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Latest results of state standardized tests annou

Eighth-graders score best in language arts, science; weakest in math

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Recent results of two state standardized tests given to Springfield students in grades eight and 11 showed only a handful of high school juniors are in danger of failing to graduate while most eighth-graders performed above the average. Acting Assistant Superintendent Ken Mattfield presented a report of the 2000-01 test results for the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and the High School Proficiency Test to the Springfield Board of Education during its meeting on July 9.

Based on the scores, the students who took the GEPA test demonstrated strengths in language arts literacy and science and weaknesses in mathematics.

Both tests were given in March, with the GEPA results revealing how well the eighth-graders performed in relation to established state criteria for partially proficient, proficient and advanced proficient scaled scores in language arts literacy, mathematics and science.

Comparison data from other school districts will be made available from the state Department of Education during the upcoming school year.

As for the March GEPA results, student scores were reported as scaled scores ranging from 100 to 300. The state established proficiency levels are partially proficient for scores of 100 to 199, proficient for scores of 200 to 249, and advanced proficient for scores of 250 to 300. Those who scored in the partially proficient range are considered below the minimal level of proficiency.

Students performed best in the areas of language arts literacy and science, with 91.7 percent and 94.3 percent, respectively, scoring at or below the minimum level of proficiency, including 21.5 percent who were in the advanced proficient category.

For the mathematics area, the results showed 40 students, or 33.1 percent, scored below the cutoff score of 200.

Broken into clusters, the language arts literacy section included scores for writing, reading, interpreting text and analyzing critiquing text. Science was divided into life science, physical science, earth science, cognitive skills and

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— Ken Mattfield

process skills. Math included sections on number sense, concepts, applications, spatial sense, geometry, data analysis, algebra, and statistics, among others. The two mathematics sections of the test that stood out as weak areas for students in the partially proficient group included data analysis, probability, statistics, and discrete mathematics and patterns, functions and algebra.

Although students did poorly in mathematics overall, the number of students who scored in the advanced proficient level increased from 17.6 percent last year to 21.5 percent, supporting the effectiveness of the current curriculum for the advanced mathematics classes.

Strategies to improve the GEPA scores for some students include the use of a GEPA preparation class three days a week to address appropriate weaknesses, a basic skills teacher to help at-risk students who performed poorly, and supplemental materials in the pre-algebra classes that focus on problem areas identified in the test.

For the GEPA preparation class, students will be pulled out of an afternoon class in the elective cycle.

The district also plans to improve the GEPA mathematics scores by including professional development for teachers in grades five through eight to improve instructional strategies for remedial mathematics.

"If we are going to have the remedial classes for the weaknesses, how do we get the class to match the students," asked board member Ken Faigenbaum. "I'm assuming that not all of them have the same weakness."

Mattfield emphasized that the remedial class is intended to be an individualized program that will address students' needs on the basis of what the test

results reveal about their ability to demonstrate certain skills or knowledge they do not have.

"In all of the clusters, in every case, the mean score for Springfield students was above the minimum state passing mean score," said Mattfield. "That's about all you can do in terms of comparing the performance on this test with students across the state."

According to Mattfield, the figures that come out in early 2002 will show the Board of Education what they mean in terms of how Springfield students did in relation to their peers across the state.

"We would expect our students to do better than the state average, and they did," said Mattfield.

The HSPT data display how 11th-graders performed in terms of pass or fail scaled scores in reading, mathematics and writing.

As a result of failing one or more sections of the October HSPT, nine students were retested on the sections they failed in October. Of these, five succeeded in passing the required sections, leaving four students who still need to meet the requirements for graduation.

Two of the students failed reading and mathematics, one failed reading and writing, and one did not pass all three sections of the test.

To address their weaknesses, these students will receive basic skills instruction and begin the Special Review Assessment process to demonstrate what they learned on the HSPT.

Despite the four students who have to re-take the HSPT, a four year report of the high school junior year test results show a consistently high score.

Results from 1999 to 2002 tests show a range of percentages in the mid to high 90s in all three sections of reading, writing and mathematics.

The Class of 2002 is the last class required to pass the HSPT in order to graduate, and will be replaced by the High School Proficiency Assessment in March.

"To date, our record's unblemished," said Mattfield. "We have yet to have a Jonathan Dayton student fail to graduate because of the HSPT."

Scores in the GEPA and HSPT report were gathered from students of general education, with scores from special education and limited English students excluded.

Castles in the sand



Photo By Bob Hollich

The playground at the playing field near Mountainside Borough Hall was the place to be for a fun-filled summer day where, from left, Chelsea Pordzik, 6, and Chloe Pennington, 5, join several friends for playtime.

Renovations completed at Mountainside Public Library

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Renovations have been completed at the Mountainside Public Library with a new media room to house audiovisual items and the ability to expand certain areas.

With the renovations, Library Director Miriam Bein said the library has been able to increase the audiovisual offerings — such as books on tape and compact disc as well as DVDs — but also shift all the new books and install new shelves for new, fiction and nonfiction.

The library also plans to expand its periodicals section and has undertaken a survey for patrons to express their likes and dislikes as to magazines. There currently are almost 100 magazines the library subscribes to and some will be dropped or added depending on survey results, Bein said. She urged residents to visit the facility and fill out a survey.

"Some are more for research, some are more popular, and there are lot of new magazines out there," she said.

As with anything, the summer means a slower time of year for the library, and the survey, which started this month, will continue until September so results would include one month of the school year.

The new book area has been expanded and "looks like someone's living room," Bein said.

A grand opening is planned Sept. 30 to celebrate the renovations and the new collections that have been added and dedicate the new room to a resident who made it hap-

pen. The library director said the \$20,000 in renovations were a direct result of a bequest left by a Mountainside resident, Emma Lausten.

Thanks to grants from the Mountainside Education Foundation, the library was able to purchase six Walkmans — three cassette and three CD. Bein said kids will be able to borrow the audiobook as well as headphones to listen to books on tape or CD when they travel or at home.

An eBook reader was purchased with another Mountainside Education Foundation grant and the library purchased a second one on its own. eBooks are similar to Palm Pilots but are able to store 10 books at a time, making them ideal for traveling, Bein said. "They certainly won't replace books but they're nice to use."

The electronic books, which offer mysteries, thrillers, titles for teens, and popular fiction, can be borrowed by Mountainside residents only for up to two weeks.

The library has started up its DVD collection, with both classic and contemporary movies. A \$20 donation is welcomed from residents who can select which DVD the library can purchase from a selected list.

The library's phone system also will be receiving an upgrade after some flooding damaged the equipment earlier in the year.

Borough Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie Jr. said the borough's insurance company agreed to provide \$2,800 for repairs as a result of the damages. The Borough Council agreed to offer another \$2,000 to complete the upgrade for a new phone system.

Springfield wants to boast its history

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Showing their support for the need to preserve history in Springfield, the Township Committee agreed to look into the possibility of having the Church Hill area designated as a Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area.

While the committee voted to have the site recognized at the July 10 meeting, formal designation still depends upon a Special Resources Study as well as a National Heritage Area Feasibility Study performed by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior to determine if the area is suitable.

The proposed designation was prompted by Congress, who have authorized the Secretary of the Interior

to conduct studies for central New Jersey that would recognize the state's role in the American Revolution, with Springfield as the most prominent player.

The Township Committee plans to use the designation as a way to emphasize the importance of history in Springfield.

"The Township Committee is proud of our historic roots," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik. "We have a rich history. What little is left of our history we would like to preserve."

The area that would be recognized includes the Historic Cannon Ball House, the First Presbyterian Church, three Revolutionary War cemeteries, a battle site at the Railway River, and three homes that survived the British

occupation that are still in use today.

"We want to get Union County involved," said Elaine Auer, vice president of the Springfield Historical Society. "Up here, we have so much history."

She said that previously, historical sites were more prominently recognized in South Jersey and that more needed to be done to acknowledge the history within Union County.

Five public meetings were conducted in April concerning local awareness and support of the designation of historical sites as Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Areas.

Throughout this month, public meetings will take place around the state where the National Park Service will present its recommendations for

National Heritage Areas in New Jersey and citizens have the opportunity to comment on alternative boundaries and themes. A meeting Tuesday night was sponsored in Elizabeth by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For more, see Page B1.

Other meeting dates include Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon at Hunterdon County Complex, Route 12, Flemington. Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. Meadows Foundations, Van Wick House, 1289 Easton Ave., Somerset; Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Allentown Public Library, 16 South Main St., Allentown; and July 28, 10 a.m. to noon at Washington's Headquarters, 30 Washington Place, Morristown National Historic Park, Morristown.

For directions call 609-924-4666. See SITES, Page 2

Council moves forward with lights for ballfields

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Moving forward with their initiative to improve the recreational facilities throughout Mountainside, the Borough Council announced their receipt of a second Special Discretionary Legislature Grant during its regular meeting Tuesday night. The grant will allow the borough to light and do recreational improvements at the field at Borough Hall.

At the meeting, the council introduced a bond ordinance for \$100,000 that will help fund the installation of the lighting and the making of other recreational improvements to the field. Improvements and renovations

should be completed by the next spring season.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti explained that the bond ordinance was a formula that the borough uses to gather money for grants without spending taxpayers' money.

"We have also committed that we were going to look into doing whatever renovations are necessary for the girls' softball," said Vigilanti. "We have been advised that it should be put on hold because of construction that's going to take place at Deerfield School."

"That is not stopped, that has just been set aside for the time being," Vigilanti explained that it was

unclear whether there would be machinery or construction materials on the field that could pose safety hazards.

