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Springfield Fire Capt. Kenneth Rau, firefighter Frank Florelli and First Aid Squad President Gloria Simpson display the Vial of Life. Residents who take medication regularly will receive the free containers to aid both emergency teams and patients.

Vial critical for emergency response

By Joe Luperia
Staff Writer

Springfield's citizens are getting an extra dose of safety through the township's new Vial of Life Program.

The Fire Department and Volunteer First Aid Squad will join in distributing the plastic containers, similar to the type used by pharmacies, free of charge to residents who take medication regularly.

"We often respond to medical emergencies where the patient is unconscious or unable to provide us with important information, medications they're taking or things they may be allergic to," Liz Fritzen, captain of Springfield's Volunteer First Aid Squad, said. "The Vial of Life provides us with a readily available source for this important information."

Rather than holding medication, the vial contains a short form listing vital information that emergency medical responders require to properly assess and treat a person during a medical emergency. The information includes a medical history, a list of current illnesses, medications taken, the name of the patient's personal physician, phone numbers for relatives or friends and any other information that might be of assistance to medical responders.

The form, folded, is placed in the Vial of Life. The vial is then put in the refrigerator, preferably on a shelf on the inside of the door. A decal also is provided, to be adhered to the refrigerator door; in the event of a medical emergency, responders will look for the decal, which will lead them to the vial and the information provided within it.

"The Vial of Life started about 18 or 20 years ago as a nationwide program with the Boy Scouts," said Firefighter Frank Florelli, who also works as a paramedic

for Overlook Hospital. "But in recent years it seems to have fallen by the wayside, which is too bad. We wanted to bring it back because it's easier and more efficient for both the patient and for us."

"If the patient is having chest pains or trouble breathing, we don't want to have to ask questions. Everybody has a refrigerator, so a person has to do it. Fill out the information the emergency and put the bottle on the shelf inside the door, and the label on the outside of the door."

"As a paramedic, knowing a patient's medical history helps tremendously," Florelli said. "Chest pains don't necessarily mean a heart attack. Now with the Vial of Life we can know everything there is to know. When the Advanced Life Support paramedics get there, we'll be ready for them, and that's a tremendous asset."

"The Fire Department and First Aid Squad have been working well together in providing emergency medical service response to Springfield's residents," Fire Chief William Gras said. "It's only natural that the two groups work together in providing a very valuable program like this. I think it's a great program."

This program is not just for senior citizens. "It's for anyone — anyone at all — who takes medication," Fritzen said. "Some people have their medications written down, but no uniform location for it. Now we can have a uniform procedure for everyone."

Fritzen said the First Aid Squad and the Fire Department have been distributing the bottles on their calls.

"It's a great partnership between the squad and the Fire Department," she said. "A great way to continue providing service to our residents." "Some people don't really know their medical history all that well," Florelli said. "To that I say, 'Take the Vial of Life to your doctor and have them help you fill it out.'"

Viewers voice concerns about

By John Celock
Staff Writer

The agreement that the Mountainside Borough Council is considering entering into with Comcast Cable has elicited mixed reactions from the residents of the borough.

At the council's July 27 meeting, the governing body voted to table the agreement until a dispute with the Union County Office of Cable Television can be resolved. The dispute centers around the county's objection to section five of the ordinance.

Section five sets the franchise fee rate at \$14,000, the highest rate the state allows. The section also allows the council to raise the fee if the state cap is raised. The county has objected to the wording of this portion of the agreement.

Borough Attorney John Post said, as of now, the dispute remains alive. "We are in the process of getting the dispute resolved."

Post said he had meetings with officials from the county at the end of last week and is hopeful that future talks can bring a resolution to the issue.

Outside of the wording dispute with the county, borough residents

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— Cheryl King

have expressed their reactions to the agreement.

The agreement allows a 15-year franchise for Comcast in the borough. In exchange, the borough will receive two generators for Borough Hall and Deerfield School, access to the Berkeley Heights channel, a separate channel for the borough and \$2,500 for use and distribution by local access channel 35.

Mountainside resident Laura Goldstein said she is pleased with the service she has received from Comcast, but has expressed concern with the length of the agreement.

"Technology changes everyday," said Goldstein.

Karen Yustus of Mountainside said she, too, is content with the service she receives and she applauds the

council for adopting the agreement. "It sounds good. It sounds like it is a positive thing for Mountainside," she said.

"It doesn't matter to me, if things change then they can change the agreement. It is not an exclusive agreement," said Mountainside resident Dave Ferrall, in addressing a common complaint of people who disagree with the contract.

Borough resident Maria Grammenos said she sees a need for a cable agreement of any kind. She said without cable a borough resident cannot watch television.

"We have to have it. If someone in Mountainside does not have cable, they don't have reception because of Overlook Hospital," she said.

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Kids make a splash at the town pool

By John Celock
Staff Writer

The Springfield Municipal Pool has been surrounded by controversy this summer with accusations of mismanagement, unsanitary conditions and brown grass. In the meantime, the pool staff has been able to plan a wide range of activities for all patrons, young and old alike.

Pool Manager Pat Farley said he and his staff have a multitude of activities planned on a daily basis. Popular staples include a daily arts and crafts activity, Bingo for kids and adults and a youth sports event.

"Sometimes we do Bingo for adults, and sometimes we do mixed Bingo. We play four to five games and you either win a soda or ice cream. The last person to win gets two free pool passes," Farley said.

He said the mixed Bingo is held twice a week for the purpose of getting kids at the pool to mingle and get to know the adult members.

At 2 p.m. every day there is a sporting event for the kids at the pool. The game is usually wiffleball, tug-of-war or tag. In addition, Farley said he has several specialty sports events planned.

During the month of August there will be a free throw shooting contest for adults on the weekends and for kids during the week. "We did it last year and it was a lot of fun," said Farley.

In addition to free throw shooting, Farley said a bocce ball tournament, a ping-pong tournament and a knock



Photo By Jill Grant

Kristine Kelly, 5, describes her favorite place in Springfield to Liz Belfour at the Springfield pool's Lil Miss and Mr. Personality Pageant.

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Officials react to Pedersen appointment

By Joe Luperia
Staff Writer

Springfield Police Capt. Vernon Pedersen's appointment to a committee that reviews applications for three new department positions is garnering various opinions from Township Committee members, both past and present.

Pedersen, fired last year by the committee for allegedly making racist remarks to an officer under his command, was reinstated in February by Union County Superior Court Judge Edward Toy.

Pedersen is joined on the screening committee by Capt. James Hieshah and Sgt. George Hiler.

"It's only the first stage of the review system," Deputy Mayor Sy Mullman said of Pedersen's new responsibility.

Mullman was part of the committee that initially fired Pedersen. "It just moves on from him — he has nothing to do with the hiring beyond this first stage. He has a good record, he's a good officer and I'm comfortable with him where he is."

Former Township Committeewoman Judith Blitzer also served on the committee at the time of Pedersen's firing. "I have no doubt we made the right decision," Blitzer said. "My gut feeling about him being on the board is that it's not good either for Spring-

field or our Police Department. There's an unhealthy situation existing with the Police Department right now, and this kind of thing won't help improve it. I'm not saying he's not qualified — I'm just saying it'll start our problems up all over again."

"I always got the impression that there are communication problems in the Police Department," said Blitzer, who was not re-elected last November. "There are many good people in the department, and yet we don't get to hear from them. I think this appointment will end up being demoralizing."

"I think it's more of an internal police matter," said Township Committeeman Steven Goldstein. "I have mixed feelings based on the fact that I haven't met the guy. Sometimes in life we say stupid things, even intelligent people sometimes say stupid things. But from what I hear, people say he's a good cop."

Township Committeewoman Clara Harelit, who, like Goldstein, joined the committee after Pedersen's firing, said Pedersen is not alone in his new task. "I don't condone Capt. Pedersen's remarks," Harelit said. "But he's the second in command, and he's performing his duties now with two other officers."

"The screening committee is made up of the top three men in the depart-

ment," Goldstein said. "There are two other people involved there — it's almost like an appellate process. We can just hope that he's fair and judges people on their merits. If he doesn't, then we'll need to take action. No one agrees with the things he said, but that doesn't mean he can't judge fairly. We've all said things that can be construed in various ways."

Pedersen is currently the subject of a lawsuit from Patrolman Walter Brooks, the first Springfield officer to be on the receiving end of Pedersen's alleged remarks. Referring to the lawsuit, Goldstein said, "There's the right way to go morally, but there are other considerations, too. Do we want to put the township in the position of another lawsuit by a policeman? Half of me says, 'You have to put trust in who you have working on your behalf.' The other half says, 'We need to override the decision.'"

According to Police Chief William Chisholm, Pedersen has served on such a screening committee before. "That's been our procedure for years. We have two captains and an administrative officer screening applications. The committee screens applications and rates them."

The recommendations are then sent to Chisholm, and from Chisholm they move on to the Township Committee, where the hiring becomes official.

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Butterfly friends



Photo By Milton Mills

Ashley Osjeja, 8, right and Susan Potok, 10, join other Mountainside children as they learn how to make butterflies, one of the arts and crafts activities sponsored by the borough's Department of Recreation.

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

Tomorrow
• Children ages 6 and up, with an adult, can tour the village and renovated church/general store with Trailside from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot at the top of Catact Hollow Road off Glenside Avenue. The fee is \$4 for each person. Pre-registration is required. Call (908) 789-3670 for space availability.

Saturday
• Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a lunch, mug for a beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if possible. Children ages 14 and up are welcome. For pre-registration, call (908) 789-3670.

Sunday
• Residents can ask questions and seek answers at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens.

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

Wednesday
• The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold "Once Upon a Planet" at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 for each person. No children under four years of age will be admitted.

Upcoming Events
Aug. 15
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'aray 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 Y 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 Janice Cardone at (908) 232-6411.

Ongoing
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within one year's date. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

• The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free cancer support group for adult 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.

NEWS CLIPS

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.

Fall offerings for children walking to age 6 include two Tuesday morning parent/child classes, "Toddler 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 per 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 who need financial assistance. For more information, contact the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Library seeks donations
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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 should 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 includes a one-and-one-half hour tour to Newport, R.I. Stops include the Foxwood casino and the Mohagan Sun.

• Oct. 25 — "Platzel Bratshau" includes lunch, dinner and a day filled with many activities. The October cost is \$55 for each person.

Township library continues video presentations

The Springfield Free Public Library announces the presentation of "Armchair Travel — The Exotic and Wild" in the library's continuing lunchtime video series. The series will begin Aug. 17 at noon with "Egypt: Secrets of the Pharaohs," one hour, and "Australia's Great Barrier Reef," one hour.

