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TWO SECT

Suspects flee with young child

By Joe Lugera
Staff Writer

A reported car theft in Plainfield Friday resulted in the abduction of an infant and a pursuit involving members of the Mountainside Police Department.

According to police reports, the car, a blue 1999 Mitsubishi Galante, was parked and left running outside a Palmer Video store in Plainfield. Two juveniles allegedly jumped in and began driving away as the owner tried to enter the car through the passenger-side door.

According to Detective Sgt. Todd Turner of the Mountainside police, the juveniles drove east about three miles before realizing the infant was in the back seat. The child, who was in a car seat, was removed from the car by its occupants and placed on a curb. A passerby notified police of the child's presence. The infant was unharmed.

Paulmist Thomas Norton of the Mountainside police was stationed in a marked patrol car at the Loews Theater on Route 22 East when he heard a report over the Scotch Plains police frequency of the stolen vehicle.

According to his report, Norton saw the Mitsubishi traveling eastbound on Route 22, past the Loews Theaters, "at a high rate of speed."

Norton followed the Mitsubishi along 22, checked its plate number and placed a radio call to Mountainside police headquarters. Norton, who had not yet activated his emergency lights, followed the Mitsubishi to the intersection of Route 22 and Michigan Avenue, where Mountainside Police Cpt. Richard Latargia took the primary position behind the car.

The Mitsubishi made a right turn onto Michigan Avenue. Latargia then turned on his emergency lights and siren, with Norton following directly behind. The Mitsubishi reportedly fled, driving quickly down Michigan Avenue toward Kenilworth Boulevard. Norton followed, providing constant radio updates to police headquarters, but the increased speed of the Mitsubishi and Latargia's pursuit distanced Norton.

According to Mountainside police reports, Latargia crossed Kenilworth Boulevard, still heading south on Michigan Avenue. As Norton caught up, he saw that the Mitsubishi had struck several parked cars in the area of South Michigan and Fairfield avenues.

According to Turner, the Mitsubishi caught fire, with the passenger escaping. The Sheriff's K-9 Corps was dispatched, but the passenger reportedly could not be found and remains at large. The driver, who received numerous cuts and bruises as a result of the accident, was apprehended by Latargia and Norton.

The driver was charged by Mountainside police with eluding — a second-degree crime — and receiving stolen property.

Evacuation practice



Springfield's Carol Rodriguez jumps out the emergency door as part of Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School's evacuation drill Sept. 29.

Lawmakers mark \$3 million for aid Floyd-damaged bridges tagged for reconstruction

By Philip Sean Curran
Staff Writer

Following one of the worst storms to hit the region, complete with flooding in most areas, two lawmakers said they had \$3 million earmarked for two projects along the Rahway River.

Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole, R-21, said in a joint news release that they had persuaded James Weinstein, the commissioner of the state Department of Transportation, to reconstruct the Vauxhall Road Bridge and replace the Millburn Avenue Bridge deck.

Additionally, the two lawmakers said the department would work toward producing a final study of reconstructing the Morris Avenue Bridge.

"This year, we have been able to work with Commissioner Weinstein to ensure inclusion of monies in the state transportation budget to break ground on two of these crucial projects and to perform the final engineering and environmental impact analysis on the third," Weingarten said.

The Millburn Avenue Bridge project will start in May, the Vauxhall Bridge project in late summer, Weingarten said.

These areas were highlighted, again, last month.

Tropical Storm Floyd lashed Union and the surrounding areas. But those areas hit hardest were near the Rahway River.

In the Vauxhall section of Union, residents on Franklin Street fled their homes because the river crested its banks. Firefighters rescued people by using boats, and all the homes there

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felt the storm's effects. Nearby, the Springfield Police Department had to evacuate its headquarters.

On Wednesday, Union Township will be the host of a regional meeting, where residents can air their concerns about the river issue. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1976 Morris Ave.

"On the heels of the destruction wrought by Hurricane Floyd, it is essential that we do everything in our power to protect our residents from flooding along the Rahway," O'Toole said.

"I am just grateful that we are able to play a lead role in working to ensure that we are able to get these critical flood remediation projects on-line."

To their critics, Weingarten and O'Toole were a step behind. Michael Cohen, a Democrat challenging the two Republicans in this year's election, said places like Franklin Street needed help before the storms came.

Cohen said it "great that the money is coming along, but it's after

the basements have been pumped out."

"It's just a frustration we feel coming from the communities that the assemblyman pay more attention to some communities than others," Cohen said.

Weingarten, though, said the storm had brought into focus the problems facing the residents in those areas.

"Nothing can make up for the damage and trauma experienced by so many due to the flooding of 1999," Weingarten said. "If there is a silver lining, it is that recent events have helped foster a receptive climate in Trenton for our message that strong and resolute action must be taken to once and for all eliminate excessive flooding along the Rahway River."

Other communities looked at the lawmakers' announcement with a jaundiced eye.

James Lynch, head of Natural Resources for Rahway, said communities located downstream feel the brunt of the river's wrath, more so than others. He said it was important to study how much more water will flow downstream because of the projects talked about by the two lawmakers.

"It will only help Essex County," Lynch said.

Lynch agreed that the river had to be dredged and that officials needed to find something to protect the natural stream banks.

Township firefi to receive back pay

By Joe Lugera
Staff Writer

A Springfield firefighter, charged in April with making a crank phone call to his own fire house last November, has received some satisfaction in Union County Superior Court.

Joseph Pepe had been suspended for three months without pay as the result of an incident stemming from an evening of relaxation with two fellow firefighters at Scoony's Restaurant on Morris Avenue. A recent decision by Union County Superior Court Judge Edward Toy allowed Pepe to receive the three months back pay the firefighter lost as the result of an April hearing.

According to Pepe's lawyer, Robert Renaud of Cranford, Pepe left Scoony's Restaurant before fellow firefighter Christopher Laveave paid an off-duty waitress \$10 to make a call to the Springfield Fire Department regarding a fictitious leaf fire on Kipling Avenue.

Donald Voorhees, another firefighter in attendance that evening, admitted in a court transcript to dialing the phone, while claiming it was the waitress who placed the actual call.

The incident may have ended there, but damage to the men's room prompted the restaurant owner to call township officials. The owner informed the officials of both the men's room damage and the crank phone call.

In March, after an investigation and the involvement of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, both Laveave and Voorhees pleaded guilty to harassment charges. Both were fined, with Laveave eventually resigning and Voorhees getting fired.

Pepe's fate hung in the balance with the testimony of one woman who said she had seen the firefighter in the bar at the time the phone call was placed. Other witnesses denied seeing Pepe. Springfield Fire Chief William Grus recommended firing Pepe on the basis of the woman's testimony, but Pepe insisted on his innocence, resulting in the appointment of attorney Robert Czech to oversee a hearing.

Czech recommended Pepe's reinstatement, along with a three-month loss of pay as punishment for his involvement — a decision that appealed Pepe, in light of Laveave's own testimony that Pepe was not involved. Pepe then filed a lawsuit to reverse the judgement.

"Joseph Pepe's suspension was determined by the judge to be illegal," Renaud said. "Mr. Pepe will receive back pay, and his benefits — his seniority, rank, etcetera — will be restored and his legal fees paid."

Renaud added that Pepe will remain with the Springfield Fire Department. He also said the township "might" appeal.

"According to Mayor Gregory Clarke, the township appeal is certain. "We discussed this at our work session Monday night, and we asked our attorneys to request that the decision be reconsidered. We have the right to do that and the attorneys seem to think the decision was wrong," Clarke said.

Nathan Pece, Deputy Mayor-Sy Mullman nor Grus were available for comment at press time. Township Commissioner Clara Harellick declined comment. The secretary for Toy said the judge's remarks were recorded, but not yet available.

Toy is known to Springfield for his decision earlier this year to reinstate Police Captain Vernon Pedersen to the Police Department after Pedersen had been fired last summer after he made alleged racial remarks to a police officer.

Unity lacking in report from salary committee

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

Mountainside residents can expect a difference of opinion from members of the salary committee.

Low Thomas, a member of the nine-person bipartisan committee charged with the responsibility of considering questions of expense reimbursements and salaries for Borough Council members and the mayor, submitted a minority report Tuesday to committee chairman George Serio.

"The mayor told the public, and he told our committee specifically, that we would have autonomous power to conduct our investigation. We could have the councilmen testify to make their cases as to why salaries are justified. We could have open public meetings to hear from concerned residents of Mountainside," Thomas wrote in a memo to Serio.

"The committee did not call any witnesses. The committee meetings

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Schools suffer \$200,000 in damage

By Joe Lugera
Staff Writer

Tropical Storm Floyd caused damage estimated at \$200,000 to Springfield's schools, according to a preliminary report presented by the Board of Education.

The report, issued at the board's Sept. 27 regular meeting, summarizes the items destroyed and damage by water. Jonathan Dayton High School and Walton School, both on Mountain Avenue, suffered the greatest losses, with Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School and Caldwell School losing only a number of ceiling tiles between them.

"We're still compiling our lists," said Ellen Ball, business administrator and secretary to the Board of Education. "We still have a few items popping up, and cost estimates to do."

Losses to Jonathan Dayton, as listed in the report, include the following:

- A large condensate receiver under the main gym stairwell and the sump pump.
- A small condensate receiver at the maintenance garage.

