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EVENTS

Evangel Baptist Church summer bible programs

Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield, invites children to star in Bible Adventures at HolyWood Studios tomorrow evening.

"This year our church is using the Bible as a script, as we film God's story," said Pastor Fred Mackey. "We're on location at HolyWood Studios, where kids won't find any boring reminders of tedious schoolwork. Our HolyWood Studios program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages."

Kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble tasty treats, dig into Bible adventures and create Pop Shop Crafts creations to take home.

HolyWood Studios cast members will meet at Evangel Baptist Church from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. There will be a program for preschool-age children through sixth grade. An adult program will also be offered.

For information, call the church office at (973) 379-4351.

Temple to host annual two-day rummage sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'ary Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave, will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sisterhood co-presidents Maria Sklar and Rosanne Stoltz and event chairperson Ilene Roitenberg announced that this year's rummage sale will be the largest and best ever. Items for sale include housewares, clothing, furniture, and toys. Monday will be Brown Bag Day. A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for only \$3.

The public is invited to attend. Additional information can be obtained by calling the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Fall registration begins at the YMCA Tuesday

Registration for fall preschool and youth classes at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., begins Tuesday at 7 a.m. and continues until classes are full. The Fall I session runs Sept. 5 through Oct. 25. Classes for children 2 years old to grade four provide basic skills in sports such as indoor soccer and basketball.

Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 years old can enjoy a comprehensive health and fitness program, including cardiovascular and weight training, aerobics, yoga, body sculpting and spinning.

For more information, call the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Research fund benefits from annual golf outing

Great Gorge Country Club will be the site for the eighth annual Nat Grenker Memorial Golf Outing sponsored by Payservice Inc. of Hawthorne Aug. 18 at 8 a.m. The Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research of Springfield will benefit from this charity event.

Anyone wishing to participate by playing, sponsoring a hole or donating a prize may call (973) 423-9118 or (908) 276-0743.

Barnes & Noble to host book signing on Sept. 9

On Sept. 9, at 2 p.m., Barnes and Noble of Springfield on Route 22, hosts Richard R. Karlen, author of

"Devil's Dance," who will engage in a discussion and book signing of his most recent novel, "Looking for Bernie."

In "Looking for Bernie," Karlen explores, in a span of one week, the misadventures of an alcoholic dentist and the impact that his alcoholism has upon his family. The novel takes the reader on an odyssey of the cities of Newark and New York in the year 1956, a time when America was struggling to come to grips with its moral deficiencies as a racist society.

Karlen grew up in Newark, attended the University of Chicago, and NYU School of Dentistry. After spending three years in the Air Force, he returned to Newark and practiced dentistry for 35 years in the Ironbound Section, until he retired in 1995 to begin a new career as an author. He currently lives in Scotch Plains with his wife, daughter and twin grandchildren.

Karlen's most recent novel, "Answer Man," will be published this fall.

For reservations, call Chris Wagner at 233-6774.

Commission hosts Clean Communities Weekend

The Springfield Environmental Commission is inviting volunteers to sign up for its eighth annual "Clean Communities Weekend." The event will be Oct. 14 and 15, rain or shine. Participants will receive free refreshments and T-shirts.

Volunteer groups and families will be assigned to various public areas around town, such as parks, parking lots and vacant properties, to collect litter that has accumulated over the past year. Carbage bags, gloves and necessary tools will be provided by the township. Each year's event nets more than 100 bags of litter and debris.

The program, funded by a grant from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, is designed to encourage volunteer cleanup of public lands and to educate the public about the need to control litter. Litter originates from several sources — such as motorists, pedestrians, uncrushed trucks, illegal dumping and improperly packed garbage — and can cause problems to people, animals and the environment.

Groups and families interested in signing up for this year's event should call the Springfield Office of Recycling at (973) 912-2222 and leave their name and phone number.

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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
• A grand finale celebration for Mountainside Public Library's summer reading program participants begins at 11:30 a.m. in the library on Constitution Plaza to honor the participants with reading certificates.
• "Funny Man" Ed O'Neil will create balloon friends for each child. For more information, call the library at (908) 233-0115.

• Trailside Science and Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, hosts a meteor show preview in the planetarium at 1:30 p.m. for children 6 years old and older. Children can learn about this month's Perseids meteor shower and find out where to look to see the most shooting stars.
• Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.
• The Mountainside Planning Board meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

Sunday
• Trailside Science and Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, hosts two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m., children 6 years old and older can explore the summer sky and learn about August's constellations and shooting stars. At 3:30 p.m., children between the ages of 4 and 6 years old can learn about our neighboring planets and sing a song to remember their names.
• Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

Tuesday
• Registration for youth and pre-school classes for the fall I session at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., begins at 7 a.m. The YMCA offers a variety of classes for all ages, including swim lessons, sports classes and clinics.
• The fall I session runs from Sept. 5 to Oct. 29. For more information call the "Y" at (973) 467-0838.

• The Springfield Board of Adjustment meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesday
• Trailside Science and Nature Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, continues its Wednesday matinee series with mime Craig Babcock at 1:30 p.m.

Children 4 years old and older can use their imaginations and participate in a delightful exploration of the magic of movement.

Admission is \$4 per person.

Upcoming events
Aug. 17
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host its first pet show at 10:30 a.m. All pets must be pre-registered by 8 p.m. Aug. 16. Ribbons will be awarded.
• For more information, call the children's department at (973) 376-4930.

Aug. 21
• The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 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.
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Aug. 22
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host its continuing lunchtime video series at noon with "Easy Rider."
• Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the show. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

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

Ongoing
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Hill, 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 Sha'ary Shalom Religious School, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, is accepting registrations for the next school year beginning in September.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bluestone completes state scholars program

On July 28, Lawrence Bluestone of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield completed an intense summer enrichment program under the auspices of the New Jersey Scholars Program.

This five-week summer program creates a rigorous inter-disciplinary experience for 39 gifted high school juniors from all over the state. Every public, parochial and private high school can nominate one candidate for competitive selection. The program is free for all participants.

McGrath receives MD

A 1992 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Lt. Sean Francis McGrath received his medical degree from The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., on May 20.

Dr. McGrath has begun his residency training in Family Practice at the Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. Dr. McGrath is a 1996 graduate of The United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

He is the son of Mrs. Marie McGrath of Mountainside and the late Mr. Frank J. McGrath.

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100th United States Amateur Championship The Baltusrol Golf Club • Springfield, NJ



Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson, Arnold Palmer, Mark O'Meara... They are all former United States Amateur Champions. Who will be next?

Golf history will be made this year in New Jersey. The 100th U.S. Amateur Championship will be held at the Baltusrol Golf Club, in Springfield, from August 21st through August 27th, 312 of the world's very best Amateur golfers will compete for the coveted title and certain fame that will serve as the launching pad for the best of a new generation of professional golfers.

Baltusrol is no novice at hosting Championships. In fact, 14 USGA Championships have been held on the club's grounds, including the men and women's U.S. Open and Amateurs. The very first U.S. Women's Amateur Championship was held at Baltusrol in 1901. That event started a tradition that continues today, and will see its centenary next year.

Experience the excitement of a national Championship first-hand and share the fun-filled event with your family and friends. Tickets are on sale now. The admissions policy for adults is \$20.00 for a daily ticket or \$75.00 for the week of the Amateur. Children under 17 are admitted free if accompanied by an adult with a ticket. The Amateur

offers a unique opportunity to catch the action from the course, to walk alongside the players and be there to feel the energy as the Champion sinks his final putt.