The film about Egypt will address the following questions: Who built the pyramids? What were the secrets of mummification? Which treasures were selected for the after life and why?

For centuries, Egypt's pharaohs have kept these secrets to themselves. Now viewers can travel to a land of mystery and marvel at how the pyramids were built. They can discover how the bodies of the pharaohs were preserved, and witness how scientists reveal the ancient underground vault that houses the mysterious ship of the Pharaoh Khafu, his magnificent vessel for eternity.

Australia's great barrier reef is populated by strange and beautiful creatures, an exotic oasis where gentle sea cucumbers and color-changing fish swim among predatory barracuda and voracious mania rays. Once a year, millions of coral polyps release bundles of eggs and sperm in a fantastic coral spawning. Giant clams, marine worms and damselfish join in this rare reproductive frenzy. This is all captured on film in detail by National Geographic.

This series continues every other Tuesday, at noon, as follows:
• Aug. 31 — "Everglades: Secrets of the Swamp,"
• Sept. 1 — "Sonoran Desert: A Violent Eden."

• "America's Endangered Species: Don't Say Goodbye."
• "Thunder on the Mountain." All films last one hour. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The Springfield Public Library is located at 65 Mountain Ave. For additional information, call (973) 376-4930.

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Township pool offers programs

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hockey tournament also will be scheduled. Farley announced there will be water volleyball at the pool every Sunday this month from 11 a.m. until noon. "It will be fun," he added.

Other upcoming events will include a coin search for kids on Sunday. The search will be separated into several age groups. On Aug. 15 a band will perform at the pool at 2 p.m. Friday nights in August will be float night at the pool from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Pool patrons have expressed their satisfaction with the programs the pool staff produces. "There is always something going on for the kids," said township resident Linda Drucks.

"They're terrific, and Bingo is one of the popular ones," said Kathryn Gardella of Springfield.

Youngsters at the pool also have voiced their appreciation of the work Farley and his staff do for them.

"I like the football, because it is fun tackling people," said Cullum Higgins, a fifth-grade student from Union.

"I like the diving board, because you can jump around a lot," said Springfield seventh-grade student Wojtek Kowalewski.

"I like swimming, because it is fun," said seventh-grader Danielle Quinn.

While many of the comments expressed were positive, several residents voiced their complaints regarding the pool's recreational offerings.

"The bocce court is terrific. It needs maintenance and nobody fixes it," said Union resident Rhoda Rota. She was joined in union by Springfield residents John Almeida and Morris Reispberg.

Summit resident Natalie Albright said she has been coming to the



Springfield resident Ellen Coviello has plenty of water on hand as she relaxes in the sun at the town pool.

Springfield pool for over 20 years. She said Farley is the best manager she has seen and he is not the pool staff member to blame for any problems.

"The manager we have here is very good. He needs a better assistant manager. It is too big for one man to handle," said Albright.

She said she never has seen Farley sit down, as she added he does everything at the pool. Albright, said the assistant manager lounges and talks to his friends.

Pool Assistant Manager Phil Maraviglia responded to Albright by saying that she does not know his job description.

"I don't know what she is talking about. I do payroll and a lot of things in the office that she does not know about. Before she makes comments about what I do, maybe she should learn what the job of assistant manager is. Then she can apply for the job next year, if she thinks she can do a better job than me."

Local club aids college-bound women

By John Celek
Staff Writer

An organization exists in Mountainside with the purpose of providing a young woman graduating from Governor Livingston High School with a scholarship. In addition, the group also looks to further their own education with guest speakers. The organization is the College Club of Mountainside.

According to club Co-President Rose Harrington, the club meets once a month, except during the summer. In addition to a meeting of the general membership of the club, the board of directors meets to discuss programming.

"It is something for women who are not interested in arts and crafts," said Harrington of the club's mission.

She said the main purpose is to raise money for the annual scholarship in any way possible. Harrington said the fund-raisers take place in several ways. The top activities are a blind auction, garage sales, theater parties and high teas at the home of one of the members. "We do it in various ways."

Each year, one scholarship is given out, although several times club members have decided to award more than one scholarship. The qualifications are need-based and academic. Harrington said the club places more emphasis on grades when making the final determination. This year, Rosemary Stevens won the award.

Rita Ragno, co-president of the club, said that in the 1998-99 club year, the group heard from several speakers on a variety of subjects.

In October, Barbara Vasing of the borough's First Aid Squad gave a presentation on what services the squad provides to residents. The November meeting was highlighted with a trip to Color Me Mine, a ceramics shop in Summit. In March, two representatives of Estes Lauder spoke to the group on the subject of "A New Look for Spring." In April the group heard its last speaker, local historian John Cunningham who discussed the history of New Jersey. The last meeting of each year is the scholarship presentation and dinner.

Ragno said there are several qualifications for membership in the club. The top one is that the member needs to have graduated from college. At the present time a majority of the club members are retired, and Ragno said the club is facing a recruiting problem.

"We are having a lot of difficulty in getting new and younger members," she said.

Ragno encourages all residents who are interested in joining to contact Mary Lou Lyons, the club's membership chairperson.

"I have been a member for 25 years. I have always thought the programs we do are worthwhile to provide money to a young woman from Mountainside."

Residents fear technology changes

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Resident Blake Kelley said he was against the agreement because he was against the rapidly-changing-face-of-technology. "I think that technology changes so quickly that there should be room for people to enter with new technology," Cheryl Igo of Mountainside said.

she has similar concerns. "My biggest concern is being in a 15-year agreement that does not allow for improvement. My biggest concern is making allowances for technology changes."

Borough resident Dave Arrington said he can see the advantages and

disadvantages of the considered agreement. "The only thing is that 15 years is a long time. I hope that we have thought about everything in the future and how technology would change. The biggest thing is having access to the Berkeley Heights channel."

Photos on display at Children's Hospital

The New Jersey Photography Forum's annual juried show will be on display from Aug. 15 through Sept. 26 at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. The show was curated by Nancy J. Ori and Michael Creem, co-founders of the New Jersey Photography Forum.

Over 300 photographers were invited to submit two prints to be considered for exhibition. Fifty-seven photographs were selected for exhibition by judges Joan Good, executive director of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, Larry Cappiello, director of the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway and Glen Diehl, president of the Watching Arts Center.

All Award of Excellence was given to Douglas Goodell and four awards of merit were given to Norm Adams,

Don Halpern, Susan Puder and Gerry Wachel.

The New Jersey Photography Forum is dedicated to furthering the interests of professional and serious amateur photographers. The group is now in its fifth year of development and has become the largest and most recognized group of fine art photogra-

phers in the state, rivaled only by the American Society of Media Photographers, who are commercially based. It's monthly meetings at the Watching Arts Center encourage attendees to share expertise and advance their skills. The meetings provide access to creative and technical information.

Township officials share reactions to appointment

(Continued from Page 1)

Chisholm said he was unable to recall the last time Pedersen served on a screening committee.

Blitzer said she does not recall Pedersen serving in such a capacity

during her three years with the Township Committee. As for Toy's reason for reinstating the captain, Blitzer said, "I never know what goes through a judge's mind. No one does. The decision was just read to us during a meeting."

Puppeteers present 'Once Upon a Planet'

Once upon a time, disaster was about to strike a planet far, far away. The last magic rainbow bird had died and people in the land of Here-N-Now were panic-stricken. Without the magic bird, the kingdom was powerless against the onslaught of the dreaded Leaf Munchers. Princess Molly must find another rainbow bird or all will be lost.

This is the setting for "Once Upon a Planet," a show that will be performed by the Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

The Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre is a Philadelphia-based performing company founded in 1981. Co-directors Marianne and Tom Tucker have performed at puppet, folk, ethnic and street festivals, and at craft fairs, shopping centers, theaters and schools around the country. Audiences

ranging in age from small children to senior citizens have enjoyed the variety of styles skillfully displayed by these talented puppeteers.

Presented by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre performance of "Once Upon a Planet" is part of Trailside Nature and Science Center's summer Wednesday Matinee series. The show is for families with children ages 4 years and up. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the performance for \$4 for each person.

For information about this and other programs, call Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908) 789-3670. Trailside is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

The center is located in the Watching Reservation at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

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EDITORIALS

Behind closed doors

It is natural to get suspicious when someone closes the door in your face. As kids, we would probably run home to mom and cry. As adults, we try to figure out why.

Not even holding a glass to the wall in Mountside's Borough Hall July 27 could have helped members of the public or the press to hear the discussion of a specially selected committee. The nine-member committee, appointed by Mayor Robert Vigilanti, is charged with the responsibility of reviewing an "expense, reimbursement, salary policy for the borough."

Legally, the mayor and members of the committee have a choice of whether or not to include the public in these meetings. A "closed-door policy" has already gone into effect. Setting salary ranges for the mayor and members of the Borough Council was an issue that raised voices and tempers and spurred a flurry of community awareness and action. During the Feb. 16 meeting, when the council initially addressed the issue, public debate followed for more than one hour. More than 400 residents signed a petition against the motion. Clearly, this is an issue about which many have strong feelings.

It can be difficult to work when onlookers are forcefully sharing their opinions. While public comments are often helpful, the committee would be hindered from simply getting the job done if members of the public were actively involved in every meeting. However, extending an open invitation is not the only option. Invite members of the public, but make it clear that committee meetings, like work sessions of the Borough Council, are for listening rather than debating. Even a silent audience is better than none at all.

Another option is to allow a member of the press instead to report on discussions. That way, readers would be knowledgeable before October, when the matter is again brought before the council.

Nobody believes either the mayor or council members should dig into their own pockets for events or expenses that serve the betterment of the borough. They are elected officials who serve the community; they should not feel a financial burden because of this service. However, the public has a right to know if their tax dollars will go toward vouchered or unvouchered reimbursements or salaries. This awareness should remain throughout the process.

Pool still has personality

The Springfield town pool has been swimming in controversy during the last few weeks. Adults who heatedly state complaints are matched by those who say conditions and programs have never been better.

Arguments regarding township officials' actions or lack of actions find their way into conversations between poolside adults. But these complaints, these heated dialogues and these disagreements rest with the grown-ups.

Where are the kids when their parents are grumbling about garbage in the parking lot? Where are they as petitions make their rounds? Inside the pool — swimming, splashing and waiting 30 minutes after they eat. They are participating in personality pageants, playing bingo and making arts and crafts. They are laughing with friends and forming memories that, like many of their parents, make them want to join the Springfield pool with children of their own.

Approximately 35 children participated in the "Lil' Miss and Mr. Springfield" personality contest last week. Part of the competition was drawing a picture of their favorite place in the township. At least one child, an 8-year-old girl, depicted the Springfield pool.