- The wood shop floor and lumber.
- The photo lab floor and photo supplies.
- The metal shop floor.
- Small tools in the garage.
- Header/microphone system to the press box.
- Custodial supplies.
- Elevator floor.
- Weight room rubber mat, tile floor and auxiliary gym.

The Walton School suffered damage to its boilers and controls, hot-water heater, surge protectors, condensate receiver and library book shelves. Various teaching, nursing and custodial supplies were lost. The water heater and gym floor at Sandmeier School also were affected by water.

According to the report, condensate receivers, which are instrumental in heating by returning steam from the pipes to the boiler, range in price from \$6,000 to \$30,000, depending on size. The district's overall loss in this area is estimated at \$44,000.

Wood floors, valued at approximately \$14 per square foot, will not be replaced by concrete, according to Mike Moore, supervisor of facilities and support services. "In the wood shop, we're thinking of using wood on a 5/8-inch piece of dense rubber. The floors in the metal shop and photo lab will be built up to a half-inch with layers of plywood, with Vinyl Composition Tile on top."

Dayton's auxiliary gym contains some water under its floor, and is "under observation right now," according to Moore, who pointed out that the water could result in buckling. A small amount of water remains under the floor in the Sandmeier gym as well. A replacement floor could cost about \$42,000.

"We have flood insurance," Ball said. "Sandmeier may come problems with their back-up drain, and that's separate from flood insurance, but the buildings and contents insurance will cover it."



DRIVING TOWARD EDUCATION — Mountainside Education Foundation Secretary Laurie Kaplan celebrates the donation of a used car from Planet Honda on Route 22 with Gary Bregman, left, used car manager, and Timothy Ciasulli, chief executive officer and president. The car will be on display at the foundation's kick-off celebration at Deerfield School Oct. 15.

NEWS CLIPS

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning in September.

The group also will sponsor the following trips:

- Oct. 17-18 — The Wonders of the Connecticut Woods
Oct. 25 — "Platzel Braubaus" includes lunch, dinner and a day filled with many activities.

Participation required to keep Springfield green

The Township of Springfield will sponsor its seventh annual Clean Communities Weekend Oct. 16 and 17.

Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall, the Annex Building, Public Works Garage, the Springfield Free Public Library and the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

Rotary requests relief for Bound Brook flood

The Mountaineer Rotary Club is requesting help from all Mountaineer residents for Bound Brook flood relief.

Bring nonperishable food items and cleaning supplies to Fleet Barn, 855 Mountain Ave. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

B'nai B'rith sponsors trip to Atlantic City

B'nai B'rith of Springfield will sponsor a trip to Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Oct. 31.

The package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau at 8:30 a.m., 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

687-9120 during the day and (908) 277-1953 in the evening. Reservations must be made by Monday.

The bus will leave from the Echo Plaza shopping center parking lot between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 at 10 a.m.

Palmer Museum accepts artists-applications

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library is currently accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit their work in 2000-2001.

The 36-by-50-foot Palmer Museum was opened at its current site in 1939 when the Library Board of Trustees appropriated \$25 to Springfield resident Donald Palmer to purchase pictures of Springfield.

Since 1992, the museum has provided space for the exhibit of art and historical works and for the presentation of cultural programs.

The museum is currently in the second year of a three-year series of concerts sponsored by the Balber Family.

Applications should be mailed to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081 no later than Oct. 29.

Library seeks donations

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels.

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.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

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, can call the library's reference department at (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday
The Mountaineer Senior Citizen Club meets at noon at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane.

Saturday
The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., offers a training course about communicating via e-mail from 11 a.m. to noon.

Sunday
Test knowledge of natural history by collecting all items on the scavenger list at 2 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road.

Tuesday
General registration for YMCA fall programs begins at 7 a.m. and continues until classes are full.

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The Mountaineer Senior Citizen Club has a bus trip to the Mountaineer Senior Center in Pennsylvania.

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Oct. 17
The "Metro Rhythm Chorus" will sing in the capella four-part harmony style at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 2 p.m.

Oct. 18
"Is Anyone Out There?," the Sunday planetarium show at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, will be presented Oct. 17, 24 and 31 at 2 p.m. for ages 6 and up.

Oct. 18
"Down by the Old Stream," the Sunday family program at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, will be at 2 p.m. for ages 6 and up.

Oct. 18
Parents are invited to "How to Listen to your Teenager," a free, 60-minute parenting workshop at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Oct. 18
The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will offer a training course about communicating via e-mail from 7 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 21
The First Congregation of The Presbyterian Church at Springfield will hold a rummage sale Oct. 21 through Oct. 23.

Oct. 22
The Mountaineer Senior Citizen Club will meet at noon at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane.

Oct. 22
The Friends of the Springfield Public Library will sponsor the annual Book Sale Oct. 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oct. 23
The Millennium Celebration, a fall dinner of the Mountaineer Republican Club, will be at 7 p.m. at L'Affaire in Mountaineer.

Oct. 23
The first fall meeting of the Springfield Woman's Club will be at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Church Hill, at 1 p.m.

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Autumn Astral Arrangements, the Sunday planetarium show at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, will be presented Oct. 17 and 31 at 2 p.m.

Oct. 31
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Township library series shows movie classics

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video series, "Hollywood Classics: Old and New," with "Bell, Book and Candle," 1958, 103 minutes. This program is planned for Oct. 26 at noon.

film also features Jack Lemmon and Hermoine Gingold. This series continues at noon every other Tuesday as follows: Nov. 9 — "Anatomy of a Murder," 1959. Nov. 23 — "The Devil at 4 o'clock," 1961.

Dec. 7 — "Gandhi," 1982. Dec. 21 — "A River Runs Through It," 1992. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

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Children pitch in to clean

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Clean is a verb. Mountainside gathered its forces on Saturday to do its part for Clean Communities Day. Nearly 200 volunteers picked up cans and bottles and other debris from the center of town right on up to the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation.

"We had the Cub Scouts, the Girl Scouts, adults and the Junior ROTC," said Ruth Rees, assistant recycling coordinator for the borough.

"They picked up 671 pounds of recyclables — glass, cans, metal and garbage. The Public Works Department provided them with all the bags and gloves and all the tools they'd need to do the job."

According to Rees, Clean Communities Day is run every year with state grants. "We received \$11,405 for our activities this year," Rees said.

"Along with the actual clean-up, we also sponsor anti-litter programs at Deerfield School and pay for the recycling containers you see around town. We use the funds for anything we can think of to help keep the community clean."

Volunteers picked up around the parking lots in the center of town, Glen Road near the Leos Theaters — a troublesome spot in terms of littering, according to Rees — with adult volunteers working on Route 22



Photo By Jeff Grant

Mountainside resident Kristen Morgan, 8, of Girl Scout Troop 695 helps keep the area surrounding New Providence Road and the Watchung Reservation Saturday.

and up New Providence Road.

"We have permission from the county to clean up around the reservation, too," Rees said. "The Boy Scouts do that. They clean around the loop where the playground is and around the Trailside museum."

"The Girl Scouts do Borough Hall, the community pool, the fitness trail and the Rescue Squad. Then they cross over the footbridge to clean by the library, Hetfield House and fire house. The troops also clean around Deerfield and Our Lady of Lourdes."

Salary recommendations disputed

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were private and the press was barred, even though the committee had total power to run their meetings as they wished without interference from the mayor. The committee shirked their responsibility."

Thomas, chairman of the Mountainside Democratic Committee, said the committee did not seek information from either council members or from the public. Instead, committee members collected an analysis of salaries and benefits "paid by towns comparable in size and population."

He believes this data are insignificant because other municipalities may have a tradition of salaries, or members of the governing body may have addressed this issue in a campaign and "won approval of their voters."

In Mountainside, more than 400 residents signed a petition earlier this year to place the salary question on the ballot in the Nov. 2 election. Council members then nullified an ordinance passed in March that would set salary ranges for the six council members at \$1,500 to \$3,000 and for the mayor at \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Setting a salary range, rather than determining a flat number, would give council members the flexibility to adjust the salary without going through the process of another resolution.

"It is reasonable to assume that we were a substitute for the referendum and the committee was obligated to hear from the public and councilmen," said Thomas. "People signed that petition because they wanted to

express their opinion. When the ordinance was pulled, they lost that opportunity. These guys may get a salary without earning it."

The committee, composed of four Independents, three Republicans and two Democrats met four times since July, with the last meeting Monday night. It is composed of John Amalfi, Donald Bagger, Donna De Rosa, Patricia Gagliardi, Bob Messler, Gene Osjega, Frank Rubino, Serio and Thomas.

Serio could not be reached for comment.

The makeup of this committee was disputed when it was formed, as Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti initially said he planned to include equal representation from the three political parties.

Alert issued for West Nile-like virus

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Agriculture and Environmental Protection, together with Rutgers University and the state Mosquito Control Commission have issued the following alert:

• The West Nile-like virus is closely related to the St. Louis Encephalitis virus that has been identified or suspected in numerous cases in New York City. No cases of West Nile-like virus or SLE have been identified in New Jersey. Neither virus is directly transmitted from birds to humans or person to person. The West Nile-like virus also can infect horses.

