism and adopt a hospital.

Plaques of appreciation were presented by Department President Sophie Ruderman to Cohen, Eisenberg, Selma Fein and Anne Sorstein.

The auxiliary, along with their post, meets the first Sunday of every month

at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center in Springfield. For more information, call Eisenberg at (973) 379-6919.

Register to swim today

Registration for the 1999 Springfield swim team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is available 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 five to 17 years of age are eligible to participate on the team. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not be Olympic-quality swimmers.

Any Springfield resident or anyone who attends school in Springfield is eligible to swim. Those residing and/or going to school outside of Springfield must be pool members in order to participate on the team.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227.

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Thermal imaging cameras in sight for township

**By Joe Lugera
Staff Writer**

Fifteen thousand dollars in funding for public safety equipment is on its way to Springfield, courtesy of Republican Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole.

The money, which will be available in the fall, is earmarked for thermal imaging cameras for use by the Fire Department.

"Springfield made a request to our office, to see if we could help," Weingarten said. "This is for the lives of the public and for our firefighters."

Thermal imaging cameras make it possible for firefighters to see through smoke.

"It's a hand-held unit," said Springfield Fire Chief William Gras. "It has a screen and it measures heat. If a victim is lost in the smoke, the camera will be able to identify their form through a difference in temperature. Instead of feeling your way around in the smoke, we'll be able to see the victim right on the screen."

Gras pointed out that the camera also will result in less structural damage by identifying hot spots, necessitating less tearing-down of walls.

The camera's solid-state electronics features were developed by General Electric Company of United Kingdom, one of the world's leading manufacturers of military thermal imaging systems. Designed to handle a broad range of temperature extremes, as well as resistance to heat, water and

impact, the camera — named the Argus 2 TIC — can withstand both the force of driving spray and short-term immersion in water.

The camera, according to Gras, costs about \$20,000. Gras said he would like to have a pair available. "We've launched a fund drive for the other camera," he said. "The Volunteer Fire Department is running the drive and we're doing well."

"We don't want this fund-raiser to interfere with the regular fund-raiser for the Volunteer Fire Department," Gras said. "The regular fund-raiser is a town-wide mailing that's made once a year to Springfield's residents. It gives the volunteer department its annual operating expenses for the year. The camera appeal is strictly geared toward the township's commercial properties."

The drive was launched with the department's demonstration of a sample camera to the Chamber of Commerce May 27, with the Initial Donation resulting from an incident at the warehouse of the National Educational Music Company. Centered in Mountainside, NEMC maintains a facility in Springfield. A call reporting a smoke condition was placed March 22.

"The building was filled with smoke but there were no flames," said Raymond Benedetto, NEMC's president. "The department couldn't find the source just moving around in crawl spaces."

Springfield was supported on the call by the Union Township Fire Department, owner of two thermal imaging cameras. Use of the cameras helped uncover the hot spot, which was located in a heating unit at the top of the building.

"We shut down the unit and everything was fine," Benedetto said.

On June 3, Benedetto and Kenneth Magel, NEMC's general manager, presented a \$500 check to Gras, the first step toward the equipment.

"When we saw the camera, and how well it worked, we couldn't believe that Springfield didn't have one," Benedetto said. "I can't see how a businessman, or anyone for that matter, in their right mind wouldn't

want their Fire Department to have a piece of equipment like that. It saves lives, it saves property, it saves money. We wanted to make a contribution so Springfield could begin working toward getting one."

According to Gras, the department is leaning toward a lease-purchase agreement.

"If we go with the lease-purchase agreement rather than an outright purchase, we can get one camera in as soon as possible," he said.

"The lease-purchase will cover a five-year period. We're implementing a program with our commercial properties so they'll be able to pledge a certain amount over that period."

Residents react to tragedy

**By John Celock
Staff Writer**

This weekend Americans sat glued to their television screens watching the same-breaking news story—the disappearance of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and her sister, Lauren Bessette. All three are presumed dead after their plane crashed off the coast of Martha's Vineyard.

The plane piloted by Kennedy, who had his pilot's license for a year, took off from Essex County Airport Friday evening with two destinations. The first stop was Martha's Vineyard to drop off Bessette for the weekend. After this stop, Kennedy and his wife were to continue on to Hyannisport for the Saturday wedding of his cousin, Rory Kennedy, to Summit native Mark Bailey.

The plane disappeared off radar screens at 9:30 p.m. Friday. Speculation is that Kennedy became disoriented in the haze off Cape Cod and, with the darkness and no visual light references on the ground, could not tell if he was going up or down.

Cranford resident Joan Wilde is a licensed private pilot. Like Kennedy, she is only visual rated and cannot fly a plane solely by the instrument panel. She said it is very easy for a pilot to lose a sense of direction while flying under certain conditions.

Wilde said during flight-training she went up with her instructor and tested flying under various conditions and at times could not experience which direction she was flying in or if the plane was turning.

"It is very easy to become disoriented," Wilde said.

From her own flight experience, Wilde said she would not have flown under the hazy nighttime conditions in which Kennedy flew. She said that during the daytime, in hazy conditions it is difficult to fly with only visual references. At night, she said, it is almost impossible.

"When you look at a day that is hazy it is hard to see. I would have turned around and come back. I would not go at night," said Wilde.

From all of the conditions facing Kennedy — from the haze, to not having instrument rating, to the fact that it was dark and he was flying over the ocean without ground lights to guide him, Wilde has reached her own conclusion about what happened to the Kennedy plane.

"All I can think of is that he became disoriented," she said.

Local residents have expressed shock at the presumed deaths of Kennedy, Bessette Kennedy and Lauren Bessette. Residents said the news of the crash of Kennedy's plane "had them to watch the news for any information."

"We're devastated. So many members of his family have died already. I feel terrible and I have said a prayer. He was the in the prime of his life," said Mountaineer resident So Gray.

"I'm real terrible, that family has been devastated by tragedy," said Springfield resident Natalie Hockstein.

"The omen never fades away. But your souls are embraced into the heavens above," said Springfield resident Patricia Dubrosky.

"It really saddens me, because he was not that much younger than me. I think that he would have been something wonderful for the nation," said Mountainside resident Jo DiFilippo.

Several residents made references to the bad luck which has beset the Kennedy family starting with the World War II death of Joe Kennedy Jr. and William Cavendish, the Marquis of Hartington and the 1948 plane crash that killed Kathleen Kennedy, the Dowager Marchioness of Hartington.

