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TWO SECT

## Intersection improvements to last the rest of the summer

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

In an effort to improve traffic flow, increase the level of safety, and reduce the township's electricity bill, Springfield is now seeing the installation of traffic lights through-out some of the busiest intersections of town.

Although construction has been placing a burden on drivers who use these areas, officials said the project is designed to make traffic flow better.

"It would give us fewer accidents, pedestrian accidents, and less congestion, road rage, and air pollution," said Timothy Mettlin, assistant county engineer and project manager for the Springfield project.

Fal-Gon, the parent contractor hired by Union County to do the work, is putting up the traffic lights along the intersections of Hillside Avenue and Mountain Avenue, Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue, and Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road. Mountain and Meisel avenues are county roads.

Each of the three intersections will be getting new lights equipped with an LED light crystal that takes less power to light than traditional traffic light crystals.

"We are going to put in at least three lights that can be

seen from any travel lane," said Mettlin. "It gives drivers more visual cues, ensuring that they have three opportunities to see the lights as opposed to one."

Also, each intersection will have two pedestrian light fixtures at each crosswalk. Left turn signals also will be put in place depending upon an analysis of what each intersection requires.

Altogether, 36 signal heads will be put up at the three intersections, with each head composed of the traditional red, yellow, and green traffic light, with some heads requiring an additional green arrow signal to cut back on traffic from drivers waiting to make a left turn.

The project was started April 5 and is expected to be completed by the end of August.

In addition to the new traffic lights, the roads will be milled, repaved, and re-stripped 150 feet from the intersection.

"I hope it will be useful," said Mayor Sy Mulman. "I don't see how it can hurt with the left-turn arrows."

He said the township plans to have a trial run of the new lights over the first few days to test their timing and effectiveness.

## Letting creativity flow



Photo By Ed Ruback

Some kids recently got the chance to participate in storytime and crafts activities at the Mountainside Free Public Library. Displaying their creativity are, from left, Christina Lon, 7, David Lon, 2, Allison Leow, 8, and Julie Leow, 5.

## Architects update school board on expansion project

Beechwood on schedule to be ready by September 2002

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

About 20 teachers in vacation garb were among those who came to the Deerfield School Tuesday night for the Mountainside Board of Education meeting to check on the new building plans currently going on at Deerfield School and soon at Beechwood School.

Architects and planners, The Musial Group, led by Noel Musial, gave an informative update, complete with slides, diagrams and colorful drawings of what the finished products will look like.

Before they began their presentation, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller addressed the board and the audience to bring everyone up to speed. "We still are in need of a principal, an occupational therapist and a science teacher, but the interviews are ongoing, and we must find them shortly," he said.

"However, tonight we have some positive news from our architects."

With that, he introduced Noel Musial and associate James Ruban Jr.

"I am very pleased to announce that we are on schedule," Musial said. He anticipates coming before the board on Sept. 11 and then going to Trenton the next day. "We do not anticipate any problems, and we will then be going out for bids a few days later."

He assured the Board of Education that it would be on schedule to "open both schools" in September 2002. "We brought with us this evening the design development drawings which are now complete." There were two large easels, with design drawings set up to view. He introduced Ruban, who had made the drawings.

"Essentially, all the changes were around the two-school concept," said Ruban, using a pointer, as he said, "we relocated the guid-

ance suite and added two new classrooms in Deerfield. We will break down the library, or media center, to expand it with a new entrance, and the computer room will be moved next to the media center so that there will be a door between them for complete interaction."

"What we have done, in essence, is just complete the plans you have seen before," Musial said. Then, as Ruban looked around the room, he said, "I am sure I have met everyone... see the teachers here, and they want to know where their classrooms will be; I understand that."

He showed the board where some room changes had taken place as to seating of the desks. "I have complied with the requests of some of the teachers as to the way they want the classrooms set up, in respect to which way the children are facing, and so forth." Ruban had drawings on a large pad on these things.

"Next he got to the Beechwood School, and said cryptically, "It has changed but not changed." The library still has big bay windows as do most of the classrooms, and it also has close proximity to the computer lab."

He continued, "One nice thing is, we will have an outside entrance for easy access to the Board of Education offices and to Dr. Schaller's office, without someone having to go through the classrooms."

Beechwood will have a large gym/cafe/terrace room in front, and expanded kindergarten rooms nearby. The architectural drawings showed greenery around the school, and Musial said, "We are trying to save as many trees as we can in that area as there will be an outdoor courtyard, with a 4-foot fence."

Another change they mentioned was that they would be renovating the kitchen at Beechwood, which was "poorly equipped and needed work," according to Musial. He also added that the toilet facilities were all being upgraded.

The architects have investigated the heating and cooling systems, and are still in the process of doing that. One thing that captured the interest of the board was when Ruban put up the latest drawing of the new kindergarten area for Beechwood; it was beautifully drawn in colors, and looked like little cottages in design. "It will be trimmed in bright primary colors and look residential with large bay windows," said Ruban.

Board of Education member John Perrin asked, "When will construction be completed and when will it be ready for actual occupancy?" "By September, 2002, for certain," answered Musial, adding, "We are, as I said, on target. I see no reason why this can't open by then." He went on to say he had certainly had the cooperation of the Board of Education, and the entire administration.

As the architects packed up their drawings to applause from the audience, members of the board were heard to say "very nice" and "it looks great," Musial said.

## Shuffling in the shade



Photo By Bob Reiflich

Taking a spot in the shade, Erica Hochman, left, Danielle McAdam, and Kristen Morgan enjoy a game of cards at the picnic area near the Mountainside Borough Hall playing field.