Comments and criticisms are a helpful, healthy part of living in a community. Make sure they remain professional, rather than personal. Allow the children to continue to enjoy their summer at their town pool.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-8986, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



"If the press is truly free, it follows that it will not always be responsible, and anything that tends to enforce its 'responsibility' necessarily makes it less than free."

—Tom Wicker
Journalist
1973



'LIL MISS SPRINGFIELD' — Christina Apicella, 5, shares her cartoon hero with Liz Balfour here with Springfield Municipal Pool's personality pageant last week.

Photo by Jeff Grant

Impose a cease fire in commuter tax war

New Jersey commuters who work in New York City have become the innocent victims of a border war over commuter taxes.

It began in May when New York Gov. George Pataki repealed the New York City commuter tax — but only for residents of his state. Commuters who live in New Jersey were still required to pay the tax.

Last month, a New York Supreme Court judge ruled that the limited repeal of the commuter tax was unconstitutional. As a result of his ruling, the tax was supposed to be eliminated for all commuters — including New Jersey residents who work in New York City.

Just when it looked like the issue was settled, New York decided to escalate the commuter tax war by appealing the ruling.

For the State of New York to continue to pursue this legal battle is counterproductive. Nothing will be

District Seat

By Bob Franks

gained from prolonging this fight. And while it continues, New Jersey residents who work in New York City are being forced to continue to pay the commuter tax.

Every year, 240,000 New Jersey commuters pay some \$110 million in commuter taxes to the City of New York.

I have called on Gov. Pataki to drop his state's appeal and stop forcing New York City employers to deduct commuter taxes from the paychecks of New Jersey residents.

New York's latest court challenge underscores the need for Congress to step in and send a definitive message

that tax wars between neighboring states will no longer be tolerated.

All commuters — whether they live in Rockland County, N.Y.; Union County, N.J. or Fairfield County, Conn. — rely equally on the services and transportation infrastructure provided by the City of New York. They should not be taxed differently simply because they live in a state other than New York.

Late last month, the House of Representatives passed legislation, which I sponsored, that is aimed at ending the commuter tax war between the states. Specifically, the legislation would prohibit states — including New York — from taxing the income earned by citizens of other states at a higher rate than they tax their own residents.

I will be working with U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli in an effort to convince the Senate to follow the lead of the House and promptly pass legislation.

Our legislative efforts would impose a permanent cease fire in the battle over commuter taxes by making it clear that taxes imposed by one state cannot discriminate against out-of-state residents.

And, furthermore, it would prevent politicians from ever again using the threat of a commuter tax to score political points at home at the expense of its neighbors and the economic well being of the region.

It's time to put the tax war behind us and work together to meet the challenges facing our region from promoting economic growth and new job creation to modernizing our transportation network.

A resident of Berkeley Heights, Republican U.S. Rep. Bob Franks represents the 7th Congressional District, which includes Springfield and Mountside.

Public interest transforms people into events

The other day I read a newspaper article which said an editor of a new publication, who had immigrated to this country from England, was no longer just a person; she had become an event. Granted, that editor was responsible for two other publications in the past and was often in the news, but it was the first time I heard a person called an event.

That sent me thinking about what makes a person a celebrity so well known that we identify with that person throughout good times and bad. Certainly the days the nation sat glued to the television waiting to learn about the fate of John F. Kennedy Jr. and his wife and sister-in-law was a perfect example of public identification with persons unknown to most.

Yet, even while awaiting the expected news of their deaths off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, people throughout the land, and most definitely in New York City and on Cape Cod and the nearby islands, identified with the Kennedy family, as well as the persons in the plane.

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

Consequently, the area in front of JFK's apartment building was literally covered with flowers and other types of offerings. Some were offered in prayers, some in hopes and some in memories.

Yet, none of those who took the time to lay a wreath on that sidewalk really knew JFK Jr. or his wife. A few may have been neighbors who saw them on the local streets. But, generally speaking, they were strangers drawn together to identify with JFK Jr.

The Kennedys are certainly a well-known clan. They can barely move without someone catching them in a

television or newspaper photo opportunity. And, while some of this publicity can be attributed to the death of former President John F. Kennedy, why should that publicity extend to all members of his family?

In many ways, the Kennedys, who are often in the news for their support of public projects, including the Special Olympics, and their political activities, invite that attention. But JFK Jr. and certainly his wife, Caroline Bessette, were not known for their public works, although they may have performed many.

Why, then, do we pay so much attention to the lives of these people and others we term "celebrities"?

And, most importantly, why do we identify with people who often appear in the news?

Some commentators have said the nature of television today causes such identification. Since the television screen is present in almost every living room or den, these people appear to live with us. They are figures on a small screen and are included in our

every day lives. We come to think of them as part of our larger extended family, even though we have never seen them in person.

But, can we really place the cause of this interest at the feet of the media? Probably not. It may be we must turn to ourselves to seek the answers. Perhaps our own lives seem dull and uninteresting in comparison, and we take refuge in what appears to be the romantic and adventurous lives of others.

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

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hirschfeld owes resident an apology

To the Editor:

"Stupid" adj. (of persons) 1. Lacking intelligence. 2. Foolish in speech or behavior.

In picking up the July 29 edition of the *Echo Leader* and reading about the so-called "pool controversy," I read that Township Committee Roy Hirschfeld considered a resident's complaint about the pool grass-being brown as being one of "pure stupidity." The article then claims that the resident lodging the complaint has a personal vendetta against the pool management, and goes as far as to actually state the name of the resident.

While I will try to show some respect to the resident by not disparaging his name again in this letter, know that I have never met this man, nor am I taking a position on the issue of the dead grass. This is not my concern. My concern is that one of our elected representatives, in taking up a legitimate issue from a citizen, dismissed it publicly by both insulting the idea and, in turn, the resident.

We are not talking about mudslinging between party opponents looking for control of the town politics. Even the law has long recognized that the political

game should be immune from any libel or slander, suits that may arise from a politician's statements about another politician's policies or even from a citizen's criticism of elected officials, as it is part of the political function. However, an elected official publicly insulting one of the residents on a legitimate issue is not part of the game of politics and should have no place in Springfield.

To insult ideas and residents is not why Mr. Hirschfeld was elected. If he and the Township Committee want to do a cost-benefit analysis and decide that the cost of watering the lawn outweighs the benefit of having the grass a bit greener, then, by all means, they would be within their authority to do so. But to publicly disparage a complaint that a resident has is unnecessary, classless and calls Mr. Hirschfeld's leadership abilities into question. Unfortunately, Mr. Hirschfeld's statement is just another in a long line of embarrassing moves made by a high-ranking Springfield official.

I think Mr. Hirschfeld owes the resident a public apology, on the same pages of this newspaper where he insulted him. However, if Mr. Hirschfeld's "pure stupidity" statements are any indication of the discretion he uses, I don't expect to see one.

Clay Trivett Jr.
Springfield

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farley has brought positive change

To the Editor:

I am very satisfied with the way the pool has been run. Any problems or concerns I have, Pat Farley, the pool manager, addresses immediately. He has never "blown me off," nor have I witnessed him "blow off" another member. Pat has offered more for these kids than any manager has in the past few years. I have four nephews, and they all look forward to their lazy summer days at the Springfield pool.

Every afternoon, children run for the filter house when arts and crafts are announced. Bingo is a major event — even if they can't join in with the adults, the recreation staff makes it just as exciting. The recreation staff know all the regulars by name, and the kids adore them.

These things, which are so very important, were left out of articles that have appeared in the *Echo Leader*. You did mention that there are activities available, but no one asked a child. Sit and talk to them; you would be amazed at what you will hear.

I am at the pool a lot. I hear the complaints. They are mainly about the grass. If dry grass is the biggest complaint, then I think they are doing something right.

I do agree that there is room for improvement. The women's bathroom could be redone, and there are a few other things that could be redone, but I do have to say, in Pat Farley's defense, he doesn't have much say about what is fixed and what is not. He puts in requests for things to be done, and they are taken care of at the leisure of the township.

For example, the water fountain on the filter house broke over a year ago. He put in a request for a new one, and the wait was on. We waited over a year for our fountain, and when it finally came in last September, Pat put in a request to have it installed. The township then had to get a plumber. Before we knew it, it was the end of June, and guess what? The water fountain still was not put in. When a plumber finally did show up and installed the fountain, we all laughed hysterically.

Our water fountain had turned into a piece of copper tubing sticking out of the wall with a crude fountain stuck on the end. Then, to top it off, a PVC "cup" was fashioned to catch the water. I have never seen anything so ridiculous in all my life. Pat had nothing whatsoever to do with this. But he was blamed for it, and he took the blame.

Pat also wanted to put in an slide to replace the broken "low" dive, but when he got funds from the town and when he tried to get a slide, the funds disappeared. They were taken away from the pool.

My sister is an out-of-town resident and pays an enormous fee to join, but she does, because she wants her three kids to have the same wonderful memories that we had growing up. The pool was a great place to grow up, and I hope that isn't spoiled by the few people reporters chose to quote in the newspaper.

It would be nice to read something positive written by your paper, by someone on the staff, and not a concerned reader like myself and Township Committee member Roy Hirschfeld. I would like to shake that man's hand. Maybe at the next Springfield Township Committee Meeting, I will get such a chance.

Beh Halsey
Springfield

Say no to Linda 'The Spender'

To the Editor:

The feast that the Union County Historical Society planned to meet to decide what they want to do about the Oak Ridge club house is ludicrous. If they are not a governmental body, from where does their authority arise?

The fact is that Freeholder Linda "The Spender" Stender and a few friends have cost the taxpayers of Union County untold sums to get this site on the historical register in Trenton. Federal agreement comes easily after that.

This facility has been the responsibility of the Division of Parks and Recreation since it was acquired by the county. The architect estimates an expenditure of more than a million dollars for proposed renovations.

As we well know, there will be many change orders before the work is completed. How many history lovers have visited this facility in the last five years? I would guesstimate no more than 500 persons. I also would estimate that more than 400,000 golfers have used the facility in the same timeframe. Which

group should have the greatest voice in this matter? It has been suggested that a new club house be built for Parks and Recreation with car storage below the club house. This would mean extra energy costs to maintain two buildings.

I forgot to mention that there would be no provision for showers in the new state-of-the-art building because of the expense of maintenance. Now, according to some of the freeholders, they still can't come to a decision about the renovation of the area.

Why uphold the historical society from its present residence and place it into a forced travel area for the staff?

Stender has earned the sobriquet of "The Spender" because there have been at least four architectural proposals submitted to the board for this site. Reducing the waste in that area could easily have paid for maintenance.