"The family seems to be very unlucky with deaths under tragic circumstances. This is another tragic loss under tragic circumstances for them," said Bob D'Arcoia of Mountainside.

"For one thing, that family has absolutely no luck. It is very sad, and I feel very badly for the family. That family has had their share of heartbreak," said Springfield resident Amy Kilen.

Several people expressed grief and sadness for the Bessette family on the loss of two of their three daughters.

"It is horrible for the Bessette family to lose two daughters," said Cranford resident Arleen Walsh.

Kennedy is the son of the 35th President, John F. Kennedy and the late Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Born 17 days after his father's election in 1960, he was a graduate of Brown University and New York University Law School.



Instructors Laura Guilford and Eric Behrends demonstrate 'retro swing' at the Chisholm Recreation Center in Springfield.

Jump, jive and wail!

Beginners learn swing essentials

**By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer**

Sixty years ago, rebellious teens rocked and twirled to Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman, to their parents' chagrin — and a generation later, those same swing dancers rolled their eyes and clucked their tongues at their own kids as they emulated the unabashed hip-shaking, pelvis-thrusting moves of Elvis Presley.

By the '70s, dancing was no longer something done with someone; it was an activity performed near someone. Neither partner would lead, holding hands was reserved for the trip to the dance floor and steps were improvised, not shared moves. The romance of swaying together to big band melodies had been turned into a fast-paced aerobic workout driven by the staccato pulse of a techno beat.

Today's swing dance, popularized by television commercials and movies, is a fusion of "old school" swing and lindy hop with the athleticism of hip-hop and street dance. After seeing that now-famous commercial for a clothing store, complete with women hurtling effortlessly through the air, men swinging their partners parallel to the floor and couples weaving effortlessly through each other's patterns without missing a step or wrinkling their knick slacks — one is left to ponder, "Where can I learn how to dance like that?" and "Where is the nearest hospital for the ensuing heart attack?"

At classes being offered in Springfield and Summit, instructor Laura Guilford has blended modern dance and classic swing to create "retro swing," an exciting dance style fast and smooth enough for the teens but with the romance and grace loved by their grandparents' generation.

"It's a great way to meet people, plus a fun, energetic workout and a new way to express your own personality and feelings from inside the music," she said.

Guilford said retro swing is actually a combination of four swing dances — swing, smooth, saavy and lindy hop — taught at a pace new and experienced dancers alike can enjoy.

"Everyone learns at a different level," Guilford said. But within the first few minutes, even those without any dance experience will catch on to the basic steps, she said.

Combining her own varied dance background — including ballet, modern jazz, street dance, house, hip-hop and swing — with her experience as a stand-up comedian, Guilford is a spirited, energetic teacher who keeps every student involved in the lesson.

On July 15 at the Springfield YMCA, Guilford and Eric Behrends took on over a dozen eager students, ranging in age from 20s to 60s, most with little or no experience in swing dancing.

By the end of the night, even the most uncoordinated dancer had mastered the basic rock-step swing move and even some razzle-dazzle — including a twirl with either hand, a hand-reverse and a 360-degree spin with a hand-grab tute to impress the box-stoppers and wall-flowers.

Future classes at the Summit and Springfield YMCA are being scheduled, Guilford said, on a four- or six-week cycle.

For more information, call Alice Stein at (908) 273-3330.

Attention churches, social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
The Annual Public Hearing of the County CPA SCHOLARSHIP FUND (a Private Foundation) will be held at the County Office during regular business hours by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 1999. All children who request this notice is published.

Paul Brennan,
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201-932-4100 ext. 206
U4643 ECL July 22, 1999 (85.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE
A public hearing will be held on August 4, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. a hearing will be held before the Board of Adjustments. The Board of Adjustments is a body created by the Municipal Building, 100 Mountainside Avenue, Springfield, N.J. 07081. The Board is composed of seven members, five of whom are appointed by the Mayor and two by the Board of Education. The Board's duties include hearing and deciding on all applications for changes in the zoning ordinance and other matters as may be required by the Board.

Kevin M. Foley
Administrator
U4872 ECL July 22, 1999 (810.25)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after a public hearing has been held, the Board of Adjustments has granted the following applications for zoning changes: Block 10A, Lot 18, to permit the installation of a mobile home in the R-2 Zone; Block 15, Lot 16, for the construction of a building in the R-2 Zone; Block 15, Lot 17, for the construction of a building in the R-2 Zone; Block 15, Lot 18, for the construction of a building in the R-2 Zone.

Valerie A. Saunders
Secretary
U4881 ECL July 22, 1999 (89.00)

NOTICE OF BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey, at 10:00 a.m. on July 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. Prevaling Time.

Bids shall be in original and duplicate and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposals for the construction of a new building to be located at 100 Mountainside Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The building shall be a two-story building with a total area of approximately 10,000 square feet. The building shall be used for office space. Bids shall be enclosed in the envelope with the name and address of bidder and:

50% Deposit for Crack Cleaning and Sealing at the Borough of Mountainside, Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid amount of the bid, not to exceed \$50,000.00 and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside at a Proposal Office.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1974, c. 27, (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any and all whom proposal, in the Borough's judgment, is deemed to be the lowest responsive and most advantageous.

By order of the Mayor and Council:
John B. Coyle,
Mayor
U4868 ECL July 22, 1999 (818.75)

NOTICE OF HEARING

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RELIGION

United leads baptisms

Pastor Lee Weaver of the United Methodist Church of Summit bestowed the sacrament of Holy Baptism on two children July 11. Recipients were Adam Owen Fern, son of Adam J. and Heather Fern. Godparents are William Fern and Cynthia McWilliams. Also receiving the sacrament was Tyler Andrew Norillo, son of Jason and Julie Norillo.

Bowen appointed pastor

The United Methodist Church of Summit welcomes the Rev. Denise Bowen as its newly appointed associate pastor, effective immediately. Her primary responsibility will be Ministry to Youth and Christian Education. This includes development of the Sunday School program, strengthening the youth program and nourishing children and families through Christian events, friendships and education.

Bowen joins the United Methodist Church of Summit from the Belleville United Methodist Church, Burlington, where she has served as senior pastor since 1997. Bowen received her Master of Divinity from Drew University in 1997. She also holds a degree from Goshen College in Goshen, Ind.

Families lead services

During the months of July and August, Friday night Sabbath services at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will start at 8 p.m. and will be led by lay members of the congregation. Conducting services Friday, Marc and Pam Bain; July 30, the Maslow family; Aug. 7, Karen Levine; Aug.



