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Marion residents' storm water woes to be heard

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Walking around the Marion Avenue neighborhood, everything looks fine. But there are water level problems, and the Springfield Township Committee is appealing to the residents for their input.

Township Administrator Richard Sheola has drafted a letter to Marion's neighbors, asking them to appear at the committee's next regular meeting, scheduled for Tuesday. To accommodate the Marion Avenue contingent, the committee has decided to start its meeting a half hour earlier, at 7:30 p.m.

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, the meeting represents "a status update" on the water table situation rather than a rehash of the facts.

"This is an ongoing problem," Harelik said. "We've been trying to correct it for a long time."

The invitation marks a communication shift for the flood saga. Last November, after Tropical Storm Floyd ravaged the area, more than 20 Marion residents joined together to form Citizens for the Reduction of Water Damage. The group was introduced to the Township Committee Nov. 16 by member Dan Garlen. But after a second appearance before the committee, the group never reappeared.

The street has been repeatedly assaulted by flood waters due to its high water tables. The water problem

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— Mayor Clara Harelik

is connected, at least in part, to a number of inactive wells owned by the Elizabethtown Water Company. A second headache lies with the low arches of the Route 82 bridge, located down the street at the intersection of Morris Avenue.

Sheola's letter to the residents will be accompanied by two other letters. The inactive wells, according to Harelik, have also been affecting two other communities — Millburn and Union townships. On May 9, Harelik wrote her own letter to the Board of Public Utilities, reiterating the problems communicated in a previous letter sent by Millburn Mayor Elaine Becker, which focused specifically on the issue of the Elizabethtown wells.

Harelik and Becker had, in Harelik's words, "some lengthy conversations" on the subject of the wells. In answer to Harelik's communication, BPU wrote back requesting the township to submit a list of names of the affected families, along with their particular hardships. BPU's written response will be included with both Harelik's and Sheola's letters in the package sent to residents.

The block's homes, which sustain significant water damage to their homes even during minor storms, suffered serious damage at Floyd's wrath last year. Water levels rose to the first floor in some homes as a result of the mid-September storm.

The eight Elizabethtown wells vary in depth from 113 to 420 feet. Residents have insisted that the wells are creating too high of a water table. They say they should be turned back on in order to pump non-drinkable water back into the Rahway River, which runs just behind the east side of Marion neighborhood, and also under the Route 82 bridge.

The wells present a difficult legal challenge. Although they were shut down in the late 1980s, the township's attempts to negotiate with the water company date back to 1995. In early 1996, during a series of talks with Elizabethtown, the township applied to the Department of Environmental Protection for a permit to pump the water back into the Rahway — precisely what the street's residents have been seeking to do. The permit was never issued.

Erin Reilly, a spokesperson for Elizabethtown, told the *Echo Leader* back in November that the water company had no intention of going back into negotiations. Marion Avenue residents continue to insist that their water tables were artificially lowered during the years the wells were in operation.

Having a ball



Photo By Barbara Kukukala

Three-year-old Brianna Rinaldo stirs up a plastic ball-filled tank at Springfield's second annual Take Pride in Springfield Fourth of July celebration. The township-sponsored event featured numerous rides, games and food vendors, along with a fireworks display.

Sarah Bailey to become a \$150,000 facelift recipient

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

One of Springfield's senior buildings will be getting a little fixing up thanks to the Senior Focus grant.

The township will be receiving \$150,000 from Union County to help upgrade the more than 100-year-old Sarah Bailey Civic Center, the site of the township's various senior programs.

Senior Focus grants are determined by the size of a planner community, with cities such as Elizabethtown qualifying for up to \$250,000, smaller communities \$100,000 and intermediate size communities, such as Springfield, up to \$150,000. Community size is actually determined by the number of seniors a municipality has; Springfield factors into the 3,000 to 8,999 senior population range.

According to Recreation Director

Mike Tennaro, who wrote the application for the grant, the money, which has not yet been received, cannot be used for establishing senior programs or operating expenses, but must be used for either improvements to senior facilities or for senior transportation.

Mayor Clara Harelik listed Sarah Bailey's scheduled repairs at the regular meeting of the Township Committee last week: three restrooms will be renovated to provide for better handicapped accessibility, and 37 windows and four exterior doors will be replaced.

"Bailey's over a hundred years old," said Tennaro, who maintains an office in the building. "The windows are very, very old and they leak. The bathrooms are old too. The building just needs to be modernized. There may possibly be gutter work also."

The \$3-million Senior Focus Initiative, developed earlier this year, will provide money to every municipality in the county. Each community will use its funds to a slightly different end. Springfield will join towns such as Roselle, Hillside and Winfield Park with improvements to its senior facilities. Other towns will use the grant for land acquisitions, or construction of new facilities. Some communities, such as Mountainside, will put their grant to use for the purchase of computers for use by seniors.

According to census data, one out of every five Union County residents is over the age of 60. Population data from the Union County Division of Aging have shown that seniors tend to remain within their communities, rather than relocating to retirement communities within, or outside, the state.

It's a llama, mama



Photo By Barbara Kukukala

Corea Pickering introduces her two-year-old daughter, Chyna, to an overly-friendly llama at the second annual Take Pride in Springfield Fourth of July celebration. Admission to Tuesday's township sponsored event included unlimited access to all rides and games and a complimentary hamburger and soft drink.

Pest policies put in place in Springfield

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Pests. The insect kind. What to do? Most people are reluctant to spray, and maybe they're right. The Township of Springfield is looking toward less toxic ways of handling the little beasts. Last week, at its regular meeting, the committee passed a resolution establishing a policy of integrated pest management.

"A lot of it is education," Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld said. "A lot of people don't understand how to use non-chemical means to fight pests."

Hirschfeld said the resolution focuses on two areas. "The first phase is oriented toward changing patterns of pesticide use," the committeeman said. "It's a way of focusing on organic methods of getting rid of pests."

Hirschfeld claimed "there's a spearhead product that's totally safe and non-toxic." He also referred to an improved and safer procedure for treating termite infestation. The second phase of the procedure involves a more specific topic: lawn and garden care. "A lot of companies use organic products like soy, with no toxic effects," Hirschfeld said. "It's been shown through studies that children under the age of 4 that play

on lawns and ingest pesticides develop brain damage."

The township has recently had to deal with an insect problem of its own. A number of ground-dwelling insect nests were discovered in the outfield portion of the softball field behind the Chisholm Community Center. The nests were reported to Recreation Director Mike Tennaro by the department's softball coordinator. Although the insects — thought to be bees — have not yet reportedly stung anyone, the situation has presented a nuisance to those using the field.

Tennaro told the *Echo Leader* two weeks ago that no exterminating has been done, although the holes from the nests are plainly visible in the grass. He said no pesticides would be put down.

"We wouldn't do any spraying during the season, because we have kids out there right now," Tennaro said.

Tennaro added that two pest control experts have examined the situation separately, and have assured him that the insects are of a non-stinging variety. But it remains unclear exactly what species of insect are involved. A source from Western Pest Control in Mountainside has suggested that the invaders are perhaps cicada killers.

Hold the mustard, please



One-year-old Joshua Cokley of Roselle tries out a hotdog during a cookout on the lawn of Antioch Baptist Church in Springfield. Bible school children gathered with friends and family after church services on June 25 for the school's annual Friends and Family Day.

Deerfield School buzzes with summer camp fun

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

If you're a Mountainside parent, there's no reason for your kids to be bored this summer.

The school year may have ended last Friday, and even though all the lockers are open, Deerfield School is still buzzing with activity, with the district's summer camp, enrichment program and summer school all running at once.

The day camp, which kicked off earlier this week, runs for seven weeks during the summer. The camp is divided into three parts, with a pre-camp running from 7:30 to 8 a.m., a regular camp from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and a post-camp from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

The pre- and post-camps are for parents who have to go to work early or stay a little later, said Suzanne Jenks, director of the Summer Program and a third-grade classroom teacher at Deerfield.

The fee for the regular camp — 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — is \$170 per week. Camp runs for seven weeks, ending Aug. 11, but Jenks said that parents can select from different options, scheduling camp times for mornings only, afternoons only, or half-days, all at lesser rates.

"We have sign-ups week-to-week.

but we're flexible with schedules," Jenks pointed out. "We work around the parents' schedules."

The camp uses the Deerfield cafeteria as its home base. Posted on the walls are a variety of games and sports. Kids make their selection from a list of about 13 different activities covering the day's three designated periods.

"They pick their own activities," Jenks said. "We don't just throw them into a room and watch them."

Campers are organized by age, with Kinder Camp for children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, Junior Camper Kids for grades one and two, and Camper Kids for grades three and up. Kinder Camp children, according to Jenks, are given activities designed to enhance socialization skills.

"They have storytime, art activities — we try to give them things to do so they can get used to being with other kids," Jenks said.

Jenks is in her fourth year heading the camp. A number of her fellow counselors are also Deerfield teachers, although some come from schools outside the district. The summer camp employs about 14 counselors overall, some of whom, like Jenks, instruct for the entire day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• The Mountaineer Public Library hosts a summer storytime and craft session at 2 p.m. for Mountaineer children ages K-4. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to register.