During Board of Education meetings in April, objections were raised by residents who were concerned about gender equity among the use of the boys' and girls' Little League fields at Deerfield School.

The council expects to see more grants in the coming months that will provide funding for improvements to the recreational facilities throughout Mountainside.

"It's an upgrade that we've been wishing for for years and years and we appreciate it," said Borough

Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie. "It's excellent."

On October 10 at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall, the council plans to have a public forum to discuss recreational improvements and to reveal a wish list for what they would like to see done.

The council also awarded a bid for paving improvements on Bayberry Lane, which also includes some curbing and minor drainage work, to Traditional Works Inc. in the amount of \$201,430.57.

The company was selected based upon a recommendation by Borough Engineer Michael Disko. After four bids were received, Traditional Works was found to be the lowest bidder.

A special visit

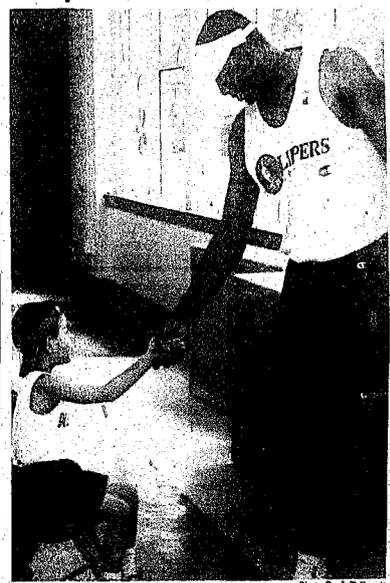


Photo By Jeff Grazioplene

Springfield resident Justin Polukord, 6, got the chance to shake the hand of Los Angeles Clippers basketball player Anthony Avent, who visited the Springfield YMCA on July 12 for a special presentation. Avent played his college ball at Seton Hall University.

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STUDENT UPDATE



Christina Leshko

Leshko named FMG's Student of the Year

Florence M. Gaudiner School Student of the Year recipient for the 2000-01 school year is Christina Leshko.

Leshko distinguished herself with her commitment and devotion to the Gaudiner School community. As an eighth-grader, she was involved in school choirs, Talented Arts Program, and performed at the Teen Arts Festival in both the choir and visual arts segments. Her participation in the "Discovery Program's" statewide "mock trial" contest helped Gaudiner win second place.

Leshko's energies extend beyond the school, setting up a Christmas party for disabled children. This talented young lady spends her free time pursuing her interests in music with voice lessons, summer theater and playing in a garage band.

In July, Leshko was acknowledged during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of its Youth Activities Program which recognizes exceptional students, who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic ability.

Dorsky, Weidman among graduates at Pingry

Two Springfield residents were among the 113 students graduated from The Pingry School during its 143rd commencement ceremony, June 10 on the Martinsville Campus. Springfield resident Dan Dorsky

plans to attend Brown University. Will Weidman, a member of the Cum Laude Society, an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, an AP Scholar, a National Merit Commended Scholar and winner of the Madeleine Wild Bristol Music Prize, plans to attend Princeton University.

Raviv earns degree from Duke University

Shaun Gidon Raviv of Springfield recently received a bachelor of arts in English from Duke University.

Brounstein on list

Sheryl Jen Brounstein of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2001 semester from the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Students named to the dean's list for the School of Education earned a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Giordano and Legiece earn degrees from Drew

Kimberly R. Giordano and Michael Elizabeth Legiece of Mountsainde received bachelor of arts degrees from Drew University in Madison on May 19.

Three on list at SU

Three local residents enrolled in Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications were named to the dean's list for the 2001 spring semester.

Staci Frosch of Springfield is a sophomore majoring in public relations. Joshua Ravitz of Springfield is a junior majoring in television-radio-film.

Mountsainde resident Jason Grunberg is a junior majoring in magazine journalism.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours and earn at least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

Blinder graduates 1988

Allison Blinder of Springfield earned a bachelor of arts in elementary education/political science at Rider University's 136th commencement on May 11.

Barton Luedeka, president of the university, awarded more than 1,000

graduate and undergraduate degrees to students who completed their degree requirements during the 2000-01 academic year.

Trimmer, Cucciello get degrees at Delaware

Erin Elizabeth Trimmer of Mountsainde and Springfield resident Lucyann Cucciello received bachelor's degrees at the University of Delaware's 152nd commencement May 26 in Delaware Stadium on the Newark campus.

Cucciello was awarded a bachelor of science in education while Trimmer earned a bachelor of arts.



Thayer Jennings

Jennings graduates Mt. St. Dominic Academy

Thayer Jennings of Springfield recently graduated from Mount St. Dominic Academy on June 10.

During her years at the Mount, Thayer was a member of the Spanish Club holding the office of vice president in her junior year. She was a member of the Environmental Club and in the area of music she was in chorus performing with the stringing majors. She participated in the musical productions at the Mount.

Her outside volunteer work found Thayer giving service at Jack & Jill of America as well as Community Service at Mount Hebron Middle School. She received a scholarship to Monmouth University.

She will attend the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I., in the fall.

Sites would be included in historic area

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To develop criteria for National Heritage Areas, the National Park Service has been researching New Jersey sites and linking them together based on their shared Revolutionary War characteristics.

If a site such as the Church Mall area is designated a National Heritage Area, interpretive signage will be placed at strategic locations that identifies the site and describes its history. "It will be a really interesting way of interpreting the American Revolution," said Stacy Spies, principal preservation specialist with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Spies also is the consultant studying the Church Mall area to see if it can be designated as a historic district and placed in the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. "Since it is a federal initiative, hopefully if that historic district does get on the National Register, then it

may be eligible to be part of this Heritage Area," Spies said.

According to Margaret Brandrowski, president of the Springfield Historical Society, the designation of the National Heritage Area will have a positive effect on the potential for the area to be designated a historical district. "I'm sure it will influence it."

Final reports for the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Areas are expected to be completed by next winter, with implementation of any plans, including signage, set for spring 2002.

The Historic Cannon Ball House was open for tours in June to commemorate the 221st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. The site is currently under renovations but is

For more on the Crossroads of the American Revolution project, see story on Page B1.

scheduled to reopen for a select date in the fall to celebrate Union County's annual Four Centuries in a Weekend, which will include the opening of 22 historical sites throughout the county.

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Today
• "Dangerous Planets Everywhere" is a special presentation about what life would be like on each of the planets in the solar system, at 7:30 p.m. in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The program, for grades five through adults will be presented by Mary Lou West, professor of astronomy at Monclair State University.
For information call 973-376-4930.

Saturday
• Mountsainde's Community Presbyterian Church Players presents the musical "The Rock Singer and His Greatest Hit" at 7 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church, Meeting House Lane and Deer Path, Mountsainde. The musical is a retelling of the centuries-old story of David & Goliath.
Call 908-232-9490 for information.

Monday
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer international film festival with screening of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free. Space is limited to 60 people for each showing.
Call 973-376-4930 for information.

• Deanna Kwan shows how to create with origami from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The class is free and for ages 7 to adult, but pre-registration is required. For information call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32.
• The Springfield Board of Education meets in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Tuesday
• "Water and the Word" a family-friendly vacation Bible program continues for three more scheduled Tuesdays until Aug. 14, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Parish House, 37 Church Mall in Springfield. The program offers five different water-themed Bible stories reinforced by games, crafts, and music.
For information, call 908-245-6244.

• The Mountsainde Board of Education meets in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave., at 8 p.m.
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a regular session at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday
• Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountsainde, continues with "Hocus Pocus-It's Joe Fischer" at 1:30 p.m. Both kids and adults can enjoy a fast-paced action packed magic show for all ages. Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years of age permitted.
Call 908-789-3670 for information.

Upcoming July 29
• The Blood Center of New Jersey will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. James Church 41/45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. For more information, call 800-BLOOD-NJ.

July 30
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its summer International Film Festival with "Color of Paradise" at noon and 7 p.m.
Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For information, call 973-376-4930.

July 31
• The Springfield Public Library's summer video series continues with "Irving Berlin: An American Song" at noon.

Aug. 1
• Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountsainde, will continue at 1:30 p.m. with "The Raven's Feast," a puppet show based on Native American tales produced by Stacy Abrams.

For information, call 908-789-3670.
• The Springfield Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Aug. 6
• "SonCreek Junction" is this summer's theme for a week of music, daily Bible story lessons, recreation and skills, refreshments, live action skits, and more, until Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Enrollment is limited and closes on July 30. To register, call 908-232-3456.

Aug. 7
• "Summer Matinee 2001: A Reading Odyssey" continues with two voyages through the universe for grades five and up at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. "From Here to Infinity" is narrated by Patrick Stewart and uses advanced computer graphics to tell its galactic adventure, while "Voyager Odyssey" is an interplanetary music video experience.

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Library expansion 'unrealistic,' board looks for alternatives

Potential renovations to be considered with \$15K grant

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Despite the growth of the Springfield Public Library over the course of its 32-year history, members of the Board of Trustees decided not to expand the size of the building during their July 12 meeting.

Hoping to work within the confines of the building, members addressed a variety of possibilities for space solutions to problem areas of the library.

"A building expansion at this point in the history of the library and the town is unrealistic," said board member Bill Welsh. "Some fine-tuning and some renovating within the context of the building is what I think is necessary to achieve our goals."

To date, the library functions have remained within the original footprint of the building throughout its years of operation.

In 1998, the library applied for a grant from the Union County Department of Economic Development to conduct a facility study. The grant application was denied, but in 1999, the library reapplied and was accepted. Nolan Lushington of Lushington Associates in Connecticut was selected to conduct the study and completed his report in July of last year.