The 100th United States Amateur is sponsored by the United States Golf Association and supported by leading regional and national corporations. You too can enjoy the luxury available to the guests in the Corporate Hospitality accommodations. These packages are perfect to share with your clients and colleagues. A range of hospitality venues are available, ranging from tables to ten for smaller gatherings, Village Tents to accommodate parties of 50 to 100, and Suites that entertain up to 175 guests. All of these packages include private accommodations, VIP parking and shuttle service, LIVE televised coverage of the Amateur, air-conditioned rooms, complete event programs, daily pairing sheets, and much, much more.

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Palmer Museum offers a hot ticket

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

In 1939, collector and Springfield resident Donald B. Palmer was handed \$25 by the township's Library Board to purchase pictures of Springfield for its historical collection. Now, 61 years later, that original \$25 appropriation still lingers, after a fashion, in the form of the Donald B. Palmer Museum, the township's cultural epicenter.

The regular features of Palmer — the vintage cameras, antique toys and Edison phonographs — are only part of what the museum is about. The 36-by-50-foot exhibition space, a 1975 addition to the library's 1969 Mountain Avenue building, also plays host to lectures, dance programs, pop and classical concerts, plays, and above all, exhibitions of painting and sculpture.

The space is currently occupied by the work of Cranford-based painter Brian J. Dusee. Dusee's mystical paintings incorporate Depression-era figures of laborers and hobos, among various other characters, often enshrouded in the rich, deep blues of night.

Despite the busyness of the library itself, and the traffic of Mountain Avenue buzzing past the windows just beyond, Dusee's paintings, like many of the works shown at the

museum, interact easily with the ruminative qualities of the space. The combination of art and architecture help transport Palmer visitors out of suburbia and into other cultural worlds.

"We're the cultural center of this town, no doubt about it," said Helen Frank, a Springfield-based artist and member of the library's Board of Trustees. "We show some traditional things and some avant garde things — we try to be fair and give play to everything."

According to Frank, the museum's exhibition schedule is currently booked for the next two years. "We want to showcase professional artists," Frank pointed out. "We try for diversity in media and point-of-view." In addition to painting and works on paper, the museum has shown sculpture, photography and crafts, including a number of "offbeat shows" such as an exhibition focusing on doll-making.

The museum generally runs 10 or 11 shows a year. Exhibiting artists are supported "with a little money for an opening or a mailing," Frank pointed out, although a number of recipients of Union County's HEART Grant have also had opportunities to display their work. Later this year, Westfield artist Francesca Azzara, one of the county's recent HEART recipients,

will be showing her abstract canvases produced in the ancient wax painting technique of encaustic. The grant will also provide, as part of the exhibition, a demonstration of the hot-wax process.

"There's no funding for Palmer, except from the library's budget," said Susan Permahos, the library's director. "And there's no charge to the artists. We supplement them a little, and the 20-percent commission for any work sold during the show goes toward ongoing programs." The fact that the museum does not charge to exhibit, combined with the low commission, is an attractive lure for many artists, many of whom are bitten for 40- or 50-percent commissions by commercial galleries.

The museum is also available for rent. "We purchased the grand piano that you see in there now, and we have a piano teacher who comes in to give recitals," Frank said. "We're also looking for businesses to come in and use our little cafe area for breakfasts." Among the museum's lectures was a memorable one given last year by Springfield resident Norman Salsitz, in which the Polish-born Holocaust survivor showed pictures of his family and homeland while recounting the terrors and humiliation of living under Nazi occupation.

The museum is also a repository for



Photo By Jeff Grant

Springfield's Donald B. Palmer Museum is often used to showcase the exhibitions of local artists, pop and classical concerts, plays, lectures and dance programs. Open to the public and free of charge, the museum also houses a few of Springfield's historical artifacts and pictures.

Springfield's own personal history. "We have a large number of historical artifacts and pictures, right down to Revolutionary War muskets," Permahos said. An enlargement of one of the Palmer Museum's photos — of the dedication of the Continental Soldier

statue in front of the First Presbyterian Church, dated June 23, 1905 — has recently found a home at the new Commerce Bank on Morris Turnpike.

"It's one of the nicest spaces in any library in the county," Frank said of

the museum she helps maintain. "It's quite a hot ticket, and everything's free."

Staff Writer Joe Lugara reviews the current exhibit of Brian Dusee's work on Page B3.



Photo By Jeff Grant

Eight-year-old Julian Juro takes a break from activities at the Mountainside Recreation Department's Playground Camp earlier this summer. After seven weeks of summer fun, camp will wrap up for the season tomorrow with its annual talent show and awards ceremony.

Playground camp winds down

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

If you have to go to a camp, make it a playground camp.

The Mountainside Recreation Department's Playground Camp wraps up its 2000 activities tomorrow. The seven-week program is manned by four supervisors, three of whom are teachers.

Designed and run for students first grade through ninth grade, the camp was held Monday through Friday at the Borough Hall softball field this summer. Structured games — including soccer and kickball — to hard-to-differ games such as "mermaid tag" and "steal the bacon," to arts and crafts to plenty of "free play" are what the camp is all about.

The camp's final two days focus on two of its more popular activities — an All-Star Whiffle ball game, sche-

duled for today, along with a talent show, scheduled for tomorrow morning. The camp will be capped off by an awards ceremony.

"We call it a talent show, but it's really more than talent — it's really more like a 'The Gong Show' kind of thing," said Ricky Brahm, the playground's supervisor and a 13-year veteran of the camp. "Some of the kids do some pretty strange things."

The Whiffle ball championship begins with a try-out in the morning, followed by the big game. "The Whiffle ball's a big thing here," Brahm said, "but it's not a typical All-Star team. Everyone tries out, and everyone makes it."

One of the hallmarks of the Whiffle ball competition is the game's home run rule — 92 — which, as of last year, still stands. According to Brahm, the champ comes back every

once in a while to check on the safety of his record.

Awards for the camp's Nok-Hockey champion, "friendliest playgrounder," and Rookie of the Year — also known as the "new playgrounder" — are then given out. Again, the democratic process of the playground allows for everyone to take something good home.

In addition to Brahm, the camp's crew includes Scott Laudati, now in his 10th year, and Sara Malcolm, who is completing her seventh. A new addition, replacing Erin Greasham, is student Courtney Grillo, the only non-teacher among the supervisors. Grillo is a former member of the camp's softball and soccer teams. "It's the first time I've ever been made to feel old," Brahm said of Grillo's joining the camp's staff.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Let's 'pool' people together

Once again, fingers are pointing in the direction of the Springfield Municipal Pool this summer.

Conditions at the township's own summer get-away have been described by residents as "ramshackle," "neglected" and "horrible." On July 25, several residents addressed their concerns to the Springfield Township Committee, concerned about Band-Aids on the pool's bottom and the wet napkins, cigarette butts, and tissues at the pool's edge. The pool's maintenance staff was targeted for the neglect of the lawn, the restrooms and the pool itself.

One resident may have hit the nail on the head when he pointed out that "people don't care." Mayor Clara Harelik was quick to draw a parallel between the loose garbage at the pool to the complaints she has received about the same trend at the Morris Avenue/Mountain Avenue bus stop. A human factor is at play here, and people shouldn't forget to look at who's pointing the finger.