## Independent study offers students another way out

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

For the 2001-02 school year, eight Springfield students have been accepted to take part in five different subject areas of the independent study course offered at the high school level.

At Monday night's Board of Education meeting, Acting Assistant Superintendent Ken Mattfield presented his report on the independent study program for the upcoming school year.

Students who want to move beyond the constraints of the high school curriculum often use the independent study course as a way to pursue their interests and develop their own ideas.

For the second year in a row, the independent study course has been giving students a taste of the college life by requiring them to initiate course work pertaining to their specific interests. With the help of a mentor to guide them, students can shape their ideas into work that is completed over the period of the course.

The independent study course is one that involves individual students completing an extensive application, finding a mentor, and acquiring the approval from that mentor so they can move through the study of the subject without the aid of a teacher. There also are special criteria for the independent study, and an Independent Study Advisory Board that meets with the student and reviews the applications to see which students meet the requirements for entering the course.

"The students we have approved for independent study for next year I think are exceptional," said Mattfield. "They did not do this just because they wanted to fill a hole in their schedule."

Many of the students expressed interest and began planning fairly early in the school year. To qualify, the students had to meet set criteria that kept the course from being something that students took on without knowing the seriousness of the work involved.

So far, Mattfield said, the students have put forth thoughtful proposals that revealed their genuine interest.

One of the criteria is that the course is designed for students who have exhausted all possibilities in the curriculum and they've found it no other course for them to move into to pursue their study.

Another criterion that the Independent Study Advisory Board has discovered is that some students encounter scheduling problems that may have adversely

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## Fresh from the field

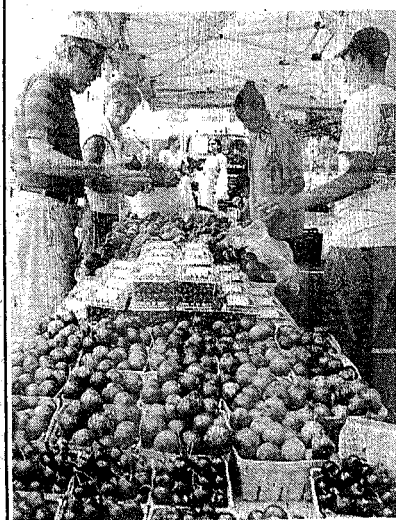


Photo By Bob Reiflich

Farmers gather to sell their crops to local residents at the seasonal Farmers Market at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. At the market are, from left, Jack Rosenbaum of Springfield, Barbara Bentkowski of Pulaski Savings Bank, and sellers Josh Drake and Pat Hamm. The market runs every Tuesday from 1 to 7 p.m. until Oct. 31.

## Hillside Avenue apartment complex for disabled almost ready

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

With construction complete and workers putting on the finishing touches, NJ Connect, a nonprofit agency, is poised to open Freeman Apartments to provide a facility in Springfield for disabled people that allows them to feel like part of the community.

Although the Freeman Apartments are still waiting for their certificate of occupancy, they are expected to receive it within a few days, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony tentatively set for September.

Tucked behind Route 22 at 41 Hillside Ave., the facility will soon be opening its doors to residents who have traditionally been overlooked when it comes to housing.

"This sort of facility is needed so badly," said Marcia Forman, a Planning Board member. "I'm proud to have been a part of it. I'm just happy to see that it's gotten this far."

As the former mayor, Forman played a key role in struggling to get the facility started. Other instrumental players included Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, Elissa Sanaman, executive director of the facility, and several

Planning Board and Township Committee members who were involved in trying to get the facility built.

When she was mayor in 1994, Forman received a letter from Sanaman who was sending letters to other towns citing the development of a disabled facility as one way towns can double its affordable housing obligations. When it was found that Springfield had trouble meeting its Mt. Laurel housing requirements because of limited space, township officials seized upon the opportunity to not only provide a facility for disabled people,

but to try to effectively address the township's Mt. Laurel obligation.

With 28 credits going toward the township's affordable housing obligation, the United States Housing and Urban Development has allowed the facility to give preference to wheelchair-bound tenants.

With state, county and municipal governments working together, the vision of a NJ Connect facility in Springfield slowly began to come to fruition. Work began on the facility in November 1999 by Park Construction.

The Township Committee contributed the

property through a long-term, 40-year lease to NJ Connect, with funds of \$1,171,200 from a HUD \$11 grant and a Home Program Fund of \$546,700 from the Union County.

Sanaman said the existing housing stock in most areas does not provide the disabled with living quarters that enable them to remain fairly independent.

"What this housing does is enable young people who are physically disabled to live independently in town," said Sanaman. "Every effort was made to keep in mind that

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**Today**  
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers storytime and crafts for children kindergarten to grade four at 2 p.m.

**Saturday**  
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross offers a First Aid Basics class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again on Aug. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. The course teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims, as well as how to handle choking and breathing emergencies. All training takes place at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield.  
For information, call 908-232-7090.

**Sunday**  
• The Blood Center of New Jersey conducts 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.

**Monday**  
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues 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.

**Tuesday**  
• The Springfield Public Library's summer video series continues with "Irving Berlin: An American Song" at noon.  
Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Wednesday**  
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Bedtime Storytime at 7 p.m.  
• Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, continues at 1:30 p.m. with "The Raven's Feast," a puppet show based on Native American tales produced by Steve Abrams.  
For information, call 908-789-3670.

• The Springfield Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

**Upcoming**  
**Aug. 2**  
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will offer storytime and crafts for children kindergarten to grade four at 2 p.m.

**Aug. 4**  
• CPR (or the Professional Rescuer, a re-certification class), will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield, and is intended for people who hold current certification but need to renew.  
Advanced registration is required. For information, call 908-232-7090.