It is time that the freeholders make a decision instead of listening to the platitudes of "The Spender."

Jerry Goldman
Elizabeth

We're asking
Would you live on a dorm hall with co-ed bathrooms?



Rick Polce

Arleen Laderman

Maryanne Krivak

Matthew D'Andrea

"No. I've always believed that there should be a men's room and a ladies room."

"No. I don't like sharing the bathroom with guys."

"No. Bathrooms are private places."

"I think boys' only."

Structures have had identities squashed

Banks, at one time, had marble floors and high ceilings, Corinthian columns and monstrously intimidating vaults. There was no such thing as fluorescent lighting; ceiling fixtures were stylistically detailed in bronze or wrought iron.

Banks now are shoeboxes, small and interchangeable. The difference between the bank of the past and the contemporary bank is that yesterday's gave its patrons a feeling of confidence of leaving a fortune, or pliancy, with a trustworthy entity. The architect of the past understood thoroughly how to communicate security through scale and detail.

Architecture with personality is mostly gone now. There's less space to build, less time to build, more bucks involved proportionately, and no concern whatsoever for how buildings communicate. Banks, libraries, town halls, post offices, movie theaters, office buildings — like children with overbearing parents, these various public structures have all had their personalities repressed, squashed.

The majority of us live our lives and go about our various businesses inside. There may be a few Grizzly Adams-types out there, sleeping on pine needle beds on the forest floor, but for most, life happens inside, not out. The design of our indoor environment has just as much to do with feeling and mood as it does with convenience.

I'm not implying that every structure has to be a palace. A dump can have just as much character, and very often more, than a billion-dollar facility. Granted, some of that personality comes from a place being well-worn; but, more importantly, there's a sense of comfort, or discomfort, that projects from the walls themselves. We instinctively know when we're comfortable, or disturbed, by a space. It's a snap impression, not much dif-

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugoza
Staff Writer

ferent from trying on an article of clothing and knowing instantly whether or not it feels right.

Four walls and a roof constitute a building only by dictionary definition. Public architecture has been reduced, throughout the years, to exactly that — an essentially boxlike form with a lid. The craft and meaning of quality public architecture has dissipated, like many things in this country. According to the standards and dimensions of the 1990s, if you have a walk-in closet, you're not too far removed from opening a movie theater.

The more individual the space we live and work in, the more significance our actions take. Mail a credit card bill from the main post office in Manhattan, take a train to Albany from Grand Central Station. An ordinary act takes on a more refined feeling in such an atmosphere. It gives us more faith in our actions, more faith in the people performing the services, leaving a better impression of ourselves, others and our mutual activities. It does exactly what great public architecture was meant to do.

Thankfully, a few such structures are still in existence, reminding us of what it was like before convenience overtook the humanistic environment, before banks lived shoulder-to-shoulder with milk and cheese. If you're lucky enough to have a grand public building in your community, support its preservation. It's your past, it's your present, but if you don't watch out, it may not be your future.

And for certain you'll never get another.

Newcomers Club announces events

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

• Wednesday Ladies Night Out — Mountaineer 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 Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

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

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

The Mountaineer 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 Mountaineer 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 Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

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SAGE receives local support

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, the James Jarvis Commonwealth Service and the Summit Area Public Foundation are joining to aid the expansion of SAGE's Spend-A-Day adult day service into an adult day health program, scheduled to begin in the fall.

With significant support from these organizations and from other committed donors, SAGE Spend-A-Day expects to offer health services — such as health monitoring by a registered nurse, occupational, physical and speech therapies, dietary monitoring and access to laboratory services — in addition to the Spend-A-Day recreational program, which has been operating since 1975.

Medical support will be offered to better meet the needs of the program's frailier clients. According to the Spend-A-Day director, Tish Isack, currently one out of every three Spend-A-Day clients has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or an age-related dementia.

Over the course of the year, SAGE Spend-A-Day serves 199 clients who participate in the program from one to five days a week. After the state Department of Health's approval, SAGE plans a grand reopening in September of its Spend-A-Day center on Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights to celebrate its expanded services.

"We're grateful for the steadfast support of these organizations and of the generous donors who are committed to helping SAGE offer older adults in the community the best support and services we possibly can," said Isack.

"We truly believe our adult day health program will strengthen the care our clients need to maintain their independence and quality of life at home, where they are most comfortable," she said.

SAGE is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as a community resource for elderscare, with service that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older citizens and their families. SAGE offers 10 programs, including an adult day service and Meals-on-Wheels and serves nearly 5,200 elders and their families annually in Union, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties.

"For more information about Spend-A-Day or other SAGE services, call 273-5550."

Golf outing benefits Child Care Center

The first golf outing for Summit Child Care Centers Inc. will be Oct. 18 at the Morris County Golf Club, Morristown and will be chaired by Summit resident Tom McDonough.

The all-day event will consist of 100 golfers and will feature a number of contests for special prizes.

Sponsorships are available in a number of categories. The registration fee for an individual player is \$350. Non-golfers may attend the dinner and silent auction for \$75 per person.

The golf event begins with registration and lunch from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at noon. The cocktail hour and dinner will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Summit Child Care Centers provides child care and early childhood education programs for families of diverse financial and cultural backgrounds. At all times, Summit Child Care serves at least 79 children from very low income families, its mission since 1954.

Proceeds from the event will cover the costs for families who cannot afford the cost of quality educational care for their children.

For information about sponsorships, registration and fees, call SCCC Development Director Joanne Douds at 273-7017.

Summit Red Cross needs old towels

The Summit Area Red Cross can use old towels — bath towels and beach towels to make bibs and other useful items for the veterans at Lyons Veterans Hospital. Towels must be clean and can be frayed at the edges, but without holes. Little towels and wash clothes cannot be used. Any color is acceptable.

Residents can leave used towels at the Red Cross Chapter House, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit. Drive in to the rear of the building and enter through the back door, dropping them off on the kitchen table. Donators should feel free to introduce themselves to one of the volunteers.

The bibs and other necessities such as slippers, toilet kits, etc. are made by Red Cross production, sewing, workers in the building and are delivered to Lyons by the Transportation Department to waiting recipients.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone.

Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LIFESTYLE



Jennifer Weidman and Robert Bigelow

Weidman, Bigelow wed

Jennifer Weidman of Springfield and Robert Bigelow were married May 30 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Weidman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Weidman of Springfield, graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School and attended the State University of New York at New Paltz and Union County College. She is employed by County Educators Federal Credit Union in Roselle Park.

Bigelow is a graduate of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. He attended Paul Smith's College and Union County College. He works for the U.S. Postal Service as a postal carrier in Springfield.

The maid of honor was Megan Morey. Bridesmaids included Laura Schmidt, Sara Morey and Kelly Vander Mey. Flower girls were Emily Evans and Emily Vander Mey.

The best man was Gene Vitto. Ushers included William Weidman, brother of the bride, and Mike McAnany.

A reception followed the ceremony at L'Affaire in Mountaineer. The couple will reside in Roselle Park.

STUDENT UPDATE

Rousseau graduates

Scott Rousseau of Summit was awarded a bachelor's degree during Trinity College's recent Commencement.

He received a degree in English.

Former borough students receive their degrees

Mountaineer residents Heather Helene Garizzo and Jamie Andrew Kuperman received their bachelor of science degrees from Montclair State University.

Garizzo concentrated in applied mathematics and Kuperman focused on marketing.

Student studies abroad

Jodi Mastellone of Mountaineer, a junior at Gettysburg College, is spending the fall 1999 semester studying in Florence, Italy through a Syracuse University program.

Mastellone, daughter of Edward Mastellone and the late Jean Mastellone, is a 1997 graduate of Morris-town Beard School.

To qualify for off-campus studies, a student must achieve sophomore status and be in good social and academic standing.

Study abroad programs are offered by Gettysburg College to supplement and enhance regular on-campus courses.

City's Oak Knoll School names honors students

Several area residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for the third trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Students achieving honors receive no grade lower than an A. Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than B.

Mountaineer resident Nicole Kress, 11th-grade, achieved first honors while eighth-grader Stephanie DeVos made the honor roll.

Springfield's Christina Caram, 10th-grade, and Christina Ting, 12th-grade, made first honors. Adriana Brody, seventh-grade, was named to the honor roll.

Summit residents Alison Pasciocco, seventh-grade; Lindsay Belfatto, eighth-grade; Jennifer McCallum, eighth-grade; Natalie Pregibon, eighth-grade and Andrea Gibbons, ninth-grade achieved first honors.

On the honor roll are Sarah Munn, seventh-grade; Jessica Roy, seventh-grade; Katherine Giaccio, eighth-grade; Ann Curran, ninth-grade; Meghan Rafferty, ninth-grade; Leigh Stonaker, 10th-grade; Janine Bunnaro, 11th-grade; Erin Peeri, 11th-grade; Courtney Boora, 12th-grade and Emily-Sheridan, 12th grade.

Love makes the list

Brooke Love of Mountaineer has been awarded dean's list recognition for the Spring 1999 semester at American University in Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Dr. George Love of Mountaineer.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 with 15 credit hours.

Resident elected director of International Lions

Stanley Grossman of Springfield was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 82nd International Convention in San Diego, Calif., which was June 28 through July 2.

As a member of the Lions Clubs International Board in Chicago, Ill., Grossman will help govern the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in 183 countries and geographical areas. Worldwide, Lions aids the blind and visually impaired, sponsors the world's largest drug abuse prevention curriculum and supports diabetes education and research.

Grossman will help oversee the Lions' SightFirst program, a \$140-million-plus effort to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness. This unprecedented initiative joins leading blindness prevention experts, blindness organizations and Lion volunteers in an effort to



Stan Grossman

establish long-term solutions in eye health care infrastructure, training of eye care professionals, treatment and public education.

A member of the Springfield Lions Club since 1967 with 31 years perfect

attendance, Grossman has held many offices within the association. These include club president, zone chairman, deputy district governor, district governor and council chairman.

In addition, he serves as secretary of the Lions Eye Research Foundation and as treasurer of the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey. He also has served as campaign SightFirst group coordinator, multiple district Peace Poster Contest chairman and district and multiple district white cane chairman.

In recognition of his service to the association, Grossman has received numerous awards, including the 100 percent Club President Award, the 100 percent District Governor Award, the Harold P. Nutter Distinguished Service Award, the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and an International President's Award. He also is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Grossman is active in numerous professional and community organiza-

tions. He is a trustee of the board of directors of Senior Citizen Housing of Springfield and a member of Phi Delta Kappa. He is past president of the New Jersey Industrial Arts Education Association and also past president of the New Jersey Vocational and Arts Education Association.