• New Jersey residents are advised to continue to take precautions to reduce their risk of mosquito bites. This includes spraying insect repellent containing DEET on clothing and exposed skin and wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors. Residents should curb outdoor activities at dawn, dusk and during the evening.

• Eliminate stagnant water where mosquitoes breed such as clogged rain gutters, old tires and neglected backyard watering pools.

• Individuals are requested to report any recent unusual occurrences of dead crows on their property by calling the local health department at (908) 789-4070. The state may be interested in examining these birds. Individuals should use gloves and double-bag any birds found before

placing them in the trash.

• For more information call the Westfield Health Department at (908) 789-4070 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Westfield Health Department provides public health and environmental services to Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

Springfield Library resumes films

The Springfield Free Public Library will resume its Foreign Film Festival with movies from around the world with "After Life" Oct. 14 at noon and 7 p.m. "After Life" is a 1999 release of a Japanese film directed by Hirokazu Kore-EDA. This film, in the tradition of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Heaven Can Wait," is a thought-provoking fantasy that's sure to haunt the viewer long after seeing it. At a metaphysical way-station between heaven and earth, a batch of recently deceased people of all ages arrive for "processing."

They have to choose one memory they may take with them to Eternity. Will it be the taste of the sweetest fruit, the ecstasy of love or resting your head in your mother's lap? This moving and often funny meditation on the meaning of life and happiness was filmed in 16mm with natural lighting for a grainy, otherworldly effect. This film is 115 minutes long.

Other films in the 1999 half of this series are "The Best Man," Nov. 18 and "A Friend of the Deceased," Dec. 16. Watch out for more movies in the spring of 2000.

Funding for this program has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. It also is funded in part by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library.

Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information call (973) 376-4930.

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Springfield library sways to 'Metro Rhythms'

The "Metro Rhythm Chorus" will be singing in the a cappella four-part harmony style at the Springfield Free Public Library Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

The "Metro Rhythm Chorus," started in 1998, is a member of Sweet Adelines, an international organization of over 30,000 women. Sweet Adelines promotes harmony, friendship, self-esteem and a sense of belonging among women of all ages all over the world. The organization perpetuates and enhances the barbershop music art form, one of only four forms of music native to the United States.

Funding for this concert has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a longtime local resident, was active in all library

issues. His campaign to lobby to preserve library budgets and other resources at city and county levels resulted in preservation of integrated services. Because of his actions on behalf of the county system and of local libraries in Essex County, the New Jersey State Library Association awarded him its Library Service Award in 1988. Balber remained

active in library affairs until his death in 1995.

Admission to this show will be by free ticket only. Tickets will be available at the Circulation Desk. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave.

For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Springfield's Kiernan enters music military training

Army Pvt. Martin D. Kiernan of Springfield has entered music military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military-courtesy, military-justice, physical-fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations.

Kiernan's parents are Dave L. and Ann R. Heidler of Springfield. He graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, in 1999.

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EDITORIALS

Numbers are down, but work is needed

The recent release of the Uniform Crime Report was a mixed bag with mostly positive figures. On the whole, crime-index statistics showed an overall drop in crime in Springfield and Mountaineer. In the borough, increases are reflected in the categories of larceny, robbery, arson and domestic violence. In Springfield, the categories that increased include larceny and arson.

The figure on domestic violence has been explained as not so much an increase in the number of incidents as an increase in the number of incidents reported to police. We see no reason to doubt this explanation, especially considering the increase in the awareness of this crime. However, the same cannot necessarily be said for robbery, larceny and arson, leaving these figures legitimately on the rise.

But the bottom line is that crime has decreased, and for this we commend not only both police departments, but residents as well. Many residents are active in their official or unofficial neighborhood watch groups, further promoting the quality of life in these municipalities.

However, with that pat on the back comes the reminder that we all — law enforcement officials and private citizens alike — need to be ever more vigilant in keeping our towns crime-free. While neighborhood watch groups have certainly accomplished much in terms of crime-abatement, more can be done.

We ask the police departments to continue their many valuable programs, finding ways to improve what's not working and capitalizing on the things that are. The community policing initiatives make the police force a presence within the community, and we can only surmise that this was responsible, in large part, for the drop in crime statistics. Therefore, keep the officers out there — walking beats, serving on the bike patrol, being seen by the law-abiding residents and the would-be criminals alike.

Most especially, put everything you can into such programs as DARE, teaching our youngsters how to maintain a law-abiding lifestyle and, as a result, be part of a law-abiding community. The work done now in this area will pay substantial interest in the years to come.

We ask residents also to continue the work being done by the local civic associations, groups focused on quality-of-life issues in Springfield's and Mountaineer's many neighborhoods. It is these organizations that often give birth to neighborhood watch groups which, in turn, act as sentinels when the eyes of the police must be elsewhere.

Lastly, we ask all involved to work together in a partnership, one whose only goal is to keep the community crime-free.

Only by working together can we all enjoy the benefits of dropping crime rates.

Listen to your kids

When children tell their parents what they have learned in school, parents should pay attention. They may just learn something.

We send this message this week because of National Fire Prevention Week, which started Sunday and continues to Saturday. During this week, and, quite frankly, throughout the year, students in our schools receive lessons from their teachers and firefighters who visit their classrooms about fire prevention and what to do in the event of a fire.

Stop, drop and roll is probably the most recognizable message a fire department tries to get across to our youth. Other tips are mapping out an escape route from every room in the house in the event a fire occurs, and establishing a meeting place, usually a tree, for family members to go to once they exit the house safely.

It's good teachers and firefighters who take the time to bring these lessons and messages to students. They are the most impressive, and the classroom is probably the most conducive place for students to realize that what they are being told is important and it is something they should remember and put into practice.

But what happens when students go home? Parents may listen to their children when they are told a local firefighter paid a visit to the classroom, but how many take the next step and actually plan that escape route or designate a meeting place outside of the home?

Not that many may be a good guess because older folks feel secure in their homes and may believe a fire starting in their home is impossible. But taking precautions is better than flirting with disaster.

During Fire Prevention Week, students are being taught an important message, one their parents should take note of and follow through on for everyone's safety.



Photo By Jeff Grant

JEWISH JAZZ — Mary Feinsinger and the Klezmer All Stars bring music to the Springfield library Saturday. The group is composed of four musical artists who combined to make Klezmer.

Weekends no longer reserved for families

The weekend has become idylized in America.

In years gone by, weekends represented a time when the wage earners in the family were able to stop going to the office, factory and plant for at least one day and, if they were really lucky, for two days.

Those weekend days of Saturday and Sunday were often kept aside for family excursions and for fixing up things around the house and yard. Come any Saturday, there was a good chance father was in his home workclothes, paint and brush in hand, touching up the woodwork, getting ready to give the spare bedroom a needed new coat of paint.

Or both father and mother were out in the backyard, pulling up the plants that had given them tomatoes, peppers and string beans over the summer and getting the group ready for the winter months.

Saturday was generally reserved for doing chores. And the kids in the house were expected to help out, whether it was handling over clean paint rags or fetching another can of paint.

If the Saturday work involved the family auto, then the kids were sent out to clean out the inside of the car, and the whole family got together with bucket, sponge and Simolyn to prepare the family car for what usual-

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

ly was a Sunday jaunt. The reward for this Saturday morning activity was a trip to the movies for the kids and maybe a peaceful nap while they were gone for mom and dad.

Come Sunday, it was family day, with the kids off to Sunday School and the adults off to church. After church, it was home to get ready to go see the relatives. Sometimes grandparents at another relative's house or the aunts and uncles came to visit Grandma in your house. In any event, it was family time.

Usually, in the early afternoon, there would be the traditional Sunday dinner, usually a roast with vegetables and followed by homemade layer cake.

After lunch, some family members would go off and snootze. Others would get together for a few hands of cards.

Other families used Sundays to take jaunts into the country. Not too long ago, it was possible to get into

the car, drive just about six miles from Summit and be in the country, real country — tall trees, open meadows, cows and horses grazing in those fields.

Granted, today it would take more than six miles to find that country. But it doesn't make any difference because the weekend no longer is a time when families get together for chores and Sunday dinners. Now, the weekend is the occasion, 52 occasions, for an event.

Come early Friday morning in every office the question is asked, "What are your plans for the weekend?" These questions are not asked to find out if you are visiting Aunt Millie. No, they are asking if you are going away — any old place will do.

In recent years, with the increase in plane travel, away for a long weekend can mean Europe or the Caribbean or even the West Coast.

In some cases, depending the season, the weekend is devoted to skiing or scuba diving or hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail or rafting on the Delaware River.

In any case, everyone has to be going some place. It just does not do for someone just to stay home, or visit Aunt Millie in the next town or have friends over for Sunday dinner and a game of cards.

Everyone is arguing about going some place. It seems not to matter where anyone is going, just as long as they are going.

Where these weekenders find time to do the necessary chores around the house and garden is a mystery to me. But, evidently, either they get done by someone else during the week or they just don't get done. After all, if you can't boast at the office that you spent the weekend in Las Vegas or Club Med, your office status will drop. You are a non-person. You don't go anywhere.

No one in the office will know how the household chores are done, or if they are completed. So, who cares? Something is missing here. When is time taken for the family to get together and just eat and chat? Does Aunt Millie ever get visited? Or does Grandpa wait each weekend for the group to arrive to find they never do because they are off on a weekend trip?