• A Babysitters Training Course also will be offered at the same location from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 6**  
• The International Film Festival will continue at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., with "Not One Less," at noon and 7 p.m. The film is about a 13-year-old Chinese girl recruited to teach at her local school for a month during the teacher's absence. Admission is free.  
For information, call 973-376-4930.

• "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 at Mountainside Chapel, 1180 Spruce Drive, until Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Enrollment is limited and closes on Monday.  
To register, call 908-232-3456.  
• "Branching Out," a five-day camp for students entering grades three and four will be offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence

Road, Mountainside, through Aug. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. Children will learn the importance of trees, how to identify them, make tea from them, and create their own leaf print T-shirt.  
For information, call 908-789-3670.

**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.  
For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Aug. 8**  
• "The Science of Suds," presented by bubble experts from the Garden State Discovery Museum, at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, will show spectators the mysterious composition of bubbles. The show is for children ages 4 and up.  
For information, call 908-789-3670.

**Aug. 9**  
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will host its summer reading club finale party at 11 a.m.

• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 West.

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

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

**Aug. 13**  
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall from 10 a.m. to noon, with a special "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.

• "Hoory for Herpetiles," a five-day camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades, has spaces available through Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

• "Backwoods Lore" is another camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades and has openings through Aug. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students venture into the forest each day to learn about wilderness survival. Participants will learn how to gather and prepare wild edibles, build an emergency shelter and fire, and track local mammals.  
For information on both camps, call 908-789-3670.

**Aug. 17**  
• "Act Out" is a special interactive dramatics presentation where kids can learn about the first steps to the moon at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.  
For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Aug. 20**  
• Drive-in movie night will take place in the parking lot behind Jonathan Dayton High School at 5 p.m. The theme is "Nickelodeon Night" and will include an interactive village of rides, food, and games, plus a showing of the family-oriented film "Rugrats in Paris," with tickets at \$10 to \$12 and sold in advance. Tickets will be available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and the Springfield Community Pool. The rain date is Aug. 21.  
For information, call 973-912-2227.

**Aug. 23**  
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a First Aid Basics class from 6 to 10 p.m. The course teaches participants how to check the condition of conscious and unconscious victims, as well as how to handle choking and breathing emergencies. All training takes place at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield.  
For information, call 908-232-7090.

**Aug. 29**  
• "Puppets from the Inside Out" will bring classic animal stories in a puppet show format to the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., at 7 p.m.  
For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Freeman Apartments a model for accessibility**

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This was residential, not institutional. There's no reason that something that is low income should not be beautiful."

At just under an acre, the property houses a complex with 14 apartments. One is for a superintendent, two units are two bedrooms, and the remaining 11 are single bedrooms.

The two-story building features barrier-free rooms with doors and hallways that are wide and spacious, allowing ample room for wheelchairs. Signs and numbers on the walls have Braille lettering for the sight impaired. Kitchen counters are lower than usual for easy access, and bathrooms are equipped with grab handles and lifting mirrors.

The facility also includes a community gathering room, laundry rooms on both floors, and an elevator. Balconies and patios offer additional

enhances and exits, something the developers kept in mind for fire and health-related emergencies.

The apartments will be equipped with special phones that can be answered from across the room, with users operating the phones from devices worn around the neck or wrist. The phones were made available through a grant from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation.

Although the Freeman Apartments complex is not age-restricted, Sana-man sees it as attracting a younger range of residents, all of whom have to be 18 or older to be a tenant.

Rainbow Management of Verona is the real estate management firm which has processed the apartments, with a total of 48 received.

With easy access to a nearby shopping center, the parties involved have found the property to be an ideal location.

**Program prepares kids for rigors of college**

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affected their progress in the study of a particular subject.

"Most of the proposals had to deal with students who wanted to go beyond what we offered here," said Matfield.

One student will pursue art/history, following the Advanced Placement art history curriculum. She plans to take the AP exam, and her proposal includes working on all the topics that are part of the college board program.

Another student plans to spend second semester working on AP music theory. The formal mentorship program and the theoretical study will begin during the second half of the year. Included in his plans is the writing of an 18th century-style sonata.

One senior's proposal was to take a fifth year of Italian. Her program is heavily literature-based, involving readings of major Italian writers and works and discussing them with essays and a final presentation.

The only junior to put forth a proposal was from a student who wanted to follow the curriculum for AP psychology. After taking the AP examination, she will complete the equivalent of a college psychology course.

Four seniors proposed AP government politics for their independent study as an Apex one semester course. Since the course involves students who have demonstrated a deep interest in history, the seniors are either in the process of or have already completed the necessary requirements in AP European and AP US history.

In all of the proposals, the students have followed the college board outline and for the most part, have been considering the independent study as a full-year program.

Students taking the Apex one semester course will study from 26 major lessons, covering all of the topics covered on the exam. Matfield pointed out that students taking the Apex one semester course would still need at least most of the school year to complete the work and review for the exam in May.

Each day, the students have a period set aside for the independent study. Several times a week, students involved in the program will meet with their mentors. Mentors are chosen by the students and on the off-days during the week when they are not meeting with their mentors, they are spending that time working on their projects at school where they have access to computers.

Each student has to agree to find a teacher or staff member who will follow their proposal and become their mentor. The proposal has to include an authorization from the mentor who has agreed to work with them, plus there is an evaluation process of the students' work habits made by the advisory board. "We've had terrific success with the independent study," said Judy Zimmerman, acting superintendent of schools. "It's very gratifying to see kids who really want to pursue an area of interest on their own."

Originally, board President Stephen Fischbein said the Board of Education was cautious when the independent program went into effect last year. There were concerns that all the requirements would not be met.