Jason and Julie Norillo with baby Tyler and Heather and Adam J. Fern with baby Adam Owen, celebrate the baptisms of both children July 11 at the United Methodist Church in Summit.

13, Daniel and Paula Kaplan; Aug. 20, Rabbi Joshua Goldstein; Aug. 27, Bill and Sandy Weiss. Sha'arey Shalom summer services are in a casual atmosphere. The congregation has a vibrant and growing religious and Hebrew school and a popular nursery school program. Throughout the year there is an ongoing adult education program and an active social action committee.

Additionally, in the newly renovated facilities, the social hall provides a spot to celebrate all social and life cycle events. Sabbath services are held Friday evening and Saturday morning during the non-summer months. The spiritual leaders of the congregation are Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels. The public is invited to all Friday

and Saturday Sabbath services. Information on membership can be obtained by calling the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Hadassah sponsors trip

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a bus trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Aug. 12. The trip will include lunch and a new musical, "Unforgettable," which features

of the music of the 20th century. The price is \$55 and all proceeds will benefit Youth Aliyah to be used in the children's villages that are helping to integrate the young and new arrivals in Israel. Check 90 to be made payable to the Springfield Chapter of Hadassah. For reservations and more information, call Pearl Kaplan at (973) 376-3171.

EDUCATION

Seton Hall honors locals

Several Springfield residents were among the students named to the third trimester honor roll at Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange. First honors: Joseph Panunzi and Michael Quirk, grade 12. Second honors: Michael Baste and Thomas Cappuccino, grade 11. Commended student: Austin Stefanelli, grade 10.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Stumpick Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning services, 10:30 a.m. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11, 6:00 p.m. Nursery care & Nursery care, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. Prayer, Praise and Bible Study, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Active Youth Ministry: Wide-Range Music Program Super Session 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Our staff provides with assistance. All are invited and encouraged to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4531.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0339. Mark Malach, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Paul M. Feysler, President. Beth Abrah is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Worship services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun. Times 7:45 PM Shabbat 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat 4:30 PM & 8:00 PM. Sunday, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday morning 9:00 AM. Family and youth services conducted regularly. Our Religious School (open to all) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes in both High School and Pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth group for high through twelfth grades, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM
TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenstein, Pre-School Education Director. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study classes begin at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Sunday school classes meet on Sunday mornings for grades K-5, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for 8th through 12th graders. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2-5 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, (978) 201-379-4225. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-10:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 220 Compoletto Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kitch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 4, Summer Sessions Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST
THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Hill in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join us in their spiritual journey. Summer Schedule: Sunday morning worship services are 9:30 AM during the summer. We worship together in the United Methodist Church in July and in the Presbyterian Church in August. Childcare and

Christian education opportunities available. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Vacation Bible School is 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon from August 2-6, 1999. Please call 908-245-6244 to register. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Mackay at the Church Office: 973-376-1665.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC
THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 4:30 p.m. - Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-5700. Sunday Masses - Sunday, 8:30 PM, Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM at the Church. Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 13th. Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, Sunday WORSHIP SERVICES: 9:00 AM Holy Days. Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipatory Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:30 PM.

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Perfect American family



Jesse Cox, left, and Noel Poyner act as the 'perfect '50s American family in a Steve Martin-written play that spoofs the suburb. The students received a \$3,000 grant from the Summit Educational Foundation to create this production.

Type O blood in demand

A special blood drive sponsored by the Westfield/Mountainide Chapter of the American Red Cross, in conjunction with The Blood Center of New Jersey, will be Aug. 4 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the chapter house at 321 Elm St. This unique drive will be open particularly to individuals who have type "O" blood. This type of blood is always in demand for many reasons, and we want to let people with Type O blood know just how special they are," said Judy Daniels, spokeswoman for The Blood Center of New Jersey. "All donors will receive uniquely designed t-shirts, a cholesterol screening and will have the blood drive knowing what a life-saving donation they have made."

Type O blood is regularly in short supply. Type O negative blood is found in just 6 percent of the population, yet in much higher percentages by patients. According to blood center officials, people with O-negative blood are known as universal donors because their blood can be transfused into virtually anyone. Type O-negative blood is needed frequently in emergency rooms and trauma units when blood is needed immediately and there is no time for typing the patient's blood. Type O-negative blood also only can be transfused into people that have O-negative blood, and is also in demand for exchange transfusions for newborn babies and pregnant women, and for premature babies in intensive care units. Individuals with type O-positive blood can give to 85 percent of the population - those with types A-positive, B-positive, AB positive and O-positive blood types. Although O-positive is the most common blood type, shortages occur because of its value to so many patients. Although the drive is appealing to individuals with types O negative and O-positive blood, all donors are welcome to participate, and all donors will receive t-shirts regardless of blood type. Individuals should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification with them. Donors types O negative and O-positive blood, all donors are welcome to participate, and all donors will receive t-shirts regardless of blood type. Individuals should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification with them. Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with signed parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors, provided they have donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note. There is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning, and donors who have traveled outside of the United States recently should call the blood center for eligibility criteria. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling (800) 652-3663; ext. 140.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Strulowitz returns
Leonard Strulowitz of Springfield returned from the American Optometric Association's 102nd annual Congress last month in San Antonio, Texas. More than 5,000 optometrists, their families and guests from throughout the United States and several other countries attended the meeting, which included business sessions, continuing education courses and an exhibit hall of ophthalmic equipment and contact lenses. Strulowitz attended continuing education courses on diagnosis and treatment of dry eyes, effects of systemic medications on the eye, neuro-ophthalmic-diseases, evaluation, and its eye effects, children's vision, corneal infections-glaucoma-management, ocular surface disease and advances in refractive surgery. The 33,000-member American Optometric Association represents two-thirds of the nation's optometrists, who provide primary eye-care services. It works to improve the quality of eye care and to increase its availability to all-Americans.

Scouts receive funds
The Watchung Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, has received a \$2,000 grant from the Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund which was established to encourage volunteerism by Exxon employees and retirees. The Boy Scouts of America has created a new computer system called ScoutNet 2000, which will replace its current Unix-based system. ScoutNet 2000 will be a PC-based system which will link all local councils and, additionally, will be connected directly with all the employees in other councils, as well as with the national office. This will create a single national data base, easier access to the information and improved service to volunteer leaders. The grant from Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund will be used to help purchase the hardware necessary to create the ScoutNet. It is anticipated the new system will be operational by November. Arrangements for the grant were made by the two Exxon retirees, Gordon Specht of Westfield and John F. Coburn of Cranford, who presented the \$2,000 grant to Donald A. Watt, scout executive of the Watchung Area Council. Specht is an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 72 in Westfield and Coburn is a member-at-large and executive board member of the Watchung Area Council.