Recently, there has been a big push to have annual or semi-annual family reunions. Could it be these reunions are an attempt to ease the guilt associated with ignoring family members during the rest of the year?

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

Making it home in a storm is challenging

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

Once again it is the hurricane season, when we expect heavy rainfall and high winds, instead of the hot, quiet days of mid-summer. With each approaching storm the radio and television networks try to predict the path of the hurricane and warn us of impending disasters. In recent years, however, improvements to the rivers that drain the excess water into the Arthur Kill and Newark Bay have somewhat eased the situation from what it was in former years.

There was a time when even a heavy thunderstorm of only an hour or two would make many of the local streets impassable because of the rainwater trapped in the low spots in the roadways.

If the storm happened to coincide with time of high tide in the Kill, the flooding would be even worse. One such storm hit in Elizabeth many years ago and led up the automobile traffic all over the city.

It is almost impossible to drive out of the eastern part of Elizabeth without having to pass under at least one bridge, and most of the underpasses have been depressed for added clearance below the bridge.

Although there are catch basins and drains at these low spots, if the drain is clogged or there is a high tide, there is no place for the water to go, so it collects under the bridge to a depth of several feet.

At quitting time the rain had stopped, but the run-off was just beginning. The "homeward-bound" drivers soon found themselves faced with limited movement, as all of the roads had flooded sections, and all of

the underpasses were filled with water.

A couple of rash motorists at Division Street attempted to force their way through the water, but soon found that it was much deeper than they had thought. They were now stranded in their stalled cars as the water continued to rise. The drivers and their passengers had no choice but to wade through the waist-deep water to safety, but their vehicles had to remain until the water receded.

Another motorist, not believing that it was impossible to pass through, decided that it could be done if he drove fast enough. We watched as he started going as fast as he could from the top of the incline to the underpass. Straight into the water he plunged, and a sheet of water rose up into the air and fell over the roof of his car, concealing it for a moment. This driver soon joined the others as they waited for the water to run off.

Others of this homeward-bound traffic passed up an opportunity to test their skills at surfing and tried to find a different route home. However, all of the normal routes were blocked by flooded underpasses, and the streets were filled with milling cars searching for some way out of eastern Elizabeth.

The arches at Broad Street were a mess, jammed with gridlocked vehicles. In the stone wall of one arch is a bronze disk which signifies a point 20 feet above sea level. On this occasion that geodetic marker was under water.

A couple of us were riding around in a Volkswagen minibus, looking for any route that seemed to be passable. This was no easy task, as everyone else was doing the same thing, and movement was all but impossible.

Finally we found ourselves on Chestnut Street near the single arch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The street was flooded, but it still seemed as though we might pass through. This seemed even more likely when the driver claimed that the minibus could drive through water 30 inches deep.

We were doing very well for the first several hundred feet of flooded roadway, but the road dipped down a little as we neared the arch. We were under the arch when we had proof that while the car might successfully drive through 30 inches of water, it could not drive through 31 inches. The engine died, and would not restart.

There were no rear seats in the back of the bus, so its driver used the area for tool storage and having the tools immersed in flood water would be ruinous. The water had not yet reached the level of the car's floor, but as we

looked forward we could see that more water was pouring into the street as it ran off from the railroad embankment. There was but one thing to do.

Stepping out from an automobile into 31 inches of water has a rather unusual sensation, but it had to be done. Fortunately it was easy to push the bus and we soon had it out of the water and on the upward slope of the street. Here we sat for awhile, hoping the water might drain from the engine. An attempt to restart the engine was unsuccessful, but at least the starter would still crank it.

About 15 minutes later, another try was made, and we were rewarded with the engine chugging back to life. We carefully nursed that one cylinder and hoped that the heat generated by it would revive the other three. One by one the remaining cylinders began to operate, and finally the engine was running normally.

We had spent nearly an hour waiting for the engine to come back to life. In that time much of the floodwater had run off into the drains and out to the Arthur Kill. The gridlocked traffic had begun to untangle itself and was moving almost freely. None the worse for wear, but soaked from the waist down, we could at last go home.

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Andrea Rouso

"I'm assuming everything went fine. We saw them out there directing traffic by Meisel Avenue and everything seemed fine."



Ira Geller

"I work in the library here; everything was pumped out and we were okay."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government should offer choices

To the Editor:
This is regarding Pamela Isaacson's "Social Security faces uncertain future" commenting on Bob Franks' town meeting that appeared in the Sept. 30 edition of the *Echo Leader*. It says exactly nothing because Franks says exactly nothing.

Outside of commenting on federal employees' ability to select from six choices, the funds they want their Social Security money invested in and the immortality of monies not being available for future generations for the rest of us — and we have to do something about it — it is the same tired old rhetoric of politicians.

Note, federal employees have secure and rich investments set up by Congress for themselves from the private sector's dough. Yes, the waitress, the shoe stores, delis, supermarkets, car washes, common laborers and others like them who make up 80 percent of America's workforce support them. The other 20 percent work for big industry or are self-employed with better pensions.

The current median salary is \$39,000, which translates into 50 percent of Americans making less. How do you explain to half the working force that their small pay is contributing collectively big bucks to federal employees? Notice how easy it was to give themselves six choices for investing Social Security money and the laborious problem it is for these same people to give us any choice?

What they don't say is the truth: Social Security, like most of their cockamamie programs, made junkies out of Americans. Government has no money, only what it confiscates from the private sector when it borrows or inflates the currency.

A generation ago, retirees paid small change, pennies into the system and were paid everything back in three years. Today it takes 10 years to recoup your money counting in a modest interest. After that we are guilty of stealing from the younger generation. And, by God, why don't they admit it?

The idea has been thrown around allowing individuals to invest themselves a portion of the Social Security taxes. We should be allowed to invest it all and get 100 times plus the return we get now. Government should never be allowed to act as our broker and/or investor. It does enough damage.

For people on the poverty line, by all means, welfare should be available to them because the world has and always will have the indigent. You can't cut off Social Security benefits for people collecting now, but a serious effort should be developed post haste to allow the young to invest at least one-third of Social Security into other investment vehicles, and left untouched until older age. And, let each sink or swim with their investment decisions, with the choice not to leave the current system if they wish continuing to reap the lower unsure future benefits. At least this will be a start in the right direction.

Notice that government doesn't drag its feet when it's in their pocketbook; only ours. Don't be baffled that it's this or that complication; it's political.

maneuvering which doesn't constitute what's best for the country, only what's best for the few. Truth never harmed anyone but a coward.

Joan Christensen
Roselle Park

Flooding for some is a way of life

To the Editor:
The residents of flooded areas caused by Tropical Storm Floyd have scraped mud off parking lots and streets, hosed down driveways, aired out belongings and home interiors. We sure don't want this to happen again! However when we look at the USGA statistics for major storm events, <http://nj.usgs.gov/floyd.html>, we can see there is a pattern that happens more than the FEMA map contours predict.

Fifty- to 100-year flood events are occurring on the Rahway, Raritan and most other northern New Jersey rivers more frequently. The probability of 8 to 11 inches of rain in 24 hours is not supposed to happen so often. When you combine this with stream channels that have grown narrower instead of wider. Also increase the amount of development and impervious surface every year. The result is the increase in frequency of flash flooding. Places like Lincoln Park, Wayne and Rahway still get flooded but due to buyout programs the damage and heartache is less than in the past.

There are some things we can't do anything about like the amount of rain that falls. Without the rain, and we have experienced that recently, we are in worse trouble. The bright side is we can minimize fatalities and damage by not repeatedly putting ourselves in harm's way. Let the recent buyout programs in Lincoln Park and Rahway be examples of how to make the right decision for the frequently and severely flooded areas. It is a tough bullet to bite but it does make sense to get out of a flood's way.

Jim Lynch, President
Rahway River Association

Utilities must pay attention to details

To the Editor:
A few observations about our lovely little town of Mountainside: It's so nice of the local utilities — I am assuming they did it — to use their various bright orange and blue spray paints on the paving stones in the center of town. This is legalized graffiti. If it is marking something important, can't they come up with something less destructive and ugly than that technique?

After clearing a section of Route 22 this past weekend, it is infuriating to realize the number of inconsiderate folks who drive that road and use it as a garbage dump. Besides all the other debris found on that road, I fully expected to find a body part or two but, luckily, that did not happen.

Equally disappointing is the weak effort by the state to clean any road under its jurisdiction. Just getting the shrubbery cut is a miracle, sewers are almost always blocked, and there is broken glass, gravel and tree limbs galore. While periodic repaving is important, so is attention to other details, not the least of which is upkeep of those areas immediately off the road. It seems like there is never enough money for that.

However, having spent two hours policing the side of the road, I wonder if I should follow the Borough Council's lead and bill them for two hours' pay? Frank Marchese
Mountainside

Survivor shares life in camps

On Oct. 16 at 1 p.m., in celebration of Humanities Festival Week, the Springfield Free Public Library will present a lecture with photographs — "A Jewish Boy in Poland." The lecture, given by Norman Salsitz of Springfield, will be in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the library.

Salsitz, an author and survivor of the Holocaust, will talk about his experiences in a Polish ghetto, his confinement in three labor camps and his eventual escape during the Nazi reign of terror.