"By the end of the first year, we were gratified by the quality of the product," said Fischbein. "These kids turned in amazing projects far superior to what we would have expected and we thought it was a good training ground for the next four years of their lives."

**Stapfer makes dean's list**

Jessica R. Stapfer of Springfield, 2 junior majoring in elementary education, was among the students named to the dean's list for the spring 2001 semester at the University of Scranton.

A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours to make the dean's list.

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# Sewerage authority reconsiders capital improvements

By Mark Krywna  
Regional Editor

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority will explore the idea of foregoing some major rehabilitation projects and the construction of a cogeneration plant, and instead explore sending its sludge to another facility for processing.

RVSA Executive Director Richard Tokarski told the Board of Commissioners during its meeting last week that he believes there could be substantial savings in the future based on his initial calculations if the authority took that route; anywhere from \$20 million to \$35 million, including savings in the operating budget.

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority handles wastewater treatment for more than 300,000 residents and 3,500 industrial and commercial customers in 11 communities: Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield and Woodbridge. Towns pay an assessment based on the volume of sewage they send to the Rahway-based authority. The assessments fund the RVSA's annual budget.

In the 2001 budget, Mountainside was assessed \$339,636, a 16-percent increase over the \$292,400 in 2000. With the exception of Roselle Park, the borough is the smallest user of RVSA at almost 5 percent. Last year, Springfield paid \$587,045 and in 2001 will pay \$713,316, a 126.00 percent increase. The average increase last year was \$160,000. The township constitutes more than 7 percent of usage.

Tokarski will provide commissioners with proposals from two engineering firms that have worked with the RVSA in the past — Metcalf and Eddy, and

Camp, Dresser and McKee — for a second opinion on his idea. He said the board will take action at its next meeting or call a special meeting. The two firms will evaluate and fine tune what Tokarski proposed and present the board with more specific figures.

The RVSA had planned to build a cogeneration plant in addition to other major rehabilitation projects in the capital improvement plan. If the sludge were sent to another facility, the authority could shut down digesting and dewatering operations. The executive director estimated about \$28 million would be saved in construction costs and another \$7 million in financing.

Tokarski said the construction that would be deferred is part of the RVSA's capital improvement plan, but does not affect the Comprehensive Strategic Plan. The Comprehensive Strategic Plan was developed as a result of a settlement in a lawsuit filed by the state Department of Environmental Protection and a third party, the American Littoral Society.

Sending sludge elsewhere makes the cogeneration plant economically unfeasible, Tokarski said, since it was to be used for drying the sludge, the solid byproduct of treating wastewater. The RVSA still would treat wastewater, and sludge, to a point.

The plant was included in the capital improvement plan at a cost of approximately \$20 million. The cost was spread over two years in a five-year plan: \$12.5 million in 2002 and \$7.5 million in 2003.

The RVSA still would treat wastewater but after the thickening process, another facility would process the sludge. The authority has a storage capacity

of four million gallons and currently only processes 63,000 per day. Although there would be fewer employees needed to operate the plant, Tokarski said there would be no layoffs as the plant is still expanding. A new laboratory facility is going up near the front entrance of the plant on East Hazlewood Avenue in Rahway.

If savings are not realized by sending sludge elsewhere, Tokarski said the authority can restart the rehabilitation projects in a few years.

Commissioners were generally in favor of at least getting input from outside firms. Michael Brinker, the RVSA's consulting engineer, and his firm, Paul, Sokolowski and Saroi Inc., prepared the capital plan. Brinker said the concept design for the cogeneration plant is 70 percent complete.

"I'm not sure we're putting him in an untenable situation," Bart Barre, the representative to Mountainside, said of Brinker. "It's something they've prepared, and we eliminate from the scheme of things. It's hard to be objective on something you've spent lot of time and money on."

"We need another opinion," Woodbridge representative Robert Luban said, from a second party. "We don't want the appearance of a conflict."

"You can save a lot of money as long as you can pull it off," Brinker told the board.

Commissioners are justified in seeking other opinions and getting numbers to solidify their position, Brinker said. "You're making a drastic change in the entire operation and plant; you do need concrete numbers."

## Ten lucky Springfield scholars



The Rotary Club of Springfield recently presented \$7,500 in scholarships to 10 students. Each recipient got \$750 to assist with expenses related to their education. The graduates, from left, front row, Christina Tomasino, who will attend Saint Joseph's University; Christy Deliacono, Bloomsburg University; and Evgenya Fuks, Rutgers University; back row, Faye Auslander, Montclair State University; Jennifer Cheung, Rutgers; Jodi Santo, Quinnipiac University; Ashley King, Seton Hall University; Sahar Abrahimzadeh, Rutgers; Giovanna Dimuro, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Rena Klayman, New York University.

## End to swim club lawsuit may be close

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

By opening up a previous lawsuit concerning Springfield's Mt. Laurel housing obligation, Pinnacle Builders hopes to gain an edge in its ongoing lawsuit with the township over the proposal for a condominium development on the former Baltusrol Swim Club property off Wilson Road.

Two-and-a-half-years ago, Springfield was granted a judgment of repose from Superior Court Judge John Pisancki, approving the township's Mt. Laurel plan. The plan originally provided that an office building in the township would be transferred into residential units and the township would replace those 17 units within 90 days.

Since the township never replaced those units, Pinnacle Builders brought the case before the judge while under the current litigation concerning the

former swim club site.

Citing the township's failure to complete the transfer over two years ago, Pinnacle Builders was granted approval from Pisancki to intervene in the Mt. Laurel lawsuit and reopen that case, with the developer gaining the potential to use it as a way to point out how their plan will allow the township to meet its Mt. Laurel obligation with the acceptance of their proposal.