Grossman is a retired educator. He and his wife, Ruth, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and five grandchildren.

Borough Foothills seek new members

Twenty-four members of the Mountaineer Foothill Club attended the annual pool party at the home of Mary Ann Anderson in Springfield. A buffet lunch was served.

The Foothill Club was organized in 1963 and contributes to various causes in the community. The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at B.G. Fields. Anyone interested in joining can contact Ruth Goense, president, at (908) 233-5253.

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Two passengers injured in Route 78 rollover

The Springfield Fire Department responded to eastbound Route 78 Friday for a vehicle rollover involving two passengers. Springfield worked with the Summit Fire Department to stabilize the vehicle. One victim had already been removed by the time the Springfield crew arrived; the second passenger was extricated by cutting off the roof of the vehicle, which had been crushed in the accident.

FIRE BLOTTER

A Northstar State Police helicopter landed in the eastbound lanes to receive both victims and transport them to University Hospital in Newark.

• Calls for two activated alarms, both at Walton School, were answered at 7:10 p.m. and again at 7:56 p.m. Saturday.

• Two small brush fires were called in 17 minutes apart Friday. One activated fire alarm at a South Springfield Avenue business, a residential lock-out and three medical service calls also were answered. A call for a motor vehicle accident on eastbound Route 78 was handled by the department at 3:54 p.m.

• Two medical service calls were answered July 29.

• Small brush fires at Duffy's Corner and Independence Way were extinguished July 28. Some unattended cooking resulted in a few burnt eggs and considerable smoke at a

Winfield Way residence at 11:21 a.m. There was minor smoke damage, but no injuries. A call for a defective circuit breaker was answered at 1:40 p.m.

One lock-out and three medical service calls rounded out the day.

• The department responded to westbound Route 78 for a motor vehicle accident at 9:35 a.m. and again to nearly the same spot for an accident at 5:57 p.m. Both incidents occurred July 27. A call for a water flow alarm at a Fadem Road business was placed at 6:32 a.m. A brush fire at Morris Avenue and Alvin Terrace was extinguished at 7:48 a.m. A call for an odor of smoke in a South Maple Avenue basement turned up nothing.

Four medical service calls were recorded.

• A brush fire at Mountain and Hillside avenues was extinguished at 7:08 p.m. July 26. According to Fire Department records, the regulator on a gas grill at a Donna Road residence would not shut off, causing the department to shut off the gas line at 7:07 p.m. A strong odor at a Mapes Avenue residence at 10:19 p.m. turned out to be a skunk. An attic fan had pulled the odor into the house.

One activated fire alarm and three medical service calls also were placed.

• The department responded to a call for an activated fire alarm at a Morris Avenue business July 25.

Ready for takeoff



Dearfield students Jackie Munoz, second from right, and Natalie Condillo, right, get close and personal with Continental Airline pilots during a recent class trip to Newark Airport. The annual program for the kindergarten class is run by Skip Kutsop of Mountainside, whose wife, Cindy, left, is a former stewardess.

Township police investigate multiple bike thefts

There were several bike robberies in Springfield within the last week.

On July 28, the garage at a residence on Bernadette Court was reportedly broken into and a red Rawley 20-speed mountain bike and a silver commuteruffy bike were stolen. On the same day, a silver bike belonging to a Newark resident was reportedly taken from the back of a Morris Avenue business.

POLICE BLOTTER

• A gym bag was reportedly taken July 28 from a locker in the women's locker room at Bally's on Route 22. The bag contained a car key, a credit card, clothing and a New Jersey driver's license.

On Morris Avenue July 28. The driver's side window and the ignition were broken.

• On July 23, Marco A. Medina, 34, of Springfield was arrested on South Springfield Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Mountainside

• On July 26, Daryl J. Snyder, 46, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated on westbound Route 22 and Central Avenue.

• Colin Oke, 39, of Irvington was

arrested July 26 on the request of the Irvington Police Department.

• Ruslan A. Khalitov, 24, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested July 25 and charged with failure to follow a marked turning course and driving with a suspended license.

• The Mountainside Police Department arrested Renita Thomas, 31, of Newark July 21 for several alleged charges. Thomas was charged with identity theft, fraud, forgery, uttering, receiving stolen property and obstructing justice. She is being held on \$10,000 bail.

• On July 21 Dwight Lucas Jr., 41, of Irvington was arrested by the state

police on an outstanding warrant.

• There was a reported burglary July 19 from Manor Care on westbound Route 22. About \$1,350 in computer equipment was allegedly stolen, including a Dell OptiPlex G1 CPU computer, a keyboard, a mouse and a modem. The computer equipment was in the office of an employee who had recently been terminated.

According to police, the equipment was in the office before the terminated employee went to collect her personal belongings and was not there when she left. The terminated employee is also a suspect for a reportedly stolen VCR from Manor Care.

Trailside teaches puppets

Puppets can be made of common items found in any home. Bring your children to "Fun on a String" at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Aug. 18 at 1:30 p.m. to learn more about a great summer activity from Penny Raplicano, an experienced puppeteer.

Upholding a 40-year family tradition, Raplicano entertains children of all ages with her unique puppet and marionette shows. She begins her Trailside performance by demonstrating to the audience how simple it is to make interesting puppets out of everyday household objects.

Raplicano encourages the children to be creative and to experiment with various materials and shapes. She explains the difference between puppets and marionettes, demonstrating how to use hand-puppets and hand-and-rod-puppets. Marionettes are showcased as they dance to different musical selections.

"Penny Raplicano has 15 years of experience organizing and coordinating recreational activities for young and old alike," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Nicholas Scitani. "She is the 1999 recipient of the E.L. Warfield Puppety Scholarship and has performed throughout the New York metropolitan area at fairs, schools and nursing homes, as well as First Night in Montclair. We are pleased she will bring her expertise and entertaining presentation to our Trailside Nature and Science Center."

Raplicano is a certified activities director and a member of the Puppeteers of America. Throughout the show, the audience is encouraged to participate and Raplicano takes the marionettes right into the audience for some interactive play with the children.

"Fun on a String" is for children ages 4 and up and their families. Tickets are sold on the day of the performance for \$4 per person.

The Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For more information about this or other Trailside programs, call (908) 789-3670.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Trailside Nature Center offers summer programs

Trailside Nature and Science Center's location in Mountainside in the Watchung Reservation provides an outdoor classroom for learning about the natural world.

This summer, Trailside is offering a wide variety of week-long workshops for children entering the third-through sixth grades.

• "Trailside Treks," a series of challenging excursions to historical sites in the Watchung Reservation. Hike to the headwaters of Spruce Lake, explore the ruins of the Drake Farm and search for evidence of the old Pearsall Castle. Finally, participants will visit the Deserved Village of Pettville/Oneside Park, a factory town dating from 1845. This program is offered during the week Aug. 2 to Aug. 6.

• "Earth Artists" is a program 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 brought 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 can 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 Mountainside and is a facility of Union County.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 177 of Mountainside clean and landscape the dividing island on the corner of Route 22 and New Providence Road. Left, three troop members plant flowers on the tip of the island. At right, the entire troop is joined by members of the Mountainside Police and Fire departments. Police officers helped direct traffic during the planting and members of the Fire Department volunteered use of their fire hose for the first official watering. This activity was part of the Fleet All-Stars community service program, sponsored by Fleet Bank.



WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shepik Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr., Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through 12th grade. Adult Worship Service and Nursery care - 9:30-10:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 8:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise & Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active - Youth - Ministry - Wide-Range - Music Program. Senior Super Sunday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Choir 10 provided with assistance. All are invited and welcome to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4531.

JEWISH CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH ARIEL 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-9539. Mark Malachuk, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Paul M. Poyser, President. Beth Arie is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services: Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM Sun-Thurs: 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat Services. Sunday: 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday Programs 9:00 AM. Family and children services are provided on Shabbat. Bar/Bat Mitzvah (third-seventh grade) meet on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and post-high school age children. This synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth grade, and an Adult Education program. A Senior's League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHAR'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 778-0133. Rabbi Gabor G. Rabbin, Cantor, Dennis, Cantor/Education Director, Nina Grossman, Pre-School Director, Bruce Pittman, President. Temple Sh'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC).

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4225, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yost, 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, 9:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

222 Cornwellville Rd., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krizek, Pastor, (908) 233-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery are available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 pm. 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 at their spiritual journey. Sunday School: Sunday morning worship services are 9:30 AM. For information, we welcome you to the United Methodist Church in July and in the Presbyterian Church in August. Call/come and

Christian education opportunities available. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. Vacation Bible School is 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon from August 24, 1999. Please call 908-345-6244 to register. If you have any questions, interest in opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Mastay at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT

is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kram Place, Revereley and DeForest Avenue. Sunday morning worship is at 10:00 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good word" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." The sermons are uplifting, biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good word." Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908-271-1700.

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RELIGION

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Sisterhood sponsors sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale at 78 South Springfield Ave. in the temple's social hall Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sisterhood co-presidents Maria Sklar and Rosanne Stolz announced that this year's Rummage Sale will be the largest ever. Items for sale include house wares, clothing, furniture and toys. Additionally, Aug. 16 will be "Brown Bag Day." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for \$3. The public is invited to attend. For more information call the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

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COUNTY NEWS

Rutgers Coop Extension accepts applications.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County is accepting applications for its 1999-2000 Master Gardener program.

The program gives people with an interest in horticulture an opportunity to become more educated in a variety of horticultural topics and share their expertise with county residents through volunteer programs sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

The program is open to all Union County residents without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.

Master Gardeners complete a course that involves attending weekly horticulture and entomology lectures taught by Extension faculty and staff from Rutgers University. They also are trained to answer telephone inquiries, diagnose plant problems and identify insect pests.

The students, as a team, complete a landscaping project for a Union County park; an integrated pest management assignment for their home; and a garden hotline training workbook.

Lectures will be Fridays from 10 a.m. until noon at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Auditorium, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield. Classes will begin Sept. 24 and run through May 2000. Applications for the Master Gardener Program can be obtained by calling Rutgers Cooperative Extension at (908) 654-9854.

Forty applicants will be accepted into the program. Applications must be returned by Aug. 15. Upon acceptance to the program, a \$155 tuition fee is due. Tuition covers the cost of a textbook, notebook and other class materials.

Students in the Master Gardener Program are committed to 100 hours of volunteer service to Rutgers Cooperative Extension within a three-year period.

Master Gardeners provide county residents with information on gardening and maintaining their property through a Speakers' Bureau, a Garden Hotline service at (908) 654-9852 and garden fairs. The volunteers also provide horticultural therapy programs for disabled adults and youth.