These war experiences and eye witness accounts of the Holocaust present an opportunity to view "The Past as Prologue," especially as a prologue to current world events. Salsitz managed to photograph and hide his photographs from his captors. A selection of these photos projected onto a screen will illustrate Salsitz's powerful story.

Salsitz was born in Kolbuszowa, Poland and was the ninth and youngest child of a Hasidic family. He attended Yeshiva until the age of 17. During the war, he was confined to a ghetto and three labor camps. Salsitz managed to escape from each camp. From the last camp, he survived with various partisan groups for more than two years. His mother and five sisters, together with their husbands and children, were murdered by the Germans. He was a witness to the shooting of his father. Following the liberation by the Russian army, Salsitz joined the newly-formed Polish army under the assumed name of Tadeusz Zaleski and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Salsitz is the author of several books including "Against All Odds" and "A Jewish Boyhood in Poland." Salsitz's memories also are included in a new book being published by Syracuse University Press titled "A Harvest of Jewish Memories."

Salsitz has presented many lectures and participated in scholarly studies of the Holocaust. He has spoken at Rutgers University, Harvard University, Morris County College and other places. For many years, Salsitz has been involved in Jewish organizations such as Israeli Bonds and United Jewish Appeal, among others. He organized a Red Magen Society in Israel, as well as the suburban chapter of the American Red Cross David for Israel, for which he has served as president for 29 years. He is an executive board member of the National Federation of Holocaust Survivors.

This lecture has been made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This program is free and open to all with a limit of 100 people. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information call (973) 376-4930.

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

You are invited to a special Educator's Night on Tuesday, Oct. 12th, at 7:00 PM at the Barnes & Noble in Springfield, New Jersey. This event will feature a presentation by fellow educator and author Stephen O'Connor who will discuss his book *Will My Name Be Shouted Out?*, a fascinating account of his years in the NYC school system where he pioneered a creative writing program to help his students deal with urban violence. Throughout the evening Booksellers will highlight the numerous programs Barnes & Noble has created to assist Educators in our Community. 1760s who attend will receive special discounts, giveaways and a chance to win a visit to their school by award winning children's author Sharon Creech. Educators interested in attending should RSVP to 973-376-6581 by October 8th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the Nov. 2 special election:

Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of Oct. 21 for council candidates. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Endorsement letters containing more than 150 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candidates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for the Township Committee will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear Oct. 21.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear Oct. 28.

Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear Oct. 28.

Election results: Election results will be announced on this newspaper's infocore website. Look for the telephone number and extension in the Oct. 28 edition and listen to the results as they come in Nov. 2.

Follow-up with complete election result coverage will be in the Nov. 4 edition.

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OBITUARIES

Waymon McDougald

Waymon McDougald, 85, of Summit died Sept. 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Erwin, N.C. Mr. McDougald lived in Summit for more than 50 years. He was a truck driver for Summit Express and Allied Van Co. of Summit for 50 years before retiring. Mr. McDougald was a Navy gunner during World War II and served in the Pacific and the Philippines. Surviving are a daughter, Frances; a brother, Hansel; eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Diana Childs

Diana Childs, 42, of Springfield died Sept. 25 at home. Born in Newark, Mrs. Childs lived in Tom's River before moving to Springfield three years ago. She was a self-employed recreation director for nursing homes in the Union County area. Mrs. Childs was a 1998 graduate of Montclair State College. Surviving are her husband, Robert; two daughters, Kathleen and Emily; her parents, Rudolph and Margaret Bucco, and four sisters, Maryann De Trozay, Lynn Yarek, Marge Stambacher and Karen Langhaur.

Doris H. Schultz

Doris H. Schultz, 86, of Mountaineer, a retired Clark teacher, died Sept. 26 in Mountaineer Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Schultz lived in Westfield before moving to Mountaineer in 1963. She was a teacher at the Feathered Lane School, Clark, for 20 years before retiring in 1978. Mrs. Schultz received her teaching credentials at Newark State Teachers College, Union. Surviving are two sons, William C. Howell, and three grandchildren.

Helen M. Fisher

Helen M. Fisher, 81, of Springfield died Sept. 25 at home. Born in Newark, Mrs. Fisher moved to Springfield 45 years ago. She was a sales associate at Bloomingdale's at the Mall at Short Hills for 20 years and retired eight years ago. Mrs. Fisher was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens. She was a member of the Seniors at St. James Church, Springfield, where she also had been a member of the Rosary Society. Surviving are two sons, Emery J. and Jonathan; two daughters, Elaine, Chuck and Alexis; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and her companion, Linus Deacy.

Clifford E. Guilden

Clifford E. Guilden, 83, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Mountaineer, died Sept. 26 in the Century Oak Nursing Home in Ohio. Born in New York City, Mr. Guilden lived in Mountaineer for 33 years before moving to Cleveland seven years ago. He was a purchasing agent with Schering-Plough Corp., Union, for 35 years before retiring. Mr. Guilden was an Army veteran of World War II and served as staff sergeant. He was the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star for meritorious service in

New Guinea. Mr. Guilden attended Rutgers University, Newark. He was a member of the American Legion Wallberg Post 3 in Westfield and also was a life member of and charter president of the Westfield Kiwanis Club International, where he served as treasurer. Mr. Guilden also was the treasurer of the Mountaineer Redies and a volunteer with the Mountaineer Recreation Committee. He was a former school teacher and treasurer of the Married Couples Club and of the Friends Club, all of the Community United Methodist Church, Roselle Park.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; four sons, C. Barry, Dale, Kirk and Kevin; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Americo F. DeNola

Americo F. DeNola, 79, of Summit died Sept. 29 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. DeNola moved to Summit 53 years ago. He was a deli clerk at the Stop-Rite Supermarket in Cinnaminson for 15 years and retired in 1984. Previously, Mr. DeNola owned and operated the Napoli Bakery, a family business in Newark, until it closed in 1970. He served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. DeNola was a member of the Sixty Plus Club at St. Teresa's Church and the Golden Age Club, both in Summit, and the Knights of Columbus Council in Springfield. Surviving are a daughter, Joan Stefan; two sons, Americo and Samuel; a sister, Carolyn Mattia; a brother, Edmund, and four grandchildren.

Clara Minotti

Clara Minotti, 95, of Springfield died Sept. 28 in Arlington General Hospital. Born in Italy, Mrs. Minotti lived in Newark and Seaside Park before moving to Springfield. She was a seamstress with the Olympic Junior Co., Newark, for 20 years and retired 35 years ago. Surviving are a brother, Paul D'Allesandro, and three grandchildren.

Lester L. Nagel

Lester L. Nagel, 89, of Summit died Sept. 28 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence. Born in Newark, Mr. Nagel moved to Summit many years ago. He was employed by the United States Government in the Office of Federal Acquisition for the National Air Pollution Control Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency Region II and III from 1967 until he retired in 1984. Previously, Mr. Nagel had been an evaluation engineer for Research Control Inc. in Bound Brook. He also had been the director of engineering sales and a consultant for Electronics Corp., New York City, and the chief engineer for Buell Engineering Co. Inc., Lebanon, Pa. Mr. Nagel was a 1934 graduate of the Newark College of Engineering, now the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He was a member of the Electrostatic Process Committee and also was a member of the Safety Committee, the Environmental Quality Com-

mittee and the Society Social Implications of Technology, all of the Institute of the Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Mr. Nagel was a member of the American Society of Military Engineers and the Committee on Refuse Wastes. He held four patents and lectured at Pennsylvania State University, Lehigh University, Drexel University and Brooklyn Polytech.

Surviving are his wife, Helene F.; two sons, Alfred I. and Robert L.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

James J. Voorhees

A memorial service will be held for James J. Voorhees, 47, of Dublin, Va., formerly of Union and Springfield, Oct. 16 at 9:15 a.m. in St. James Catholic Church, Springfield. Mr. Voorhees, a former firefighter in Union Township, died Sept. 17 in Virginia.

Mr. Voorhees had resided in Union and Springfield before moving to Virginia. He was a firefighter for the township of Union for 23 years. Mr. Voorhees was a veteran of the Vietnam War and had served with the United States Air Force.

Surviving are his mother, Marie Voorhees; three children, Nicole, Kelly and James Jr.; five brothers, Robert, Donald, William, Edmund and Alan, and four sisters, Maria Wortmann, Irene Accampora, Marlene Durak and Margaret Agroni.

Dorothy Tawney

Dorothy Tawney, 83, of Summit, who was honored for her dedicated community service, died Sept. 30 at home.

Born in Chicago, Mrs. Tawney lived in Passaic and Montclair before moving to Summit in 1987. During the 1940s, she founded the Alliance of Christians and Jews of Passaic. In the 1950s, Mrs. Tawney was involved in the education of different cultures to achieve racial unity. She was honored in 1983 by the state of New Jersey for her dedication to community service.

Mrs. Tawney was the director of human resources at Passaic General Hospital from 1965 to 1975 and served as president of its hospital auxiliary, a position she held for three successive terms. She had been president of the American Association of Retired Persons of Montclair. Mrs. Tawney also was president of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Passaic school system. She was a member of the Woman's Circle of Central Presbyterian Church, the Garden Age Club and Senior Citizens, all of Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Leafie Bains, and two grandchildren.

Margaret E. Pierce

Margaret E. Pierce, 79, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Sept. 27 at home.