Sunday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, hosts two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m., children ages 6 and up can explore the summer sky and learn about the constellations. Each family will receive a summer sky map to take home. At 3:30 p.m., children ages 4 to 6 can learn how the Earth formed and how the moon affects life on Earth.
Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

Monday
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts its continuing lunchtime video series at noon with "On the Waterfront."
Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the show. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Mountaineer Public Library hosts summer bedtime stories at 7 p.m. for borough children ages 2 to 5, accompanied by an adult. Children are welcome to come in their pajamas. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to register.
• The Mountaineer Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a work session at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaineer.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. for an executive session followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, hosts an educational program of songs and stories with a nature theme at 1:30 p.m. for children ages 4 and up.
Admission is \$4 per person.
• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a special meeting at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming events
July 13
• The Mountaineer Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaineer.
• The Mountaineer Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

July 17
• The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

July 18
• The Mountaineer Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, will host an event for children ages 4 and up called Magi-casobra at 1:30 p.m. Children can meet Mother Nature and her live animal friends.

July 20
• Brighton Gardens of Mountaineer and MetLife Trust Company will sponsor a free seminar on estate planning at 7:30 p.m. at the assisted living facility, 1350 Route 22 West, Mountaineer. Topics will include analyzing what is included in an estate, how that property will be taxed and ways to reduce estate costs. A question and answer period will follow.
To attend or for more information call (908) 654-4460.

July 24
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.
• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

July 25
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information call (973) 912-2227.
• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.
The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

• Temple Sh'arey Shaalom Religious School, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, is now accepting registration for the next school year beginning in September. Kindergarten through third grade is scheduled to meet on Saturdays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Fourth grade through seventh grade will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Eighth grade through 10th grade will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

A 25th anniversary



Recognizing Father Bob Stagg's 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood are St. James the Apostle School's student council members, from left, James Liggins, Colleen Spadora, Father Stagg, Joseph Liggins, Danielle DePrinno and principal Sister Mary Guyer. The students presented the Springfield priest with a Waterford crystal chalice and paten.

NEWS CLIPS

Recreation Department takes tennis reservations

The Springfield Recreation Department has announced that tennis reservations will now be taken beginning today.

No reservations will be taken for weekends and holidays. Sign up will be the same day at the courts.

Telephone reservations will be taken for all courts up to 48 hours prior to that day. For example, on Tuesdays for Thursday and on Wednesdays for Friday. Weekend telephone reservations cannot be taken for the same day since the sheets are posted on the courts at 9 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling (973) 912-2226 from 9 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All residents are required to have tennis badges. They are available at the Recreation Department from 9 to 4 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for the photo ID badge.

For more information about the badges, call (973) 912-2227.

Board of Health meets

The Springfield Board of Health has set its meeting schedule for the year in the Annex Building located adjacent to the Springfield Municipal Building.

The meetings dates are as follows: Wednesday, Aug. 9; Sept. 13; Oct. 11; Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.
Members of the public are welcome to attend. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Churches to sponsor a Can-Do-Kids project

The Springfield Presbyterian and the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist churches are turning Church Mall into a clubhouse of "Can-Do-Kids" this summer.
Club Can-Do-Kids will see how children just like themselves fulfilled

God's plan in Biblical times

Children from 3 years old through the sixth grade can join the club for Can-Do crafts, Can-Do songs, Can-Do crafts and Can-Do fun.

Club meetings will be at both churches on Church Mall from July 24 to 28 from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$5 per child and \$10 maximum per family.

For information call (908) 245-6244 or (973) 379-4326.

Seats available for trip

The Springfield Senior Citizens have announced that there are seats available for an upcoming trip to Ellis Island on Sept. 25. The price will be \$25 a person, and a lunch should be brought by each participant.

The seniors will leave Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall in Springfield, at 9 a.m. and return

approximately at 5 p.m.

More information can be obtained by calling Theresa Herkalo, senior coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

Tennis badges required

The Springfield Recreation Department announces that residents are required to obtain a photo ID tennis badge for \$10 each.

The badges are available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield, from 9 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once you obtain the ID, it will be validated year after year with no other charges.

For more information call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2228.

OBITUARIES

Ben Averbach

Ben Averbach, 86, of Monroe Township, formerly of Hillside and Springfield, died June 25 in the Medical Center at Princeton.
Born in Newark, Mr. Averbach lived in Hillside and Springfield before moving to Monroe Township eight years ago. He was an insurance agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Newark and Millburn and retired 25 years ago.

Mr. Averbach was a member of Marguery Group of Clearbrook and served on the board of directors of Clearbrook Section One, both of Monroe Township. He also was a member of the retiree group of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Surviving are wife, Janet, two daughters, Susan Reisman and Karen Friedman; three sisters, Francine Bakalchuk, Ann Bronitsky and Esther Shulman; and six grandchildren.

John Carl Baber Jr.

John Carl Baber Jr., 72, a lifelong resident of Springfield and retired lieutenant on the Springfield police force, died June 26 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Mr. Baber served in the Springfield Police Department for 29 years and retired in 1979 as a lieutenant. He was a member of the Retired Police Benevolent Association. Mr. Baber served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Lorraine; three daughters, Karen Stadler, Donna Murphy and Janet Drachman; a son, John V. Baber; three sisters, Ursula Potter, Frieda Petzinger and Erwine Desch, and nine grandchildren.

Anna Giannattascio

Anna Giannattascio, 82, of Springfield died June 27 at home.

Born in Passaic, Mrs. Giannattascio lived in Millburn and moved to Springfield 50 years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. James Church and the County Oaks Civic Association, both of Springfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Joan A. Bischoff, Elaine M. Klubenschen and Anna M. Marchetti; three sisters, Julia Elio, Elizabeth Bodzan and Margaret Pace; a brother, George Raskulinesc; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stephanie Evans

Stephanie Evans, 90, of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Mountaineer, died

June 25 in a nursing home in St. Louis.

Mrs. Evans lived in Kearny and Mountaineer for many years before moving to St. Louis. She was an administrative assistant at the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountaineer, before retiring.

Surviving are a son, Arnold; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Agnes Brzezinski

Agnes Brzezinski, 95, of Springfield died June 28 in the home of her granddaughter.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Brzezinski lived in Irvington most of her life before moving to Springfield three years ago. She had been a member of the Rosary Society of Sacred Heart Church in Irvington.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Rubrecht; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the personal property contents of the following storage units will be offered for sale by public auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage lease. The auction will be held on July 26, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. Location: Storage USA, 37 Oakwood Ave., Orange NJ 07050. Terms: Cash. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction.

The following units are scheduled for auction:

- Barbara Lindsey 113: Miscellaneous items;
- Evelyn McDaniel 222: Miscellaneous items;
- Lee Vern Morant 304: Miscellaneous items;
- Yvonne B. Kyles 1127: Miscellaneous items;
- Constance L. Goodwin 1207: Miscellaneous items;
- Jeanette Hall 2116: Miscellaneous items;
- William 4222: Miscellaneous items;
- Henry P. Urell 4311: Miscellaneous items;
- Patricia E. Frazer 6001: Miscellaneous items;
- Donna Reed 5102: Miscellaneous items;
- Mary E. Clark 5108: Miscellaneous items;
- Reshonda Labeath 3116: Miscellaneous items;
- Loree Grimmer 6311: Miscellaneous items;
- Marquee Robinson 6318: Miscellaneous items;
- Kimberly Kenton 6312: Miscellaneous items;
- James Bailey 5417: Miscellaneous items;
- Valerie Reese 5533: Miscellaneous items;
- Eltonya Danby 5534: Miscellaneous items;
- Andrea G. Stewart 6239: Miscellaneous items;
- James Ivan Young 8320: Miscellaneous items;
- Wayne G. Wallace 8328: Miscellaneous items;
- Robert Cylburn 8406: Miscellaneous items;
- Barry A. Aiston 6512: Miscellaneous items;
- Ruthvin G. Martin 6541: Miscellaneous items;
- Jacqueline Nicole 6906: Miscellaneous items;
- Sam Chen 7127: Miscellaneous items;
- Eric C. Bell 7319: Miscellaneous items;
- Alexa Scott 7408: Miscellaneous items.

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Campers invade Deerfield

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 The final two weeks of camp are "trip weeks." Older campers and younger campers are separated and taken to places suited to their particular age groups. Older campers are taken to Great Adventure, on a cruise aboard the Circle Line and to a Yankee game, with a tour of Yankee Stadium included.
 "This is our third year doing the Yankee game," Jenks pointed out. "Everyone looked at us funny when we said we wanted to do it, but it worked out great and it's probably our most popular trip. We leave the educational trips for the school year. We do the fun ones now."
 Younger campers visit the amusement parks Sesame Place and Jenkinson's Aquarium at Point Pleasant, while the entire camp, as a group, visits the Bronx Zoo and Dorney Park, another amusement facility in Pennsylvania.
 On a more educational front, the district is also currently offering its SHINE program. An acronym for Summer Holds Interesting New

Experiences, the enrichment program offers courses for students from kindergarten through grade eight in a variety of subjects, from reading and literature to art, math, writing, foreign language and gymnastics.
 SHINE classes are offered in three sessions. Session one ends Friday, with the second session beginning Monday and running through July 21. Session three runs from July 24 through 28.
 The upcoming session's two courses include Phonics Fun for children in grades kindergarten through 2, Myths and Legends for grades 2 to 4, and a series of writers' workshops, a poetry course, mask-making, Nature in Art, and even two study skills courses, Test Taking and Excelling in the ESPA. Registered students are not graded or tested, and all instructors are certified educators.
 "It's a three-ring circus," Deerfield's Assistant Principal Elizabeth Keshish said of the summer schedule. "A lot of the kids go to summer school from 9 a.m. to noon, then roll over into the camp."