Winchester Gardens Villas - Their Choice Retirement Address . . . and Yours! Four large skylights bring a cheery brightness and a view of treetops into the living room of George and Barbara Halek's Winchester Gardens Villa. They just recently celebrated one year in their spacious corner Villa. "Coming here was definitely the right decision for us," says George. "We weren't really thinking of retirement just yet but after we visited and compared Winchester Gardens with other communities, we found this an easy decision. We like to travel since my retirement from Rutgers, and being here frees us to go when we please, as well as from the burdens of home ownership." "We're pleased that everything we need is here, all lined up, and we don't have to move again. This is home and truly independent living," adds Barbara. Winchester Gardens carries on a 75-year retirement tradition on a pristine 37-acre estate. Our apartments, villas and penthouses offer spacious living up to 1700 square feet. Services including housekeeping, fine dining and maintenance are unparalleled. Our comprehensive continuing care program assures residents security and peace of mind into the future. Come check out this superior lifestyle choice today and meet the Haleks. Call Roxanne at 1-800-887-7502 to schedule a tour or request a brochure. 142 Spacious Apartments • 40 Attractive Villas 115 Assisted Living Residences • Full-Service Community Center Information Center 333 Elmwood Avenue, Maplewood, NJ 07040 1-800-887-7502 (973) 378-2080

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Swimming, swimming in the Summit public pool

By John Celock
Staff Writer

In the heat waves which have gripped the area the past several months, Summit residents have been looking for ways to beat the heat. From going to the movies to going to the Jersey Shore to staying in their air conditioned homes, people have found something to do. One popular thing has been to go to the pool.

In Cranford, complaints have rocked the Centennial Pool Complex, one of two municipal pools in town. Patrons have complained about the condition of the pool and there have been several incidents of people using the pool as a restroom facility.

In Summit, residents are voicing nothing but positive comments about the pool management and sanitary conditions. Municipal Pool Assistant Manager Gene Albanese said pool patrons are offered a wide range of programs in which their children can participate.

Albanese said the pool offers a weekly arts and crafts program on Wednesdays for children in kindergarten through sixth-grade. In addition, the pool staff offers a game day, with games such as kickball and wiffleball, every Monday.

In addition to these youth programs, Albanese said occasionally the city recreation department youth programs attend to the pool.

Pool patrons said the pool is clean and they have no problems with the condition of the facility. "It seems pretty clean," said Summit resident Sylvia Vinola.

"It is always crystal clear here. For the number of people who use it, they really stay on the ball here," said Summit resident Jeanne D'Haem.

One of the complaints raised in Springfield was that there was less chlorine in the pool and one day no chlorine was used in the water. Summit pool patrons said this is not the case.

"I think that there is a lot of chlorine," said Summit resident Lauren Evans.

"I've noticed that there is a lot more chlorine in the water," D'Haem agreed.

One comment, similar to that in Springfield, is that the grass outside could use watering.

Pool Manager Frank Wiley said he and his staff are taking precautions to prevent many of the complaints which have surfaced at the Centennial Pool Complex in Cranford.

He said the pool staff uses a process called brooming in the pool every day to sanitize it. In addition, the filters are examined every evening and changed if needed.

"We do a lot of work at night putting filters in," he said.

With the brooming process, Wiley and his staff also make sure the water



Photo by Milton Mills
Lifeguard Lindsay Conroy, right, holds Summit resident Megan Crotty as they work together to learn swimming basics at the Summit community pool.

is free of bacteria but pleasurable to the patrons.

"Ideally, we try to have it at 7.4 parts per million Ph level," said Wiley, who stressed that this keeps the water from burning people's skin and eyes.

To prevent any accidents in the pool, Wiley said all children below the age of six are required to have an adult present. In addition, he and his staff are asking parents of small children to have them wear pool diapers in the big pool.

Wiley said that while there have been two incidents of defecation in the pool this year, he has never had to close the pool down. In fact, Wiley noted that he has never had to close the pool in his 33-year tenure as manager. This has been a problem which has beset the Centennial Pool in Cranford on several occasions this year.

In order to prevent a total eight-hour closure, Wiley said he has all lifeguards on the lookout for defecations to the pool, in addition to any potential drownings. When an accident is spotted, the pool staff shock the area with liquid chlorine. About 20 minutes later, the pool staff will revisit the accident site to make sure the area is safe.

In addition to the rapid response team operation he has organized to respond to pool accidents, Wiley said he has been stressing other items to pool patrons to keep the water in the pool safe for all patrons.

"Specifically, we have been telling them that one big way of spreading disease is changing diapers on the deck or on the grass," said Wiley, who is encouraging all parents to change diapers only in the designated baby changing areas.

In Springfield, Township Administrator Richard Sheola said the pool

chlorine never ran out and has been replenished. He also said there are no plans to water the grass at that pool.

In Cranford, Swim Pool Utility Director Ron Marotta said he believes the incidents are likely deliberate actions on someone's part and he is working to warn people of the problem and how to prevent it.

Wood chairs annual golf tournament

W. Barton Wood of Summit, former president of W.B. Wood Co., New Providence, is chairman of the second annual Benefit Golf Tournament which will raise funds for The Shepherds of Youth, Florham Park. The tournament will be August 9 at the Brookdale Country Club.

Luncheon at noon will precede the 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start and the day will be capped with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit St. Michael's School and Perpetual Help Day Nursery, Newark.

All the chairmen are members of the Shepherds of Youth Board of Trustees. The Shepherds of Youth Charitable Trust was established in 1984 to train young vocational men and women who will dedicate their lives to serving the poor. The trust also provides tuition aid programs to help inner-city children attend St. Michael's School and the Perpetual Help Day Nursery, both in Newark.

According to Mary Mulholland who, since September 1997 has been director of development for the trust, close to \$20,000 in additional funds has been raised through the golf tournament. "The children in the inner city are our main focus and we would do anything to give them hope and a good education to ensure a better future," she said.

Those interested in participating in the golf tournament can call Mulholland at (973) 822-8280.

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Borough's public pool enjoys summer season

By John Celock
Staff Writer

While Springfield grapples with the problem of angry residents and their concerns about the municipal pool, neighbors in Mountainside are enjoying the summer at the borough's community pool.

Borough Recreation Director Susan Winans said her department has planned several programs to help pool members enjoy their summer.