Mrs. Pierce was an assembly worker for Chatham Plastics and retired 17 years ago. She was a member of Senior-A-Day in New Providence, a special citizens organization associated with SAGE Inc. in Summit. Surviving are her husband, Milton; two daughters, Barbara Jean Pawson and Anna Marie; a brother, James P. Ardous; and a sister, Callmea Frederick.

Robert Hanewald

Robert Hanewald, 83, of Mountaineer died Oct. 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Hanewald lived in Mountaineer for most of his life. He was a custodian with the Mountaineer school system for 24 years and retired several years ago. Before that, Mr. Hanewald was a fire fighter in Mountaineer. He was a World War II Army veteran and served in the military police detachment. Mr. Hanewald was a member of the American Legion Post 0386 and the Elks Lodge 1385 and an honorary member of the Police Benevolent Association, all of Mountaineer.

Edwin Rosenthal

Edwin Rosenthal, 75, of Port St. Lucia, Fla., formerly of Summit, a New Jersey restaurateur for 40 years, died Sept. 30 in Port St. Lucia. Born in Newark, where he grew up in the Weequahic neighborhood, Mr. Rosenthal lived in Summit and Millburn for many years before moving to Port St. Lucia in 1993. He owned and operated a variety of popular New Jersey restaurants and managed other well-known eating spots, including the Clarence Diner in Verona and Eggen Eaten in Livingston, along with dining rooms at two Morris County country clubs. Mr. Rosenthal owned Tabachnick's Delicatessen in Teaneck from 1979 until his retirement in 1990.

He also had been affiliated with the Spring Garden Country Club in Florham Park, Short Hills Caterers and the Encore Restaurant in Union, Braidburn Country Club in Florham Park and the Homestead Tavern in Kenilworth in Irvington.

Mr. Rosenthal also had owned restaurants in Westfield, Elizabeth, Belleville and Kearny and operated a concession stand in Convention Hall, Asbury Park. He was an Army veteran and served from 1941 to 1946 and earned his certification as a postal sharpshooter and carbine marksman. Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Avonnie; two sons, Louis and Leonard, and three stepsons, Scott, Steven and Marc Schipper.

Martha Bloom

Martha Bloom, 88, of Mountaineer died Oct. 2 in the Manor Nursing Home, Mountaineer.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Bloom lived in Jackson Heights, N.Y., and Plainfield before moving to Mountaineer 34 years ago. She graduated from the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Mt. Airy, Pa., and was a member of the New Jersey Association for the Deaf. Surviving are her husband, Edgar Jr.; a daughter, Nancy Rarus; and three grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

Marle Ruth Russell

Marle Ruth Heines Russell, 93, of Springfield died Oct. 2 in Runggell Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Russell lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield 22 years ago. She was a deacon and head of the nursery at the Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly R. Holter; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Adolph R. Jacobsen

Adolph R. Jacobsen, 93, of Mountaineer died Sept. 29 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Jacobsen lived in Hoboken and the Bronx before moving to Mountaineer in 1950. He worked as a teacher at The Manor, West Orange, for six years and retired in 1986. Prior to that, Mr. Jacobsen owned and operated diners in Newark, Washington, Delaware and Mountaineer. Surviving is a son, Lawrence A.

Dr. Michael J. Huk

Dr. Michael J. Huk of Cambridge, Mass., formerly of Summit, is an anesthesiologist, died Oct. 2 in Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge.

Born in Nova Skvarvia, Ukraine, Dr. Huk lived in Mountaineer before moving to Cambridge. He was an anesthesiologist at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. Dr. Huk was one of the first medical doctors to practice acupuncture in the state of New Jersey and conducted a pain and stress center in Mountaineer. He was a graduate of Heidelberg University, Germany, and had studied at St. Basil's Seminary, Zvolkva, Ukraine. Dr. Huk completed his internship at St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, and his residency at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. He studied acupuncture and hypnosis and was recognized for performing a hysterectomy using only hypnosis.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Oratory Prep students receive Bain-Gearin

Three freshmen at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit have been named recipients of the school's prestigious Bain-Gearin Scholarship Award.

Among the winners selected by the scholarship-search committee was Armand O'Donnell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard O'Donnell of Roseland. O'Donnell had been a member of the Oratory eighth-grade graduating class in June.

Also selected was Elias Barghash, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hani Barghash of Bridgewater. Barghash had been a student at Immaculate Conception School in Somerville.

The final recipient was Lorenzo DeVoe, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Boswell of South Orange, who had attended Our Lady of Sorrows in his hometown.

The Bain-Gearin Scholarship Test was administered at Oratory last December. Originally presented in 1987, the scholarship honors two revered clergy in Oratory's history, the Rev. John J. Bain, who was headmaster from 1945 to 1967, and the Rev. John J. Gearin who became assistant headmaster in 1952.



Recipients of Oratory Preparatory's Bain-Gearin Scholarship are, from left, Elias Barghash of Bridgewater, Armand O'Donnell of Roseland and Lorenzo De Voe of South Orange.

The Bain-Gearin financial award is given to students who achieve a high score on the scholarship test, present an excellent grammar school transcript and receive high recommendations from their eighth-grade teachers.

The Bain-Gearin Scholarship test will be administered this fall for eighth-graders who attend any private or public school.

For more information call the Oratory admissions office at 273-5771.

Students make the grade

Springfield residents Tammy J. Baskin and Barbara Joy Goldstein were named to the dean's list at Montclair State University.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom announces adult programs

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, announced its October adult learning opportunities. These programs are open to all.

The "Scholar-In-Residence" committee will present a lecture/branch on Oct. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Eugene Korn will discuss, "The Synagogue: An Yisrael and Building a Holy Community." Donation for the program is \$18.

Korn, a Jewish thinker, teacher and lecturer, is Metro West Federation's Judaic Scholar and an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University. He was founding director of the Northern New Jersey Dialogue Society which strove to create understanding and Torah study among Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist and Lubavitch Jews.

"Understanding the Friday Evening Shabbat Service" will be presented Tuesday and Oct. 26 and Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. by Cantor Amy Daniels. There will be an overview of the order and themes of Jewish prayer. Those in attendance can learn the melodies and vocabulary of selected prayers to better appreciate the mood of worship. Texts will be supplied in Hebrew and/or transliteration.

"Parenting as a Spiritual Journey" will be presented on three Saturdays; on Oct. 16, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 at 9:15 a.m. Irene Bolton, Temple Sha'arey Shalom special program coordinator, will guide those in attendance through the challenges and joys of Jewish parenting.

In addition, Shabbat Morning study-minyan meets every Saturday at 9:15 a.m. in Sha'arey Shalom's library. The informal group reads part of the weekly Torah portion, discusses and concludes with a brief service that includes the Mourner's Kaddish and prayers for healing.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding communities. The temple serves as a social, educational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood and Brotherhood and a strong social action program.

For more information about any of the programs, or to make reservations for the Oct. 17 lecture and brunch, call the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

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Arts center hosts Philadelphia trip

The Friends of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will host a bus trip Oct. 15 to Philadelphia. Participants will enjoy a day filled with art, feasting the eyes, palate and ears.

The trip begins with a guided tour of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, followed by lunch on the South Balcony, surrounded by masterpieces.

After lunch, the trip continues to the Academy of Music for a 2 p.m. performance by the Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by the renowned Wolfgang Sawallisch and featuring Ivo Pogorelich performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Soprano Christine Brewer is joined by baritone Hakan Hagegard in the magnificent Symphony No. 14 by Shostakovich. Space is limited.

The trip is open to the public. The bus leaves promptly at 9 a.m. from the rear parking lot of the New Providence A&P. Traffic permitting, the bus will return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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Upcoming workshops at the Resource Center feature authors, poets and literary critics discussing recent work by women writers. The Resource Center is located on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in the parish house of the Calvary Episcopal Church. Participants are encouraged to register early, as some programs fill up quickly.

• "Taking Charge of Your Health" co-authors Alice Hodge and Mary Lotergan will be on hand tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. to share what they have learned about the health care system during their struggles with life-threatening illnesses. As the subtitle of their recent book reminds us, "understanding the system could save your life."

One reviewer called "Taking Charge of Your Health," "a compassionate hands-on guide that will arm you with the best parent do's and don'ts, so that if that day comes that you find yourself ill, you'll be empowered to know how to be the integral focus of your health care team."

Copies of "Taking Charge" will be available for purchase for \$14.95, and for signing at the center. The fee for the evening is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. The registration deadline is Monday.

A nonprofit organization with no political or religious affiliations, the center is committed to creating an environment in which all women are able to share their experiences and recognize their strengths. Partial scholarships are available for all center activities.

More information about these or other center programs and services or to receive a copy of the fall program guide, call the Resource Center for Women at (908) 273-7253 or visit the center at 1000 DeForest Ave. • 1000 DeForest Ave. • 1000 DeForest Ave. • 1000 DeForest Ave.

Art of the West



Todd Steiner, 4, creates spin art at the Wild Wild West Festival at James Caldwell School in Springfield Saturday.

Photo By Jeff Grant

Y prepares for haunted treats

The Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., Summit will sponsor its annual Haunted House Family event on Oct. 30 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The event is open to the community and is free of charge.