One year later, the library is in the process of deciding how to use the \$15,000 grant for potential renovation purposes within the existing size of the building.

Presenting their thoughts on the May staff recommenda-

tions report on facility improvement, members of the Board of Trustees discussed a list of problem areas identified by Lushington Associates, the public and the staff.

Parking

The number one cited problem dealt with parking and ways to improve it.

"There are many days you cannot park in that parking lot," said Assistant Library Director Honi Robbins. "That lot is treacherous."

In a public survey with more than 700 responses, 38 percent of library users said the library needs more space for parking. Nine percent of non-library users said they do not use the library because of difficulty in parking.

"I think that the figures show that there is a need for parking," said Robbins. "Our citizens in the library are becoming more and more seniors."

Some of the parking recommendations from the staff include using a plan drawn by an engineer that would develop a parking lot on some area of the front or side lawn of the building, prohibiting parking by Department of Public Works employees in the library staff parking lot, cutting back the sidewalk and lawn on Hannah Street and Mountain Avenue to provide pull-in diagonal parking for patrons, or designating a free parking area in the municipal lot for library patrons.

Another unresolved issue the board discussed was the staff's need to control and keep the Department of Public

Works clients from using free library designated spots. One of the staff report's suggestions was the use of a swipeable ID/library card as a way to keep more spaces open for library use.

Lushington reported in the 2000 facility improvement plan that the lack of parking is a major deterrent to library use, since the lot also is shared with the Department of Motor Vehicles as well as the Department of Public Works.

Audiovisual space

Finding a space for the audiovisual collections was something else placed as a top priority for the library to meet the changing needs of its customers.

Each of the new changes in the format of materials, from records to audiobooks and DVDs, has forced the library to find new types of shelving, floor space, adequate lighting and people space for browsing.

Based on the Lushington report, in 1966, when the library was first designed, there were no such things as videocassettes, compact discs, books on tape and other popular non-print materials.

Although 70 percent of circulated materials are still books, according to the report, the number of circulated non-print materials is rising each year.

"The problem now is that these shelves are at the maximum," said Library Director Susan Permahos. "We can't do it in the space we have now unless we can find another space and move it someplace else."

She said the library has been in the process of weeding out or discarding books to make room for the audiovisual materials. Because they are so heavily used, Permahos said, the library cannot discard them to make more space.

"We have discarded over 5,000 items at this point, most of that books," said Robbins. "You're not going to get a huge bulk of space from weeding."

Despite the reduction, she said the shelves still look crowded.

"As you weed out your collection and you keep your collection smaller so you don't have to expand the build-

ing, it increases the need for interlibrary loan," said Permahos.

The need for interlibrary loan was another prominent space issue discussed in the staff report.

Others included storage and maintenance issues, ways to get extra space in the children's and adult departments, new locations for computers and laptop connections, fresh ways to renovate the meeting room and ready it for Internet access, and suggestions for the atrium and the Donald B. Palmer Museum.

As far as the museum is concerned, talk centered upon the best way to use the space.

"I would like to get rid of the collection because we are not doing the collection justice," said Welsh. "I think that maybe we could find a place where the collection could be better served."

Welsh said that for a good portion of the day, one-quarter of the building's space is not being used. The museum displays artifacts collected by Donald B. Palmer, but is currently used as an all-purpose room as well as a gallery and performing arts venue.

Although some of the artifacts are valuable, the library has no catalog of them. Many of the items in the collection do not pertain to either Springfield or New Jersey.

"There is a whole room dedicated to the storage of these materials, and they are not stored correctly," said Permahos. "It is taking up a lot of valuable space."

But before any items could be discarded, donated, or moved to another location, Library Attorney Nancy Lem said that the Palmer's will must be consulted.

The next step for the Board of Trustees is to have a facilities study/ad hoc committee review the recommendations that were discussed at the July 12 meeting and gather a specific time table and action plan.

The board has until next July to respond to the grant.

Rather than rely upon their own recommendations in the staff report regarding the placement of offices, storage rooms and equipment, the staff plans to have an architect study the final recommendations of their facility plans.

Model congress would show Dayton students experience in government

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

By this fall, high school students in Springfield may get the chance to make government come alive by creating their own congress in a program that will prepare them for participation in future state competitions.

Barry Bachenheimer, social studies supervisor for Springfield public schools, made a presentation about the model congress at the July 9 Board of Education meeting, explaining how the program works. He wrote the grant last winter and plans to implement the one-day program sometime in late October to early November.

Funded by the Curriculum Advisory Council, the congress is designed to give high school students a chance to interact with students from other schools who have similar programs, such as East Brunswick, Cranford and Edison. A maximum of four districts will participate in the model congress.

To experience the nuts and bolts of a real congress, students write mock legislation, debate rules of law in committee, represent various states,

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— Barry Bachenheimer

and try out for positions such as Speaker of the House or committee chairman to gain some hands-on experience in how government works.

"The idea is that at the end, kids can now get more experience in debating than they can find within the confines of the classroom setting," said Bachenheimer.

Rather than replacing traditional ways of learning, Bachenheimer said he designed the mini-congress to be a communitywide experience that enhances classroom instruction.

Topics that the students write bills on and debate in committee include health care, defense systems and campaign finance reform.

The program will be conducted during the school day and is an extra

activity that will not pull students out of regular classes.

The Board of Education plans to get other grade levels involved by showing the model congress program on videotape or inviting students to view the congress in action.

The congress will be hosted by Jonathan Dayton High School and may pave the way for future state and national competitions.

"We hope that eventually our kids will be able to participate in state-run model congress competitions," said Judy Zimmerman, acting superintendent of schools.

"I think it will provide them with wonderful skills to learn about the political process by participating in simulations of real congress," said Zimmerman.

Sisterhood of Sha'rey Shalom will sponsor rummage sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale at 78 So. Springfield Ave. in the temple's social hall on Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sisterhood co-presidents Elaine Marshall and Dotti Shtafman and event chairwoman Ilene Rotenberg announced that this year's rummage sale will be the largest ever. Items for sale include house wares, clothing, furniture and toys. Additionally, Aug.

13 will be "Brown Bag Day." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for \$3.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Collectors and hobbyists are sought for exhibits

Mountainside Public Library is seeking hobbyists and collectors who would like to place exhibits in the library's display case.

Call the reference librarian at 908-233-0115 to reserve an upcoming month for your display or for more information.

'Rock' 'n' roll at borough church



Mountainside's Community Presbyterian Church Players presents the musical 'The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit' at 7 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church, Meeting House Lane and Dear Path, Mountainside. The musical is a retelling of the centuries-old story of David and Goliath. Call 908-232-9490 for information.

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Keeping the spirit alive

As time goes on, history is something that often is forgotten. As towns continue to grow and modern facilities become the norm, historic structures fade from view and disappear altogether.

Or, in some cases, they remain in place, neglected and ignored.

Then there's the Church Mall area in Springfield. The Township Committee recently agreed on the importance of recognizing this historic area by supporting the designation of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area in Springfield.

Acting upon authorization from Congress, the Township Committee has decided to support a special study that will determine whether the area should be given this unique designation.

There's no reason why the area shouldn't be given this important recognition as it will only benefit both the town and the people living in it. Few towns in Union County have as much history as Springfield, and this is something that should be cherished.

What good is history if it is not recognized, learned about, and preserved?

A great education of Springfield starts with the many historic sites that can be found in the Church Mall area.

Since about 1740, Springfield has been a historic centerpiece of the region. This designation will give the town greater protection for preserving the area from future development and from having it deteriorate or decay. It also gives residents a greater awareness of history in their town so they can truly take pride in Springfield.

This area is steeped in Revolutionary War history and worth a look simply for the sense of rich heritage it brings. The feeling of standing on an actual battlefield that could have changed the future of this country is something that should be experienced to remind us of how the past can shape events that are yet to come.

The Historic Cannon Ball House, circa 1740, is home to a letter written by George Washington. How many other towns in New Jersey have an actual document written by the first president of the United States?

Currently under some renovations, the Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., is maintained by the Springfield Historical Society and is open periodically throughout the year for tours.

This was the site of the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780, when the British and Hessian forces made one final attempt to push through New Jersey and capture George Washington and his army at Morristown. After a daylong battle that raged over Colonial Springfield and parts of Millburn and the surrounding areas, the British army was held back and forced to retreat to Staten Island.

They never fought again on New Jersey soil. The Colonial people in Springfield and surrounding areas took a stand and managed to fend off the opposing forces for good.

That's something for Springfield residents of today to remember and feel a part of. The best way to do that is to preserve a place for them to step back in time and become a part of history.

Established in 1745, the First Presbyterian Church was the site of a Battle of Springfield statue dedication back in 1905.

Today, a statue of a Minuteman standing guard before the church serves as a reminder of the blood that was spilled, the battles that were fought, and the legacy that remains. At 4 feet by 4 feet, it may be the smallest state park, but it continues to signify all that is historic about Springfield.

The three Revolutionary War cemeteries, the battle site at the Rahway River, and the three homes that were not burned during the British occupation all are part of what had gone before. The generations who lived and died and fought during that period are still remembered with gravestones that date back to that climactic time period.

Plans are still in progress to make the area a historic district within the township. The designation of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area will have a positive influence on that decision.

History is embedded in the character of Springfield. It is something that has shaped the town and changed it throughout the years.

But just like anything else, it needs its own place to grow and thrive so it can continue to be remembered.