"The last proposal for Mt. Laurel housing up there was for five stories," said Bruce Bergen, township attorney. "Once you reopen the lawsuit, anything can happen."

If Pinnacle Builders is given the ability to build on the site, they would reserve eight of their proposed 128 units as Mt. Laurel units.

Although the judge has ordered that the township is not in compliance with its Mt. Laurel obligation and agreed to have the developers

intervene in the Mt. Laurel lawsuit, he did not agree to set aside the township's judgment of repose, which is listed as one of the issues for further hearings before the court on Aug. 17.

Bergen said he was fearful of having the town be in a position to have the judge determine what the new zoning is going to be on the former swim club site.

At Tuesday night's regular meeting of the Township Committee, Bergen was unable to discuss any of the recommendations which he has made to the Township Committee since the matter is in litigation and there is still no final determination.

"We are getting closer," said Mayor-Sy Mullman. "We may know within a few days."

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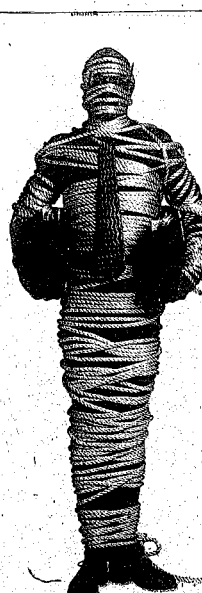


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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### A place for everything

As pressed for space as the Springfield Public Library is, it is time to look at doing things a little differently. There is an area that has served the community in several respects that could be in for some change.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is a separate room of the library that also serves as a gallery, performing arts venue and all-purpose room. Since its opening along with the library in 1969, it's been filled with artifacts ranging from bronze automobile sculptures to Japanese swords.

While they may be somewhat interesting, many of these artifacts have nothing to do with Springfield, or even New Jersey for that matter.

So why are they stored in a room that is usually non-used? This was part of the discussion during a recent Board of Trustees meeting about space solutions at the library. Members discussed better ways the room could be used, including getting rid of the collection entirely or at least donating some of the materials to gain more space.

Since the library has no catalog of the items in the museum, the items should be donated to a place where they can be stored properly.

With bookshelves bursting at the seams and nearly every room in the library in desperate need of storage space, housing a museum within the library does not use space as efficiently as possible.

Although a museum provides a cultural asset to the township, the library is in dire straits when it comes to space. Perhaps the materials in the collection that pertain to Springfield could be donated to a local organization. The rest of the artifacts might be given to a state museum.

Even though Palmer's will needs to be consulted by the library attorney before anything gets moved, a potential solution could be to use the museum space more efficiently. While it might be nice to sparsely decorate the museum with the artifacts, realistically, the items might use less space if they were consolidated a bit within the room. Or even decorated throughout the entire library. This way they can still be appreciated, but not at the expense of necessary library space.

The museum could then be converted to store more books and library materials, such as the growing audiovisual collections and/or computer configurations.

Computers are now used more than ever in library research. Since they require a sense of privacy, maybe the room could be designated solely for them?

When more efficient use of the museum is determined, a host of possibilities opens for the library staff struggling for space.

### With doors wide open

As a social and cultural gathering place for people and ideas, a well-equipped and maintained library is the sign of a town that thinks highly of its citizens. With the recent completion of renovations to the Mountainside Public Library, the facility has proved itself to be such a place.

Thanks to a bequest of \$20,000 left by Mountainside resident Emma Lausten to use for the renovations, the library is now in a position to fully enrich the lives of the people who use it by providing them with the best materials and services.

Patrons can now enjoy a new media room for audiovisual materials, an increase in audiovisual offerings, an eBook reader, a DVD collection, a section for new books, and an upgrade in the phone system. Some of the items also were purchased through a grant from the Mountainside Education Foundation.

To celebrate the renovations and new collections that have been added, the library plans a grand opening Sept. 30.

To expand its periodicals section, the library is conducting a magazine survey of its patrons to see what people are reading and which magazines they would like to see more of at the library. Depending upon the results, the staff will decide to either drop or add subscriptions to their inventory of approximately 100 magazines.

To get an accurate pulse of what the people really want, residents should visit and complete a survey. It's a great way for patrons to voice their likes and dislikes. The survey will continue until September.

We have nothing but praise for the Mountainside Education Foundation, and of course, the woman who donated so much for this truly worthy cause.

Initiatives such as these make a world of difference to people of all ages, opening doors to the imagination that, once opened, can never be closed.

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**AN HONORABLE VISIT** — Pack 73 Cub Scouts Webaelos of St. James The Apostle Church recently visited the Springfield Police Department along with their leaders Katie Bentacour, Rick Looke and Lori Kocour. The top discussion during the visit was the dangers of drugs, alcohol and inhalants, concluding with a question-and-answer session. The scouts enjoyed the time spent with Officer Angelo Bonavitaola and found the visit both fun and informative.

## Clintons still living off fat o' the taxpayer

If you are receiving a refund check from the federal government because of the tax reduction program you can limit your gloat when you see what Bill Clinton's yearly support amounts to.

### As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher

Baring unforeseen circumstances, Clinton will be authorized by Congress this week to spend \$1 million during this fiscal year. And, it is unlikely President George W. Bush will not go along with the costs, since his own father manages to garner \$623,000 annually for his expenses.

While we expect to support former presidents to some extent, \$1 million per year, for a family already still on the taxpayers' dole, seems a bit much.