It behooves us to remind residents that the pool is an asset to the community. Deputy Mayor Steven Goldstein has insisted that the township is committed to keeping the pool open, even though membership numbers have decreased in recent years. Harelik has attributed the lower attendance figures to "lifestyle changes." And we submit that such is probably the case, not the recent maintenance issues or the membership fees.

It's troubling to see what used to be a source of community pride become the source of unbridled criticism. Numerous residents have phoned the *Echo Leader*, both this year and last year, to voice concerns about the negative light that has been placed on their longtime refuge for summer fun. Most of them have been content with the pool's services, and many suggested that the problem lies with the patrons themselves.

We encourage Springfield residents to stand up and take pride in the fact that such a fine recreation opportunity exists for them to enjoy. Some of these maintenance issues could easily be resolved if members pull together to observe and respect a few simple posted rules.

In addition to encouraging township residents to state their opinion on the pool, we encourage them to do so without fearing retribution. If there is a problem with the pool, or any other issue in Springfield for that matter, it is a citizen's right to tell their government what they think. Do not let what others may think of you factor into your thinking. If you believe something is wrong, then speak your mind.

Let's pick up the trash, stop the finger pointing and realize what a plus the municipal pool brings to the children of this community each summer.

A right to bear arms

A resident raised a concern at a recent Springfield Township Committee meeting about the issuance of service revolvers to members of the township's auxiliary police force.

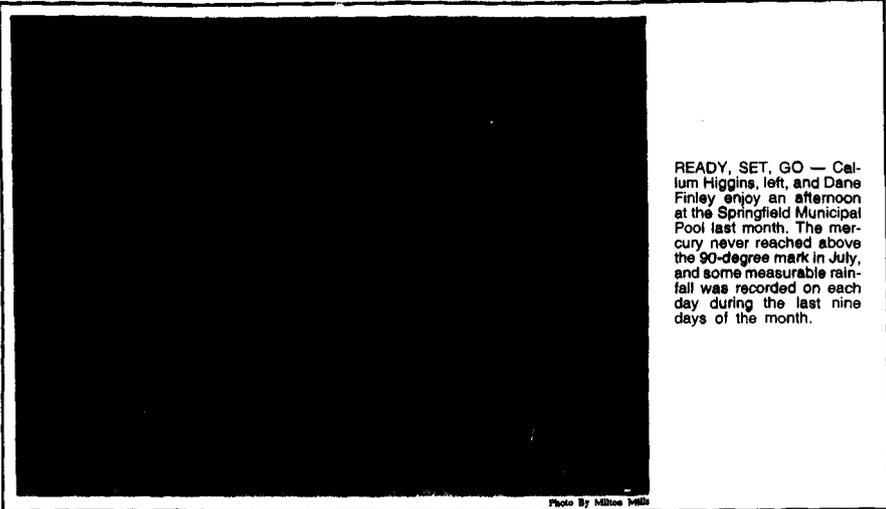
While attending the festivities at the township's Take Pride in Springfield Fourth of July celebration, he said he was dismayed to discover the officers walking about Meisel Field and vicinity with guns on their hips. His complaint centered around the fact that those revolvers were plainly visible to his children.

Let us remind anyone who questions the reliability or accountability of the township's 33-year-old auxiliary police department that these professional men have the same extensive firearm training as the township's regular paid police officers. Each year, the active members of the unit volunteer many hours in assisting the Police Department and the citizens of Springfield. They maintain crowd control at several annual township events and are often deployed as crossing guards "at no cost to the city."

The members of the auxiliary police deserve recognition for their commitment to helping to maintain law and order in the township. Applicants to the auxiliary police must complete psychological testing, basic auxiliary training at the John H. Starnler Police Academy, a one-year probationary period and firearms training with the Police Department's officers prior to receiving clearance to wear a service revolver.

Springfield Emergency Management Coordinator John Cota and Mayor Clara Harelik were both adamant about defending the township's auxiliary police, and we respect the support they've shown.

"It is the central, defining premise of freedom of speech that the offensiveness of ideas, or the challenge they offer to traditional ideas, cannot be a valid reason for censorship; once that premise is abandoned, it is difficult to see what free speech means."
—Ronald Dworkin



READY, SET, GO — Calum Higgins, left, and Dane Finley enjoy an afternoon at the Springfield Municipal Pool last month. The mercury never reached above the 90-degree mark in July, and some measurable rainfall was recorded on each day during the last nine days of the month.

Photo By Milton Miller

Loyalties different for Connelly, McGreevey

Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey has been shaking hands across New Jersey for the past three years. Former Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connelly has been doing the same across the 7th Congressional District since 1998.

Connelly was campaigning since she lost to Franks in the 1998, a race that was closer than expected. McGreevey has been doing the same after narrowly losing to Gov. Christine Whitman in 1997.

A new candidate, U.S. Sen. Bob Torricelli, jumped onto the 2001 gubernatorial scene just last month and expected to have enough support to be the Democratic candidate within a matter of weeks — by the National Convention this month.

Union County Democrats were a bit more loyal to McGreevey than Connelly despite rather similar circumstances.

In January, Connelly was duped

My Two Cents

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

in favor of County Manager Michael Lapolla after realizing the Congressional seat would be open with incumbent Franks aiming for the U.S. Senate. The organization seemed to underestimate Connelly in the primary, but she edged the county manager and now will face Republican Michael Ferguson in November.

Perhaps learning their lesson, Union County stood by McGreevey during the several weeks that Torricelli toyed with the idea of running for governor. Interestingly, Torricelli was among the big guns asked to speak at Lapolla's Congressional

announcement at Union County College in January.

Union County was not alone in its support of McGreevey. Party chairmen from 15 other counties have now come out in favor of McGreevey, most notably the Democratic strongholds of Essex and Hudson, where it seems Torricelli expected more support.

The deal-making must have been in full swing just before Newark Mayor Sharpe James decided to publicly support McGreevey. You can bet a new sports arena in Newark will be on the fast track if McGreevey becomes governor.

Congressman Bob Menendez, D-13, whose district includes parts of Elizabeth and Linden, was able to exact some degree of revenge on Torricelli, who last year publicly doubted the former Union City mayor's ability to run for Frank Lautenberg's U.S. Senate seat.

Most Democrats in the county remained with McGreevey, with the exception of a few, particularly U.S. Senate candidate Jon Corzine who, while he did not switch allegiance entirely, went from a McGreevey supporter to a neutral position.

But as one Democrat said, there are 35 million reasons why the change in heart won't hurt Corzine in his bid against Franks.

Most other Democrats did not jump ship, including Assemblyman Joseph Suliga, D-20, who hosted a get-together for McGreevey at his Linden home Tuesday night, an event scheduled before Torricelli dropped out.

Now the McGreevey campaign seems stronger than ever for an election that is still 15 months away. For all the soap operas played out during the past several weeks, it is this November's election that still will have a huge impact.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The pool has seen improvements

To the Editor:

As happy members of the Springfield Pool, we could not believe the grave article that was written in the Aug. 3 *Echo Leader* newspaper about our pool and all the negative comments about manager Pat Farley. This was upsetting to us, as there have been many improvements over the past two years. They are as follows:

Newly painted structures; hand painted scenic murals of sea animals and beach, a new "Welcome" sign at the pool entrance, more picnic tables and umbrellas, new benches and newly painted benches near the bocci ball courts, a new handicapped access ramp to the pool, a new water slide, new swings and other playground equipment, a new half-court basketball area, new miniature golf, new swimming lane guides, and a new water aerobics program four times a week.