Computer terminals are available for job searches

Job seekers can look for work online, thanks to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey Department of Labor. A computer terminal, with a high-speed connection to a statewide listing of available jobs from public and private employers has been installed in the third floor foyer of the Union County Administration Building.

The work station is part of a statewide system of terminals developed through the Workforce-New Jersey Public Information Network. It allows job seekers to look for employment, develop a resume and post it online for interested employers.

The workstation is designed to assist four types of customers: job seekers, students hoping to make career decisions; counselors who help people get jobs and employers looking for qualified help.

Throughout Union County there will be 59 such workstations, 10 of which will be in county buildings, such as campuses of Union County College, the Union County Vocational-Technical School and the annex building on North Avenue in Westfield.

The work station also provides access to information about mass transportation, business trends in New Jersey and specialized services for job counselors.

In addition, it provides a direct link to the New Jersey Department of Personnel and hundreds of positions available in state, county and local government. This part of the site is frequently updated.

Road Race fund raiser scheduled for Aug. 21

Mark your calendars and step up your work out schedule, because Contact We Care's 5K Road Race fund raiser is set for Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. at LaGrande Park in Fanwood. This year the fun increases with the addition of a new youth race for children 2 through 12 years of age. Runners of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Complete with a USATF-certified course, countless individual and team awards, t-shirts, food, drink and entertainment, CW/C's 5K Road Race attracts runners and supporters from far and wide.

"We had more than 400 participants for last year's race," said Neil Schembro of Scotch Plains, chairman of the event. "This year, with our new youth race, we are aiming to break the 500 mark."

Contact We Care is the 24-hour telephone hotline and crisis intervention service located in Union County. Since 1975, Contact telephone volunteers have handled more than 1,000 calls a month from individuals who are lonely, depressed or in crisis. Calls are made by dealing with daily stress or trauma such as suicide or a loved one's death.

For information on Contact's annual 5K Road Race, call (908) 889-4140.

Exercise is available for stroke patients

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, through the Division of Parks and Recreation, has announced the availability of an exercise program for people who have had strokes.

Classes are conducted by a physical therapist aide and a recreation therapist. This non-stressful program addresses general fitness and focuses on balance, posture, overall health and exercise which can be performed in the participant's home. People can get a workout while having fun and making new friends. This activity is accessible to those in wheelchairs and contains activities that can be adapted to everyone.

Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday through Nov. 9 from noon until 1 p.m. in the auditorium at Runnells Specialized Hospital, 40 Watching Way, Berkeley Heights.

There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$15 per person. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 327-4900.

Contact We Care in need of volunteers

Contact We Care Inc., the 24-hour telephone helpline and crisis intervention service, urgently needs volunteers to staff its phone lines. The Union County-based non-profit agency will hold its next volunteer training class beginning Sept. 22 at the First Baptist Church in Westfield. The weekly class will be from 7 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 8.

Contact volunteers offer the gift of

listening to callers who want to find answers, relieve their pain and stress and get help. Contact callers are lonely, depressed or in crisis. They are dealing with trauma such as unemployment, suicide, alcoholism or a loved one's death. They need to know someone cares.

Just like our callers, Contact We Care volunteers come from all walks of life. After attending the 50-hour training course, Contact volunteers are able to actively listen and deal with a broad range of human needs. Volunteers must approach their work in an open and non-judgmental way.

Volunteers are needed for Rape Crisis Center

The Union County Rape Crisis Center, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield is looking for potential volunteers to assist sexual assault survivors, their families and significant others.

Freelholder Chairman Nicholas Scutari joined Freelholder Mary Ruotolo in asking that prospective volunteers keep in mind, that although the classes do not begin until Sept. 28, time is needed to be interviewed and to schedule training sessions.

Volunteer trainees will receive approximately 40 hours of training addressing the different types of sexual assault and traumatic reactions of survivors and family members. The legal and medical aspects of sexual assault also will be covered.

Volunteer training classes will be from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 28 and Sept. 30, as well as Oct. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 and Nov. 4, 9, 16 and 18.

The Rape Crisis Center, a program under the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning, provides free and confidential services for sur-

vivors of sexual assault, their friends and family members in Union County.

The services include: individual and group therapy; a 24-hour crisis hotline; a speakers' bureau; in-service training for hospital personnel, law enforcement, mental health professionals and educators and consultations with professionals who work with survivors. The center also provides information and referral services to professionals and the general public.

Volunteers may serve on the hotline providing emotional support over the telephone accompany a victim to a hospital or through the court process or work on the Speakers' Bureau to provide educational programs on sexual assault topics to schools, groups and organizations. Volunteers also may distribute information to the community.

"Volunteers are an essential part of the Rape Crisis Center," Ruotolo said. "Many people find it difficult to speak about this to loved ones because they are uncomfortable with the topic. Often, the center is seen as a safe place to call and receive help."

"Each volunteer offers this service on the hotline," Scutari said. "A volunteer is there for someone who needs help during what may be the most trying time of their lives. I am very pleased at the remarkable quality of the volunteers who are with us now. I hope that more caring individuals will want to become part of this very special group."

To become a volunteer at the Rape Crisis Center, to schedule an interview or for information on volunteer work or the services of the center, call (908) 232-7273 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Court seeks volunteers

The Superior Court Family Division in Union County, Family Court,

is in need of volunteers for four of its volunteer programs.

The Juvenile Conference Committee has openings for volunteers in most municipalities throughout Union County. The Juvenile Conference Committee is a citizen panel of six to nine members, appointed by the Family Division presiding judge, that acts as an arm of the court.

In a confidential manner, the JCC hears and decides such matters involving alleged juvenile offenders. The committee considers the facts presented by the juvenile, the parents and/or guardians and the complainant, and then makes a recommendation to the judge for a resolution.

Membership includes police officers, attorneys who handle juvenile delinquency cases, judicial employees and municipal court judges and their spouses. Membership also precludes those who hold or seek any elected or appointed public office.

The Family Court also is seeking volunteers for the Supervised Visitation Program. This program allows a parent who has been prohibited from seeing his or her child the opportunity to visit with their child in a neutral setting. It provides the child the opportunity to establish a normal, healthy relationship with the non-custodial parent. Visits are held at a neutral site such as a YMCA for one hour or more per week.

The Domestic Violence Advocate

Program is another area where volunteers are needed. This program is designed to assist domestic violence victims through the Superior Court process of obtaining restraining orders. The volunteer advocates in the program will assist in filling out forms, support victims during the time they spend in Family Court, follow through with victims and refer victims to various agencies and protective services. They also assist the domestic violence unit with various other tasks as needed.

The Superior Court is searching for caring people who are willing to help out in the Volunteer Reception Unit. These volunteers are placed in various locations throughout the courthouse complex in Elizabeth in an effort to make the complex friendlier and less confusing.

Volunteers will be responsible for supplying general information and directing people to various offices and court rooms. Volunteers can give one morning or afternoon per week at a time of mutual convenience.

There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the Superior Court in Union County. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Nancy Spano Yarek at the Union County Courthouse Annex, fifth floor, Elizabeth, 07207 or contact Yarek at (908) 659-3360 or by e-mailing her at FCOURTVOL@aol.com.

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Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

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Favorite places



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Justin Grant, 6, draws a picture of his favorite place in Springfield for the 'Li Miss and Mr. Personality Pageant' at the municipal pool. He depicted the baby pool for the competition.

YMCA presents yoga workshop

The Summit YMCA will present a Sivananda yoga workshop Aug. 22 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the YMCA located at 67 Maple St. Under the direction of yoga teacher Frank Curcullio, participants will spend the first two hours of the class focusing on a sequence of asanas formulated by Swami Vishnu-devananda and the last half-hour focusing on the teachings and lives of Swami Sivananda and Swami Vishnu-devananda. The class also will review the complex philosophies and teachings of Yoga and the five principles to developing physical and mental health, as well as spiritual growth. The five points or principles include: proper exercise, Asanas; proper breathing, Pranayama; proper relaxation, Savasana; proper diet, vegetarian, and positive thinking, Vandana and meditation, Dhyanas. Each is suited to a different temperament or approach to life. The lessons of each of them need to be integrated if true wisdom is to be attained. The workshop is open to YMVA members for \$15 and non-members for \$20. Call the Summit YMCA at 273-3350 to register before Aug. 21. For information on this system or yoga, go to www.sivananda.org.

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 Saturday 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 382 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.

Auditions held at the Playhouse. Auditions for the comedy, 'Arsenic and Old Lace' will be held at The Playhouse, 10 New England Ave., Summit Aug. 28 and 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. The production will run Nov. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20. This cast includes three women, two to portray 65 or older and one in her 20's, and 11 men, 10 between 30 and 50, one 25 to 35. For more information, call The Playhouse at 273-2192. Sell it with a classified ad, 1-800-564-8911.

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STORK CLUB Jenna Paige Berliner

Jenna Paige Berliner was born July 21 at St. Barnabas Medical Center to Susan and Michael Berliner of Livingston. Michael Berliner is formerly of Springfield. Susan Berliner is the former Susan Halper of Armonk, N.Y. Jenna joins a sister, Alexa Ivy. Paternal grandparents are Renee and Paul Berliner of Springfield. The maternal grandparents are Ann Halper and the late Irwin Halper. Kaitlyn Nicole Mahon

City gardeners can adopt a local mini-park

The Summit Area Development Corporation is seeking residents who are willing to adopt a city-owned mini-park and care for it. The city owns many small pieces of property throughout Summit, ranging in size from small triangles to such expanses as the Village Green. While the city is able to care for most of these larger plots of land, there is not sufficient time, personnel nor funds to take care of many of the smaller properties. Most recently, youngsters in the vicinity of Laurel Avenue and Tulip Street adopted a piece of city-owned land. After raising funds for the upkeep of the property, the youngsters turned to the SADC for additional funds to make the small plot a showpiece. Today, that triangle of land contains new plantings, a bench and a source of pride to the neighborhood and the children involved in the renovation. SADC supplied funds to help with the renovation. The city provided the expertise about plantings and maintenance.

Farm fresh



Photo By Jeff Grant

Summit resident Jean Coyle purchases stringbeans at the city's Farmer's Market. The market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday at the corners of Beechwood Road and DeForest Avenue.