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BARBIE GIRLS — Giovanna DeSordo, daughter of Paul and Donna DeSordo of Springfield, recently won second prize in "The Big Barbie Event" sweepstakes from Toys R Us. The prize included a live appearance by Barbie and Ken, and a Barbie party for the winner and seven guests. Celebrating are, from left, Ken, Diane Marcheno, Mary Hetherington, Arielle Paredes, Sara Jordan, Barbie, Allison Bratsch, Alyssa Zlobro, Giovanna DeSordo and Marena Trusso.

United States should boycott '08 Olympics

You would think in light of the scandal in the assignment of the next Olympics to Salt Lake City, the International Olympic Committee would have used some smarts in the naming of the site following Utah.

But, no, in spite of world opinion about the Chinese People's Republic, Beijing will be the 2008 Olympic site. It does make you wonder.

For more than 50 years, the international community has been crying out against the injustices existent in China. Not too many weeks ago, we finally received the Paris of one of our planes forced to land in China because of the cowboy operations of a Chinese pilot. In addition, it took a good week or more to get the crew of that plane home, while the Chinese acted like ancient warlords complaining about the U.S. entry into their air space.

Apart from any shenanigans about air space, especially in this age, the Chinese with an ancient culture do not seem to understand their treatment of human beings is just not acceptable.

A good example is the case of Dr. Li. Just by coincidence shortly after the announcement about the Olympics' site, Dr. Li, an American citizen held in a Chinese jail for a year, was released after he was convicted of spying. What Li, a teacher in Hong Kong, had done was visit a friend in China. Right away, he was suspect and held incommunicado for one year. Then, let go, after being "convicted" of spying.

There are other Americans of Chinese ancestry in prison in China, also for no apparent reason other than the

As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher

paranoia or definite plans of the Chinese to harass people. And we can't seem to make any headway to get them out.

The Chinese people are treated the same way. Just last week, we learned of the roundup of Chinese nationals who were accused of some crime. Within hours of their capture, they were tried, convicted and shot. This is the country the Olympic committee has chosen to be the host for games based on fairness and the recognition of individual abilities to succeed.

You can be sure the atrocities we hear about are just what the Chinese want us to hear to provide the aura of fear in which they rule their own country and try to scare the rest of the world. China's history is marked by much barbarism, and the attempts at democracy have been miserable failures because of many causes, including blatant corruption. So, this is where we send the best athletes in the world to compete.

There are other negative factors here, too. China has probably the worst air, except for maybe Romania, which is considerably smaller. Just the day after the Olympic announcement, there was an article in the state's biggest daily newspaper about

breathing conditions in China during the summer.

With temperatures in the upper 90s, and with air so polluted by the coal-burning Chinese, the Olympic Committee is sending in athletes to perform. Why would any country send in its athletes, such as the long-distance runner, into the country where breathing is an onerous task? The Olympic bigwigs are always concerned about the use of steroids to increase performance. How about being concerned about the health of athletes forced to compete in filthy air?

Then, we have the political implications. Considering China's paranoia about much, including the presence of tiny Taiwan, do you think the Taiwanese government and athletes will be willing to chance a stay in China? China is a big country with one billion people, so kidnapping would be easy and final. The Chinese have been trying with Taiwan for many years. And, the Taiwanese know it. Why send in athletes to be the victims of potential vindictiveness?

Other contenders for the Olympic site included Paris and Toronto, as well as Turkey. Considering Turkey's propensity for earthquakes, maybe they should not be high on the list. But, what is the matter with Toronto? Is it too close to the USA site of Salt Lake City? Or are there slyer not-so-subtle reasons for selecting Beijing?

China is a huge country with a huge population. What a market. Think of all the soft drinks, sporting equipment, automobiles, etc., which could be marketed during the Olympic ses-

sion. Then, maybe it makes sense to pick China. After all, where else would there be such a lucrative market for international business? Can't you see McDonald's and Coca-Cola just rubbing their hands together counting up the money that will come rolling in?

Some 20 years ago, the U.S. boycotted the Olympic games in Russia. Is the situation in present-day China any better than Russia at that time? Of course not. So, how about having all the "civilized" countries in the world turn their backs on the International Olympic Committee and refuse to send athletes into a rogue country with no regard for human rights.

The International Olympic Committee has lost the sheen of fairness. It does not deserve the approval of the world. It has earned the world's scorn, because it has been shown to be commercially conniving and open to bribery. Should we support such chicanery? Of course not. So, let's boycott, again.

We can praise the efforts of our athletes in many ways. We do not need to send them into a barbarian world to demonstrate they are superior in so many ways. We know they are great. We do not need international competition to prove a point. But, we do need to demonstrate that we will not support a country that has no regard for human rights.

Norman E. Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent contributor to this newspaper.

Troubling numbers for our nation's teachers

In several previous columns we have expressed our assertion that our nation's public schools, all of their problems notwithstanding, are doing an outstanding job. Despite our expertise on the subject there remain those few who insist that they are not our schools "failing." They are staffed by a host of underworked, overpaid incompetents. Now, at long last, comes word from an even higher authority that should put that libel to rest.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development was founded in 1960. Its membership is composed of the world's 30 wealthiest nations, ranging from South Korea to Finland and including, of course, the United States. Their most recent study finds that of these 30 countries, the United States ranks 22nd in teacher salaries.

The rankings, of course, are not in absolute dollars. On that basis the

Problem Solver

By Robert Lapidus

U.S. would naturally be first. Rather, the statistics are based on the comparison between teaching salaries and average incomes for each nation. For example, in 1999, the last year for which figures are complete, the average teaching salary in our country was \$36,219. That was for a teacher with 15 years experience, which meant that the average teacher in the United States earned just slightly less than the average of all workers.

How does that compare with a sampling of other countries? Translated to U.S. dollars, average teaching salaries

in Switzerland were \$62,052. Another example. While United States teachers earned just about the same level of income as the average of all salaries, in Australia teachers are paid an average of 50 percent than overall average salaries. England and Scotland also pay their teachers about 50 percent more than the non-teacher average. And heading the list is South Korea, where teachers on average are paid 25 percent more than the nationwide average salary.

We know that the figures cited above for average teacher salaries in the U.S. will seem low to our readers. That is simply because we happen to live in an area with a rather high cost of living and in the second wealthiest state in the country. In New Jersey that "average" teacher, with the same 15 years experience, will earn slightly over \$50,000 a year.

But there is more. Not only do we

pay our teachers less than most other industrialized countries, we get more work out of them. On average, U.S. teachers have a one-third higher workload than those in other countries, based on "contact hours" — the actual time spent in the classroom. Figured on a per-hour basis, teachers in Spain, Denmark and Germany are paid about \$50 an hour. The United States average is about \$35.

Most troubling of all is that the numbers are getting worse, not better. Earning power of U.S. teachers has declined about 20 percent since the previous survey five years ago. And total government spending on all educational institutions has slipped to 4.8 percent of the GDP, below the average of the 30 industrialized nations for the first time.

Robert B. Lapidus is an occasional contributor to this newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vieques fiasco has motive behind it

To the Editor:
The fiasco raised over the US Navy practicing in Vieques has a motive behind it.
The US Navy has been exercising for 50 years, I believe some casino, hotels and other, entire penitentiaries are the ones behind the protest. The site is ideal for more profitable uses than national defense.

Joseph C. Chiappa
Mountainside

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Ashley Belser

"I like going to the beach."



Andrea Weisband

"Watching the Yankees on TV and at the stadium. I also like the New York Liberty basketball team."



Jennifer Young

"I would like to try camping in New Jersey, after moving here from Colorado."

Motorists arrested by police for violations

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountainside
Oliver Reimundo, 18, of Elizabeth, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and registration. He was stopped at 2:53 a.m. July 10 on Route 22 East at Mill Lane for tailgating and failure to maintain a lane. It was found he also had outstanding warrants out of Newark and Mountainside, according to police. Bail was set at \$250 and a court date set for July 26 in Mountainside Municipal Court.

On July 11 at 1:20 p.m. Frankie Noel, 31, of Plainfield, who gave an alias of Jamar Russel, was arrested for contempt of a judicial order: outstanding warrants out of Mountainside.

fraud for allegedly attempting to use a fraudulent New Jersey drivers' license to get a renewal.

On July 11 at 9:13 a.m., a Short Hills resident reported \$110 in cash stolen from her wallet while shopping at Foodtown on Morris Avenue.

Property was reported damaged on July 5 at 8:27 a.m. as the result of an attempted burglary at Pinnacle Solutions Inc. along the 600 block of Morris Avenue. The rear window on the entrance door and the window to the bathroom door were both smashed. The air conditioner unit also was reported damaged.

Springfield
On July 11, Cyrene Fowles-Cameron, 24, of Irvington, was arrested on Center Street at 12:53 p.m. without a warrant and charged with

Ralph McCLOUD, 60, of Elizabeth, was arrested with a warrant from New Jersey on Troy Drive at 1:35 a.m. He was charged with simple assault.

Firefighters extinguish blaze reported in basement of pizzeria

FIRE BLOTTER

The Springfield Fire Department was called to Domino's Pizza at 230 Morris Ave. Friday just after 5 p.m. for a report of a basement fire. Fire officials arrived on the scene assumed command and reported that smoke was visible.

Engine 2 on the scene hooked to a fire hydrant and the crew went into the basement to investigate. They found a medium smoke condition caused by a fire in the electrical panel. The fire was found by using a thermal imaging camera.

The department used two carbon dioxide extinguishers on the panel and called for GPU to expedite the scene to cut power. The fire was burning in structural members above the electric box and no water could be used until the power was shut off.