She cited the recent moonlight family swim as a highlight of the pool's summer program list. With an attendance of 250, the evenings offered many activities, including a moon walk for kids.

"It was a nice family event," Winans said.

She said overall pool attendance has been high all summer and that more swim lessons will be offered. According to Winans, the pool has been having successful seasons with its swimming and diving teams.

"It seems to be running quite nicely," she said.

Mountainside resident Nancy Landale said she finds the pool to be relaxing—and the water-to-be sanitary.

"They are pretty adamant that kids who are not potty trained go into the big pool," said Landale. "My kids come and enjoy it,"

said Mountainside resident Paul Guber.

One of the complaints leveled against the Springfield pool is that the chlorine level has fallen and at one time there was no chlorine in the pool. Mountainside residents said they do not find this to be the case in their community.

"I can smell lots of chlorine and, when I do, I can tell that a lot is in there and I can tell it is clean," said Mountainside resident Becky Wagner.

"I have been coming here for many years and nothing has happened. I feel pretty safe," said Mountainside resident Andy Davis of her confidence in the pool staff.

Recently there have been several instances of people defecating in several area municipal pools. Borough Pool Assistant Manager Stephen Fowler said there are several policies in place to prevent that from happening in Mountainside. Fowler said everyone allowed into the large pool needs to be toilet trained and all toddlers need to be wearing rubber pants and accompanied by a parent.

If a situation does occur, he said there is a way the matter is addressed by the pool staff. "We close the entire facility so that we can increase the chemical levels, so we can sterilize the water."

Old Guard hosts lectures

"Early Days of Anti-Missile Defense" will be the topic of a short talk by Jake Schaefer, at Tuesday's meeting of the Summit Area Old Guard.

Birthdays of members born in August will be celebrated.

Old Guard meetings are every Tuesday at the New Providence Municipal Building starting at 10 a.m. and ending at about 11:30 a.m. During a half-hour "follow-up" period preceding the meeting, coffee is available.

The August program, as arranged by Program Chairman Ed Boxill, is as follows:

Aug. 3 — "Managing Risk With Derivatives" will be the subject of a talk by John Martino, vice president, systems director for Interest Rate Derivatives, Credit Lyonnaise, New York.

Aug. 10 — Brian Kernighan, Ph.D., head of the computing structures research department, Bell Laboratory, Lucent Technologies at Murray Hill, will speak on "The Internet — Top to Bottom."

Aug. 17 — "How to Invest in the Stock Market" will be the subject of Jeffrey D. Puffy's talk.

Aug. 24 — "Laser Eye Surgery" will be discussed by Dr. Ivan H. Jacobs, Eye Care and Surgery Center, Watchung.

Aug. 31 — As usual, birthdays of members born in the following month will be celebrated. This will be followed by a talk by Vice Director Rose Marotta — "Typical Bombing-Mission With the 8th Air Force Over Germany."

The Summit Area Old Guard is an organization of men retired from business, the professions or any other occupation. Members come from Summit and 24 neighboring communities for purposes of fellowship and stimulating activities such as bridge, bowling, golf, swimming, tennis, fishing, trips and theater.

For more information, call Ed Box at 273-1660 or write to P.O. Box 386, Summit, 07902-0386 for a descriptive folder.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Soccer camp to take place in Mountainside

U.K. Elite Soccer is hosting a week-long camp next week for Union County area children ages 4-13 at the Deerfield School in Mountainside.
 The camp will run at Deerfield July 26-30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information may be obtained by calling 973-631-9802.

Members of Dayton ice hockey team excel in Challenge

Members of the Dayton High School ice hockey team got off to a flying start in the Varsity High School Challenge League played out of the Bridgewater Sports Arena.
 The team has been sparked by the outstanding play of co-captains Jared Cohen and Gerardo Roman. Cohen will be a senior at Dayton and Roman, a Kenilworth resident, will be a senior at Bridgewater.
 The two, as of Monday, paced the team in scoring along with Brett Berger, all three with four points each. An incoming Dayton freshman, Berger had a team-high three assists after the club's first two games.
 After dropping its opening game to Morris Knolls of Denville, one of the top teams in Morris County, Springfield fell to Mount Olive, another strong Morris squad, by the score of 11-9. Unfortunately, the game had to be stopped with 19 seconds remaining due to an on-ice brawl that saw 12 players receive major penalties for fighting.
 Both teams also combined to fire a whopping 73 shots on goal.
 After falling behind 7-1 in the opening period, Springfield scored five consecutive goals to pull to within one. Scoring were Todd Walters, Dean Kakoumis, Jonathan Kovacs, Cohen and Berger.
 The on-ice play continued to the very end. After falling behind 11-7, Springfield managed two more goals scored by Roman and Cohen, his second of the game.
 Through two games, Springfield's scoring looked like this: Gerardo Roman 2-2-4, Jared Cohen 2-2-4, Brett Berger 1-3-4, Jonathan Kovacs 2-0-2, Todd Walters 2-0-2.
 Springfield has a game scheduled against the Bridgewater Panthers Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Bridgewater Sports Arena.

Dayton physicals are scheduled for Aug. 11

Physical examinations for Dayton field sports student-athletes are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 11 beginning at 8 a.m. in the high school nurse's office.
 Permission forms and sign-up sheets may be obtained from this high school's main office. Permission forms must be completed before receiving a physical.

Dayton grid teams open Sept. 18

The Dayton and Governor Livingston high school football teams open at home on Saturday, Sept. 18 — Week One of the 1989 season.
 Dayton will host Bound Brook and Governor Livingston will host Rahway in 1 p.m. Mountain Valley Conference starts.

Dayton football in 1989

Sept. 18 Bound Brook, 1:00
 Sept. 23 Manville, 1:00
 Oct. 2 at Roselle, 1:00
 Oct. 9 at New Prov., 1:00
 Oct. 16 in North Plain, 1:00
 Oct. 23 at Gov. Liv., 1:00
 Oct. 30 at Johnson, 1:00
 Nov. 6 Roselle, 2:00
 Nov. 25 Brasely, 10:30

Gov. Livingston football in 1989

Sept. 18 Rahway, 1:00
 Sept. 25 at Hillside, 1:00
 Oct. 2 at Roselle, 1:00
 Oct. 9 at Johnson, 1:00
 Oct. 16 Ridge, 1:00
 Oct. 23 at Johnson, 1:00
 Nov. 5 at Manville, 7:00
 Nov. 25 at New Prov., 10:30

Mountainside youngsters observe



The Mountainside PAL had five players from the New Jersey Jackals Minor League baseball team run a baseball clinic for 60 children last month. The players gave tips to the children on how to throw, hit and catch. They talked to the children about what it's like to play professional baseball. Anyone interested in volunteering for Mountainside PAL may contact Sergeant Scot Worwick at 908-232-8100.