Photo by Jeff Green
 Eight-year-old Jake Latourette of Mountaintide prepares to blast a shot on goal during a summer camp soccer game at Deerfield School Monday. Mountaintide school district's seven-week summer camp program runs until Aug. 11.

Farmer Ort comes to town with fresh produce

By Joe Lugars
 Staff Writer
 After a few false starts, the Springfield Farmers' Market is ready to go. The Township Committee voted recently to officially get the market under way. Committee member Roy Hirschfeld has been the guiding hand behind the concept, which is scheduled to make its debut in the front of Jonathan Dayton High School's parking lot Tuesday. The market will be held every Tuesday for the duration of the summer.
 The market will be starting with one farmer, Harvey Ort of Ort Farms in Long Valley. Hirschfeld, who originally said he wanted to "start small, with three or four merchants," has negotiated with a number of businesses, including Foodtown and Sam's Market in Springfield. But Ort, who demonstrated an interest in participating in the market from its inception, was the only farmer to commit to the project.
 Hirschfeld said back in February that the idea for the Farmer's Market squeaked by the Township Committee by a vote of only 3-2. One factor in the closeness of the vote had to do with the fact that several communities surrounding Springfield, notably Millburn and Summit, hold their own markets — Millburn on Fridays, Summit on Sundays. Springfield's market was originally planned for Sundays, but was subsequently changed to Tuesdays.
 Township Administrator Richard Sheola assisted on the project by writing a grant to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. The department makes grants available not only to farmers but to municipalities, in order to make events such as Farmer's Markets possible. Some of the grant money has been used for advertising for Springfield's market.
 Hirschfeld's notion was to offer "Jersey Fresh" produce to township residents. Ort, whose family farm was established in the 1800s, is currently farming on land purchased by his grandfather in 1916. Ort will provide a variety of items, including tomatoes, sweet corn, peppers, eggplant, peaches, blueberries, fresh string beans and "melons — maybe later in the summer, at the end of July." Fresh cut flowers will also be available.
 Springfield's market is the third local market in which Ort will be participating. The Long Valley farmer also brings his produce to Scotch Plains and neighboring Millburn.

STUDENT UPDATE

Modi attends institutes at Alfred University

Shaun Modi of Mountaintide is among more than 100 students attending Summer Institutes at Alfred University this week.
 Students will be participating in

hands-on projects related to their field of interest. Modi, who just completed his freshman year at Governor Livingston High School, is enrolled in the entrepreneurial leadership institute, which includes workshops on electronic commerce, business, financial planning and accounting.

Carson receives degree from Duke University

Craig Carson of Mountaintide has received his doctorate degree in philosophy from Duke University. Carson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson of Mountaintide.

Resident graduates from St. Lawrence University

Brad von der Linden of Mountaintide was among 462 students who received degrees at St. Lawrence University's commencement ceremony May 21 in Canton, N.Y.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.
 Entertainment - Friday noon.
 Sports - Monday noon.
 Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

The children chat



Picnicking and chatting together are Antioch Baptist Church bible schoolers, from left, Ariel Arjoonsingh, 8, Gregory Foushee, 8, Shayla Cole, 6, and Alexander Arjoonsingh, 12. On June 25, the bible school hosted its annual Friends and Family Day.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kessel wins scholarship

Jonathan Dayton High School student Michael Kessel, son of Marc and Leona Kessel of Springfield, has been named the winner of a \$500 scholarship from County Educators Federal Credit Union in Roselle Park. The scholarship was offered to all credit union members' high school seniors.
 Kessel was one of three winners who were chosen from a statewide credit union scholarship competition. Winners were selected based on scholastic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, teacher

references, leadership qualities and written essays.
Stone appointed general agent at Mutual Life
 Stephen Stone has been appointed general agent of Springfield by Northwestern Mutual Life, 120 Mountain Ave.
 He succeeds his father, Bob Stone, CLU, who has been general agent in Springfield for 30 years. Stone joined Northwestern Mutual in 1982. In 1985, he was appointed to Field Director. Stone has been a consistent

qualifier for numerous company and industry awards and honors, as well as a qualifier and life member of the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table.
Hausman receives M.D.
 A former graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Dr. Richard Hausman received his medical degree from Western University in June. Dr. Hausman is a resident in Emergency Medicine at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Ronni and Mary Hausman of Springfield.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Good-bye, rote method

In the wake of new state core content standards and testing, the Mountainside Board of Education has approved sweeping changes to the Deerfield curriculum and style of teaching. The newly approved teaching style will put an end to rote learning — an antiquated memorization-based method.

We applaud the school board's decision to drift from the rote method of teaching. Now, Deerfield's students will learn, at an early age, the thinking skills they will need to apply later in life. This new teaching method focuses on group works, discussions, analytical thinking and sophisticated thought.

According to the former teaching method, teachers simply gave the students a list of dates, words or events and asked them to memorize the information and then regurgitate it on a test. Some students learn well with this method and find it easy to play back the knowledge at test time. But other students find it difficult to learn the material in this manner.

Students who prefer the rote method statistically do not retain long-term memory of the facts they memorize. In his book, "How Schools Really Work," former New Jersey Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman endorses non-rote learning. Cooperman uses examples from his own teaching career to advance this position. When his students were asked to memorize facts about the Panama Canal and anti-trust laws, they were readily able to recall the information for the test. But asked about these topics several weeks later, they had forgotten much of the information. Cooperman then changed his teaching method to incorporate group work and analytical thinking and found that his students retained knowledge about the subjects at a later date.

Now Mountainside is following suit. According to the new standards, Deerfield teachers will ask students to read the key information and then discuss it. Activities will be planned so students can discuss the material and analyze it. These activities will encourage students to form their own opinions, defend their own opinions and consider other people's opinions. In the long run, students will learn more about the material than they would by simply memorizing a list of facts.

People need to be prepared to present information and defend their opinions in life, not just recite a list of facts. By having Deerfield students learn these skills in elementary school, they will be better prepared to take the world by storm.

The long-term benefits of the new teaching style will reinforce some of the valuable analytical skills students will need to take with them into the professional world. Students will ultimately retain the information they learn longer than it takes to pass a test.

We commend the Mountainside Board of Education for its foresight in changing an outdated teaching method that does not properly prepare our children for the challenges of the 21st century. Students will need to know how to discuss and formulate ideas, analyze information, defend their beliefs and work with others to study information in order to succeed in the professional world — one that does not operate by answering true-false and multiple choice questions.

Let them in

Students have voices.

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland recognizes the importance of student viewpoints, and has encouraged Board of Education members to consider allowing a student representative to sit in on board meetings.

The board has brainstormed the issue, albeit cautiously. Friedland is somewhat more confident of the concept's potential for success, going so far as to tell the board last week that he would like to see student representation either by mid-year or next spring.

Caution on the part of board members is understandable. Young people, like adults, are capable of abusing privileges, and the board, if it implements a student representation procedure, must guard against any petty concerns teased its way — the same as it would with any unreasonable, irate parent.

During the final weeks of the school year, and during the Jonathan Dayton commencement, much fanfare was made of the academic achievements of the school. The achievements are indeed considerable; the records of two of its recent graduates, Dina Gordon and Jessica Lau, are amazing on their own.

Friedland has also announced that Dayton has been topped by New Jersey Monthly magazine as one of the top 75 high schools in the state, an honor that will be immortalized in printer's ink in the September issue.

With all of these glowing stars in the district's crown, the Board of Education should feel fairly confident that a serious enough student can be found to sit in and listen and offer their viewpoints to the board. Friedland himself has used the term "high functioning student." There have been, and there are, high functioning students at Dayton. Establish guidelines for them, and let them in.



A DEDICATION TO DONORS — Presenting a flag that was flown over the nation's capitol during National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week to the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network in Springfield are, from left, Lenore Ford, chairwoman of the Gift of Life Committee of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary; Township Committeeman Gregory Clarke, donor family representative Fran Vozos and Sharing Network president Joseph Roth. On Flag Day, the flag was dedicated to organ donors and their families and now flies on the organization's lawn.

Come on, America, show us some dignity

The cameras are on you. How far are you willing to go for some attention?

The camera is the ham's paradise. If it were only ham we were talking about, I'd scrap this column and go home and pick up my sock. But it's not just hamsteins; hamsteins alone is forgivable. Starring oneself isn't.

Americans transform into donkeys when the little light on top of the camera flashes red. Instantly, we do whatever we have to in order to get ourselves noticed; jump up and down in place until we injure a knee, perform the Tarzan yell, or the Moonwalk, or the simple wave-your-arms-a-convulsive-fit.