Mutual aid was called direct to the scene to assist due to the potential life hazard and size of the building.

Union engine company and truck

personnel assisted with locating fire and checking for extension. Engine 4 crew stretched a 1.75-inch hose to the basement. A smoke ejector was set up in doorway to the basement to ventilate.

Springfield truck company assisted with search and evacuation of upper floors. GPU was on the scene to cut power to building and water was put on the burning structural components in the wall. Overhaul was completed by Truck 1 crew after GPU inspected all power near the box and said it was safe to remove board and components. No extension was found.

A pump was set up to remove small amounts of water in the basement from handline. Health Department and Fire Prevention was on the scene to stabilize the building and ensure that tenants were able to enter building again. Power to Domino's was terminated until a licensed electrician was able to respond and evaluate.

According to GPU personnel, the fire appeared to have started in a transfer box where a wire was either loose, worn or overloaded. The wire arced through the box into the wooden backboard which started to burn. The fire spread upward and burned through another wire above the box causing a second arc. The fire continued upward through the beam and into the ceiling of the basement where it was held in check by fire personnel.

Mutual companies that assisted at the scene were Union, Summit, Cranford and Westfield.

County mutual aid covered Springfield Fire Headquarters with a Hill-side engine, Elizabeth engine and Roselle ladder truck during the fire.

Saturday: 10:51 a.m., Kimberly Court residence for a stove problem; 6:45 p.m., Park Place condominium

complex for a gas grill fire.

Friday: 8:14 a.m., Tooker Place residence for a medical service call; 12:57 p.m., Caldwell Place residence for a medical service call.

July 12: 7:50 a.m., Independence Way residence for a medical service call; 11:59 a.m., Municipal Building for an activated fire alarm; 12:33 a.m., Morris Avenue business for a medical service call; 6:46 p.m., Route 78 West milepost 48 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 7:12 p.m., Route 78 West milepost 47.8 for a car fire.

July 11: 8:50 a.m., Padem Road business for an activated fire alarm; 10:51 a.m., Woodside Road residence for a lockout; 4:41 p.m., Irwin Street residence for a medical service call.

July 10: 11:55 a.m., Metzel Avenue and Milltown Road for a medical service call; 12:15 p.m., Pitt Road residence for a medical service call; 4:37 p.m., Laurel Drive residence for smoke in the house; 7:16

p.m., Park Place condominium complex for a natural gas leak.

July 9: 8:01 a.m., Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call; 10:39 a.m., Kemp Drive residence for a medical service call; 12:37 p.m., Kemp Drive residence for a

medical service call; 5:32 p.m., Route 78 West milepost 48.5 for a car fire.

July 7: 1:18 p.m., Route 78 West for a brush fire; 4:04 p.m., Shumpkins Road business for a lockout; 4:35 p.m., Gail Court residence for a lockout.

Policy on weddings and engagements

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

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

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so if possible, side by side is better.

Sprinkles of summer fun



Photo By Bob Heflich

Allie Cohen, 2, plays in the sprinkler with a watering can to beat the summer heat during a recent visit to the Springfield Municipal Pool.

Irving Berlin video

Discover the fascinating story of a man whose words and music defined more than a half-century of American popular culture. The Springfield Public Library's summer video series continues with "Irving Berlin: An American Song" on July 31 at noon.

The story of the astonishing transformation of a poor Russian immigrant named Izzy Baline into Irving Berlin embodies the American dream. From struggling immigrant to singing water to his meteoric rise to success, he conquered both Broadway and Hollywood, yet also encountered deep personal misfortune. Berlin's first wife died tragically and his scandalous courtship with his second wife was a tabloid sensation — which took its toll after the death of their infant son.

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The green team



Kathy Abbott, a volunteer with Partners for Environmental Quality Inc., spoke to members of the Springfield Environmental Commission in June about green energy and how to switch to non-polluting energy. New Jersey residents now have the option of getting their electricity from companies which use wind, solar, and water power, as well as natural gas in their production of energy. Members of the Springfield Environmental Commission include, from left, back row, Rena Steinbach, Helen Heumann, Bernard Kotler; and front row, Faith Brancato, Chairwoman Eleanor Gural with Abbott.

AT THE LIBRARY

'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' on Monday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer International Film Festival with "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" on Monday at noon and 7 p.m. Directed by Ang Lee, this film won four Academy awards this year, including Best Foreign Film. Based on the novel by Wang Dulu, the film is a story about the search for a jade sword. Green Destiny, Li Mubai, played by Chow Yun Fat, is the possessor of the famed sword but when he hands it over to his beloved, played by Michelle Yeoh, it is soon stolen. The pursuit begins to retrieve it.

Set in ancient China, the film includes romance, a mysterious assassin, a brave and beautiful noblewoman, played by 19-year-old newcomer Zhang Ziyi, critically-acclaimed action scenes and a dash of Taoist philosophy. The title is a common Chinese expression referring to the mysteries that lie below the surface of society and everyday lives. The expression is a reminder never to underestimate our own dragons and tigers — they can spring out at any time.

The two-hour film is rated PG-13 for martial arts violence and some sexuality.

Funding for the film festival has been made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

Origami workshop

Fold three squares of paper to construct a hexadron with six right triangles triangular faces, but don't let these words scare you. Join Deanna Kwan on Monday from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., for her class on origami, which includes folding instructions and a fun game.

The class is for children ages 7 through adult. Children ages 7 to 9 need to work with a folding partner age 13 or older. Preregistration is required for this free program. Come on time; the class is not a drop in and out event. To register, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 32, or stop by the library to reserve your spot.

'Dangerous planets'

Now we know about more planets outside the solar system than in it. Many of these have unusual orbits around their suns. Come find out why you wouldn't want to live on one of these planets. "Dangerous Planets

Everywhere" is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The special program for grades five to adult will be presented by Mary Lou West, professor of astronomy at Montclair State University.

The program is part of the Springfield Library's summer reading program, "2002: A Reading Odyssey." Other programming for July will include an Origami workshop on Monday at 7 p.m., Mother Goose Storytime on July 26 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 1 1/2 to 3, and Family Storytime on July 30 at 7:30 p.m. for all ages.

For information and to register for programs, call the library at 973-376-4930.

'Color of Paradise'

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., summer International Film Festival with "Color of Paradise" on July 30 at noon and 7 p.m.

The film is a fable of a child's innocence and a complex look at faith and humanity. Visually magnificent and wrenchingly moving, the film tells the story of a boy whose inability to see the world only enhances his ability to feel its powerful forces.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

OBITUARIES

William F. Hummel

Mr. William F. Hummel, 88, a resident of Quincy United Methodist Home, Quincy, Pa., died April 24 in the emergency room of Waynesboro Hospital, Waynesboro, Pa. Born Feb. 2, 1913 in Dover, he was the son of the late William G. and Lily Hummel.

He was a 1931 graduate of Dover High School and he received his bachelor's degree in education from the New Jersey State Teachers College, Newark, in 1939. He received a master's degree in education from Rutgers University in 1950.

Mr. Hummel served during World War II with the 88th Infantry Division in the Mediterranean Theater, where he received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He and his wife, the late Jane Hummel were married Sept. 13, 1957 in New Jersey. Mrs. Hummel died Nov. 23, 1980.

Following discharge from the Army he was a school teacher for seven years and a principal with various schools in New Jersey. Prior to his retirement in 1979 he was the principal in the Mountainside School District, in Mountainside.

Surviving are daughter Ann Sheldon, of Waynesboro, Pa., and two granddaughters, Holly Sheldon, of Arlington, Va., and Heather Sheldon, of Decatur, Ga.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by one sister, Mimi Dotzauer.

A Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church, 105 E. Main St.

Waynesboro, Pa., with the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jessen officiating.

Arrangements were handled by the Grove-Bowersox Funeral Home 30 S. Broad St., Waynesboro, Pa.

Lawrence M. Curtiss

Lawrence M. Curtiss, 94 of Mountainside, died on July 15 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. Curtiss was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and has lived in Mountainside since 1951. He worked as an electrical engineer for the Thomas and Betts Company, Elizabeth, for 38 years and retired in 1972. He was a member of their High 12 Club.

Mr. Curtiss was a one-term councilman in 1956 in Mountainside. He is presently the Shade Tree commissioner, an office he has held for many years. Mr. Curtiss was the founding member and first president of the Republican Club of Mountainside.

He belonged to the Elks BPOE 1585 of Mountainside, The Lions Club of Mountainside and Kiwanis Club of Mountainside, where he was a past president. Mr. Curtiss was a member of the Syracuse Lodge 501 of Free and Accepted Masons of Syracuse, and the Atlas Pythagoras Lodge 10 of Free and Accepted Masons of Westfield. He also belonged to many shrimpers groups.

Mr. Curtiss was married to his Anita M. who died in 1995, for 65 years.

Surviving are sons, Dean A. Curtiss, of Franklin Lakes, and Arthur P. Curtiss, of Cape Carteret, N.C.;

daughter, Anita Mays, of Stella, N.C.; nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at The Community Presbyterian Church, Meeting House Lane, Mountainside, at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Community Presbyterian Church in Curtiss's memory.

Graham Rowan

Graham "Bob" Rowan, 48, of Mountainside died July 10 at home. Mr. Rowan was a technical specialist with Pinney Bowes in Pine Brook for the past 22 years.

Born in Washington, D.C., he moved to Mountainside many years ago.

Surviving are brothers, Stephen and Edward; sisters, Karen Anne and Mrs. Mary Price, and his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Marx.