Additionally, Bingo is offered seven days a week with prizes for children and adults, a new arts and crafts program is offered six times a week, with children actually doing projects and not just coloring, new garbage cans and red straws were added instead of rusty old coffee cans; Float Night is offered twice a week; the pool hosts live entertainment several times throughout the season; the snack bar is under new management; the pool manager knows all the kids by name and who their parents are, and the children's safety at the pool is a top priority with Pat Farley.

These are just a few of the many positive changes that have taken place over the past two years. Some of us have been lifetime members of the Springfield Pool from when it first opened to the present. We have seen it go through its ups and downs.

During Pat Farley's tenure as manager, the pool is on a definite upswing. He has brought many new and innovative ideas and improvements to our pool. It's not perfect. But he and his crew have worked hard to keep the grounds and facility safe, clean and enjoyable. Although the bathrooms still need more attention, they are in better condition than previous years.

We ask you people of many complaints, "who makes the mess in the bathrooms?" Not the staff or Pat Farley, but the members of the pool who let their children go into the bathrooms unattended.

Rather than criticizing and seeing only the negative, look at the many improvements and thank Mr. Farley for doing his best to make our pool a nice place to relax, have a few laughs, and cope with the summer heat. The Springfield Pool is not a country club and if the members would pitch in a little, they could help make it better.

Rose Clark
Springfield

We as a public should clean up

To the Editor:

I am writing to you concerning the Springfield pool. My husband and I have been residents of Springfield for two-and-a-half

years, and we have been members of the pool for four summers. We have four children who love the pool.

I was angry when I read the article concerning the pool. Most of all, people should not be smoking at the pool. There are many children there and adults included who walk around with no shoes. I wouldn't want to be walking in cigarette butts and neither would anyone else. So don't smoke, and if you do, discard your cigarette properly.

As for the tissues and Band-Aids by the pool and at the bottom of the pool: The tissues should be thrown out by those who use them and the Band-Aids are on children who have a cut or scrape who enter the pool with them on and it comes off.

What is First Aid supposed to say to a child who gets hurt? "No you can't have a Band-Aid because if you go back into the pool it will come off." Or maybe there should be a new rule: if you wear a Band-Aid, you can't go into the pool.

Now the comment about the restrooms. As far as I am concerned, it is not maintenance's job to clean up after people who have no respect for a public facility. My own experience was with my 9-year-old daughter who went into the dressing room to change. She calls me and points to something on the floor. Of course, I was disgusted when I saw what it was. I feel if women cannot throw their own sanitary items out, why should a stranger do it? I've seen the toilets a mess, papers on the floor — whose fault is that? The people who use it. I feel people make a mess on purpose for someone else to clean it. Shame on the public.

As for the comment about the lawn — last year someone complained about it being burned. If you recall, we had a very hot summer — no rain, burned grass. This year it's done nothing but rain — a lot of rain, long grass. I see with my own lawn. My husband has to cut it at least twice a week to keep it short.

There are rules at the pool. There is no eating on the lawn, only in the snack bar area, no running, no horseplay — but do people follow them? No.

The people at the pool are supposed to be guarding our children in the pool to make sure they're safe, and we as a public should clean up after ourselves.

People make me laugh. They should visit other community pools, then maybe they would appreciate what they have. In my case, my children are on the Springfield swim team, which they love.

We have gone to other pools like Cedar Grove. Now that's a horrible layout of a pool. Their layout of the grounds is not for young children. It's built right into a hill. Try walking up a flight of 20 stone stairs when it's 90 degrees. I did with two small children. You would love the Springfield pool after being there.

My family loves the pool and we couldn't imagine a summer without it. I applaud Pat Farley and his crew for doing a fine job with the appearance of the pool this year.

Keep up the good work Pat.

Andrea Casolare
Springfield

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"No, people need to be informed."



Tom Langmaack
"Yes, because they are a big showcase. The parties put on a show for the voters, playing to what they think the voters want to hear. This is done regardless of their real intentions."



Rick Polce
"Yes, I kind of feel that the nomination is secondary to the political convention, because it is already predetermined. It becomes kind of a \$60-million show. We could do better if we put the money somewhere else."



Bob Torre
"Yes, they are a waste of taxpayer money. They should knock it off, since they make me angry."

A civic leader



Recognizing her outstanding achievements as a fund raiser for Springfield's B'nai B'rith International organization, club President Joseph Tenenbaum, left, presents honoree Bob Walter with the B'nai B'rith International Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award. Her husband, Sol, witnessed the ceremony.

AT THE LIBRARY

Participants of reading program honored today

The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, hosts a grand finale celebration for participants in this summer's reading program this morning at 11:30 a.m. All participants will be honored with reading certificates.

For more information call the library at (908) 233-0115.

Friends of Springfield Library host book sale

A no-frills book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will begin Monday through Aug. 18.

Books, paperbacks and 33 RPM LP records, all recently discarded by the library, will be unsorted and for sale. Each item will be 50 cents.

The sale will take place in the meeting room during regular library hours, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

200-2001 season, along with an adult of their choice.

Any child who has joined the 2000 Summer Reading Club is eligible to put his or her name into the drawing, and any child may enter once per library visit per day through Labor Day. The home game will be chosen by the Nets.

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

Library closed weekends

The Springfield Free Public Library is closed Saturdays and Sundays for the summer. Saturday hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Sept. 9.

Sunday hours, 1 to 4 p.m., will resume Sept. 24.

For information, call the library at (973) 376-4930.

First annual pet show scheduled for Aug. 17

Area youngsters are invited to register their favorite pets for the first annual Springfield Library Pet Show, scheduled for Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Rain date is Aug. 18.

Ribbons will be awarded for a myriad of categories, including best trick, most unusual pet, brightest colored pet, and more. All pets must be pre-registered by 8 p.m. on Wednesday. For more information call the

Children's Department at (973) 376-4930.

Writing course offered

Zelia R.P. Gelman will bring her training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to conduct an ongoing course called "Write Your Life Stories: Memoirs Writing Made Easy."

The meetings will be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the meeting room at the library. No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required.

Gelman will teach participants the methods by which memoir writing can be made easy, including ideas

about how to get started, having a purpose, how to tell stories, making a list of ideas from your life experiences, tips on editing, suggested readings, and how working with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's stories.

Library seeks volunteers for homebound delivery

The Springfield Free Public Library will be sponsoring a volunteer homebound delivery program beginning in the fall. At this time, the library is seeking volunteers who are interested in delivering library materials to shut-ins.

To volunteer call the library at (973) 376-4930.

Planner says landscaping will soften visual impact of high rise project

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the buildings will be," Huber said. Baumgartner said the developer is now proposing the addition of 123 more trees on the property to provide sufficient screening to the proposed 38.5-foot-high buildings and staggered 8- to 10-foot-high retaining walls. Baumgartner said that upon re-examination of the site last month he concluded that most of the dead trees on the property occur on the side facing Baltusrol Way.