"Survivor" and the upcoming "Big Brother" are perfect programs, from a programmer's standpoint, for an attention-mad nation. Their point is

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

obscenely simple: eat those worms and we'll toss you some bucks. We'll give you a chance to express your need for attention, but you'll have to look like a haggard donkey in front of millions in order to do it.

Not everyone is a big enough attention freak to apply for the opportunity to be on these shows. Most of us are content to stand outside the NBC Studio on a 38-degree morning with

homemade signs that say "I travelled 1,628 miles to be here, so kiss me!"

When I was growing up, back in the Steel Pier days of Atlantic City, they had a feature on the boardwalk called "The Dancing Chicken." It was actually a vending machine with a chicken inside; you'd put some change in, some chicken feed would fall, and the animal would do its little "dance."

We're doing the same thing today, only the chicken feed is a million bucks or so. Sometimes the only chicken feed is the camera itself.

Dear America: Show some dignity. Good heavens, man, isn't it bad enough that O.J. Simpson's out playing golf, and that our most prolific murderers are less than college age?

Dignity has been sucked into a

black hole. Human beings can be bought by waving a dime in a typhoon; there's damn near nothing they won't do for the coin of the realm — except maybe work.

Eating worms and rats, and spear-fishing, especially in the 21st century — this century that we all looked forward to for so long — is unnecessary, unhealthy and repulsive. All that's required is determination, the type that only hereditary stupidity can generate.

You watch. Check out your network news tonight; at some point, a live report will go out. Some reporter will be on the scene of a murder, or a fire, or a hit and run, and six idiots will be standing behind him, oblivious to the tragedy, waving and mugging and sticking their tongues out.

We're equipped to take on world beyond GL

Editor's note: The following remarks were delivered at Governor Livingston High School's graduation ceremonies on June 19.

Ever since we entered elementary school, we have been told that we are the Class of 2000, the first high school class to graduate in the new millennium and that great things are expected of us. For us, this past New Year's Eve brought more than simply Y2K and a record-setting celebration in Times Square; it brought the year of our commencement.

One of the most important things about graduation is that it is a commencement and not just the culmination of *our* high school's life. Now is a time to look ahead to our future while cherishing the memories of our past. It is the time for our class to look back on the impact we have made on GL before we start to make new marks on the world.

Throughout high school, we have all taken different paths, choosing different sports and different extracurriculars, but our lives have all revolved around the same sprawling fields and buildings.

When we entered the school as freshmen, we all began at the same place, and, one way or another, we have all now reached the same finish line. Our paths may have spread out over the past four years, but tonight, all our paths cross again for a final time before diverging forever.

We will soon scatter all across the nation, from California to Maine, from Texas to Michigan, as we attend colleges at all corners of the country. Of course, we will keep in touch with many of our friends and come back home for vacations, but never again will we be together as a class.

As I look back on the four years we have spent at GL, it is obvious that our class will not soon be forgotten. From our entrance as freshmen, when teachers eagerly whispered that we were by far the class with the most potential to succeed, to our recent senior dinner, where we all came together as a class to celebrate our upcoming graduation, our class has worked as a team to achieve success and has learned many valuable lessons along the way.

Whether we were frantically peering up images of Peter Pan flying to



Neververland during hall decorating, edging out the other classes in volleyball tournaments and Class Clash, or organizing one of the best trips in New Jersey, our class has lived up to the expectations set out for us as freshmen, exhibiting teamwork and dedication at every step of the way.

The legacy our class will leave behind goes far beyond our spirit and dedication. In the four years we've spent roaming the halls of GL, we have enjoyed success in a variety of sports, extracurriculars, and academics. Teams such as softball and tennis have consistently crushed their competition, placing among the top few in the Mountain Valley Conference every year. And who could forget the final game of the state tournament last year when our boys' basketball team defeated Gateway to become the champions.

Outside of sports, our class has led GL's theatrical program as it has steadily improved so that it now ranks among the top in the state, earning the most nominations of any New Jersey high school at the recent Paper Mill Awards for the musical "Pirates of Penzance." We have also upheld GL's standard of academic excellence, winning several state titles and ranking nationally in competitions ranging from chemistry to foreign language to business.

Of course, we do owe a lot of our success to the teachers, coaches, and directors who pushed us to succeed. They cultivated the sparks of potential they saw in us as freshmen and helped us to mature and achieve success over four years. We've worked hard to get to the top, and made some sacrifices along the way, but the success we've reached has been well worth the climb, and we've enjoyed ourselves throughout the journey.

But as the saying goes, nothing

gold can stay, and our four years of residence here on the hill have finally drawn to a close. We have matured from wide-eyed freshmen into confident, capable seniors who were only too eager to take our turn as leaders of the school.

Tonight, we celebrate those four years of growth and achievement, but we also celebrate the future ahead of us. Whether our plans lie in college or work, we are finally one step closer to realizing the dreams we have had since our kindergarten teachers told us that we would one day be the class of 2000. We will no longer be kept on the schedule of a public school, and we must now move on to pursue education on our own.

Today is a time to reminisce, but also a time to look ahead to our new freedom. With this freedom comes many challenges, but also many opportunities. Today, the school holds its breath and turns us loose on the world; to go our separate ways and to do something special with our lives.

No matter what we do, we will have a chance to impact the world for ourselves and future generations. Whether we spend our lives researching a cure for cancer, working as diplomats or establishing world peace, or simply being good parents to our children, we will be making a differ-

ence in the world. What we do is not as important as how we do it; it is the passion we put into our lives and careers that will count in the end.

Now, armed with a diploma, a high school education, and four years of the best memories of our lives, we are equipped to take on the world beyond the walls of GL and see what it has to offer us. Now is the time for our teachers, family and friends to watch us as we move beyond high school and prepare to attack life with a vengeance.

Always remember the lessons you have learned here, both in and out of the classroom, and keep them with you throughout your lives. Today we are loosed on the world, and the world will never be the same. Always remember what we've learned, what we've accomplished, and what we've shared.

I would now like to say a final thank you to Mr. Jones and all of our teachers, to all of our parents and friends, and above all, to you, the fellow members of what I call for a final time my class, our class, the Governor Livingston class of 2000.

A member of the Class of 2000 at Governor Livingston High School, Allison Ploje will attend Princeton University in the fall.

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David Shapinn

"I saw the new \$10 in Florida. It looks a lot like the new \$20. It will present a problem to those who are handicapped in making change and knowing which machines will take them."



Walter Lysak

"Yes, when I was in Atlantic City. It is different, but looks like the new \$20."



Ira Geller

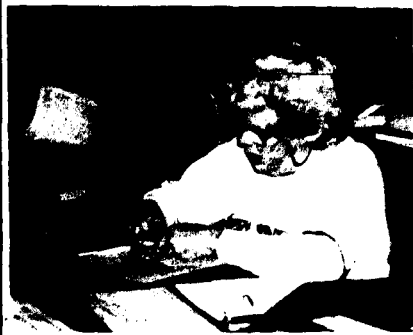
"I had a new \$10 bill. My concern is how soon it will be before it is counterfeited. I was in Elizabeth the day after the new \$20 bills came out, and there were phoney new \$20s out the next day."



Dorothy Dillon

"I have not seen them, but I have the new \$20s and \$50s. They look too much alike."

Plant research



Master Gardeners Ellie Gural of Springfield and Ralph Klopfer of Scotch Plains research a plant problem for a visitor at the 11th annual Union County Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale in May.

Van snaps pole in half, hits pay phone

Mountainside

FIRE BLOTTER

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene of a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 Sunday morning in which a van had struck a utility pole. The pole was "snapped in half," according to a department spokesperson, and a nearby pay telephone was damaged. The phone was found underneath the van. No injuries were reported.

A resident at an assisted living facility activated the building's fire alarm at 3:15 a.m. Saturday. No fire was detected.

An activated alarm at a Route 22 business sent the department out at

7:39 a.m. on Friday. A second activated alarm, at the Loew's Theater, brought the department out again at 10:44 a.m.

The department responded to Deerfield School to extinguish a small cardboard fire June 28. The fire was reportedly started by juveniles, according to department records.

An early morning alarm at a Mountain Avenue bank revealed no fire upon the department's response on June 26.

Drivers flee scene of two accidents last week

Springfield

POLICE BLOTTER

A Chatham resident, allegedly with alcohol on his breath, struck a Plainfield resident from behind on Route 22 West June 30, then fled the scene before police arrived, according to authorities.

According to the Plainfield resident, the vehicle, a black Geo Tracker, struck the rear of her car near Barnes and Noble. Both drivers entered

the parking lot of Linens n' Things to exchange documents. The Chatham resident "displayed partial credentials," according to a police report, but left prior to police arrival. The Plainfield resident claimed to have smelled alcohol on the breath of the driver as the documents were exchanged.

A 1997 Toyota Corolla, parked in the lot near #15 Stern, was struck in a hit-and-run incident June 29, suffering damage to its passenger side.

Morristown resident James Robert Temple was arrested at his home by Morristown police June 28 on a warrant out of Springfield for criminal trespass.