Theophil Wolf

Theophil Wolf, 88, of Springfield died July 9 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

A certified manufacturing engineer, he was employed by Tela-Dyne Adams, a tool-and-die company in Union, for 52 years before retiring as vice president and general manager in 1990.

Surviving are Kathie, his wife of 65 years; daughters, Mrs. Daisy W. Tenneyson and Mrs. Atossa Cicchino; a son, Orton; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



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Making a difference



The Blue Moon Gala, an annual fund-raiser for the Resource Center for Women in Summit, recently took place at the home of Linda and John Sabo. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Making a Difference Award to Susan Chase, who served as executive director of the center for 15 years and recently retired. Taking part in the special night are guests, from left, front row, Terri Tauber, Jane Tauber, Jane DiFede, Chase and Carolann Clynes; and back, Marie Cohen, Carolyn Booth-Gutierrez and Nora Tully.

Surrogate offers evening office hours in Summit

Union County Surrogate James LaCorde offers evening office hours in Summit, the fourth location in Union County where the surrogate will be able to meet with residents who have matters pending before the surrogate's court. LaCorde will be available — by appointment — at Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., on the fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 5:30 p.m. Appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance.

The surrogate also has monthly evening hours, beginning at 5:30 p.m. by appointment at the following three locations:

- Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., the first Monday of the month;
- Rahway Recreation Center, 275 Milton Ave., the second Tuesday;
- Union Township Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., the third Wednesday.

LaCorde also meets with senior citizen organizations and other community groups about eight times each month to speak about the importance of wills and estate planning.

Youth group contributes time on service trip

For the fourth year, St. Teresa of Avila Parish Youth Group in Summit contribute their time and talents during their annual service trip at Catholic Community Services in Newark. This year's service trip began on June 29 and ended on July 2, when Monsignor Dennis J. Mahon, executive director of Catholic Community Services, presented Michael Fusco, parish minister of St. Teresa's Youth Group and a resident of Summit, with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the group's service to the agency.

This year, the St. Teresa's Youth Group was comprised of 21 members of the youth ministry program and six adult team members. All participants excluding the adults are high school students ranging from grades nine to 12. The St. Teresa's Parish community provides all supplies needed for the annual trip and overseas the entire process.

The group spent time at four different Catholic Community Services program sites in Newark. At St. Rocco's Family Emergency Shelter, the group cleaned, painted, installed new picnic tables, and interacted with the shelter's clients. They also donated a new microwave/convection oven, new curtains, a 27-inch color TV and an assortment of children's toys and games.

On June 29 and July 1, two team members visited the CCS Cares Day Care Center to work with the staff and children. A new iMac computer and printer was donated to the program. A second group was stationed at the Mount Carmel Guild Day Care Center in Newark, where they assisted the teachers, painted two office areas,

cleaned many of the toys and naptime cots. In addition, the day care center received donations of a new iMac computer and printer, six new phones, an various children's games and toys to the program.

On July 2, the entire team visited the Adult Day Care Program, where they entertained the clients with karaoke-accompanied singing and dancing, in which they encouraged them to participate, and served them a special luncheon. The Adult Day Care Programs received a new computer, printer, various art/knitting supplies and a \$300 gift certificates to a buffet restaurant.

'Future of Success'

William T. Walker will present and lead a discussion on "The Future of Success" by Robert Reich on Sunday at 9 a.m. Walker will explore the meaning of success in American culture and how that definition is changing in the contemporary scene.

The session will be presented as part of a summer book series at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave.

Call 908-918-2500 for directions. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Refreshments will be served following the presentation and discussion, before the 10 a.m. worship service.

Sinai Shabbat services

Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave. will conduct Shabbat services on Friday and July 27 at 8 p.m. In addition, a special Tisha B'Av service, to acknowledge the traditional day of mourning for the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, will be July 28 at 8 p.m. The summer services are short,

RELIGION

casual and friendly and are led by temple members.

The services are open to anyone interested in attending. It welcomes all people interested in associating with the Jewish faith, including interfaith families and those interested in learning more about Judaism.

For information about the service or for more membership, call the temple office, 908-273-4921.

Vacation Bible program at Emanuel United

A family-friendly Vacation Bible program called "Water and The Word" is being offered by the Springside Church and the Springfield Presbyterian Church, both on Church Mall. It features five different water-oriented Bible stories — yes, children, wear your bathing suits — that will be reinforced, using related crafts, games, music, drama and snack making.

The remaining scheduled days are Tuesday, and July 31, and Aug. 7 and 14 from 5:15 until 7:15 p.m., and dinner will be served for the entire family. All ages are welcome, with special events planner for children age 3 through eighth grade. Text assistants are needed and parents are encouraged to come, stay, eat and play.

For information and registration, call 908-245-6244 or 973-379-4320.

Howard Gerber was chairman for the evening.

Joint installation of officers at Beth Ahm

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, recently conducted a joint installation of officers and trustees of Temple Men's Club and Women's League on June 22. The installation ceremony followed Friday night's religious services. The installing officer for Temple and Men's Club was Cantor Richard Nadel. The installing officer for Women's League was Marilyn Horn.

Judith Falkin, a resident of Springfield, was installed as Women's League president. The other Women's League officers installed were Pam Korspan, Dohs Markowitz and Robert Gersh, vice president; Amy Dworkin, corresponding secretary; Brenda Cohen, dues secretary; Nancy Steinbach, financial secretary; Elene Shewitz, recording secretary; Elissa Greenspoon, social secretary, and Lynn Haliczor, treasurer. The Women's League trustees installed were Juliette Haber, Pearl Kaplan, Billie Marks, Elaine Roth, Ruth Schaffer, Judi Spector and Susan Wohlgenuth.

Men's Club presidium consists of Bernard Blachberg, Ken Melman, Elliot Merkin, Jerry Weisa and Robert Yaglosky. Other Men's Club officers installed were Robert Mandler and Warren Franks, vice president; Lee Lichter, treasurer, and Jeff Neubauer, corresponding/recording secretary. Men's Club Trustees are David Appel, Al Bornstein, Maurice Carchim, Joe Gruenberg, Morf Parish, Robert Roth, Ray Schaffer, Leslie Schulman, Nathan Slovin and Joe Todres.

The following Temple trustees were installed: Liz Baroh, Bruce Fish, Lisa Harris Glass, Pam Korspan, Richard Manders and Susan Wohlgenuth.

Services for summer continue at temple

Summer services at Temple Sha'arey Shamol, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, continue through Aug. 31. During this period, Friday night Sabbath services will start at 8 p.m. and will be led by lay members of the congregation. Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will return to lead the final summer service on Aug. 31.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - CHINESE
C/O: 242 Shampoke Rd., Springfield. Rev. Fredrick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Services: 9:30 AM Holy Communion for all ages. Nursery through Children. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care. 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer Praise and Bible Study. Junior-Senior High Ministry. Adult Ministry. Wake-Rang Mass Program. Nine Seasons. Sat. Thursday, 11 AM followed by torch Anointing Prayer. Choir. For further assistance: All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information, contact church office (973) 379-4751.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive Springfield, 973-376-0939. Mark Mallich, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM Shabbat: 7:45 PM Shabbat: Friday 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat: 9:30 AM & sunset. Sundays, 9 AM Havdalah & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our religious school (third-seventh grades) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and preschool/elementary school children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a boys' Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHAMOL 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi. Amy Dantzig, Cantor. Education Director: Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director: Murray Bell, President. Temple Sha'arey Shamol is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Sunday morning Torah

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-5, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool classes are available for children ages 2-1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include: Adult Education, Social Action Initiatives, Outreach Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office: (201) 379-4751.

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-4225. Fax: 201-379-8887. Joel R. Ynos, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our in-school children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 PM.

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229 Cooperwald Pl., Westfield, New York. Pastor: (908) 292-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning Nursery available; Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.; Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join in its spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M., with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest in

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Union County seeks to even series with 2nd straight win Snapple Bowl 8 at East Brunswick tonight

By Jeff Wolfum
 Staff Writer

WESTFIELD — Despite the constant jabbering and kidding among the players who argue whether a Group 2 team can or cannot beat a Group 4 squad, the Union County All-Stars all agree that their main focus is tonight's Snapple Bowl 8 against the Middlesex County All-Stars at East Brunswick High School.

Middlesex leads the series 4-3, but Union looks to make it two straight after winning last year's contest in Union by a 27-21 score.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30. The game pits 40 of the best senior football players from Union County against a roster of 40 of the best just-graduated seniors representing Middlesex.

Proceeds, as has been the case each year, benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

"It's fun when the kids go at each other like that," said Hillside head coach Jim Hopke, who is serving as the outside linebackers coach for the Union County squad. "Everybody is one with Union County and brings a little piece of the puzzle together."

Starting offensive left guard Jonathan Fanning, who anchored Hopke's team and is headed to play at The College of New Jersey, feels the same way. "I'm former coach done."

"It's all in good fun, because the argument is never going to change about Group 4 and Group 2 and which one is better," Fanning said. "But we're a good team and everybody is starting to like one another and communicate more."

Offensive tackle Chris Tyne, who played at Brearley and who will continue at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, agrees with his fellow linemate on the communication factor.

"The offensive line is coming together, we've just got to get used to the different linemen coming against us," Tyne said. "But after we get the calls down, we can block anything that comes at us."

After a slow start, the offense did some fine tuning and picked up the pace in practice last week.

"The defense was throwing a couple of stunts out there and blew our line away," Tyne said. "But after we picked out who's going where, everything went fine and the offense scored six touchdowns in a row."

Troy Bishop of Hillside, who will have Tyne blocking for him on the collegiate level, is the starting quarterback for the Union County team.