"Additional plantings will be put in, and appropriate soils will be put in so they will be able to grow and prosper out there," Baumgartner said.

Township Committeeman Gregory Clarke, a member of the Planning Board, was quick to ask Baumgartner what would be done to protect the surrounding residents' right to privacy.

"I am more concerned that the people in the area used to privacy," Baumgartner admitted that "this site is kind of on a pinnacle," so a construction fence would be placed around the perimeter of the property. He said vegetation could be trimmed and sprayed annually with an antidesiccant to prevent them from drying out in the winter. Replanting also would occur to replace any trees that die, he added.

Baltusrol Way resident Nino DeMauro, who has hired an attorney

to prevent the construction of the project, voiced his discontent about the overall aesthetic impact building such a "huge structure up on top of a mountain" would bring to the surrounding community.

"It's just an extreme project. This thing is being built on a critical slope. Common sense tells me that that shouldn't be," DeMauro said.

"It's overpopulated. We're going to put 100 families on eight acres of land," he said. DeMauro reminded Planning Board members that "there's no guarantee on this building. After the project is up, there's no going back."

Site planner Michael Tobia told board members that "there's not a bad side to any of the buildings," Tobia

pointed out that "all of this additional landscaping can only soften the visual impact" of the project.

Board Chairman Richard Colandrea announced that a decision is anticipated on the developer's preliminary plan at next month's meeting, Sept. 6. After six months of testimony, most of the developer's experts were excused.

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.

General - Monday 5 p.m.

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Police nab armed robbers in chase

Springfield
An armed robbery and shooting in Irvington ended in Springfield with the arrest of two Newark men Aug. 3. Craig Hatcher, 35, and William Shelton, 41, were apprehended after a motor vehicle and foot pursuit. The suspects, who were traveling west-bound on Morris Avenue, struck a rented vehicle driven by a San Diego, Calif., woman at the intersection of Morris and Maple avenues, and then impacted a utility pole. Hatcher and Shelton attempted to flee on foot, but were apprehended after a struggle with Det. Judd Levenson of the Springfield Police Department and a patrolman from the Irvington Police Department. Hatcher was charged with aggravated assault on the Irvington officer, and resisting arrest with physical force. All eluding, robbery and weapons charges will be handled by Irvington police. The driver from San Diego was not injured. A number of prescription papers were reported as stolen from the Ear Speciality Group Aug. 3. Derrick Johnson, 43, of Newark was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with bank fraud and forgery. Johnson allegedly attempted to cash a stolen and forged check in the amount of \$497 at the Unity Bank, while impersonating a legitimate bank account holder. An Irvington resident parked on Morris Avenue returned to their 1999

POLICE BLOTTER

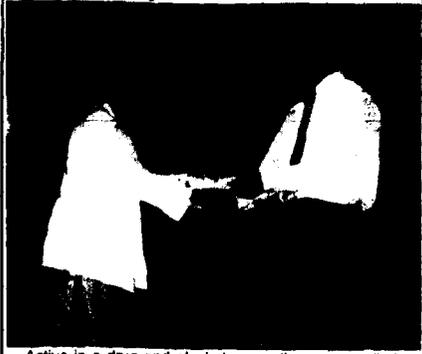
Chevy Prism to discover four silver hubcaps missing Aug. 1. An Accura Legend belonging to a Short Hills Avenue resident was the target of an attempted motor vehicle theft as it sat in the owner's driveway. A Short Hills Avenue couple reported hearing the sound of a vehicle running in their driveway at 5:45 a.m. July 31. The couple reported seeing two men in a silver Ford Probe backed up to the driveway, blocking in the couple's Lexus. The CD player and radio from the Lexus were both reported as stolen. The radio was recovered later that day.

Mountainside
Luis Ortega, 40, of North Plainfield, was arrested by Mountainside police Aug. 7 for having a suspended license. A court date of Aug. 31 was set.

Plainfield resident Francisco Abarca, 23, was arrested Aug. 5 for driving without a license. He was observed sitting in his vehicle on the Route 22 West shoulder. Bail was set at \$200.

Michael Brand, 33, of Plainfield, was arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Mountainside Aug. 1. Brand was held in lieu of \$837 bail. Harrison resident Peter Sadrizaki was arrested by North Arlington police July 31 on a \$273 warrant out of Mountainside.

A good peer



Active in a drug and alcohol prevention group called TREND and a peer counseling group called Student Outreach, Governor Livingston High School graduate Eric Cantagallo of Mountainside was recently awarded the Kaitlin Marie Clark Memorial Scholarship by Mountainside Newcomers Club President Susan Zavodny.

Animal causes four hour power outage

Springfield
A downed wire knocked the power out in some parts of the township Aug. 2.

According to Dave File, Area Affairs manager for GPU, an unidentified animal made contact with a township power line, causing an overload and resulting in a melted wire at approximately 6:52 a.m. All power was restored by 10:58 a.m.

Affected areas included Mountain Avenue, Kipling Avenue, Edgewood Avenue, North Derby Road, Tudor Court, Essex Road, Hilltop Court, South Springfield Avenue, Remer Avenue, Mapes Avenue and Albert Court. GPU reported about 112 customer calls, although, in File's words, "we're inclined to think that more customers than that were affected." One call reporting a person stuck in the elevator of a Morris Avenue business was the only power-related incident handled by the Springfield Fire Department.

FIRE BLOTTER

The department responded to S. Springfield Avenue and Essex Road for a motor vehicle accident with a spill Aug. 5.

Calls for an activated carbon monoxide detector, an activated fire alarm at a Brown Avenue business and one medical service response were handled by the department Aug. 4.

Two motor vehicle accidents, three medical service calls and one activated alarm kept the department busy Aug. 3.

The department sent a pumper to a Rolling Rock Road residence in Mountainside on a request from Union County Mutual Aid Aug. 2. Five medical service calls were also answered.

One medical service call at a Route 22 East business was handled by the department at 8:27 a.m. Aug. 1.

SENIOR NEWS

Springfield seniors will resume at Sept. 6 picnic

The Springfield Senior Citizens will resume after Labor Day with the annual picnic at the Springfield Community Pool Sept. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food will be catered by Elmer's Caterers. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers, chicken, corn on the cob, French fries, onion rings and other foods will be served. Anyone interested in joining the

Senior Citizen Groups should call Theresa Herkalo at (973) 923-2227 for more information.

Seats available for trip

The Springfield Senior Citizens have announced that there are seats available for an upcoming trip to Ellis Island Sept. 25. The price will be \$25 a person, and a lunch should be brought by each participant. More information can be obtained by calling Theresa Herkalo, senior coordinator, at (973) 912-2227.

Marx graduates summa cum laude at Dartmouth

Gregory Marx graduated with highest honors June 11 during commencement exercises at Dartmouth College. The son of Jean and Leonard Marx of Springfield, he majored in history.



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Outside police jobs require up front pay

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Last August, Stockl was involved in a case regarding money he claimed was being withheld from him.

Stockl said Township Administrator Richard Sheola was withholding money he had earned for working at the Jonathan Dayton High School graduation. In the complaint he filed with the municipal court, Stockl claimed Sheola had deliberately withheld payment of the money.

It was determined, however, that Sheola had not withheld the money from Stockl but rather, the Board of Education could not pay the money until after its meeting in late July. The board had sent the check to the police during the same week Stockl filed his complaint.