A 2000 Honda Civic, belonging to a New Providence resident, reportedly

made contact with a chain link fence and a tree while traveling east on Stone Hill Road June 28. The vehicle rolled over after striking the tree, but the driver could not be located.

A motor vehicle burglary on Meisel Avenue June 27 resulted in the loss of a Short Hills resident's driver's license, a credit card and bank card, a pair of prescription glasses, a tote bag and \$19 in cash.

Library has something for everyone this summer

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corn. Coffee and cookies will be served.

For children in grades five through eight, the Hogwart's Express is waiting with the summer's top highlight, "Imagination and Incantations: Dramatizing Harry Potter." The series of British children books by J.K. Rowling, about a young wizard living in a boarding school for wizards, will be the subject of a creative dramatic role play led by Jean Prall Rosolino of the Princeton-based Youth Stages workshop. Rosolino, who travels to schools and libraries throughout the state, entertaining children of various ages by encouraging them to act out

scenes from literature, has brought her skills to the Springfield library before. "Harry Potter" is scheduled for July 17 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Children from pre-kindergarten through elementary school are invited to listen to a few "Stories Through Time." The program, which began June 26 with "Dinosaur Time," continues through Aug. 31. The historical journey offers a story and related activity while winding its way through ancient Egypt, Greece and China, eventually heading to Native America, Medieval Europe, Africa and India. Last stop: the future. Advance registration is required. Par-

ticipants may choose from either a 3:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. session.

The importance of time spent reading is emphasized in the Summer Reading Club's "Book a Trip Through Time." Youngsters will mark their hourly reading efforts on a display in the library's children's room.

Five programs have been carried over from the school year. "Morning Storytime," for children two-and-a-half years and older, "ABC-Bingo," for ages two and up, "Color and Shape Bingo," "Mother Goose Group" and "Library Babies," for children up to 18 months, are all currently running. For adults, the "Great Books Dis-

cussion Group" presents Plato's "The Republic" on July 20 and Schopenhauer's "The Instructibility of Our Inner Nature" on Sept. 21.

Got a pet? The library's first-ever pet show will be Aug. 17. Ribbons for best trick, silliest pet, brightest-colored pet, longest pet and most unusual pet will be awarded. Participants must be pre-registered.

"We're very excited about it," said Kathy Perocco of the children's library. "We'll have somebody to judge every kind of pet."

For more information on any of the library's programs, call (973)-376-4930.

Tooting her horn



Kristin Joham of Mountainside, a junior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, has been designated as a Yamaha Young Performing Artist National Winner. The competition is designed to provide early career recognition for outstanding young musicians.

EVENTS

Mythology lecturer to speak at Borough Hall

Louis Markos will speak on Greek mythology at the Mountainside Borough Hall, Route 22 east at New Providence Road, Mountainside, Saturday at 2 p.m.

The lecture, sponsored by Springfield Library's Great Books Reading and Discussion Group, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Come join the library for a fast-paced, in-depth look at one of the most famous cities and families in the annals of Greek mythology, titled

"The Family That Slays Together: The Tragic House of Thebes." Watch with bated breath as the group explores the tragic lives of such mythical figures as Cadmus, Actaeon, Pentheus, Dionysus, Oedipus and Antigone, and uncover in their fates a recurring thread of civil war and uncontrolled passion. The talk will include a dramatic retelling of three of the greatest tragedies of western civilization: The Bacchae of Euripides, the Oedipus and Antigone of Sophocles.

Markos is associate professor of English at Houston Baptist University in Houston, Tex., with degrees from Colgate University and the University of Michigan. Markos, whose grandpe-

rents all came from Greece, grew up in Mountainside and attended both Deerfield School and Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Markos is a popular speaker in the Houston area where he has given speeches on Greek mythology, Homer and the Trojan War, the Victorian age, Dante's "Inferno," film noir, and many other topics. He is also one of the lecturers for The Teaching Company, which produces taped lecture series on various topics in philosophy, religion, literature, history and science.

Mountainside PTA to host annual craft fair

The Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside will host its second annual craft fair Nov. 28 at the Deerfield School on Central Avenue in Mountainside.

Crafters are encouraged to book their space now for this popular show. The show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of crafts from far and wide.

For reservations, call Chris Wagner at 233-6774.

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RELIGION

Sha'arey Shalom is now accepting registrations

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield is now accepting registrations for the 2000-01 school year. Kindergarten through third grade is scheduled to meet Saturdays from 9 to 11:45 a.m.; fourth grade through seventh grade will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and eighth grade through 10th grade will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The underlying principle of the religious school is to instill in the students a sense of respect and pride for tradition.

"The school is so successful by providing a loving, supportive, atmosphere in which children can study their heritage; by creating a feeling of community with Jews in other times and places; and by instilling a sense of responsibility for the well-being of all people," said Director of Education Amy Daniels, a temple cantor. Daniels said it can be seen in the pride of 5-year-olds who help their rabbi and cantor lead a Sabbath morning service, a 10-year-old who discovers the job of decoding the mystery of Hebrew letters, and a 15-year-old who develops a relationship with a resident at an old-age home.

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Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reformed Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Members are from the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, 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. To register students for the fall 2000 term or for more information about Temple Sha'arey Shalom's religious school program, call Daniels at (973) 379-6646.

Other temple officers installed were Vice Presidents Lawrence Horwitz, Linda Lieb, Selig Adler, Rochelle Dening and Marilyn Garten; Treasurer Jonathan Hirst; Financial Secretary Michael Margalit; and Corresponding Secretary Heien Jeny. Dedicating trustees will be Lee Adler, David Biebelberg, Roberta Gersh, Dale Gordon, Lois Kaish and Harold Polcrok. Men's Club presidential presidium consists of Howard Gerber, Elliot Markin, Martin Lieb, Paul Schachman and Jack Matalon. Other Men's Club officers installed were Bernard Flashberg, Ken Melman, and Gerald Weiss, vice presidents; Lee Lichter, treasurer; and Richard Yablonsky, corresponding/recording secretary.

Women's League presidential presidium consists of Roberta Gersh, Doris Ann Markowitz, Marilyn Horn, Anne Moiseev, Eleanor Kuperstein, Ann Dultz, Sally Kaufman, Martha Lefkowitz, Mariene Moss, Babe Greer, Rose Widom Goldman, Isabel Alder and Etie Schwab. The other Women's League officers installed were Pam Korman, Elissa Greenstam, and Judi Spector, vice presidents; Brenda Cohen, dues secretary; Ilene Shewitz, recording secretary;

Nancy Steinbach, financial secretary; and Lynn Haliczner, treasurer. Women's League trustees installed will be Juliette Haber, Elaine Roth, Pearl Kaplan, Susan Wohlgenuth, Amy Dworkin, Billie Marks and Ruth Schaffer. Robert Steinhart was installed as president of Hazak. Other Hazak officers installed will be Pearl Kaplan, Roselyn Steinhart, vice-presidents; Howard Ross, treasurer; and Leonore Halper, secretary. A subscription to your newspaper keeps your college student close to hometown activities. Call 908-686-7753 for a special college rate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD UNION COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

TAKEN NOTICE, that the foregoing ordinance was passed and approved at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, June 27, 2000. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/GMC Township Clerk (87.80)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE BOND PROCEEDS FROM THE REVENUE SURPLUS FUND FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD UNION COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. ORDINANCE TO ENACT POLICIES FOR THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

TAKEN NOTICE, that the foregoing ordinance was passed and approved at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield held on Tuesday evening, June 27, 2000. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/GMC Township Clerk (88.50)

NOTICE OF HEARING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield for a Variance to other rules for maximum lot coverage and rear set back of the Schedule of Zoning Limitations of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Springfield. Also any other variances that may be requested as an exception to the rules set forth as set forth in the request for adjustment.

All papers pertaining to this application shall be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield, at the Municipal Building, 20 N. Third Street, Springfield, N.J. 07081. ANTHONY P. DALESIO, Esq., 8 Laurham Avenue, Suite 608, Springfield, N.J. 07081. (814.252)

Beth Ahm installs its officers and trustees

Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, recently hosted its joint installation of officers and trustees of the temple, Men's Club, Women's League, and Hazak. Scott Zinberg, a resident of Springfield, was installed as temple president. Zinberg has served as executive vice-president of Temple Beth Ahm.

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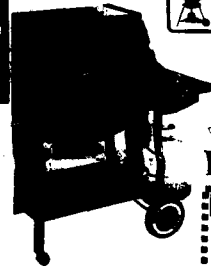
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Summit graduate turns to producing in his own theater company

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

How would you like to own your own theater company? How would you like to be a recent high school graduate and own your own theater company? Jamie Sample walked the walk at Summit High School's commencement exercises last week, and although he said, "I don't know where I'm headed; I might take a year off," the new graduate does know where he's headed, at least temporarily — to Summit's Christ Church, to oversee production on "The God of Isaac" in the second show in two years for Sample's Independent Theater of Summit. The youthful, 10-person company is a sole proprietorship, with Sample, its founder, at the head. The producer/founder has been involved with Summit school theater since grammar school. "I decided about three years ago to produce a play, to give myself and the other students an opportunity to produce it ourselves," he said. The company made its debut at the high school last year with the one-act

play "WASP." True to the Independent Theater concept, "WASP" was produced without adult participation, "except for some guidance and advice," Sample said.