"We're running the Wing-T offense, which is a power offense," said Bishop, who will join Tyne at St. Peter's. "I'm starting to get it down and things are starting to get and come together."

Hopke feels that his former signal-caller will be able to grasp the offense and play well.

"The Wing-T is a different offense with different terminology," Hopke said. "When you used to do something another way, it's tough to get ready in seven practices. But things are starting to click for him now."

One of the receivers that Bishop will be throwing to tonight is Johnson's James Molloy. The Marist-bound wideout also had to adjust to the offensive system in place.

"The first couple of days we were a little rusty in running the offense, especially with me because I come from a school that throws the ball compared to this attack that tries to pound it," Molloy said. "Now we're starting to open up the offense and trying to get the timing down with the quarterbacks."

Not to be overlooked will be the Union County's contribution on defense.

"I think that defense will be a big key for us," Linden cornerback Brandon Bracey said. "Our goal is to win and have everyone out there show their talent."

Bracey feels that he must be up to the challenge on defense because of Middlesex's potent passing attack.

"Their quarterback is Piscataway's Mike Pineda who can run and throw," Bracey said. "So I have to be at my best."

Hopke agrees that the defense must step up and feels that it will.

"There are some great players on this team that can really bring it," Hopke said. "The guys have picked it up a notch and are making plays that your average high school player may not make."

The competitive spirit is also seen

on the special teams, which will be bolstered by the play of Elizabeth's Quasim Sessoms. On his way to Coffeyville Junior College in Kansas, Sessoms is a talented return man who feels he can make an impact in the game.

"I'm going to bring it and put the food on the table," Sessoms said. "I have a lot to prove in this game."

All in all, Union County head coach John Wagner — who has been the head coach at his alma mater Roselle Park since 1981 — was happy with the way his team practiced last week.

"The defense was on and did a nice job," Wagner said. "Offensively, we did some real good things but had some breakdowns, but were pleased with where we were at."

Nate Mooney, who played for Wagner at Roselle Park, summed up the feeling of the Union County players.

"It's fun seeing a lot of people from different sports that you played against coming together as a team," Mooney said. "It's an honor to be selected to the Snapple Bowl and play with these guys."

Wagner, who runs the Wing-T at Roselle Park, has been involved with the Snapple Bowl since its inception.

The Union County squad is looking to even the series by winning two in a row for the first time.

Scores and MVPs

Here's a look at the scores and MVPs of the first seven Snapple Bowls:

- 2000: Union 27, Middlesex 21
 MVP: Billy Gilbert, Elizabeth, RB
- 1999: Middlesex 28, Union 7
 MVP: Jeff LeSeur, Perth Amboy, WR
- 1998: Middlesex 33, Union 7
 MVP: Luke Cianello, Dunellen, QB
- 1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7
 MVP: Louis Campbell, Rahway, QB
- 1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6
 MVP: Kenny Rogers, South B. 15
- 1995: Union 17, Middlesex 18
 MVP: Jamie Allen, Summit, WR
- 1994: Middlesex 35, Union 14
 MVP: Khamisi Jackson, Monroe, RB

- Series lead: Middlesex 4-3
- Home team: 2-5
- Road team: 5-2
- Most points: Middlesex, 160
- Least points: Union, 106
- Shutouts: 0

Middlesex leads Snapple Bowl 4-3

Union will look to even the Snapple Bowl series, seeking to win consecutive games for the first time.

Middlesex leads the series at 4-3.

The following is a brief recap of Snapple Bowls 1 through 7.

1998 — at Union
 Union 27, Middlesex 21: Running back Billy Gilbert of Elizabeth rushes for three touchdowns and over 100 yards and quarterback Steve Brown of Rahway scores the game's winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter on an acrobatic flip into the left side of the end zone to help Union rally past Middlesex for its third win in the series. Middlesex held a 21-7 lead and looked like it was on its way to a third consecutive win before Union came back to score the game's final 20 points. Gilbert earned MVP honors as Union County won its first home game in the series.

1999 — at East Brunswick
 Middlesex 28, Union 7: Jeff LeSeur of Perth Amboy caught three passes for 76 yards and a touchdown to earn MVP honors. LaForest Knox of Union scored on a four-yard run for Union to cut the lead to 14-7 in the third quarter.

1998 — at Union
 Middlesex 33, Union 7: Dunellen's Luke Cianello completed 8-of-12 passes, threw a touchdown pass and ran for one in the lopsided victory.

1997 — at East Brunswick
 Union 28, Middlesex 7: Rahway's Louis Campbell, who is currently continuing at the University of Buffalo on a basketball scholarship, rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown and three scoring strikes to Elizabeth's Tobias Daniels and Dayton's Mike Chonko while taking all but one snap from center.

1996 — at Union
 Middlesex 21, Union 6: The Middlesex defensive unit was largely responsible for the win as it registered six sacks and caused four turnovers. Kenny Rogers of South Brunswick rushed for 132 yards, including a 75-yard scoring scamper that boosted Middlesex' lead to 14-6 in the second quarter. Donald Petzet of Old Bridge capped the scoring with a 10-yard fumble return.

1995 — at Sayreville
 Union 17, Middlesex 18: Matt Dwyer's 27-yard field goal with 1:54 remaining lifted Union to victory. Summit's Jamie Allen caught six passes for 104 yards to secure MVP honors. Roselle's Antwan Dance pressured the victory with an interception at the Union 5-yard line with 33 seconds left.

1994 — at Union
 Middlesex 35, Union 14: Khamisi Jackson of Monroe, the inaugural game's MVP, carried five times for 51 yards and scored a touchdown before nearly 4,000 fans in attendance.

4,000 fans in attendance.

Union County roster

| No. | Name | School | Pos. | Hght. | Wght. |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Troy Bishop | Hillside | QB | 6-0 | 170 |
| 2 | Jon Scarpa | New Providence | LB | 5-10 | 180 |
| 4 | Greg Point DuJour | Union | OLB | 5-10 | 190 |
| 6 | Jasper Hutkins | Union | DB | 5-9 | 170 |
| 7 | Quasim Sessoms | Elizabeth | WR | 5-9 | 170 |
| 8 | Brandon Bracey | Linden | DB | 5-9 | 175 |
| 9 | Steve Andriola | Union | PK | 5-11 | 185 |
| 12 | Qwan Lewis | Hillside | RB | 6-0 | 175 |
| 14 | Rob Findlay | Gov. Livingston | DB | 5-8 | 165 |
| 15 | Andy Silveira | New Providence | DB | 6-1 | 175 |
| 20 | Tyshan Epps | Plainfield | RB | 5-11 | 185 |
| 21 | Clifton Freshwater | Scotch Plains | RB | 5-9 | 165 |
| 22 | Mike Mroze | Westfield | DB | 5-11 | 180 |
| 24 | James Molloy | Johnson | WR | 6-2 | 190 |
| 27 | Gersham Matthias | Hillside | RB | 6-1 | 185 |
| 28 | Freddy Carr | Rahway | RB | 5-11 | 195 |
| 29 | Jesse Lewis | Roselle | DB | 5-10 | 180 |
| 30 | Paul Alvarez | Roselle Park | OLB | 5-10 | 185 |
| 32 | Gary Cousar | Scotch Plains | ILB | 5-10 | 200 |
| 34 | Jerome Yarborough | Plainfield | ILB | 5-11 | 180 |
| 36 | Giancarlo Pesantez | Brearley | OLB | 5-10 | 175 |
| 40 | Ryan Stark | Cranford | RB | 5-11 | 205 |
| 43 | John Lynn | Johnson | DL | 5-11 | 220 |
| 51 | David King | Westfield | OLB | 6-1 | 210 |
| 52 | Jon Kropf | New Providence | OL | 6-2 | 225 |
| 53 | Joe Parigiano | New Providence | OL | 6-2 | 225 |
| 54 | Joachim Colon | Elizabeth | DL | 5-11 | 225 |
| 55 | Tom Robina | Gov. Livingston | DL | 6-3 | 265 |
| 56 | Russell Hayward | Dayton | DL | 5-10 | 175 |
| 62 | Jonathan Fanning | Hillside | OL | 5-10 | 270 |
| 63 | Steve Bobrowski | Cranford | OL | 6-3 | 255 |
| 64 | Paul Johnston | Westfield | DL | 5-11 | 220 |
| 65 | Jared Miletich | Roselle | L | | |
| 66 | Nate Mooney | Roselle Park | OL | 5-11 | 250 |
| 70 | Andrew Szary | Linden | OL | 6-5 | 265 |
| 71 | Chris Tyne | Brearley | OL | 6-3 | 260 |
| 72 | Corea Johnson | Roselle | DB | 6-3 | 285 |
| 77 | Ricardo Martinez | Bradley | OL | 6-3 | 290 |
| 80 | Dan Letourd | Summit | TE | 6-2 | 240 |
| 85 | Jamar Turner | Linden | TE | 6-3 | 225 |

Softball champions



The Reds captured the Springfield Girls Softball League championship for 4th- and 5th-graders. Coaches from left, include Tom Torzewski, Frank Kuczynski, Kevin Scholla and Bob Terhune. Players, from left, include Jillian Torzewski, Jacqueline Kuczynski, Stephanie Cruz, Sarah Terhune, Meredith DelMauro, Katie Venezia, Nikki Staubs, Joli Martin, Olivia Cancro, Kim Baldwin, Casey Kennedy, Haley Kornspan and Katie Murphy.