Sheola said the court decision does not apply to any governmental agency. He said state law says that government agencies cannot authorize payment until after the service has been rendered.

Stockl said the police made an effort to fix the system after his complaint. He said payment had started to come at the beginning of the job, but he noted that the township was lax in following through on this.

"We're working in uniform and for the township and we should be paid. We are considered on duty and we are subject to the rules and regulations of the Police Department, while working outside jobs," Stockl said.

Sheola said the township will be asking outside sources for the money

up front. Under this plan, officers cannot go for outside assignments unless the money is received by police. He did note that he did not read the decision yet but plans to do so soon. Regardless of when he reads the decision, Sheola said Springfield will follow it.

In addition to reading the decision, Sheola said he has asked the township's labor attorney to write an analysis of the case. He plans to use the analysis as a way to create a better policy for the township.

Deputy Mayor Steven Goldstein said he finds the decision to be an interesting one, which will have an impact on the operations of the township. He did note that he has not read the decision yet.

"Obviously from the township perspective, I am not happy. If I was a cop I would be happy," Goldstein said.

The deputy mayor said he is fearful the decision will put the township in the position of having the officer do the work and not being paid later. He said that he is positive this has not happened before in Springfield through.

Goldstein said a positive benefit of the decision is that the township will not have complaints filed against it by unpaid officers. He said the township does not need to have grievances filed against it by police officers for not being paid on time.

"Normally we are talking \$500 or less. For that kind of money, it does not make much sense to have a fight," Goldstein said.

Police Chief William Chisholm said he has not read the court decision and has no opinion on it.

A web site designer



Honored for his outstanding work in preparing a website for American Legion Post 228, Florence M. Guadiner student Taddy Chelis receives an award from Commander Ethel Smith during end-of-the-year ceremonies at the school.

Cost for response adds up to \$30K

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Linden, have passed similar resolutions.

Weingarten said the main focus of his bill is about parity and fairness. Municipalities should be encouraged to be helpful but at the same time, he said, they should not be penalized. In the case of responding to emergencies by providing services to residents from outside the municipality who are merely passing through.

The assemblyman said the Appropriations Committee was asked to increase the amount of money available to towns. As the bill is currently written, towns could receive up to \$300 per incident and in the case of "extraordinary" incidents, the amount could be waived.

According to Township Administrator Richard Sheola, the only reimbursement the township receives is for accidents involving hazardous materials.

"The amount spent on a particular emergency call depends on the type of call, the severity of the accident and equipment use," Sheola said. A 1999 study of the problem — covering overtime, equipment use and consumable supplies for Routes 78, 24 and 22 — revealed an expenditure of \$30,000.

"People don't realize that we have overtime, the use of our equipment, and this isn't our roadway," Haretik said.

Regional Editor Mark Hrynyna contributed to this report.

OBITUARIES

Isadore Yablonsky

Isadore S. Yablonsky, 79, of Springfield died Aug. 7.

Born in Newark, Mr. Yablonsky lived in Springfield since 1951. He graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1944 and later became a top salesman for Arden Studios, Staten Island, for many years before retiring in 1990. Mr. Yablonsky also was active for many years in Springfield community affairs. He was a founding charter member of Temple Beth Ahm and served as a baseball coach in Springfield Little League for 11 years. Surviving are three sons, Alan L., Stanley B. and Mark J. Yablonsky.

Anne P. Hanigan

Anne P. Hanigan of Mountaineer died July 31 at home.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Hanigan lived in Mountaineer since 1967. She was a graduate of Kean College, now University, Union, where she received a bachelor of arts degree. Mrs. Hanigan was a volunteer for The Atlantic Hospice Program in Millburn. She was a communicant member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountaineer, where she was a member of its Rosary Society. Mrs. Hanigan was a board member of Occupational Center of Union County.

Surviving are two daughters, Arlene M. Benigno and Patricia A.; a sister, Mae Brogan, and two grandchildren.

Edith Cassera

Edith Cassera, 90, of Springfield died July 25 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Cassera lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield in 1941. She was a secretary to the principal of Governor Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, from 1952 until retiring in 1985. Mrs. Cassera was a member of the Retired Teachers and Secretaries Association Continental Post 228 in Springfield. She also had been a deaconess at the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield.

Surviving are two sons, Edgar R. and Robert C. DeRonde; a brother, Norman R. Jowitz; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

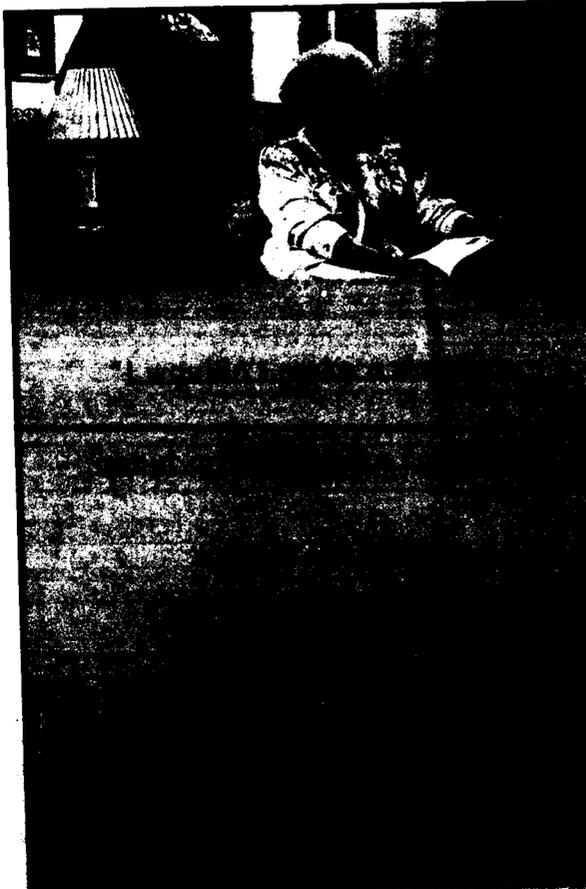
Aaron Kazin

Aaron Kazin, 86, of Brick, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 2 in the Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

Born in Newark, Mr. Kazin lived in South Orange and Springfield before moving to Brick 30 years ago. He also maintained a residence in Hollywood, Fla. Mr. Kazin owned and operated Instant Rent-A-Car in Millburn and Triangle Towing in Newark for many years and retired in 1980. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Elinor; a son, Ian; two stepsons, Dr. Theodore Magida and Steven Magida; two sisters, Selma Rindler and Isabel Lebowitz, and 10 grandchildren.

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More parking spaces sought for township's jitney service

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 whose kid had a bleach container, and he got mad at me," Hirschfeld said.
 Mulman recommended putting up signage, limiting the kinds of objects that can be brought into the pool, or limiting visitors to the toys provided by the facility itself.
 As for the previous cleanliness complaints leveled at the last Township Committee meeting, Harelik said, "That was only one woman who stood up and complained." The mayor said she brought the letter concerning the badge-checking issue to Recreation Director Mike Tennaro's atten-

tion, and that a recent burst pipe in one of the pools had been given "a quick fix" in order to have it up and running through the weekend.
Jitney parking
 Increased ridership for the township's jitney — the bus service that transports commuters from Duffy's Corner to the Short Hills Train Station — has the Township Committee seeking an additional parking location.
 Harelik reminded the committee that the pool's parking lot was one of the first discussed as a primary location. The establishment of the jitney's parking area at Duffy's Corner last

year caused a flak among local merchants, who felt that the service was taking away a substantial number of their parking spaces.
 The pool's lot, which is close to Duffy's Corner, contains roughly 400 parking spaces. Township Administrator Richard Sheola described the pool's lot as containing "infinitely more" spaces than those of Duffy's Corner, but warned, "In the pool season, we'll run into a problem again.
 Another possible site, the Church Mall parking lot, was mentioned, but its potential was not discussed in depth.