Funding for Independent's first two endeavors has come largely from the Summit Education Foundation, although the group has done some fund-raising of its own this year by staging a performance called "Night of the Improv" at Christ Church. A mailing was also conducted. The actors have received some additional exposure from a series of skits, "Bits and Pieces," which they performed at last year's First Night festivities.

Sample's various responsibilities as producer leave precious little time for active creative work. "Last year we were at the high school, this year we're at Christ Church, next year we don't know where we'll be," Sample remarked of the theater's nomadic existence. "Finding a performance space is one of my big challenges as a producer. That's the toughest thing — finding the venue, the funding and the people. If I find a good director, then I don't have to worry about the creative side. I can just concentrate on the business."

Sample said he hopes to provide the theater with stability in all its aspects, including performance space, while bringing it forward into non-profit status.

Sample already has a stable personnel. He has brought a number of his friends into the business with him, key among them his assistant producer Trish Fairweather and technical director Mike Frankoviak. "We have our technical people, our actors, and a few that go in between," Sample pointed out. "But we all have ideas and input. It all goes into the pot, and hopefully what comes out is good."

The spirit of input starts with play selection. "The God of Isaac," a contemporary play by James Sherman, is about "a young man who's coming to terms with his Jewish heritage and his mom," said Sample. The producer and his director, Dave Mauback, went through the catalogue of the theatrical publisher Samuel French, selecting a number of plays, finally whittling their decision down to "Isaac" after reading each finalist cover-to-cover.

Sample's own tastes run toward comedy. Neil Simon's "Rumors" and the farce "Funny Money" are two of the plays Sample would like to stage, but the opportunity has been hampered so far by a need for more elaborate sets and an increase of actors.



Photo by Milton Mills

Independent Theater actors, from left, Peter Flapp and Dave Fay practice a scene from "The God of Isaac," while Summit High School graduate Jamie Sample oversees production. The founder of the Independent Theater of Summit, Sample has set up shop for the summer at Summit's Christ Church.

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Photo by Carolyn Mulligan

Shown here minutes after their exciting 1-0 win over the Parsippany Strikers, the New Providence Sinkers celebrate being first in their flight. The Strikers are comprised of players from Summit, Berkeley Heights and New Providence. Kneeling, from left, are Michael Carmody, Dan Denson, Rafael Roberti, Brian Mulligan, Matthew Sincaglia, Kevin McCoy and Greg Peim. Standing, from left, are coach Matt Lowe, Sean Troy, trainer Jon Kearney, Michael Gironda, Michael Morison, Jake Densen, Aaron Grossman, Dan Lowe, Stuart Williams and assistant coach John Sincaglia.

Summit All-Stater Britt lifts lacrosse All-Stars to victory

Attackman one of 3 from NJ on East team

Playing among the nation's best high school lacrosse players, Summit High School All-Stater Ned Britt collected an assist in helping the East beat the North as part of the 2000 US Lacrosse Youth Festival on June 24.

Britt, one of just three players from New Jersey to score 22 points this past season, competed with All-Stars representing 22 states from New Jersey to California and Maine to Florida. Britt's East squad came back with seven goals in the second half to beat the North 12-10 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Harkness Field in Troy, N.Y.

Mike Powell — younger brother of Casey and Ryan, the all-time leading scorers at Syracuse University — was the game's MVP with a goal and four assists for the North. In the other senior All-Star game, the South edged the West 13-12.

Britt, an attackman, played with two other New Jersey All-Staters on the All-Star squad, Matt Apel of Bridgewater-Raritan and Dan Bivona of Hunterdon Central, who each scored a goal a piece. Both will attend Rutgers University in the fall.

The Yale University-bound Britt finished second in the state in scoring with 106 points, registering 69 goals and 37 assists this season. Only sophomore Matt Poksay of Johnson High School in Clark scored more, finishing with 118 points.

Britt's teammate, junior Tim Martin, was fourth in the state with 96 points on 34 goals and 62 assists.

The Hilltoppers completed the season with a 17-2 record and a top five ranking in the Garden State as Britt finished his career at Summit with 208 points.

Selections to the senior All-Star games were made by the leadership of secondary schools committee of the US Lacrosse Men's Division Coaches Council, based upon nominations from regional representatives.

The US Lacrosse Youth Festival, presented by STX and hosted by the Adirondack Chapter of US Lacrosse, brought approximately 5,000 players, coaches, officials and fans to RPI.

L.A. Law senior softball team triumphs

The following are Union County Senior Softball League results and standings of games played through June 23:

L.A. Law 6, Arangel's Realtors 4; Jerry Massone, Bob Grant and Ron Cerina had multiple-hit games for L.A. Law as it handed Mangel's its first loss of the season.

Dave Dempsey and Tony Yarusi had two hits each for Mangel's, while Mick Nicholus belted a triple.

Comcast Cablevision 19, Rehoboth 3; Comcast connected on 24 hits in winning its 12th consecutive game.

Ron Virgilio had four hits and Frank D'Amato, Art Kopacz and Bill Reichle had three.

D'Amato had four RBI and Kopacz and Reichle two.

Nilsen Detective Agency 18, Bottoms Up 10; Nilsen was led by Ron Ivory, Lenny Yenish, Al Theress, Lou Kirk and Phil Spinelli, each of them banging out three hits.

Antones Pub & Grill 31, Crest Refrigeration 15; Antones won its 10th straight behind a 4-for-4 performance by Gary Weis.

Bob Matten blasted two home runs and Joe Tarulli belted two triples.

John Lyp and Rich Hyer also hit home runs. Hyer connecting on three hits total.

Union Center National Bank 18, Marion Jacobson Roofing 9; UCNB connected on 28 hits, with Pat Catino and David Lecher getting four each. Catino was 4-for-5 and Lecher 4-for-4.

Jim D'Arcy, Rich Fromkin, Bob Renaud, Alan Schachman and Dennis Baker had three hits each, while Joe Mitroutzidis and Jim Tremblak banged out two.

Antones Pub & Grill 8, Comcast Cablevision 5; In the completion of a game postponed after eight innings, Antones handed Comcast first loss of the season by scoring three runs in the top of the ninth and then holding on.

Jerry Faruolo drove in two of the runs with a clutch single.

Ron Virgilio had three hits and Frank D'Amato, Fred DiMartino and Dom Deo two each for Comcast.

Antones Pub & Grill 6, Comcast Cablevision 5; In a regularly-scheduled game, Antones took over sole possession of first place in the 50 Plus Division 1 standings for the first time by scoring three runs in the bottom of the last inning to extend its unbeaten record to 12-0.

Frank D'Amato had three hits and Charles Lehman, Tom Lombardi, Pat Serullo and Brian Williams two for Comcast.

Nilsen Detective Agency 19, The Office 7; Nilsen was sparked by the hot hitting of Bob DeStefano, who banged out four hits, and by Lenny Yenish, Bruce Bilotti, Phil Spinelli and Butch Ernst who had three each.

Ron Ivory also had three hits and one of his was a home run.

For The Office, Tom McNulty and Art Wesley each went 3-for-3. Chip Weis had two hits, one of them a two-run homer, and John Weis banged out two hits.

El Giardino Restaurant 17, Haven Savings Bank 15; Fred Zimone, Ralph Eisenberger, Carlo Melia and John Anderson banded out three hits each for Giardino.

Mangel's Realtors 13, Pioneer Transport 9; Jerry Halfpenny, Mick Nicholus, Henry Barnes and John Wheatley led Mangel's with two hits each.

Mangel's scored five times in the last inning, with a key hit by Ron Loveland for the win.

Other scores included Bottoms Up 23, Crest Refrigeration 3 and Pioneer Transport 15, El Giardino Restaurant 0.

The following are results of games played through June 16:

Mangel's Realtors 26, Haven Savings Bank 4; Jerry Halfpenny had four hits and Henry Barnes, Al Daddio, John Wheatley, Mike Danni and Tom Dick three each for Mangel's. Daddio blasted a home run and Wheatley banded out two triples.

L.A. Law 9, Haven Savings Bank 8; Joe LaPica blasted two home runs and drove in five runs and Ron Cerina drove in the winning run with a triple in the bottom of the eighth.

Comcast Cablevision 19, Union Center National Bank 5; Comcast banded out 27 hits as it improved to 11-0. Matt Spanier had four hits and five RBI, one of his hits a home run.

Bob Canales had four hits and Frank D'Amato, Fred DiMartino and Brian Williams connected on three each.

L.A. Law 29, El Giardino Restaurant 4; Jerry Massone, Bob Grant, Joe LaPica, Ron Cerina, Tony Orlando, Jake Wood, Don Auer, Bob Omer, Fred Zimmer and Lou Vespasiano had multiple-hit games for L.A. Law.

Pioneer Transport 6, Haven Savings Bank 3; Dom Deo, George Lohier, Bob Canales and Ralph DeVacchio had two hits each for Pioneer.