The costs include Clinton's office rent in Harlem at \$354,000 which is really outrageous. Remember, that cost was a compromise when there was a hut and cry about his potential rental in the Carnegie Towers in mid-Manhattan. Added to this space cost are the salaries and benefits for his staff, \$210,000; \$57,000 for travel; \$65,000 for postage, telephone and printing; \$60,000 for supplies, materials and equipment, and \$80,000 for miscellaneous expenses.

In addition, Clinton collects

\$166,000 in pension monies, which is not bad for someone who was in the federal employ only eight years. The rest of us should have such advantageous actuarial tables.

However, it would appear, these monies are just not enough for Clinton, who is now on the road overseas collecting fat fees for participation in various conferences. One future jaunt to Australia to attend a dinner for gambling interests will include a fee of \$100,000, which is not bad considering his other expenses undoubtedly will be picked up by some big shot Down Under. It seems Clinton must go overseas for the big bucks, since his speakmaking is not really appreciated in this country, where the moneyed big wigs are leary of his reputation because of "Sexgate" and "Pardongate."

Clinton is making some speeches at home. But, his office spokeswoman

says those are free of charge and just to raise money for the Democratic Party. Included among the fund-raisers is at least one for wife Hillary's political action committee. So, you can be sure, she's got her sights on some political future, even though she denies seeking the presidency.

In any case, we are paying for both of them, now. Doesn't that make you feel your refund check is getting smaller and smaller and your future taxes will be bigger and bigger to pay for the excesses of the Clintons?

You can hardly blame them for looking for the big bucks. After all, living in Arkansas all those years was not really high on the hog. And, the home in Chappaqua is the first home they ever owned. So, their sights are getting higher and higher at our expense.

One of the sights includes Chelsea's digs while she is a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford in the fall. Following in Daddy's footsteps, she expects to study international relations. Fine, but the latest news is a family representative has contacted a British venture capitalist about renting his 18th century manor house for Chelsea to use while in England. Granted, she just can't bunk in with the girls in any old

dorm, but 100 acres of privacy, with a swimming pool, tennis courts and a landing strip seems to be a bit much. And, remember, when Daddy pays the rent, he's paying it with your money.

Many years ago, a Boston lawyer asked Sen. McCarty if he had not shame. The Clintons not only do not have any shame, they really know how to work the system to their advantage and at our cost. When Clinton ran the last time, he was popularized as the Man from Hope. Whatever hope Clinton had in Hope were nowhere near the reality of what he has garnered now with public funds.

Remember Harry Truman with that little modest house in Independence, Mo.? The Clintons just don't know that kind of class. And why should they? They think they know better and are better than the rest of us, and we let them get away with it. And, don't count on Congress not approving that \$1 million. It won't happen. It will pass.

I will be waiting to see if anyone in Congress has the guts to veto no.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Luxurious waste of precious supply

To the Editor:

Water, water, everywhere except in areas where needed and becoming critical. Aside from the suggested conservation being primary, how about utilizing where possible to pump water from nearby bodies of water to fight fires? Using potable water to fight fires seems like a luxurious waste of a precious supply, if there are some alternatives.

Joseph C. Chieppa  
Mountainside

### Need better mailbox for drivers

To the Editor:

All the surrounding towns post offices have found a way for the driver to mail a letter without getting out of his/her car/bus. Yet in Springfield we have two buildings to use to set up a driver-oriented mailbox, and we haven't done it. You say this is a little thing? Watch the number of cars that stop illegally in front of the old post office, the driver gets out and walks in traffic, to mail his/her letters. There must be a better way, and if we look around we would see how others have solved this problem.

Why are we always last in line?

Jack Slater  
Springfield

### Simpler ways to use the phones

To the Editor:

Read your article on the planned additional telephone area codes in the July 12 edition. Three more area codes are being added for a grand total of eight in our state, the third smallest state in the nation. These three codes will overlap certain areas possibly creating much confusion per your article. Dam right! Years ago, when the phone company was a monopoly, we used to make jokes about the phone police keeping us in line. Obviously, they still have a total grip on our telecommunications lives and don't give a hoot about how confused and frustrated they are making our lives. I can only blame it on their incompetence and lack of foresight and planning. If there are any readers who design for the phone company and can justify this fiasco, please speak up.

Obviously, if they have the capability to overlap area codes, they should be able to institute a more simpler system. One system to consider is to keep the main seven-digit phone numbers but to redesign the prefix codes. This may be rudimentary but I think it's workable.

In lieu of area codes, they should set up the first two numbers to match the

state abbreviation since everyone knows them and the phone dial contains those letters. New Jersey would be 65. Oklahoma is 65 also, but I'll let them fine tune. The next digit should be the series 0 up to 9 for device coding. 1 to 3 is home numbers, 4 to 6 is business, 7-fax, 8-cell, 9-beeper. 0 is government and services. Or the single digit can be used for a location grid, or county, city or similar. Bottom line is you can shrink New Jersey's eight three-digit area codes down to single digits and even identify use further.

In lieu of a three-digit area code, one would use a three-digit state and device code. It's the same amount of numbers, and if in state, you can drop the first two-digit state code. This is 180 degrees apart from their upcoming plan, where they want us to always dial an area code, even if your calling your neighbor.

One last item, what ever happened to their planned use of the asterisk and the pound sign on the phone dial?

Bruce Paterson  
Garwood

## E-MAIL

### Same rhetoric as teachers unions

To the Editor:

In his column in the July 12 edition, Frank Capece warns of the evils of school vouchers. Nowhere does he mention the benefits of school vouchers or tax incentives. There are many reasons people have for sending children to non-public schools.

Why are these people penalized as they are? If a non-public school charges say \$5,000 per year and the public-school costs the taxpayer \$10,000 per pupil, why not reward the person who is saving the taxpayers money?