Mayor defends enactment of Short Hills parking ordinance

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 change it," she said. "A lot of energy on the part of your neighbors and the Township Committee went into this."
 Another resident, Michelle Downey, also was less than thrilled about the signage. Downey asked the committee where the displaced parking was going to go.
 "We anticipated where it was going to go," Committee member Steven Goldstein said. "And the people who live on those streets came here and said they didn't care."
 Residents of one of the neighboring streets included in the resident permit concept requested exclusion from the ordinance, feeling their block was far

enough away from the medical building to avoid any worry. The committee then voted to amend the ordinance to remove the street, with Goldstein providing the only "no" vote. The committee member later explained that he felt the ordinance should first be adopted in its entirety, and then amended where — and if — necessary.
 "You're on Short Hills Avenue, we solved your problem according to the majority of the neighborhood," Harelik told Downey. "If anyone else comes to us with a complaint, we'll work with that."
 In regard to Downey's question as to whether the parking situation will

impact another area, causing an expansion of the resident permit parking ordinance, Township Administrator Richard Sheola answered, "I think it's premature to answer that."
 "We want your neighborhood to look as good as it can, but this was a parking problem, not an aesthetic issue, and we addressed it with a parking solution," Harelik said.
 Earlier in the meeting, Bergen told Kathy Jones, one of the Short Hills residents who first approached the committee with the problem, that the township would be able to proceed with the ordinance without the Jersey Division of Transportation's approval.

A quilting bee



Choosing their favorite moment in history and illustrating it with fabric markers on a Millennium Quilt at Sandmeier School in Springfield are, from left, project organizer Marybeth Cunningham and fourth-graders Nicole Milano, Carrie Ann Bartschy and Seth Benzel. During the last week of school, students pieced together the 64 blocks, documenting some of the important events of the 20th century.

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Mountainside team wins crown

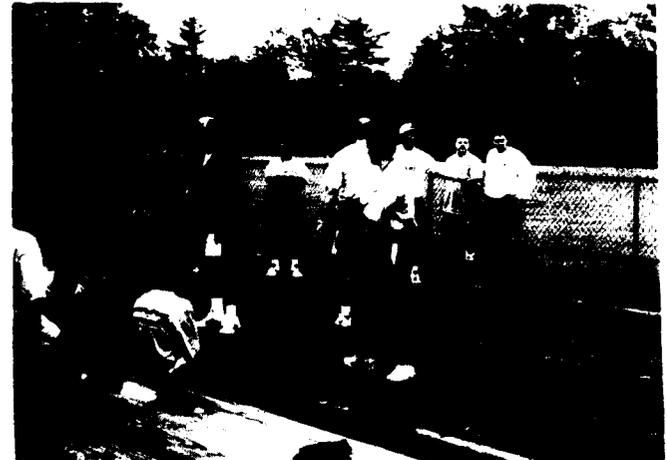


The Mountainside ages 13-14 All-Star baseball team captured the Tri-County League championship. Mountainside defeated Caldwell 8-3 in the title game to improve to 15-5-1. Another outstanding victory was a thrilling 5-4 come-from-behind Williamsport District win over Kenilworth July 8 at Waterfront Park. The squad will conclude its season Aug. 25-27 by competing in the annual Cooperstown Tournament at historic Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, New York. Included will be a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Kneeling, from left, are Jude Faella, Eric Feller, Matt Arrigoni, Sean Faella and Jack Pijanowski. Middle row, from left, are Ryan Faella, Joe Pijanowski, Brian Arrigoni, Steven Bobko, Alex Caffrey and Justin Polce. Back row, from left, are coach Al Faella, David Appigo, Michael Mankowski, coach Gary Bobko, Kevin Wyratt, Jonathan Moss, Michael Amalie, coach Mike Caffrey, Chris Perez-Santalla and coach Rick Polce. Missing from photo is coach John Amalie.

Springfield Minutemen are gearing for 2000 campaign Coaches, parents getting youngsters ready

This summer the coaches and parents of players who participate in the Springfield Minutemen football program have been getting ready for the upcoming 2000 season. The coaches for the fall will be: Fred Wallach, Mike Neta, Nicholas Neta, Bob Covic, Luke Mahowald, Tony Hopkins, Jim Guarino, Dino DiCocco and Marshall Silverman. The Springfield Minutemen compete in the Suburban Football League. The team's league representative is Mike Herkato. Practice commences Tuesday, starting promptly at 6 p.m. and going until 7:45. As in past years, practice will take place at the field behind the Springfield Municipal Pool. The following players have registered: Patrick Circelli, Mark Czarny, Michael Ferreira, Jermaine Goforth, Kevin Johnson, Daniel Kaplan, David Tarullo, Paul Bellevue,

Jeff Feder, Jake Floyd, Seth Nadel, Zach Silverman, Michael Wallach, Matthew Byk, Jason Cappa, Brandon Cheery, Eric DuBeau, Eric Dworkin, Jimmy Guarino, Teddy Hopkins, Ercan Sider, Mark Byk, Daniel DiCocco, Matt Farley, Jesse Weatherston, Matthew Loffa, Nicholas Neta, Alex Silverman, Derek Baquero, Kyle Chaiken, Jon Cubukcu, Michael Danishevsky, Corey Gaffrey, Niko Kikounis, Justin Lam, Matthew Neta, Michael Petrilli, Andrew Rosenfeld, Anthony Salort, Robert Yannazzone. Any person entering grades 4-8 who has not yet registered is urged to do so immediately at the Springfield Recreation Department on Church Mall in Springfield between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 973-912-2227. The parents have been busy getting ready for the season as well. Parents met to elect the following officers: president, Michael Neta; chairperson, Michele Feder; secretary, Denyce Yannazzone; treasurer, Dino DiCocco.



Coach Dino DiCocco addresses Minutemen football players at a football clinic held at Meisel Field in Springfield.