Summit Mayor Long to appear on Comcast Newsmakers' show

Summit Mayor Walter Long will appear on Comcast Newsmakers from Wednesday to Aug. 18. Long's interview with Newsmakers host Candace Kelley is part of the local Comcast Newsmakers, seen in area Comcast cable homes at 55 minutes past the hour on Headline News. Long discusses how the Summit High School expansion program is necessary because of the forecasted increase in population and need for facility modernization. "Like most communities, we have had a baby boom happen," Long told Kelley. "Through the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education, we realized that our high school was too small and somewhat antiquated in its facilities. The facility accommodates 750 students. By the year 2005, it will have to accommodate 1,200 students." Long will appear on Comcast Newsmakers at 1:55 a.m., 7:55 a.m., 1:55 p.m. and 7:55 p.m. Comcast Newsmakers is produced by CN8. The Comcast Network, allows local and regional elected officials, event planners, concerned citizens and celebrities the opportunity to address the community with a five-minute interview on Headline News.

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On Blackburn Place, two neighbors have assumed the responsibility for keeping a city-owned piece of land a credit to the neighborhood. Here, too, the city helped by providing top soil. The neighbors provide the water and the plantings for the mini-park. Almost every residential neighborhood in Summit has a plot of city land which may be adopted by neighbors for upkeep and maintenance. SADC will help with funds for plantings, and the city will provide information about plantings and about the need to avoid blocking the view of pedestrians and automobile drivers. Anyone interested in adopting a neighborhood mini-park can contact Hannah Rauscher, chairman of SADC, at 522-1700.

Library presents 'City Without Walls'

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library presents "City Without Walls," the 17th annual metro show from now until Aug. 27. This year's metro show was selected from 508 entries in a wide range of styles, subjects and media; as is typical of this annual art exhibition. The three jurors chose 73 works, 14 percent, which is one of the largest metro shows to date. All works receiving one or more votes by the jurors were included, and the awards were decided by consensus of all three. The "City Without Walls," an artist advocacy organization, is on a year-long tour throughout the region, taking the exhibit to venues not only of museums and libraries, but also to spaces that bring this challenging work into the everyday lives of people who may have few opportunities to visit art exhibitions or may not yet have developed an inclination to do

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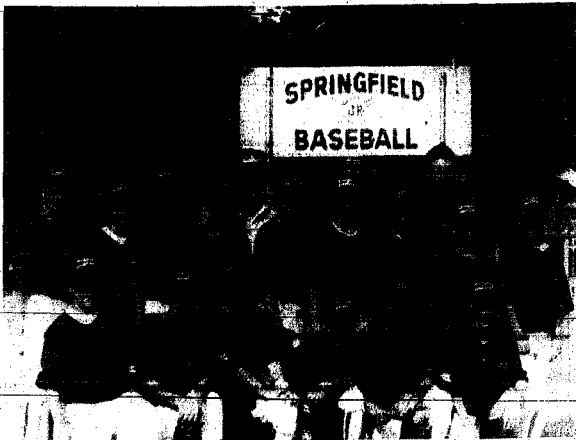
The following are Springfield team results of North Jersey Summer Swim League meets against Westfield and Berkeley Heights:

Westfield 310, Springfield 132

12-U girls individual medley: C. Maul, third.
 12-U boys IM: M. Bocian, third.
 13-18 girls IM: B. Maul, third.
 8-U girls freestyle: A. Grywalski, first.
 9-10 girls freestyle: A. Demberger, first.
 9-10 boys freestyle: C. Santana, first. J. Giaino, second.
 11-12 girls freestyle: J. Galanie, second.
 11-12 boys freestyle: L. Puopolo, third.
 13-14 girls freestyle: C. Galanie, first.
 13-14 boys freestyle: P. Heame, third.
 15-17 girls freestyle: K. Bocian, second. B. Maul, third.
 15-17 boys freestyle: M. Hallanden, second.
 8-U girls backstroke: A. Grywalski, first.
 9-10 girls backstroke: A. Rodrigues, first.
 9-10 boys backstroke: J. Pallito, first.
 11-12 boys backstroke: S. Stockl, second.
 13-14 girls backstroke: J. Janowski, third.
 13-14 boys backstroke: P. Heame, third.
 15-17 girls backstroke: K. Bocian, first.
 15-17 boys backstroke: M. Hallanden, third.
 8-U girls breaststroke: T. Zilinek, second.
 9-10 girls breaststroke: A. Rodrigues, second. A. Corcinos, third.
 9-10 boys breaststroke: C. Santana, first.
 11-12 boys breaststroke: L. Puopolo, first. J. Cottage, third.
 13-14 girls breaststroke: C. Galanie, first.
 13-14 boys breaststroke: A. Elekes, third.
 15-17 girls breaststroke: B. Maul, second. K. Bocian, third.
 8-U girls butterfly: A. Grywalski, first.
 9-10 girls butterfly: A. Demberger, first.
 9-10 boys butterfly: J. Pallito, first.
 11-12 girls butterfly: J. Galanie, second. C. Grywalski, third.
 11-12 boys butterfly: S. Stockl, third.
 13-14 girls butterfly: C. Galanie, first.
 15-17 girls butterfly: M. Hallanden, third.
 12-U boys medley relay: S. Stockl, L. Puopolo, J. Pallito, C. Santaur, first.
 12-U girls freestyle relay: A. Rodrigues, J. Galanie, A. Dembersen, C. Grywalski, second.
 Berkeley Heights 236, Springfield 200

12-U girls IM: C. Maul, third.
 12-U boys IM: L. Puopolo, first.
 13-18 girls IM: B. Maul, second.

13-18 boys IM: M. Rehers, first. B. Hillman, third.
 8-U girls freestyle: A. Grywalski, first.
 9-10 girls freestyle: A. Demberger, second.
 9-10 boys freestyle: C. Santana, second. J. Giaino, third.
 11-12 girls freestyle: J. Galanie, first.
 11-12 boys freestyle: M. Bocian, third.
 13-14 girls freestyle: C. Galanie, second.
 13-14 boys freestyle: P. Heame, second. A. Elekes, third.
 15-17 girls freestyle: K. Bocian, first. D. Galanie, third.
 15-17 boys freestyle: R. Farrell, first. M. Hollander, second.
 8-U girls backstroke: K. Baldwin, second.
 9-10 girls backstroke: A. Rodrigues, second.
 9-10 boys backstroke: J. Pallito, second.
 11-12 girls backstroke: C. Grywalski, first.
 12-12 boys backstroke: S. Stockl, first.
 13-14 girls backstroke: C. Galanie, third.
 13-14 boys backstroke: P. Heame, second. J. Cottage, third.
 15-17 girls backstroke: K. Bocian, first.
 15-17 boys backstroke: R. Farrell, first. B. Demberger, second.
 8-U girls breaststroke: A. Grywalski, first. T. Zilinek, second.
 9-10 girls breaststroke: A. Rodrigues, second.
 9-10 boys breaststroke: C. Santana, second.
 11-12 girls breaststroke: C. Maul, first. M. Green, third.
 11-12 boys breaststroke: L. Puopolo, first. J. Cottage, third.
 13-14 boys breaststroke: A. Elekes, third.
 15-17 girls breaststroke: K. Bocian, first. B. Maul, second.
 15-17 boys breaststroke: M. Rehers, first. D. DeCaser, third.
 8-U girls butterfly: A. Grywalski, first.
 9-10 girls butterfly: A. Demberger, third.
 9-10 boys butterfly: J. Pallito, second.
 11-12 girls butterfly: J. Galanie, second. C. Grywalski, third.
 11-12 boys butterfly: S. Stockl, second.
 13-14 girls butterfly: C. Galanie, second.
 13-14 boys butterfly: B. Hillman, first.
 15-17 girls butterfly: B. Maul, first.
 15-17 boys butterfly: M. Rehers, first. R. Farrell, second.
 12-U girls freestyle relay: A. Demberger, A. Rodrigues, C. Grywalski, J. Galanie, first (1:06.26 - pool record).
 12-U boys freestyle relay: S. Stockl, L. Puopolo, J. Pallito, C. Santana, first (1:05.53 - pool record).



The Springfield Minutemen ages 11-12 baseball team finished the regular season with an impressive 12-4 record and captured the division championship. Kneeling, from left, is Steven Tettamanti, Lee Silverman, Sara Steinman, Mike Tisa, David Taulio and Cory Berger. Standing, from left, are Jeremy Marx, Kenneth Suarez, Mike Mohr, Gregg Stefanelli, Mike Mannarino, Mike Kronert, Matt Parman, Pat Circelli and Brandon Stern-Charles. Coaches, from left, are manager Fred Silverman and John Kronert. Not pictured is coach Scott Steinman.



The Springfield Minutemen ages 9-10 baseball team had a winning record of 8-5 heading into the playoffs. Kneeling, from left, are Chris Kurzman, Ben Zweiman, Ryan O'Reilly, A.J. Tettamanti, Doug Singer and Ted Hopkins. Standing, from left, are Evan Ring, David Steinman, Stephen Suarez, Ryan Sabinsky, Brandon Gincal and Eric Dworkin. Coaches, from left are Scott Steinman and manager John O'Reilly.

Minutemen baseball teams have outstanding seasons

The 11-12 year-old Springfield Minutemen baseball team turned in a standout campaign this summer and the 9-10 year-old unit fared equally well.

The older squad finished league play with an impressive 12-4 mark and earned the division championship. Trophies from the Suburban League will be presented to members of the 11-12 year-old team later this month by manager Fred Silverman and coaches John Kronert and Scott Silverman.

The 11-12 year-olds also earned the second seed for the playoffs and com-

menced play against Roseland on July 26 on a day that saw the teams lock horns in a pitcher's duel.

Roseland scored one run in the top of the first and that was the last run that would cross plate for the next 2 1/2 innings.

Roseland scored twice in the fourth to take a 3-0 lead, but Springfield answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth as Sara Steinman reached base on a bunt, Mike Tisa drew a walk, Lee Silverman singled in Steinman and Steve Tettamanti hit a sacrifice fly to score Tisa.

Roseland, however, added another

run in the top of the sixth to bring the final tally to 5-2. Springfield certainly had no reason to hang their heads after losing to Roseland, though.

Roseland, which—breezed—past Scotch Plains in the next round, advanced all the way to the finals before being ousted by league champion West-Orange.

The 9-10 year-olds also had a standout season, going 8-5 despite the fact that there were only three veteran players on the roster. The team garnered the fifth seed for the playoffs, which were played July 27 in Florham Park.

Like their older counterparts, the 9-10 year-old team found itself smack dab in the middle of a pitcher's duel against Florham Park as the teams were scoreless through four innings of play.

David Steinman turned in a double play in the third inning for Springfield, which jumped on the scoreboard first two innings later as Stephen Suarez singled, Steinman and Ryan Sabinsky reached base and Ted Hopkins belted a two-run single to bring in two runs.