Should a parent be penalized for wishing to follow religious education? They are not looking for rewards — just equality. To pay taxes for public education plus tuition is a heavy burden. And what about the inner-city parent who wishes his child an escape from the dangers and failures of some schools? Mr. Capece seems to believe they must remain doomed.

It is not surprising that Mr. Capece, an attorney, voices the same rhetoric as the powerful lobbyists, the teachers unions.

William Doyle  
Clark

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Anna Wexler

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Nicole Gretten

"Two weeks is okay; we are used to this. I am just 15, though, and like having the whole summer off from school."



Angie Cotroneo

"The more vacation the better! I was a teacher, so I always had the whole summer and this was very nice."



Uma Dividesh

"I would favor two weeks and think this is enough. In India, we do not usually take long vacations."

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Governor Livingston honor roll announced

The following students were named to the honor roll at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights for the fourth marking period.

Grade nine  
Cara Abitante, Kaitlin Anders, Indroneil Banerji, Amy Bennett, Gurpriya Bhasin, Emily Birkin, Natalie Blanco, Jenna Blasi, Mark Burnett, Laura Calabrese, Vincent Carrangelo, Michael Carmody, Maurício Carranza, Teresa Cavalario, Lisa Corrado, Meghan Cox, Jessica Davison, Anthony DeAngelis, Marissa Deanna, Alexandra Denby, Neha Desai, Thomas DiDario, Daniel Drury, Paul Ebert, Daniel Felezzy, Brandon Garland, Jessica Gary, Bryan Gartner, Justin Giannone, Jennifer Hauser, Deborah Hong, Arda Hotz, Sarah Hu, Sherrie Hui, Ellen Hufkelhoven, Elizabeth Iorio, Abbey Kole, Allison Kopf, Irene Lewis, Steven LeSage, Michael Lewis, Andres Loaiza, Stephanie Lombardi, Ashley Loria, Brielle Luciano, Danielle McCann, Rahul Mehta, Chandrani Mondal, Lisa Mondelli, Kaitlyn Moore, Priya Nadkarni, Danielle Pace, Justin Polce, Andrew Reichert, Michelle Rosenhall, Christopher Sacco, Jennifer Sacco, Helena Scholz, Cristina Settar, Joseph Simone, Matthew Sincaglia, Jesse Sunkiewicz, Marcy Sticks, Carey Susskind, Jayming Tam, Paul Tewfik, William Tinkham, William Toft, Frederique Turnler, Alison Vazquez, Paul Vicendese, Cecilia Watson, Kristin Wedge, Sean West, Keli Wong, Kimberly Wong, Brian Wu, Helen Yarova, David Yellin and Caitlin Zimmerman.

Grade 10  
Michael Ambrose, Robyn Andres, Joanna Antkowiak, Salvatore Arpino, Dorothy Bailey, Melissa Bergenty, Veronica Bianco, Katrina Bisci, Nicole Boehmer, Charles Bong, Megan Butler, Marcello Cavallaro, Inese Chan, Marie Chen, Meng-Ju Chen, Nancy Chen, Shanna Coughlin, Tara Crane, Steven DeCorso, Elizabeth Dendinger, Megan DiDario, Daniel Drake, Kristin Ends, Cindy Ekka, Jerry Fang, Evan Finn, Loukas Flamos, Christopher Floyd, Michael Fullowan, Steven Gadol, Frank Giannelli, Emily Glynn, Kate Gombas, Margaret Goodspeed, Roger Grosse, Jaclyn Hafner, Crystal Hammonds, Suzanne Hopkins, Nicole Huff, Usuf Hussain, Aimee Johnson, Neha Kaushik, Sarah Kolb, Richard Kotlar, Amanda Kotch, Alexa Levy, Estrella Lopez, Caitlin Masters, Kelly McCraith,

Christoph Meyer, Michael Michajda, Stephanie Miller, Shaun Modi, Satomi Morimoto, Pranay Nadkarni, Scott Nelson, Benjamin Nham, Courtney Norris, Jessica Nicolais, Deirdre North, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Jessica Panarra, Rebecca Paskow, Amanda Penabad, Gregory Pesce, Jennifer Pflug, Jeremy Pfund, Tiffany Poon, Patricia Poyat, Amy Reinholdt, Ashley Roberts, Stephanie Rude, Evan Schickel, Youjing Shen, Scott Shepard, Allison Smith, Connie Souder, Nicole Tschler, Jessica Talbot, John Tully, Monica Turel, Jeffrey Vandenhoven, Edward Voyac and Sandra Zaeh.

Grade 11  
Anil Abraham, Michael Antkowiak, Gemma Bartalce, Alexandra Batorsky, Karen Bocian, Thomas Chen, Zeyo Cheniz/Alexandra Chomut, Amanda Chint, Erin Coughlin, Jason Crowl, Lauren Curtin, R. Steven Davis, Sally Davis, Allison Dencker, Natalie Dendinger, Jacob DiDoro, Lindsey Donner, Scott Donohue, Catherine Doto, Kristina Dunne, Oliver Eng, Tara Finley, Cecilia Fiore, Matthew Fox, Jason Gionta, Leslie Ouyang, Kristen Hauser, Robin Hitchcock, Alex Hotz, David Huber, Kristin Hyland, Jaime Kardos, Chelsea Kamath, Dana Kaufman, Richard Klumb, Andrea Knapp, Karen Krahnert, Laura Kruglinski, Thomas Lalis, Ellen Levitan, David Lin, Lisa Mate, Dana McCurdy, Brett McMillin, Dana Mirabella, Kerri Moore, Monserrat Morel, Martin Moroney, Michelle Munick, Gregg Nelson, Kelly Ng, Michael Oliver, Derrick Orpuchin, Danielle Penabad, Gurpreet Phull, Stephanie Polakoski, Mridula Raman, Jonathan Regenye, Tessa Rosenthal, Matthew Ryan, Jaclyn Schlichting, Susan Schnakenberg, Yiwei Shieh, Jessica Swensen, Daria Szkwarko, Micah Thau, Jason Thomas, David Turd, Vivek Venkatasubramanian, Deena Vicendese and Dina West.