Baseball tourney a success

This year the Springfield Minutemen teams, in conjunction with the Springfield Recreation Department, hosted their annual baseball tournament. The tournament was scheduled for three consecutive weekends, commencing on July 15. Unfortunately, inclement weather in late July forced the rescheduling and more rescheduling of the tournament. Despite the bad weather, the tournament was a success. The first championship game was held last Wednesday in the age 12 division. Maplewood defeated South Orange 10-1. The championship game for the age 10 division took place at Springfield's Roesamer Field last Saturday as Scotch Plains downed New Providence 5-2. The tournament results are as follows:
 July 16: Age 10: Scotch Plains 4, New Providence 2, Springfield 8, Maplewood 4, Age 12: Maplewood 8, South Orange 3.
 July 22: Age 10: New Providence 9, Springfield 5 (9 in.), Scotch Plains 9, South Orange 5, Age 12: South Orange 6, Springfield 4.
 In Springfield's setback against South Orange, Jeff Feder stole home for the Minutemen's first run. Ryan O'Reilly scored on an RBI-single hit by R.J. Hering. Kenneth Suarez drove in a run to make the score 3-1 in

the third inning before South Orange scored five runs in the top of the sixth. Springfield scored its final run in the bottom of the sixth as Zach Goldberg ripped an RBI-single after Suarez and David Steinman walked.
 July 23: Age 10: South Orange 5, Maplewood 4, Scotch Plains 13, Springfield 10, New Providence 8, Maplewood 7, Age 12: Maplewood 9, Springfield 1.
 Greg Stefanelli drove in Springfield's only run in its game against Maplewood. Paul Bellevue scored after he walked and stole his way to third.
 July 29: Age 10: Maplewood 9, Scotch Plains 6, New Providence 16, South Orange 5, South Orange 19, Springfield 8.
 July 30: Age 10 semifinals: 1-Scotch Plains 18, 4-Springfield 2.
 Aug. 1: Age 10 semifinals: New Providence 20, South Orange 8, Age 12 semifinals: South Orange 2, Springfield 1.
 Ryan Sabinsky, Greg Stefanelli and Kenneth Suarez pitched well for the Minutemen against South Orange. After three scoreless innings, South Orange scored single runs in the top of the fourth and top of the fifth. Ryan O'Reilly stole home in the bottom of the sixth for Springfield's only run.

Rich tradition of U.S. Amateur will land at Baltusrol Golf Club

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor
SPRINGFIELD — Believe it or not, Tiger Woods has not won the most U.S. Amateur golf tournaments. That distinction belongs to Robert T. Jones Jr., who won a record five from 1924 to 1930. However, Woods is the only golfer to win the tournament three years in a row, capturing his championships in 1994, 1995 and 1996. In 1994 he became the youngest champion at the age of 18 years, seven months and 29 days. Although Woods will not be among the golfers vying for the championship, this year's tournament will be special in the fact that it's the centennial affair and it will be held at the site that has hosted the most U.S. Opens. Baltusrol Golf Club will host the 100th United States Amateur Championship Aug. 21-27. Baltusrol last hosted the U.S. Open in 1993 when Lee Janzen edged the late Payne Stewart on the lower course for the first of his two U.S. Open victories. With that said, the U.S. Amateur returns to New Jersey this year for the first time in 15 years. Sam Randolph defeated Peter Parsons at the Montclair Golf Club in West Orange in 1985. Baltusrol last hosted the U.S. Amateur in 1946 and before that in 1926 and 1904. Plainfield Country Club last hosted the U.S. Amateur in 1978 and Ridgewood Country Club in 1974. Tournament festivities commence this morning with Media Day at Baltusrol. Several local golfers plan to be in attendance. David Gossett of Germantown, Tenn. defeated Sung Yoon Kim of Seoul, South Korea 9 and 8 in the 36-hole championship final of last year's U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. The tournament is open to amateurs who have USGA Handicap Indexes not exceeding 2.4. Entries closed July 5 as the starting field will consist of as many as 312 players. The schedule of play is as follows:
 Monday, Aug. 21: First round, stroke play (18 holes).
 Tuesday, Aug. 22: Second round, stroke play (18 holes). After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 64 scorers, who will advance to match play.

Wednesday, Aug. 23: First round, match play (18 holes).
 Thursday, Aug. 24: Second round, match play (18 holes) and third round, match play (18 holes).
 Friday, Aug. 25: Quarterfinals, match play (18 holes).
 Saturday, Aug. 26: Semifinals, match play (18 holes).
 Sunday, Aug. 27: Final, match play (36 holes). There will be practice rounds (free admission) scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19 and Sunday, Aug. 20. Television coverage will include NBC (Channel 4) on Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27 and ESPN from Aug. 23-25. Admission is \$20 for a daily ticket and \$75 for a weekly ticket. Children under 16 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult with a ticket. Free parking will be available at the quarry — adjacent to the Club — on Stamplike Road. Baltusrol Golf Club is located on Stamplike Road in Springfield. More information about purchasing tickets or Corporate Hospitality Swiss may be obtained by calling the U.S. Amateur Office at 973-258-1900, the Baltusrol Golf Club at 973-376-1900 or by sending requests by fax to 973-376-7609. The U.S. Amateur web site is www.baltusrol.com. **U.S. AMATEUR HISTORY** — Jack Nicklaus, who has won a record 18 major (Masters, U.S. Open, British Open, PGA), won the U.S. Amateur twice. Nicklaus, a former Ohio State All-American, captured the championship in 1959 and 1961. Jones captured his title in 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928 and 1930. By winning in 1930 at the Merion Cricket Club in Ardmore, Pa., Jones rounded out the Grand Slam, winning the four major American and British championships in one year. Jerome D. Travers won four times, capturing the U.S. Amateur championship in 1907, 1908, 1912 and 1913. Along with Woods, Walter Travis won three times, his courses coming in 1900, 1901 and 1903. **Directions from West via Route 78:** Traveling East on Route 78 get off at Exit 45 (Glenade Avenue). Turn left at light. Go straight on Glenade Avenue. After passing STOP sign, bear right at triangle onto Morris Avenue. Turn right at Orchard Street (2nd light). Continue on Orchard (name changes to Stamplike Road) to caution blinker. At blinker turn right into entrance to club.



Springfield Minutemen griders are seen doing drills with their coaches at Meisel Field.



Springfield Minutemen football players are preparing for the upcoming 2000 season.

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The Resolution memorializing the decision will be adopted at the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 and will be available for public inspection in the office of the Board of Adjustment.

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New York City man charged; released on \$50,000 bail

(Continued from Page 1) restaurant in Elizabeth, where he parked behind the building. A description of his vehicle, provided by Leene, was broadcast over the county-wide police network; revealed to be a 1995 Ford Taurus, the car was discovered to have both front end damage and a shattered windshield.

with leaving the scene of a fatal accident, a third-degree crime. Bail was set by Superior Court Judge Katherine Dupuis in the amount of \$50,000. According to Tumer, Lin was able to post the \$50,000 bail in cash two days after the accident. Investigation into the accident is ongoing, and additional charges may be filed against Lin. Tumer said he had not yet heard from the Union County Prosecutor's Office concerning the charges.

Mountainside police are asking individuals who witnessed the accident to call them at (908) 232-8100.

Mountainside athlete recalled fondly... "We're not supposed to bury our kids," Vigilanti continued. "I understand that Ryan was personable and a good athlete, and that the kids are taking it hard. Mountainside is a small community where nearly everybody knows everybody. It's such a shock."

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(Continued from Page 1) "He was very much a part of our community," said Elizabeth Keshish, Deerfield's assistant principal. "He was well-liked. It's a loss for everyone."

Mayor Robert Vigilanti, who did not know Ryan but does know the boy's father, Alfred, for his work on the borough's Ethics Committee, said, "Ryan's father is a very decent individual, and I guess it rubbed off on his children."

Recreation Department requires tennis badges... 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 Springfield Civic Center, 30 Church Hill, Springfield, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once the ID is obtained, it will be validated year after year with no other charges.

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NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE... The Board of Ordinance adopted and passed upon first reading...

Table with columns: No., Block/Lot, Location, Owner, Amount Due. Lists property tax information for Township of Springfield.

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