Antones Pub & Grill 10, Bottoms Up 7; John Lyp had three hits and Bob Lieberman made some excellent defensive plays from his pitching position to spark Antones to their ninth straight win.

The following are results of games played through June 9:

Comcast Cablevision 14, Bottoms Up 4; Comcast banded out 25 hits in winning its league-leading 10th consecutive contest.

Bob Canales, Fred DiMartino, Ron Virgilio and Brian Williams led the way with three hits each.

Comcast Cablevision 16, Crest Refrigeration 9; Comcast streaked to their ninth consecutive victory with a seven-run win over Crest Refrigeration.

Bob Canales banded out four hits, Bill Reichle had three hits, one of them a home run, and five RBI; Frank D'Amato blasted a home run among his three hits and Matt Spanier had three hits and three RBI to pace Comcast Cablevision.

Nilsen Detective Agency 29, Union Center National Bank 6; Nilsen blasted seven home runs in posting a convincing 23-run victory.

Hitting home runs for Nilsen were Bruce Bilotti, Phil Spinelli, Al Theress, Carl Reider, Butch Ernst and Ron Volpe.

Bilotti had four hits, Spinelli two home runs among his three, Theress three hits, Reider and Ernst two each and Volpe one.

Lenny Yenish and Bob DeBellis had three hits each.

Antones Pub & Grill 29, Rehoboth 5; Antones won its eighth consecutive game behind the hitting of Joe Tarulli, Steve Fautla, Jim Rush, Bob Matten, Jerry Franklin and Bob Martelli.

Fautla blasted a home run among his three hits. Rush belted a home run among his two and Matten, Franklin and Martelli connected on three hits each.

Marion Jacobson Roofing 14, The Office 1; Jim Donnelly banded out three hits and Dennis Koovier, Jerry Halfpenny and Tom McNulty had two each for The Office.

The Office 12, Crest Refrigeration 7; The Office broke its seven-game losing streak by posting an impressive five-run triumph.

Tom McNulty and Armand Salvati had three hits each, while Chip Weis, Jerry Halfpenny, Dennis Koovier, Howard Smith, Ralph Eisenberger and Teo Fernandez had two each.

Weis and Salvati both belted triples among their outstanding plate performances.

Legg Mason 17, Marion Jacobson Roofing 13; John Geoghegan blasted a home run among his three hits for Legg Mason.

Bob Rasmussen also banded out three hits and Gary Fautla blasted a home run for Legg.

L.A. Law 11, Pioneer Transport 6; Jerry Massone, Bob Grant, Ron Cerina, Ron Zimmer and Bob Omer had multiple-hit games for L.A. Law in its five-run victory.

Bottoms Up 27, Union Center National Bank 6; Bottoms Up got back on the winning track by posting a rout of Union Center National Bank.

STANDINGS AS OF JUNE 23

50 Plus Division 1: Antones Pub & Grill (12-0), Comcast Cablevision (12-2), Nilsen Detective Agency (10-2), Union Center National Bank (5-6), Bottoms Up (6-7).

50 Plus Division 2: Legg Mason (5-4), Marion Jacobson Roofing (6-7), The Office (1-9), Crest Refrigeration (1-12), Rehoboth (0-9).

60 Plus Division: Mangel's Realtors (6-1), L.A. Law (6-2), Pioneer Transport (5-3), El Giardino Restaurant (2-6), Haven Savings Bank (0-6).

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The Mountain Valley Conference's Mountain and Valley divisions had a number of highly-talented track and field performers this spring season.

Among the boys' is Rahway junior Danny Johnson, who was the NISAA Meet of Champions winner in the 200-meter dash.

Among the girls' is Roselle Park senior Ahndrea Allen, who was fifth in the 100-meter dash at the MCC.

The following are the Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division and Valley Division boys' and girls' 2000 All-Conference teams as selected by the conference coaches:

- MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD**
- Mountain Division: 100-Danny Johnson, Rahway; 200-Danny Johnson, Rahway; 400-Danny Johnson, Rahway; 800-Demetrie Gosa, Roselle Catholic; 1600-John Henry, Ridge; 3200-Matthew Schleiher, Rahway; 110 Hurdles-Raymond Royater, Hillside; 400 Hurdles-Demetrie Gosa, Roselle Catholic; 1600 Relay-Raymond Royater, Aaron Hill, Pleasanton Vincent, Abdul Mutam, Hillside; Shot Put-Marc Felezola, Governor Livingston; Discus-Ralph Larkin, Ridge; Javelin-Mary Mooney, Governor Livingston; High Jump-Ed Diaz, Roselle Catholic; Long Jump-Chris Ganey, Union Catholic; Pole Vault-Rick Vohden, Ridge.
- All-Around: Chris Ganey, Union Catholic.
- Outstanding Performer: Danny Johnson, Rahway.
- Coach of the Year: Tim Mooney, Ridge.
- Honorable Mention: 100-Chris Ganey, Union Catholic; 150-Dylan Brown, Union Catholic; Andrew Pratt, Ridge; 200-Glen Graham, Newark Central; Chris Ganey, Union Catholic; 400-Glen Graham, Newark Central; Howard McGruder, Roselle Catholic; 800-Matthew Schleiher, Rahway; Tom Saliki, Ridge; 1600-Matthew Schleiher, Rahway; Mike Ferdinand, Union Catholic; 3200-John Henry, Ridge; Derek Turnko, Ridge; Matt Sidie, Governor Livingston; Christian Valdez, Hillside; 110 Hurdles-Darren DeAngelis, Ridge; James Cunningham, Rahway; 400 Hurdles-Howard McGruder, Roselle Catholic; Abdul Muhammad, Hillside; 1600 Relay-Newark Central; Shot Put-Ralph Larkin, Ridge; Mark Porzio, Governor Livingston; Discus-John Langhauser, Ridge; Ed Barrett, Governor Livingston; Javelin-Brian Bergsick, Governor Livingston; Michael Lauricella, Governor Livingston; High Jump-James Cunningham, Rahway; Chris Ganey, Union Catholic; Long Jump-James Cunningham, Rahway; Ed Diaz, Roselle Catholic; Pole Vault-Steve Bergsick, Governor Livingston; Andrew Whitley, Governor Livingston.
- Valley Division: 100-Tyebson Eppa, North Plainfield; 200-Ryan White, New Providence; 400-Ryan White, New Providence; 800-Bereshith Adams, Roselle; 1600-Tom Caruso, Bound Brook; 3200-Bound Brook; 110 Hurdles-Sean Dugan, New Providence; 400 Hurdles-Jeff Elias, Roselle; 1600 Relay-Jesse Lewis, Bereshith Adams, Jeff Elias, Derrick Quast, Roselle; Shot Put-Justin Azran, Dayton; Discus-Matthew Dantonio, North Plainfield; Javelin-Drew Corsilli, Manville; High Jump-We Girmau, New Providence; Long Jump-Ryan White, New Providence; Pole Vault-Craig Butitta, New Providence.
- All-Around: Jeff Elias, Roselle.
- Outstanding Performer: Ryan White, New Providence.
- Coaches of the Year: Joe Pisaro, New Providence; Bill Simon, New Providence.
- Honorable Mention: 100-Ryan White, New Providence; Aaron Samuelwood, Roselle; 200-Derrick Quast, Roselle; Tybesh Eppa, North Plainfield; 400-Derrick Quast, Roselle; Jesse Lewis, Roselle; 800-Jeff Elias, Roselle; Matt Smith, Roselle; Sam Eman, Beresley; 1600-Bereshith Adams, Roselle; Matt McMiddle, New Providence; 3200-Matt McMiddle, New Providence; Bereshith Adams, Roselle; 110 Hurdles-Jeff Elias, Roselle; Sean Negron, North Plainfield; 400 Hurdles-Sean Dugan, New Providence; Alex Lyaschenco, Oratory Prep; 1600 Relay-New Providence, North Plainfield; Shot Put-Matthew Dantonio, North Plainfield; Joseph Keane, North Plainfield; Chris Tyne, Beresley; Discus-Justin Azran, Dayton; Chuck Howlett, North Plainfield; Jeff Hinds, Roselle Park; Javelin-David Connor, Bound Brook; Joe Gennaro, New Providence; High Jump-David Connor, Bound Brook; Dave Lukac, Bound Brook; Richard Jones, Dayton; Long Jump-Drew Corsilli, Manville; Aaron Samuelwood, Roselle; Sam Eman, Beresley; Karim Cockrell, Roselle; Pole Vault-Jared Szafman, New Providence; Tom Caruso, Bound Brook.
- GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD**
- Mountain Division: 100-Theresa Ellis, Rahway; Ursula Smith, Hillside; 200-Theresa Ellis, Rahway; 400-Dana McCurdy, Governor Livingston; 800-Rebecca Babicz, Union Catholic; 1600-Katie Marshall, Union Catholic; 3200-Katie Marshall, Union Catholic; 110 Hurdles-Dana McCurdy, Governor Livingston; 1600 Relay-Emilie Perret, Jennell Crincoli, Kristi Huff, Mega Didario, Governor Livingston; Shot Put-Thasha Bain, Rahway; Discus-Hannia Sobrevilla, Ridge; Javelin-Megan Bauer, Rahway; High Jump-Cheryl Lau, Ridge; Long Jump-Emilie Perret, Governor Livingston.
- All-Around: Cheryl Lau, Ridge; Ursula Smith, Hillside.
- Outstanding Performers: Dana McCurdy, Governor Livingston; Katie Marshall, Union Catholic.
- Coach of the Year: Bruno Somma, Governor Livingston.
- Honorable Mention: 100-Samantha Carolan, Rahway; 200-Ursula Smith, Hillside; Mary Pratt, Ridge; 400-Holly Gibson, Ridge; Shanelle Brown, Hillside; 800-Erin Heats, Roselle Catholic; Katie Marshall, Union Catholic; 1600-Erin Geiger, Immaculata; Mega Didario, Governor Livingston; 3200-Erin Geiger, Immaculata; Jessica Talbot, Governor Livingston; Kim Pullwiese, Ridge; 100 Hurdles-Cheryl Lau, Ridge; Mary Bush, Governor Livingston; Michelle Jones, Ridge; 1600 Relay-Ridge; Union Catholic; Shot Put-Hannia Sobrevilla, Ridge; Lisa Rios, Johnson; Discus-Vivian Cabana, Ridge; Thasha Bain, Rahway; Javelin-Elizabeth Bauer, Rahway; Jennell Crincoli, Governor Livingston; High Jump-Kristian Dunn, Johnson; Stacy Tropeano, Johnson; Long Jump-Samantha Carolan, Rahway; Cheryl Lau, Ridge.
- Valley Division: 100-Ahndrea Allen, Roselle Park; 200-Ahndrea Roselle Park; 400-Colleen Poole, New Providence; 800-Colleen Poole, New Providence; 1600-Caitlan Pyden; 3200-Caitlan Pyden, New Providence; 100 Hurdles-Stephanie Machin, New Providence; 400 Hurdles-Stephanie Machin, New Providence; 1600 Relay-Stephanie Machin, Katie Weber, Colleen Poole, Lis Gerber, New Providence; Shot Put-Alyssa Thompson, North Plainfield; Discus-Alyssa Thompson, North Plainfield; Javelin-Jennette Collins, Roselle Park; High Jump-Amy Banas, New Providence; Olga Obzor, Dayton; Long Jump-Ahndrea Allen, Roselle Park.
- All-Around: Colleen Poole, New Providence.
- Outstanding Performer: Ahndrea Allen, Roselle Park.
- Coach of the Year: Heather Dugan.
- Honorable Mention: 100-Nancy Cherry, Roselle; Cindy Daries, 900-Henny Cherry, Roselle; Catherine Magyara, New Providence; 400-Catherine Magyara, New Providence; Nancy Cherry, Roselle; 800-Tricia Johnson, Oak Knoll; Carla Wyner, Roselle; 1600-Cat Dewey, Oak Knoll; Birgit Unfried, Oak Knoll; Laura Delvalle, Beresley; 3200-Tricia Walker, New Providence; Kirah Jones, North Plainfield; 100 Hurdles-Akilah Campbell, North Plainfield; Megan Smith, Roselle; 400 Hurdles-Megan Smith, Roselle; Akilah Campbell, North Plainfield; Maria Macaro, North Plainfield; Ann Guszavich, Beresley; 1600 Relay-Roselle, Oak Knoll; Shot Put-Lindsay Chesney, Bound Brook; D'Neen Wynn, Roselle; Discus-Michelle Williams, New Providence; Ousola Ogunnusi, North Plainfield; Javelin-Alyssa Thompson, North Plainfield; Ali Coccia, New Providence; High Jump-Akilah Campbell, North Plainfield; Long Jump-Akilah Campbell, North Plainfield; Stephanie Machin, New Providence.