Union grid All-Stars fall to Middlesex team once again

By Andrew McGinn
 Assistant Sports Editor
EAST BRUNSWICK — Despite feeling what appeared to be a far superior team to the one that represented Union last year, the Union County All-Stars were felled nonetheless in Snapple Bowl 6 last Thursday, losing 28-7 to their Middlesex County counterparts.
 In defeating Union, Middlesex improved to 4-2 in Snapple Bowl play

MIDDLESEX TOPS UNION

EAST BRUNSWICK — It took six years, but the home team finally emerged with a win in Snapple Bowl 6 on Thursday as Middlesex triumphed 28-7 over Union.

The game marked the organized football finale for several players, while others will soon prepare to play collegiately. One of those players who is set to try his hand at the next level is Johnson's Ryan Garner.
 The multi-talented and lightning fast Garner, who ran for 1,253 yards for Bob Taylor's Crusaders in 1998, played wideout and returned kicks for the Union County squad. His focus will change to defense in the fall, though, as he is set to play in the secondary at Fordham University, a Division I-AA school.

While Garner prefers running the ball to playing wideout or defensive back, he is looking forward to what lies ahead at Fordham, where he will be joined by Asper Clay of Roselle, who also eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in 1998.

"I had a choice," said Garner, who caught one pass for three yards and returned two kicks for 15 yards against Middlesex. "I could have played running back at a Division 2 or 3 school, but I wanted to go to a higher level and get a good education."

"I love to run the ball, but I like to play defensive back too and I'm certainly not going to complain about going to a Division I-AA school."

While Union was undoubtedly hurt by the fact that Garner did not get any carries, it was also hurt by the absence of Rahway quarterback/halfback Brandon Thomas. Thomas, who helped the Indians to the state playoffs last season, was elected to the squad but unable to play in this year's Snapple Bowl, this after he sustained a knee injury during track practice in the spring.
 A three-sport standout who also starred for the basketball team at Rahway, Thomas will vie for a starting wide receiver spot at William Paterson in the fall.

GAME SIX
 Middlesex 28, Union 7

FIRST DOWNS: Union 7, Middlesex 10
 RUSHES-YARDS: Union 33-116; Middlesex 36-136
 PASSES: Union 4-20-1, Middlesex 5-13-2
 PASSING YARDS: Union 42, Middlesex 135
 FUMBLES-LOST: Union 1-1, Middlesex 1-1
 PUNTS-AVG.: Union 3-24, Middlesex 0-0
 PENALTIES: Union 9-65, Middlesex 3-35

Union (2-4) 0 0 7 0 — 7
 Middlesex (4-2) 7 7 7 7 — 28
 (First quarter)
 Middlesex — LaSeur 20 pass from Cosentino, Bowden kick (M 7-0)

(Second quarter)
 Union — Knox 4 run, Bowden kick (M 14-0)

(Third quarter)
 Middlesex — Lane 35 interception return, Bowden kick (M 21-7)

(Fourth quarter)
 Middlesex — Veras 5 run, Bowden kick (M 28-7)

RUSHING: Union — Nygjem Cathoon 8-39; LaForest Knox 9-19, one touchdown; Mark Johnson 8-18; Saif Plant 5-16; Brandon Doerr 1-12; Rashawn Sterling 2-12. Middlesex — Nick Ruta 8-34; Ryan Cosentino 6-30; Kevin Veras 7-26, one touchdown; Rob Bates 4-13; Mike Allen 3-12, one touchdown; Ricky Santos 4-11; Charlie Bowden 3-9; Jeff LaSeur 1-1.
 PASSING: Union — Brandon Doerr 2-11-2, 21 yards; Mark Johnson 1-0-0, 18 yards; Saif Plant 1-3-0, 3 yards. Middlesex — Ryan Cosentino 5-9-2, 135 yards, one touchdown; Charlie Bowden 0-2-0; Ricky Santos 0-1-0; Nick Ruta 0-1-0.

RECEIVING: Union — Brian Heath 2-29, Tim Simo 1-10, Ryan Garner 1-5; Middlesex — Jeff LaSeur 3-76, one touchdown; Dave Durski 1-38; Kevin Veras 1-24.

INTERCEPTIONS: Union — Lamar Boone, Craig Tomlin, Middlesex — Shaqueen Lane, Brad Pleasant.

— ANDREW MCGINN

and became the first home team to win a game and the first to post back-to-back victories in the series.

Middlesex set the tone for the game on its very first drive when East Brunswick quarterback Ryan Cosentino hooked up with Penth Ambroy without Jeff LaSeur on a 20-yard scoring strike on a fourth-and-10 play with 8:55 remaining in the first quarter.

LaSeur, who caught three passes for 76 yards, garnered game MVP honors, while Cosentino also excelled in his high school football finale by connecting on five-of-nine passes for 135 yards.

Cosentino, a southpaw who was All-County in both football and baseball last season and will play both at Hofstra, very likely would have walked away with the MVP trophy were it not for the fact that he threw two interceptions.

The lone bright spot for Union, which managed just 34 yards on offense in the first half and trailed 14-0 after two quarters of play, came in the third quarter when Elizabeth's Lamar Boone picked off a Cosentino pass in stride along the right sideline and returned it 20 yards to the Middlesex four-yard line.

Union pulled within seven of Middlesex one play later when Union's LaForest Knox scored on a four-yard run.

Springfield swimmers splash West Caldwell Grywalski, Santana set marks

Springfield swimmers turned in outstanding performances in two North Jersey Summer Swim League meets held last week.
 After a 290-153 loss to perennial power Westfield, Springfield bounced back to defeat West Caldwell 235-207.

Amanda Grywalski set a Springfield Pool record in the girls' 25-meter freestyle for the 8-and-under, coming to the forefront in a time of 17:60. The mark she eclipsed stood for more than 20 years.

Grywalski also set the standard in the 25-meter backstroke, finishing in a record time of 21:94.
 Cesar Santana set a record in the boys' ages 9-10 25-meter backstroke in an impressive time of 19:27.