Not to be denied, Florham Park answered with four runs of its own in the bottom of the inning and that proved to be the difference as Florham Park edged Springfield 4-2.

Manager John O'Reilly and coach Scott Steinman are both very proud of what their team was able to accomplish this season and they are already discussing the pony level team for next year and which team members will be returning to fill the 9-10 and 11-12 year-old teams in 2000.

For all players, managers, coaches, family members and supporters, the summer of 1999 will be a summer to remember, one filled with hot weather and outstanding baseball play by two traveling all-star teams comprised of wonderful team members.

The U.K. Elite Soccer Camp was a major success in Mountainside last week at the Deerfield School. Here camp coach Matt Fletcher instructs youngster Dylan Hain.

U.K. Elite Soccer Program is a major success in Mountainside

By Mike Gessaro
 Staff Writer

The popularity of the U.K. Elite Soccer Program continues to grow in Mountainside.

More than 100 young soccer players attended the program's third annual Mountainside summer camp, held last week at Deerfield School. A large group of parents also came to watch their children participate in the program throughout the week.

"In Mountainside, I must say, we are very lucky," said camp director Steve Jones. "Not only with the kids, but with the facilities. These are the best fields we've had all summer. It makes it a better experience for the kids."

Jones said the 102 youngsters attending the camp in Mountainside is, "probably slightly above normal" for the average attendance at the program's other camp sites. He estimates the number of returning players at about 80 percent.

Many other players are siblings of players who had attended the camp previously.

Amazingly, when the U.K. Elite summer program began seven years ago, only six sites were offered. As many as 70 different camps were held this year.

Jones calls the growth, "phenomenal." He said he is very pleased with the growth of the camp and the growth of soccer in general.

"It just became so popular," Jones said. "It's going to be a spectator sport in this country."

The camp, which was set up in coordination with the Mountainside Recreation Department, ran from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Players ranging from ages 5-14 attended the camp, which Jones said was typical of most of the U.K. Elite camps.

Technical skills and ball work was usually the focus of the camp's morning hours. Small-sided games were played towards the middle of the four-hour session and World-Cup games were usually played near the end of the day.

"We hope each kid becomes better with the ball," Jones

said. "That's the aim — to improve their individual ball skill."

Jones said the campers were divided into groups according not only to age, but by skill level as well. The different groups concentrated on the same objectives.

"The themes are the same," Jones said. "The complexity of the skills may be different for the older kids."

Jones said he could definitely see improvement among the players. He had only positive remarks for America's young soccer players.

"The girls in the New Jersey high school system are among the best in the country, which means they are among the best in the world fundamentally," Jones said, noting the recent success of the U.S. Women's champion World Cup team. "The problem for the boys is that they don't see the game at the higher level."

One reason for the success of the U.K. Elite program, which has its offices at 33 Market St. in Morristown, is the talented coaching staff that runs each camp. Jones said each of the coaches must have some teaching experience, must have played semi-pro or professional soccer and must have their coaching certification.

"We don't take them if they don't have one of those three things," Jones said. "We're very particular about the staff we have."

The U.K. Elite Soccer Program will look to continue its rising popularity as it seeks to open a School of Excellence at the Center Circle in Rahway. The school will offer coaching schools throughout the year and will feature the most recognized and nationally qualified coaches on the program's staff.

In addition to the Elite school, which is designed to improve "travel" and "select" players, the indoor facility will host sessions on goalkeeping and goalkeeping, plus a developmental school for younger players.

The fall session at the U.K. Elite School of Excellence begins in September.

More information may be obtained by calling 973-631-9602.



During the 3rd annual Springfield Invitational Baseball Tournament held earlier this summer, Springfield ages 11-12 manager Fred Silverman waters-down an especially dry infield in between games.

Detection key to lyme disease cure

With the summer in full swing and children, adults and pets spending time outdoors, everyone is more susceptible to attracting ticks and Lyme disease. The following is information regarding contraction, prevention and treatment.

What is Lyme Disease?

Lyme Disease is an infection resulting from the bite of certain species of tick, the Ixodes Dammini, or deer tick. Disease symptoms can progress from a mild skin rash to severe arthritic conditions.

How is Lyme Disease contracted?

The disease can be transmitted to humans when a deer tick infested with a spirochete called Borrelia Burgdorferi bites a person. In many cases, bite victims will not know they were bitten. If the tick happens to be infected, anywhere from 25 to 50 percent of deer ticks are, it may transmit spirochetes during the feeding process.

A deer tick bite does not always result in Lyme Disease. An attachment period of 24 hours or more may be required for the transmission of spirochetes from an infested tick to a human. If residents discover an attached tick, they may wish to have it identified by the Health Department. The routine testing of deer ticks for the presence of spirochetes is not recommended, since the results of such tests often are not helpful in the diagnosis of Lyme Disease.

Symptoms

The typical early symptom of the disease is a slowly expanding red rash. This rash, Erythema Chronicum Migrans, occurs in about 80 percent of infected individuals within two to four weeks of a bite. Many victims also will have symptoms of fatigue, mild headache, pain and stiffness in muscles and joints, slight fever or swollen glands.

If left untreated, the rash will expand for several weeks, then it will slowly fade. The rash may have red-edged edges and appear ring-like with a firm spot in the middle.

Later symptoms of the untreated disease can include complications of the heart, nervous system or joints. The most common late symptoms of the untreated disease are joint pain and swelling, or arthritis. These arthritis-like conditions may occur from one to many months after the tick has transmitted the spirochete via its bite. Although any joint may be involved, the knee is the most commonly affected. It is important to remember that the disease can be treated even at this stage.

Like most illnesses, when detected early, Lyme Disease is easily treated. As it "settles in," it is harder to deal with, but still can be handled. Oral antibiotics are the preferred treatment of the disease. Treatment with antibiotics following deer tick exposure, without the presence of symptoms, is not generally recommended, as no proven benefits has been shown.

Habitat

The deer tick is principally found along coastal areas from Delaware to Massachusetts. The tick's preferred habitats are wooded areas and adjacent grasslands. The tick is spread in the wild by animals such as birds, mice, raccoons and deer, but cats and dogs also can carry the ticks closer to home.

Ticks do not fly or jump; they wait on vegetation for an animal to brush against them. They then attach to the animal and insert their mouth parts to feed. Following a blood meal, the tick swells to many times its normal size and drops to the ground.

Quick tips
Lyme Disease is preventable.

Recommended preventive measures include:

- Avoid tick habitats — tall grass and shrubby areas.
 - Wear light-colored clothing to help locate ticks easily.
 - Closely inspect all individuals and pets returning from wooded areas or other known tick-infested areas for the presence of ticks.
 - Tick repellents applied to clothing or skin have been shown to be effective. Carefully follow directions. Excessively high concentrations and repeated applications of these repellents to skin should be avoided, particularly with children.
 - Vaccines are now available for both humans and pets.
 - If a tick is found on the body, remove it as soon as possible. For feeding ticks, use tweezers only. Do not use nail polish, vaseline, matches or other methods. Grasp the tick with tweezers around its head, close to the skin. Pull it up slowly and firmly. Disinfect the bite afterward and observe the bite area for rash development.
- Lyme Disease information is available from the New Jersey Department of Health at (800) 792-8831 and the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, (908) 283-4300.

Watching needs trail assistance

Volunteers are needed Saturday to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watching Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bring a lunch, mug for a beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves, if possible. Children ages 14 and up are welcome.

For pre-registration and additional information, call (908) 789-3670.

The newest additions



Horses Molly and Sailor are welcomed to their new home at the Watching Stables in Mountainside by, from left, Rachel Barris, Watching Riding and Driving Club Inc.'s vice president; Charles Sigmund Jr., director of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation; Hilton Williams, manager of the stables and Mike Shuts, club member. The riding club donated both horses, valued at about \$2,800. They will be used in the children and adult lesson program offered at the stables. For information, call the stables at (908) 789-3665.

Heat wave is not for the birds

By Bill Van Sant
Staff Writer

As the summer of 1999 quickly becomes one of the hottest and most oppressive in memory, thoughts naturally turn to two universal topics: beating the heat and avoiding heat-related emergencies.

These sentiments aren't limited to humans, either, according to Doris Sobin, an advisor to the Associated Humane Society.

"The most pressing need right now is for water, especially for undomesticated animals which use backyards as their homes."

"A lot of people are filling their birdbaths, but then the water gets so hot in there that the birds can't drink it," Sobin said. "That is not the solution; the solution is to put cool water in a shady area. But put ice in it; that will keep it cooler."

The current heat wave has not just affected the availability of proper drinking water for the animals, but has made a dent in their food supply normally found in nature.

"We've got to feed the birds because there are no berries; there's nothing for them to feed on," Sobin added. "There's no grass or anything to scrounge."

In addition to birds, the heat has affected the feeding habits of other wild animals as well.

"The opossums are coming out, the raccoons and skunks are coming out in the daytime, and that's very unusual," she said of the nocturnal beasts. "But they're hungry."

To aid these animals in their quest for food, Sobin recommends putting out plates of dry food that won't spoil, such as bread, nuts and trail mix.

"Our concern is that they're scrounging around because there's nothing left."

Sobin further advises that providing food and water is only part of the solution to the heat.

"Be concerned about the animals outside and inside, because they suffer from the heat, too; we know that," she

said. "Most of them don't have sweat glands. That's why you'll see a dog panting all the time."

A common threat to animal health at this time of year is overheating. But how does one help the family pet beat the heat?

"Keep them in the house," Sobin said. "You have to understand — even the little pads on their feet will get burned on the hot macadam."

She advises keeping cats indoors, and taking dogs out only when necessary and only in shady areas. Once the pooch has finished, return home immediately.

"It's the usual common sense," she said. "If people keep them in the house, they'll be fine, providing the house is cool."

Signs of an overheated animal are excessive panting and lethargy.

"If you see an animal that's overheated," she advises, "hold a damp cloth to its face, wipe its face off with it. Sponge them down with cool water. I wouldn't suggest putting them in a cold bathtub; you'll shock them."

If the situation appears to be an emergency, residents should call the Associated Humane Society in Newark at (973) 824-7080. Emergency vehicles are dispatched from Newark.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parents' names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town, where located, job title and the date of marriage.

Raising money



Summit resident Doug Olson, right, director of development for the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, joins Chatham residents George and Gail Middleton at the chapter's third annual Legendary Links Golf Raffle reception at Baltusrol Country Club, Springfield. The raffle generated more than \$82,000. Proceeds will support a variety of programs and services offered by the association.

Register to swim today

Registration for the 1999 Springfield swim team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is available at the Seah-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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