Bulldog Basketball at Dayton next week

The Bulldog Basketball Camp at Dayton High School will continue next week with a second session for local youngsters.

The camp had its first session last week under the direction of Dayton High School girls' basketball coach Dave Rennie.

Next week's July 10-14 session will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is for youngsters entering grades 3-9.

More information about the Bulldog Basketball Camp at Dayton may be obtained by calling Rennie at 908-851-0258.

Baseball camps in Springfield, Mountaintops Baseball New Jersey will hold summer baseball camp for youngsters ages 6-12 in the towns of Springfield, Mountaintops, Scotch Plains, Middletown, Linden, Merrill Park and Union.

New York Yankee draft pick Rich Shied will be the guest speaker.

More information about the local summer baseball camps may be obtained by calling Paul Reddick at 908-686-6057.

Keen to host 5-day soccer academy? Keen University will host a five-day soccer academy for elite players ages 12-18 during the week of Aug. 7-11.

The elite player academy will be held at Keen University's East Campus, located in Hillside.

The academy will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lunch is included.

A registration fee of \$225 per player is required for the soccer academy.

More information about the five-day soccer academy for elite players at Keen University may be obtained by calling Keen University men's soccer coach Tony Ostrimozko at 908-527-2936.

Garden delights



A visitor at the 11th annual Union County Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale picks out a hanging basket as Master Gardener Charles Fowler of Mountainside, left, assists another customer.

Springfield Avenue will be closed today

The county's Department of Operational Services has announced that Springfield Avenue, from East Broad Street in Westfield to Mill Lane in Mountainside, will be closed beginning today from approximately 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Resurfacing and restriping work will be performed. Due to the nature of the work involved and the amount of labor and machinery required, partial or full closure of the road may be warranted to optimize the safety of the work crews and motoring public alike. A detour will be established and the road will reopen at the conclusion of each workday.

For specific traffic inquiries, call the Traffic Bureau at (908) 789-3353 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Moving on to high school



CLASS OF 2000

Deerfield School's eighth-grade graduating Class of 2000 spends some quality time together on their final class trip to Washington, D.C., last month. The White House greeted the students with a welcoming banner that was hung over the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance.

Children's summer reading program registration has begun at the Mountainside Free Public Library

Registration for the Mountainside Free Public Library's summer reading program for all school-age children and preschoolers has begun.

This year, the summer reading club's theme is "Book a

Tip Through Time," highlighting reading through the millennium. Bookmarks, stickers, prizes and certificates add to the fun of summer reading. School-age children may participate independently, while preschoolers are invited

to share reading experiences with Mom, Dad or a book-loving friend.

The Grand Finale Celebration will be Aug. 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the library to honor the participants with reading

certificates, along with "Funny Man" Ed O'Neill, who will create balloon friends for each child.

The Mountainside Public Library will also offer summer storytime and craft sessions Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m.

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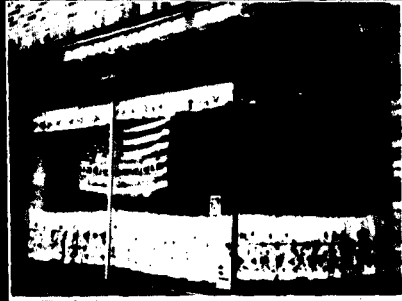
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For almost 2 1/2 centuries this country has been growing; Mountainside almost half that time 105 years; and the Mountainside Deli almost half that time - 47 years. There have been many ups and downs for all three I am sure. Who am I? My name is Rich Polce. My wife, Geri and I have owned the Mountainside Deli for 5 years. We have introduced 3-6 foot party subs, barbecue chicken, and pot roast and gravy in our effort to be successful. But five years is a mere drop in the bucket. The real people behind the Mountainside Deli are Jim and Adele Debbie, for 42 years they owned the Mountainside Deli. I should say they worked the Mountainside Deli. My Father-in-law Jim, made Stoppys Joes - an individual and party - size sandwich of ham, turkey and roasted beef - a staple item. His cooking expertise developed daily hot lunch specials consisting of meat loaf, Italian style sausage and peppers, macaroni and cheese, hot pastrami, corned beef brisket, pea soup with ham and Manhattan Clam Chowder to name a few.

He made a decision based on quality not to buy prepared salads but to make cold salads on premise. Cole slaw, macaroni, and cucumber are all made by hand from recipes his mother-in-law, Grandma May, taught him.

But the legacy of the Mountainside Deli is our potato salad. Still painstakingly peeled and sliced by hand, then at different intervals ingredients added. In fact, I worked in the Deli for 4 years before I was TOLD THE RECIPE. Then as Geri and I and Jim and Adele toasted the passing of the Deli to the second generation, my father-in-law says, "Please whatever you do don't change the potato salad" (and I Promise you it has not.)

Now I can tell you, first hand that running your own business is an all encompassing task. To weather the peaks and valleys of 42 years takes a special husband and wife relationship. Their success as a team can be found in their children. All worked in the Deli at one point or another - Jim Jr. present Chief of Police in Mountainside, Sharon and Rick, each with their own family, living in Westfield; and Nadine living in Newport, RI. They all still come in for a sandwich or a drink or maybe a kind word.

As I opened this article with a hint of honor, courage, and commitment I can tell you that we will work hard to maintain the recipes and wholesomeness that have made this family-owned, neighborhood business a success for 47 years - The Mountainside Deli "Fine Food - Friendly People" Enjoy our Independence Holiday!

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