The boys' 12-and-under medley relay team of Joe Pallito, Loula Puopolo, Cesar Santana and Steven Stockl set a record with a time of 1:16:92. Here's a look at results of the Westfield meet:

- 12-U Individual medley: Girls: C. Grywalski, third; Boys: L. Puopolo, second; M. Bocian, third.
- 13-18 IM: Girls: B. Maul, second; Boys: M. Quick, second.
- 8-U freestyle: Girls: T. Zilinek, second.
- 9-10 freestyle: Girls: A. Demberger, first; Boys: J. Giamo, first.
- 13-14 freestyle: Girls: C. Galante, first.
- 15-17 freestyle: Girls: B. Maul, second; Boys: M. Rehels, first.
- 8-U backstroke: Girls: A. Grywalski, first; M. Bonadies, third.
- 9-10 backstroke: Girls: A. Rodriguez, second; Boys: J. Pallito, first; C. Santana, second.
- 11-12 backstroke: Boys: S. Stockl, first.
- 15-17 backstroke: Girls: K. Bocian, second; Boys: B. Demberger, second; M. Hollander, third.
- 8-U breaststroke: Girls: A. Grywalski, first; T. Zilinek, third.
- 9-10 breaststroke: Girls: A. Rodriguez, second; Boys: C. Santana, first.
- 11-12 breaststroke: Boys: M. Bocian, third.
- 13-14 breaststroke: Boys: A. Ekeles, first.
- 15-17 breaststroke: Girls: B. Maul, second; K. Bocian, third; Boys: M. Rehels, first.
- 8-U butterfly: Girls: A. Grywalski, first.
- 9-10 butterfly: Girls: A. Demberger, Boy: J. Pallito, first; J. Giamo, third.
- 11-12 butterfly: Girls: J. Galante, third; Boys: L. Puopolo, second.
- 13-14 butterfly: Girls: C. Galante, second; Boys: R. Farrell, third.
- 12-U medley relay: Boys: S. Stockl, L. Puopolo, J. Pallito, C. Santana, first.
- 12-U freestyle relay: Girls: A. Rodriguez, A. Demberger, C. Grywalski, J. Galante, first.

Here's a look at results of the West Caldwell meet:

- Springfield 235, West Caldwell 207
- 12-U IM: Girls: K. Pallito, third; C. Maul, second; Boys: L. Puopolo, first; M. Bocian, second.
- 13-18 IM: Girls: K. Bocian, first; Boys: M. Rehels, first; N. Denner, second.
- 8-U freestyle: Girls: A. Grywalski, first; Boys: N. Gardiano, third.
- 9-10 freestyle: Girls: A. Rodriguez, second; L. Pallito, third; Boys: C. Santana, first; J. Giamo, second.
- 11-12 freestyle: Girls: J. Galante, third; L. Puopolo, first.
- 13-14 freestyle: Girls: C. Galante, first; Boys: B. Hillman, third.
- 15-17 freestyle: Girls: K. Bocian, first; B. Maul, second; Boys: M. Rehels, second; M. Quick, third.
- 8-U backstroke: Girls: T. Zilinek, first; M. Bonadies, second.
- 9-10 backstroke: Girls: A. Demberger, first; L. Pallito, third; Boys: J. Pallito, first.
- 11-12 backstroke: Girls: K. Pallito, second; C. Andrasco, third; Boys: S. Stockl, first; M. Bocian, third.
- 13-14 backstroke: Boys: P. Hearn, second; J. Cottage, third.
- 11-12 breaststroke: Girls: C. Maul, first; Boys: J. Cottage, third.
- 13-14 breaststroke: Boys: A. Ekeles, first; B. Hillman, third.
- 15-17 breaststroke: Girls: B. Maul, first; Boys: M. Quick, first; N. Denner, second.
- 8-U butterfly: Girls: A. Grywalski, second; T. Zilinek, third.
- 9-10 butterfly: Girls: A. Demberger, first; A. Corcione, third; Boys: J. Pallito, first; J. Giamo, third.
- 11-12 butterfly: Girls: J. Galante, third; Boys: S. Stockl, first; J. Cottage, second.
- 13-14 butterfly: Girls: C. Galante, first; Boys: B. Hillman, second; J. Cottage, third.
- 15-17 butterfly: Girls: B. Maul, first; Boys: R. Farrell, first; M. Quick, second; B. Demberger, third.
- 12-U medley relay: Girls: A. Demberger, C. Maul, C. Grywalski, A. Rodriguez, first.
- 13-Over-co-ed medley relay: R. Farrell, M. Rehels, C. Galante, E. Ortiz, first.
- 12-U freestyle relay: Girls: L. Pallito, A. Corcione, K. Pallito, J. Galante.
- 12-U medley relay: Boys: L. Puopolo, C. Santana, J. Pallito, S. Stockl, first.

Former Gov. Livingston star drawing attention of scouts

Romond dominating on mound for Pilots

By Andrew McGinn
 Assistant Sports Editor

Two local products, Peter Torres of Summit and Jeff Romond, a Berkeley Heights resident who attended Governor Livingston High School, are currently excelling as members of the Jersey Pilots team in the highly competitive Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League.

Torres, a 1997 graduate of Summit High who will attend Kean University next season after a two-year stint at Union County College, is hitting .320 (8-for-25) and slugging .444 for the Pilots. The starting shortstop, Torres has scored five runs, driven in seven and batted out both a double and a triple.

Torres, though, has been forced to miss his team's last 10 games and may be lost for the remainder of the season, this after he was injured in a freak accident earlier this season in which a batted ball took a bad hop and hit him in the throat during pre-game infield drills. The injury caused some nerve damage in his right arm.

Romond, meanwhile, has drawn the attention of several major league scouts by consistently hurling his fastball in the 89-91 mile per hour range. Romond, the Pilots' closer, also throws a very effective slider that has been clocked at 83 mph.

In 15 appearances this season, Romond has compiled a minuscule 1.10 ERA, allowing just 10 hits and five walks while striking out 11 in 16 1/3 innings. Romond, who is 1-0, has also racked up four saves to boost his career total to 10. He needs just three more to set a new league record.

Despite the fact that he has opened the eyes of several pro scouts, Romond, who has one year of eligibility remaining at the University of Delaware, intends to return to school for his senior season. He was sure to continue to impress the scouts this past Monday, though, when he took part in the 1999 All-Star Game in North Plainfield.