Bring the family along to enjoy parent/child art and crafts, Halloween-themed activities. A costume contest will be held and will award children wearing costumes. Categories may include, most original, best costume, funniest, etc. Residents can take a tour in the creepy haunted house featuring ghoulish characters and spooky sounds to get you into the "spirit" of Halloween. Light refreshments will be served.

The PAL parade through downtown Summit will follow beginning at 3:30 p.m.

For details call the Summit YMCA at (908) 273-3330.

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No experience is necessary to become a guide, but education majors may find the field experience and heightened awareness of the environment helpful to their goals. NJ Transit trains and buses and Lakeland buses are available from the Summit train station downtown, which is about 1 mile from the arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Ave.

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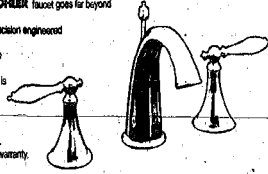
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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Teams that made statements with convincing wins last weekend included No. 1 Elizabeth on Friday night and No. 4 Rahway on Saturday afternoon.

No. 2 Union and No. 3 Linden went about their business and remain unbeaten, as does Elizabeth, heading into Week Four.

Elizabeth was not faced with the toughest opponent, but nonetheless put together a dominating performance in blanketing Watchung Conference-American Division rival Kearny 44-0 in its home-opener at Williams Field.

Senior tailback Billy Gilbert, arguably the best running back in Union County, scored three touchdowns to give him eight on the season. He scored on a run, a kickoff return and an interception return.

Meanwhile in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division competition one day later, Rahway traveled to Basking Ridge to face a 2-0 Ridge squad. The Somerset County school had managed to win its second game of the season the week before behind the performance of sophomore quarterback Tom Kollerfor, who had taken over the reins from injured starter Erik Dial, one of the better signal-callers in the state.

Dial, it was discovered, suffered a severe leg injury during Ridge's season-opening 37-7 win at Roselle Park. Kollerfor directed Ridge past Roselle in his first start.

But last week Rahway limited Kelleher to 138 passing yards and no TDs passing, although Kelleher ran for his team's only TD.

Rahway, which dominated to the tune of 44-7, scored in every quarter and received touchdowns from Gerald Vaughn (2), Dan Johnson, Steve Ellis, Eric McClain, Blake Basley and Kevin Watkins.

Elizabeth is scheduled to play East Side tomorrow night at 7 at Newark's Uehrmann Field, its first matchup before facing Union.

Six teams remain unbeaten in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, including locals Elizabeth, Union and Linden. The other three won close games last weekend as defending champion Roxbury beat Morris Knolls 10-7, Bloomfield edged Passaic 14-13 and Monclair dined Ridgewood 19-16.

WEEK FOUR
Friday, Oct. 8
Elizabeth at East Side, 7:00
Roselle at Immaculata, 7:30
R. Park at North Plain, 7:30
Bresley at Bound Brook, 7:30

Saturday, Oct. 9
Gov. Liv. at Johnson, 1:00
Hillsdale at Ridge, 1:00
Dayton at New Providence, 1:00
Union at Kearny, 1:30
Shabazz at Linden, 1:30
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 1:30
Summit at Mendham, 2:00
Rahway has the week off

WEEK THREE
Friday, Oct. 1
Elizabeth 44, Kearny 0
North Plain 46, Bresley 21
Dayton 34, Roselle Park 7
Saturday, Oct. 2
Rahway 47, Ridge 7
Immaculata 41, Johnson 6
Hillsdale 27, Bound Brook 18
Roselle 28, Gov. Liv. 18
Union 17, Irvington 6
Linden 41, Cranford 12
Dover 47, Summit 21

J.R.'s picks
For Week Four:
Elizabeth over East Side
Immaculata over Roselle
North Plain over R. Park
Bound Brook over Bresley
Johnson over Gov. Livingston
Ridge over Hillsdale
New Providence over Dayton
Union over Kearny
Linden over Shabazz
Scotch Plains over Cranford
Mendham over Summit

Last week's 7-3
Season: 24-8 (75%)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN
1. Elizabeth (3-0)
2. Union (3-0)
3. Linden (3-0)
4. Rahway (3-1)
5. Hillsdale (2-1)
6. Dayton (2-1)
7. Bresley (1-2)
8. Johnson (1-2)
9. Roselle (1-2)
10. Summit (0-3)
11. Gov. Livingston (0-3)
12. Roselle Park (0-3)
13. Cranford (0-4)



Photo by Jeff Grant

The Dayton High School football team, shown here recovering a fumble, defeated host Roselle Park 34-7 last Friday night in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division competition at Herm Shaw Field. The Bulldogs improved to 2-1 and will next play at New Providence this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Dayton's defense sends a message for "O" to follow
Bulldogs rip Roselle Park to tune of 34-7

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — Dayton High School first-year head football coach Paul Sep used a bit of the football mindset at Linden, where he spent 16 seasons as an assistant coach, and used it Friday night to begin Dayton's 34-7 victory over Roselle Park at Herm Shaw Field.

The Bulldogs' defense took the field to open the game. Three plays later, Kahl Goforth came off the field with a fumble recovery in his hands. Nine plays after that, quarterback Rich Shanley ran through the middle into the end zone.

While a later first-quarter fumble recovered by Brian Berger failed to produce points, Dayton's defense sent a message to the Panthers:

"I like to try to get our defense on the field first, like we would do at Linden," Sep said. "Once the defense plays well, the offense follows."

And it did, as senior backs Matt Fischer and B.J. Jones combined for 201 rushing yards to help move the Bulldogs to 2-1 on the season, Dayton winning its first game on the field after being awarded a forfeit victory against Manville.

H.S. Football

Roselle Park, outscored 104-14 on the season so far, fell to 0-3 with the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division defeat.

Jones closed the first quarter when the tailback roared past the Roselle Park bench on route to an 86-yard touchdown and a 13-0 lead. Berger laid a block on a Panther defender which sprung Jones for the score.

Jones increased the lead when he got past defensive back Brian Garrison and made a 41-yard, over-the-shoulder catch from Shanley with 5:39 remaining in the second quarter

for his second touchdown. On the next play, Shanley kept the ball and ran in for the 2-point conversion.

The Bulldogs got rushing help from unlikely sources during the drive, as wideouts David Wyche and David Woodruff took handoffs, respectively, for 13 and 14 yards.

Jones' third score came just two minutes later as he got out of Brett Force's leg grab while returning a punt 70 yards for a 27-0 halftime lead.

"We tried to kick the ball away from him," said veteran Panther head coach Tom Wagner. "Instead, it was leg drive and that's the worst thing."

While Jones was grabbing the attention, Fischer quietly posted 102 yards, most on 4- to 6-yard carries. His last carry, for 47 yards, fell a yard short of paydirt when Gary Taluba hauled him down at Roselle Park one.

That set the stage for Shanley's second touchdown, again following his center into the end zone with 4:45 left in the game.

Sep said the offensive duo also poses a threat to opposing defenses. "B.J. is really a very quiet, calm guy, while every time he gets the ball he runs hard," Sep said. "Whenever they play defense, both will get low with the pads and hit hard."

Roselle Park gained its lone score with 2:59 remaining in the third quarter. Aided by an illegal-participation penalty during a punt, the Panthers put together a 16-play drive, lasting 6:50, which ended when Fred Vargas got by a defender and found himself alone and on the receiving end of a 12-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Anthony Gabriele.

"Coming in, we really felt we were going to play with them," Wagner said. "I played the first quarter like the third, well, that's the way to get out of the blocks."

Sep said the win was special for the Bulldog seniors.

"I believe this is the first time they've beaten Roselle Park," said Sep, referring to his senior players. The teams tied, 13-13, last year in Springfield. "This year they stepped up and turned their bad mistakes into good plays."

The win was Dayton's first over Roselle Park since a 44-0 triumph in Springfield field in 1994. Dayton went 4-4 that season and the Roselle Park win was one of three shutouts.

Dayton (2-1) is scheduled to play at New Providence (3-0) this Saturday at 1 p.m. in MVC-Valley competition.

GL falls to Roselle in MVC-Mountain tilt

The Governor Livingston High School football team led after three quarters but came up short once again of staving its first win of the season.

GL was defeated by Roselle 28-18 last Saturday in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division competition in Roselle.

Roselle improved to 1-2, while the Highlanders slipped to 0-3.

GL is scheduled to play at Johnson (2-1) this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Nolan Field in Clark.

Roselle scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to erase an 18-16 deficit.

Gov. Livingston excels in UCT
Coach Britt pleased with effort

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Jerry Britt, the head girls' tennis coach at Governor Livingston High School, was blessed with several excellent softball players on the team he coached during the spring.

Their talents have extended past the diamond, as witnessed by the Highlanders' fifth-place finish in the Union County Tournament that was contested last week for the first time at Tamaques Park.

GL's top two singles players, Gina Turturiello and Jen Calabrese, reached the consolation final as the Highlanders narrowly missed getting third place. Oak Knoll, with three championship wins, won the team title over Summit, but had the other two individual crowns.

High School Girls' Tennis

Defending champion Westfield, with 33 points, and Kent Place, with 36, edged the Highlanders, who totaled 34 points.

Calabrese showed strong play and excellent recovery in the corners during her match at second singles against third-seeded Jessie West of Kent Place. The fourth-seeded junior placed third with a 6-3, 6-0 victory.