Springfield swimmers excel in meet against Livingston DelMauro, Hoehn, Garciano place first

The following is a look at how Springfield swimmers performed in their North Jersey Summer Swim League meet against Livingston July 5.

- 12- under girls individual medley: Amanda Rodriguez, second.
- 13- over girls IM: Catherine Andraszko, second; Katie Palitto, third.
- 13- over boys IM: Billy Hillman, third.
- 8- under girls freestyle: Mallory DelMauro, first.
- 8- under boys freestyle: John Hoehn, first.
- 9-10 girls freestyle: Taylor Zilinek, second; Clate Demberger, third.
- 9-10 boys freestyle: Nick Garciano, first.
- 11-12 girls freestyle: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls freestyle: Joanna Galante, first; Christine Grywalski, third.
- 13-14 boys freestyle: Louis Puopolo, first; Steven Stockl, second; Matt Bocian, third.
- 15- over girls freestyle: Karen Bocian, first; Rita Huber, third.
- 15- over boys freestyle: John Cottage, second.
- 8- under girl backstroke: Ariella Fishkin, first; Malory DelMauro, second.
- 8- under boys backstroke: Alfonso Cacciatore, first; Matt Sulkowski, third.
- 9-10 girls backstroke: Amanda Grywalski, first; Kim Baldwin, second.
- 9-10 boys backstroke: Nate Sobel, second; Kyvann Gonzalez, third.
- 13-14 girls backstroke: Carolyn Maul, second; Katie Palitto, third.
- 13-14 boys backstroke: Steven Stockl, first; Matt Bocian, second.
- 15- over girls backstroke: Dina Galante, second.
- 15- over boys backstroke: Bryan Demberger, second.
- 8- under girls breaststroke: Gina Corcione, first.
- 8- under boys breaststroke: John Hoehn, first; Skylar Apicella, second; PJ Farley, third.
- 9-10 girls breaststroke: Taylor Zilinek, first; Kim Baldwin, second.
- 9-10 boys breaststroke: Nick Garciano, second.
- 13-14 girls breaststroke: Carolyn Maul, first; Nicole Greten, third.
- 13-14 boys breaststroke: Louis Puopolo, second; Matt Bocian, third.
- 15- over girls: Karen Bocian, first.
- 15- over boys: Drew DeCagna, second.
- 8- under girls butterfly: Ariella Fishkin, second; Gina Corcione, third.
- 8- under boys butterfly: Matt Sulkowski, second; Skylar Apicella, third.
- 9-10 girls butterfly: Amanda Grywalski, second.
- 9-10 boys butterfly: Nick Garciano, second.
- 11-12 girls butterfly: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls butterfly: Joanna Galante, first; Katie Palitto, second; Christine Grywalski, third.
- 13-14 boys butterfly: Steven Stockl, second.
- 15- over girls butterfly: Dina Galante, second.
- 15- over boys butterfly: Bryan Demberger, second.
- 12- under girls medley relay: First: A. Grywalski, T. Zilinek, A. Rodriguez, A. Demberger; Third: J. Moscovici, S. Apicella, L. Adler, L. Alonso.
- 13- over medley relay first: K. Bocian, C. Maul, B. Demberger, L. Puopolo; Third: R. Domaratzky, N. Greten, C. Grywalski, R. Huber.
- 8- under co-ed freestyle relay: Second: J. Hoehn, M. Sulkowski, G. Corcione, M. DelMauro; Third: A. Bantanour, PJ Farley, A. Rodriguez, J. Gonzalez.
- 13-14 girls freestyle relay: Second: J. Palermo, A. Corcione, K. Baldwin, C. Demberger.
- 15- over co-ed freestyle relay: Second: J. Cottage, M. Hollander, J. Galante, C. Andraszko.

Pony League winners



The Springfield Pirates captured the Summit Pony League championship after posting an outstanding 12-2 regular-season record. Springfield defeated a New Providence squad and two Summit teams to take the title and finish 15-2 overall. Kneeling, from left, are P.J. Torres (second base, right field), Brandon Stern-Charles (shortstop, pitcher), Cory Berger (center field, shortstop, pitcher), Jeff Feder (third base, left field) and Adam Hirst (second base). Standing, from left, are coach Stan Parman, Matt Parman (catcher), Marco Pannella (right field, catcher), Don Cherry (third base, left field), Jake Floyd (first base), Jesse Fishbein (center field, pitcher) and manager Drew Stern. Not in picture are rightfielder John Pflug and coach David Floyd. The pitching star was sparked by the talents of Stern-Charles, Fishbein and Berger. Stern-Charles also captured MVP honors two weeks in a row at the Mott-Leoney Camp.

NEWS CLIPS

Hillside Avenue roadwork continues through July

Public Service Electric & Gas Co. is alerting area residents and drivers who travel Hillside Avenue in Springfield that the utility will be performing road work on Hillside between Route 22 and Mountain Avenue, through approximately July 27 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

While apologizing for the inconvenience, a company spokesperson explained that the work is part of an overall effort by PSE&G to modernize its gas facilities to ensure the safety and reliability of service to customers. Traffic will be routed around the work site causing possible delays and heavy commuter traffic.

Program completed

The New Jersey Center for Family

Studies announces that eight trainees completed the two-year Post-Graduate Training Program which teaches an innovative approach to psychotherapy with individuals, couples and families.

The program includes lectures and supervision of live and videotaped therapy sessions. Trainees work with families who apply for treatment at the center or are referred from community and private sources.

The professional social workers received certificates during graduation ceremonies at the center's office at 535 Morris Ave., Springfield, on May 23. The New Jersey Center for Family Studies, founded in 1976, is the oldest nonprofit family therapy training institute in New Jersey.

Director Wesley Matsui, Ph.D., congratulated the members of the 25th graduating class and welcomed

them into the growing community of CFS alumni. Prospective applicants can call the Center at 973-467-4330 for information and a brochure describing the courses, workshops and program for 2001-02.

Assembly open house

The newest member of the Assembly is, formally opening his doors to the public on July 26. Assemblyman Eric Munoz, M.D., was sworn in May 10. Due to a vacancy created by former Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole, who took over the seat of former State Sen. C. Louis Bassano, Munoz began his work as an assemblyman on the day he was sworn in.

The assemblyman represents the 21st Legislative District which includes the towns of Caldwell, Cedar

Grove, Essex Falls, Kenilworth, Livingston, Millburn, North Caldwell, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit, Union and Verona.

The assembly's district office open house will take place on July 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. His legislative office, located on 57 Union Place, is in the heart of Summit's downtown. Refreshments also will be served adjacent to the legislative office at The Office Restaurant.

Munoz, the trauma surgeon and physician administrator at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey University Hospital, has become actively involved in health delivery, cost, quality, and management as an academic discipline.

For more information about the open house, call his district office at 908-918-0414 or e-mail at AsmMunoz@njleg.state.nj.us.

LIFESTYLE

Diane Lomas and Daniel Weiss

Weiss and Lomas to wed

Ronald and Susan Lomas announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Daniel Weiss, son of Ira and Marilyn Weiss, of Springfield. Ms. Lomas is a 1993 graduate of Dighton-Rehoboth High School, and received a bachelor of science degree from Bryant College in 1997. She attends Seton Hall, pursuing a master degree degree in tax consulting. She is employed as a certified public accountant at KPMG LLP in Short Hills. Mr. Weiss is a 1993 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, and received a bachelor of science degree from Bryant College in 1997. He is a computer consultant for Hoffman La-Roche, and vice president of MIS for Weiss Distributors Inc.

Ms. Lomas also is a volunteer EMT for the New Providence Rescue Squad. An October 2002 wedding will be conducted in New Jersey.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
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 DEFENDANT: ALON S. BROCKOS, ET AL.
 "WHIT OF EXECUTION DATE: APRIL 17, 2001"
 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST A.D. 2001

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to be directed a small parcel for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLACE, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property is 22,600 sq. ft. located in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081 County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 28 STILES STREET, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081. Tax Lot No. 25 in Block No. 2902. Dimension of lot: approximately 90.00 feet wide by 125.00 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Diven Street. Situated at a point on the northwesterly side of Stiles Street distant approximately 402.00 feet northwesterly from its intersection with the southwesterly side of JUDGMENT AVENUE. NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$94,884.24). ATTORNEY:

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PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainide Planning Board on June 14, 2001 at the Mountainide Municipal Building, 1365 Route 22, Mountainide, NJ 07096.
 Robert Yurozshko, 229 Evergreen Court, Block 15.R, Lot 3 - Construct a balcony attached to an addition.
 Variance: Section 1000 (6) (7) APPROVED
 Ruth M. Rose Secretary
 U9568 ECL July 19, 2001 (\$7.25)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that decisions were made at a public meeting by the LEVING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26, 2001 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. MURRAY FROMER SECRETARY. REVENUE LEVELING BOARD
 U8970 ECL July 19, 2001 (\$3.75)

A good sport



Photo by Jeff Granti

Los Angeles Clippers basketball player Anthony Avent, who played for Seton Hall University, talks to kids at the Springfield YMCA last week about the importance of having fun while competing in sports.

RECREATION

'Hocus Pocus' at Tralidside Wednesday

On Wednesday, "Hocus Pocus — It's Joe Fischer," a fast-paced, action-packed magic show for all ages begins at 1:30 p.m. at Tralidside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainide.

Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years old will be admitted.

For information, call 908-759-3670.

Tennis badges available

The Springfield Recreation announces tennis badges are now available at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall.

All residents who use the township tennis courts are required to purchase a tennis badge. The fee is \$10 per badge set by township ordinance. There is a one-time charge and thereafter the badges are updated each year.

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