Craig Conway, Romond's former teammate at UCL and a current standout infielder at Montclair State University, was also a member of the Pilots last season. He has since moved on to another league.
 With Romond's help, the Pilots, who started out slowly this year, have rebounded to win five of their last six games to run their record to 14-13. They finished 20-12 last season, one year after winning the league title.
 The Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL), formed in 1967 by then St. John's University Athletic Director Jack Kaiser, is a wooden bat league that is co-sponsored by Major League Baseball. It includes eight teams from three states, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and features some of the top college players in the tri-state area.
 Several major leaguers have played in the ACBL, including current players Eric Young of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros, Pete Harnick of the Cleveland Reds and Pat Kelly, a former New York Yankee who is currently with the Toronto Blue Jays.
 Rick Corcoran (Yankees), Charlie Polso (Reds) and Frank Viola (Minnesota Twins/New York Mets) are among the retired major leaguers who were one time members of the ACBL.
 "This is a development league for the top collegians in the area," said Ben Strouckoff, the league secretary and general manager of the Pilots, who has seen 140 players from the ACBL go on to play professionally. "We hope to take these kids and hone their skills even further."

Christmas in July



Opening their Christmas gifts during the production of "WASP," a Steve Martin comedy, are, from left, David Fay, left, Julia Pistell and Noel Poyner. The student-run Independent Theater of Summit presented the play at the high school Friday and Saturday.

Photo by Milton Mills

Ida Younghans

Ida Younghans, 95, of Bricktown, formerly of Mountainside, died July 3 in the Plainfield home of her daughter, Lois Cameron.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Younghans lived in Westfield and Mountainside before moving to Bricktown in 1977. She was a 1923 graduate of the Drake School of Business, Newark. Mrs. Younghans was a member of the Westfield Woman's Club, the Bricktown Women's Club, the Amity Club, Westfield, and the Wauchung Girl Scouts. She was a member of the Holy Trinity school Parent-Teacher Association, Westfield, and the Rotary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside.

Surviving are a son, Paul F.; three daughters, Arline Stubbs, Marilynne Morris and Louis Cameron; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Dr. George Sigman

Dr. George Sigman, 87, of Springfield, a general practitioner, died July 13 at home. He had his own practice in Jersey City for 45 years. Previously, Dr. Sigman was a clinical instructor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati Medical School, Dr. Sigman was a member of the American Medical Association, the New Jersey Medical Association and the Hudson County Medical Society. Dr. Sigman was a member of the Shacketon Country Club, Scotch Plains.

Born in New York City, he lived in Jersey City before moving to Springfield in 1979.

Surviving are his wife Beulah; two sons, Dr. Daniel Sigman and Dr. Robert Sigman; two stepsons Dr. Robert Fischer and Larry Fischer, and eight grandchildren.

Grete Nonnenmacher

Mrs. Grete Marie Nonnenmacher, 62, of Mountainside, died July 14 at home. She was a receptionist with Overlook Hospital, Summit, for many years before retiring earlier this year.

She earned an associate's degree in business administration from Union County College. Born in East Germany, now Breslau, Poland, Mrs. Nonnenmacher came to the United States in 1960, settling in Mountainside in 1965.

Surviving are her husband, Lothar, and two sons, Tomas and Andreas.

Agnes Shaner

Mrs. Agnes Shaner, 91, of Mountainside died July 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Point of Rocks, Md., she lived in Rumson for 45 years before moving to Mountainside two years ago.

Surviving are a son, Frederic M. Compher; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Edgar D. Savacool

Edgar Dennis Savacool, of Delray Beach, formerly of Mountainside, died July 11. Mr. Savacool owned and operated Edgar D. Savacool Realtors of Bloomfield, Mountainside and New Providence for many years before retiring.

A first lieutenant in the Merchant Marine, he was a tug boat captain in England during World War II and was awarded various medals including a Bronze Star. A member of the Mountainside Elks, Mr. Savacool was the former president of the Mountainside

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Surviving are his wife, Pat; two daughters, Mrs. Pat White and Kathleen; a sister, Mrs. Polly Bzdok; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lions help Klaas child ID project

If the unthinkable should happen to your toddler or youngster, you would want to know that you have done all you can do to raise your child's chances of a safe return.

Part of these preparations, according to the Klaas Kids Foundation, whose name comes from the abducted and murdered Poly Klaas, is to maintain current identification of your child, including photograph, video and fingerprints. Taking these steps now will save time when time is critical and improve your child's chances of being found.

There will be an opportunity during the Summit Street Fair Aug. 7 to have your child videotaped and fingerprinted. The Summit Lions Club will sponsor a table at the event. The Union County Sheriff's Office will be present.

The Lions and the officers will set up outside the Bassett Building at 392 Springfield Ave. between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This will give parents an opportunity to take this vital step and enjoy the other events of the day.

There will be no charge for the service. If parents bring their own standard VHS video tape, however, it will help the Sheriff Department's budget. The video and fingerprint card will be given to all parents. The Sheriff's Office will not keep a copy.



Newcomers, from left, Donna Klein, Frank and Michelle Splendorio, Steve Klein and David and Terri Zuraff relax at the Mountainside Newcomers Club's annual June barbecue. Over 90 people attended this year's event.

Newcomers Club announces events

The Mountainside Newcomers Club has announced the following member activities for the near future:

• Saturday Adult Pool Party — Citizens can join fellow newcomers and other residents of Mountainside at the Mountainside Community Pool's Adult Pool Party. There will be early swimming, food and a disc jockey.

Call the Mountainside Community Pool at (908) 232-0132 for more information.

• Aug. 4 Ladies Night Out — Mountainside women are invited for a fun night out to meet some new friends. The gathering will take place at a member's home and each person will be asked to bring something to eat or drink.

Call Carole Cahill for more information at (908) 233-8426.

• Sept. 23: New Member Coffee — For new members and for anyone interested in Newcomers, gather for an evening of fun and relaxation to learn what Newcomers is all about.

For more information, contact Terri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

• Oct. 2: Progressive Dinner — This annual event begins with appetizers in a newcomer's home, before splitting into small groups for dinners in other members' homes and we complete the evening by all rejoining at yet another member's home for desserts.

Join by calling Janine Cardone at (908) 232-6411.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community. Membership is open to new residents of Mountainside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a change in employment or marital status.

For membership information, call Terri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

City residents are winners in grand opening

Jill Judd of Summit was the grand prize winner of a weekend for two in New York City in Union Center National Bank's sweepstakes last week. The free drawing was part of a grand opening celebration of the bank's Summit Banking Center at 392 Springfield Ave.

Other prize winners included Joan Hurdidge of Chatham who won four tickets to a New York Yankees game, Summit resident Irene Hickman who won a 27-inch color television, Summit's Gladys Diaz who won a VCR and resident Brian Regner who won a clock radio.

The celebration will continue through the end of the month with free gifts for new deposits.

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