"Jen is a great competitor," Britt said. "She's a good tennis player and wins matches because of her competitiveness."

Britt also noted that Calabrese played doubles in the two previous seasons and adds basketball to her repertoire.

"Tennis is probably her third sport," Britt said. "Softball, probably, is her best because she possesses great speed and a great bat."

Turturiello, a senior, was the Union County Player of the Year last spring and one of the top Group 2 pitchers in North Jersey. Her natural talents have helped her on the tennis court as well.

With a strong, two-handed backhand, Turturiello did her best to stay in her match at first singles with Summit's Allison Johnson, but slipped fourth after losing to the No. 3 seed, 6-2, 6-2. Turturiello entered the tournament as the No. 4 seed.

"This is her other sport," Britt said. "She's played tennis for a long time, has a very good serve and anticipates the next shot well."

Britt said he was satisfied with his team's performance.

"I feel good about the team because we were about where everyone had us seeded," Britt said.

Dayton schedules on Internet

Dayton High School has announced that it's taking sports schedules to a new level: the Internet.

Parents, students, teachers, officials and anyone interested or involved in Dayton athletics can now instantly access today's sports activities, season schedules and game scores by visiting — www.highschoolsports.net — a new Internet site dedicated specifically to high school sports.

"Having our schedules on the Internet makes it easy for anyone to have the most up-to-date schedule," athletic director Ron Falzarano said. "This is especially important when the weather forces us to reschedule or cancel athletic events. Highschoolsports.net makes it easy and fast to get the word out regarding schedule changes."

Parents and students can download and print season schedules and check the scores of their favorite teams. Game officials can double-check their schedule of assigned games. The media can access updated game results for postponed or cancelled events and get instant access to game schedules. Athletic directors and coaches at opponent schools can track their archival's win-loss record.

The site is easy to use. After going to — www.highschoolsports.net — and selecting New Jersey and Dayton H.S., a complete schedule of events for the current day will appear. Making selections from the three menus below and clicking the Season Schedule button displays complete season schedules for the selected team, level and gender.

"The site makes it easy for anyone to quickly and easily find out about schedule changes," Falzarano said. "It's a real time information that would be nearly impossible to communicate to such a large number of people any other way."

This new system of posting athletic schedules online is made possible by Schedule Net sports scheduling software. With the click of a single button, ScheduleNet uploads scheduling information from the athletic director's computer to highschoolsports.net. Every upload quickly updates the schedules and results on the site with any changes or rescores entered since the last upload.

Dayton boys' soccer wins

The Dayton High School boys' soccer team won its first match of the season last Saturday, posting a dramatic 3-2 overtime win over Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division rival Brearley in Springfield. Junior forward Clarence Santarella's second goal of the match proved to be the game-winner. Dayton improved to 1-4 with the win, while Brearley slipped to 2-4.

Santarella scored a penalty kick goal and Justin Katz also scored for the Bulldogs in a 3-2 overtime loss to visiting Roselle Park last Thursday in MVC-Valley play.

Dayton students gear for hockey season

Dayton High School freshmen Brett Berger, Eric Decker and Ross Kravetz are presently preparing for the Cranford Ice Hockey Club Bantam season, which begins Saturday night against Monclair at Floyd Hall Arena at 7:45.

For Berger and Kravetz, this marks their sixth year with the Cranford team. Berger, who has been named captain of this year's team, led the Dayton High School Summer League team in assists and was second on the squad in scoring.

Kravetz, named alternate captain, is the senior defenseman on the team and will be called upon to work with an inexperienced and young defense. Second in total points for all defensesmen last season, Kravetz will continue his steady, physical play for Cranford.

Decker, starting his sophomore year with the team, has moved to play defense. He has continually improved his play during the summer and Cranford exhibition seasons. His size will greatly aid the smaller Cranford squad in the defensive zone.

During their three-game pre-season, Berger notched three assists and Kravetz two.

Minutemen B Team scores 27-0 grid win
The Springfield Minutemen B Team must like the score of 27-0. For the second consecutive week the youth football team posted a 27-0 win, this time defeating Millburn last Sunday in Millburn. Springfield opened with a 27-0 win at home over Chatham and now takes a 2-0 record into this Sunday's 1:15 p.m. contest at Perth Amboy.

Book fair allows students to make novel wish lists

Books are very popular at the Sandmeier Elementary School in Springfield, as shown by the number of books purchased at the recent book fair.

As always, the students were enthusiastic about the book selections from Scholastic Books. Many volunteers helped write at least four to six books on each student's wish list. During Back-to-School Night, parents lined up to purchase books from their children's lists, adding others as they perused through the shelves of books.

Besides raising money for the Parent-Teacher Association, the book fair enables all the teachers to select \$25 worth of books for their classrooms. Depending on the volume of sale, the school also receives credit to purchase books for the library.

Beth Bell, book fair coordinator, was able to make this list of the most popular books at the end of the fair. The top nine selling books, in order of popularity, were "Pokémon — Attack of the Prehistoric Pokémon," "Pokémon Official Handbook," "Captain Underpants and the Invasion of the Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies From Outer Space — The Third Epic Novel," "How to Reach Your Favorite Super Stars," "You Can Yo-Yo," "Rug Rats Joke Book," "Mary Kate and Ashley — Surprise Call," "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," and "Balloon Magic."



Abisheik Gill, left, and Nikolas Kakouris review the list of books they picked up for their wish list at the Sandmeier Book Fair in Springfield.



Olivia Cancro, left, Ashley Halizer, center, and Jaime Endaz look over the kittens and cats selections at the Sandmeier Book Fair in Springfield.

Department tests water

The Westfield Regional Health Department has announced it will offer bacteriological water testing for residents within its jurisdiction with private wells as their source of drinking water.

The testing is being offered free of charge to residents with well water to assure that it is bacteriologically safe to drink after the flooding associated with Tropical Storm Floyd.

As a general rule, residents with well water should not meet these essential purposes — drinking, cooking, ice and brushing teeth — until the water has been tested.

Private wells that were not subjected to flood water; are not located next to an industrial, manufacturing or commercial zoned property; and are not located on properties having a septic system would be considered safe to drink unless any household member is an infant, elderly or currently immunocompromised.

Households that do not meet these guidelines should have their water tested prior to discontinuing boiling the water.

Generally, well water used for potable purposes should be tested at least annually for bacteria contamination, and at least every five years, or more often depending upon nearby industrial development, such as heavy manufacturing or gasoline stations, for Volatile Organics, pesticides and petroleum byproducts.

For more information or to arrange for testing contact the Health Department at (908) 789-4070 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Westfield Health Department provides public health and environmental health services to Fanwood, Garwood, Mountaineer, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

Transport volunteers needed at local hospital

Children's Specialized Hospital is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older, to transport patients between therapy appointments within the hospital's Mountaineer site.

These "Internal Transporters" are needed between 8:15 and 11:30 a.m. or 12:15 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The duties and responsibilities of Internal Transporters include transporting children, ages one month through 21 years, to their assigned therapists within the hospital in a safe and timely manner.

The physical demands of the position include walking, bending, stretching and pushing wheelchairs and stretchers.

All volunteer transporters are required to attend an in-service training session and an evening volunteer orientation.

For more information, or to apply, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

Children's Specialized Hospital, New Jersey's first comprehensive rehabilitation hospital dedicated exclu-

sively to children, is an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System.

Children's Specialized Hospital treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years through a network of services for young people with and without disabilities including out-patient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care through its sites in Mountaineer, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Vendors needed for PTA craft show

Mountaineer's Deerfield School PTA will be holding its annual Craft Show fundraiser Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Crafters are needed as vendors for the show. The fee is \$30 for a 10-foot space. Vendors must provide their own tables and chairs. Spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Use variance approval is sought above a portion of the proposed bank facility is located in the R-2 zone district. Variances are also sought from the Springfield Land Use Ordinance for minimum building setback to a residential district of use (Section 602.4C) in which 50 feet is required and in which 40 feet is requested; a free-standing sign area variance (Section 602.2B) in which 20 square feet is permitted and in which 48 square feet is proposed; a free-

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standing sign height variance (Section 608.8B) in which 12 feet is permitted and in which 18 feet is proposed; and a variance from the automatic laser machine signage requirement (Section 608.8D) in which 2 inches rounded tops are allowed and in which 3 non-flared rounded AT&T signs are proposed.

Adjustments are sought for such additional variances and design waivers from the requirements of the Township of Springfield Land Use Ordinance as may be necessary or required at the time of the hearing. The application, plans and survey are on file at the Annex Building, 30 North Trent Street and are available for inspection between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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Westfield Health Department requests information

The Westfield Regional Health Department is requesting all physicians and dentists practicing within its jurisdiction — Fanwood, Garwood, Mountaineer, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield — to provide the Health Department with their fax numbers and/or e-mail addresses to be

used for the dissemination of emergency health bulletins.

The Health Department is attempting to develop a communication system that would allow for an effective and timely distribution of health information relative to the current water emergency associated with Tropical Storm Floyd, as well as any other future public health or environmental bulletins.

Medical and dental offices are asked to contact the Health Department at (908) 789-4070 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by mail sent to the Westfield Regional Health Department, 425 East Broad St., Westfield, 07090.

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