Grade 12  
Domenick Alario, Alexis Allen, Linda Ardito, Rhonda Barkan, Kristen Batejan, Jessica Boehmer, Paul Bowers, Christopher Bradd, Jenna Burnett, Danielle Caccace, Peter Caggiano, Jenny Calabrese, Frank Cavalio, David Chen, Yvonne Chen, James Cong, Christina Coviello, Tara Cowie, Phillip Denoma, Charles DiStefano, Allison DiVito, Andrew Dubno, Kathy Engelmeier, Marc Felezzy, Rob Hindley, Leslie Flora, Kimberley Geraghty, Shabnam Ghaffari, Christopher Gibson, Eric Goldstein, Nicole Goodwin, Andrew Gropper, Jessica

Haas, Megan Iorio, Kristin Joham, Roman Kahn, Jeff Karl, Lisa Lamorta, Courtney Levin, Robyn Long, Emily Luke, Malcolm Mattes, Susan McDonald, Scott McLuskey, Priscilla Melang, Jerry Moravek, Christine Murphy, Arlene Negron, Brett Nichols, Arlene Oswald, Nicholas Pace, Jennifer Pagano, Jessica Piani, Emily Porch, Thomas Robina, Brian Lupp, Scott Santos, Stephanie Scasso, Jenny Scherer, Chris Scherba, Bonnie Silberbogen, Erica Smith, Juliet Spinelli, Noelle Tate, George Twigg, Oscar Yama, Rebecca Williams, Vijay Varma and Rose Yannotta.

Honor roll at Dayton  
The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School have been named to the honor roll for the fourth marking period of the 2000-01 school year.

Grade nine  
Lyndsey Brahm, Theodore B. Chellis, Cheng Chen, Marc Cicchino, Lindsay Coughlin, Lisa Cypcar, Christoph Delguidice, Anthony DeNicolio, Christopher Dorvil, Joseph Fazio, Lawrence Fish, Amalia G. Garlen, Michael Gleicher, Karine Goldman, Inez Gradzki, Janice Grieco, Andrea Handeli, Robert Kleyman, Kimberly Kraemer, Drew Krumboltz, Jill Kurzer, Nicole C. Lay, Lisa Listowski, Steven Laksenberg, Areakidjusz Maciak, Alyssa Mason, Christos Monovassitis, Margaret Mysliwiec, Wafy Nadel, Iana S. Nahmias, Jonathan Rego, Ana Rodriguez, Erica R. Rosenbaum, Karen Rozenbolm, Danielle Schwartz, Genny A. Schwarzberg, Matthew Shack, Rahul Shah, Renu C. Shah, David E. Sklar, Mathew Traum, Brett Yanow and Zhanna Yuda.

Grade 10  
Jenna Alifante, Jonathan Au, Anna Butler, Brett A. Berger, Allison Canton, Katherine Ciullo, Devon Dorn, Amie Faigenbaum, Manohar Finston, Sean Frank, Rachel L. Ginsberg, Kristina Griffin, Sherri L. Grobarz, Timothy P. Homlish, Joseph K. Kahoonei, Allison Lau, Dina Meller, Jake B. Morano, Martin B. Moyer, Jamie L. Neville, Chandni Patel, Svet-

lana Polyakova, Jared Preston, Jennifer Rego, Danielle Roland, Jeremy R. Salow, Casey Santo, Louis Sarracino, Matthew Schachtel, Luis Sota, Brian I. Sperber, Andrew E. Title, Elana I. Toboul, Elissa Walters, Jay T. Weatherston, Theodore Young, Malory Zambolla, Marina Zeisler and Valerie Zlotzky.

Grade 11  
Esther Aizenberg, Gracemarie Alfano, Lauren Belliveau, Pamela Bookbinder, Roman Bronshteyn, Lindsey Butler, Bryan R. Demberger, Tabitha Fishkin, Chase Freundlich, Alexander K. Garten, Jessica Goldblatt, Garry Goldman, Marsha Handeli, Hani Heiba, Scott Hollander, Michele Kraemer, Nicole L. Kravak, Jennifer Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa M. LoSchiavo, Juliet Marx, Wojciech Mysliwiec, Nicole Ost, Joseph Petracaro, Katy Reyes, Monica Schwartz, Laurie Sherman, Rena Steinbach, Ryan A. Stromeyer, Megan Anne Tavis, Monica Taylor, Kimberly Teriunne, Colby A. Tiss, Pamela Traum and Jared Weisman.

Grade 12  
Frank Applegate, Sabino Battaglia, Victoria Bingle, Lawrence Bluestone, Lisa DeNicolio, Jaime Falkin, Jennifer Fiorelli, Joseph Flesch Jr., Christina Florio, Kahl Goforth, Alla Gulchina, Andrew Harris, Russell Hayward, Alycia Johnson, Sergey Khorooshevskiy, Victoria Kozlenko, Alex Kramers, Tara Listowski, Michael Lyubavin, Cristobal R. Melendez, Nirav Patel, Claudia Petrioli, Alisandra Puliti, Michael Puro, Aaron Rhodes, Dana Rutkowski, Jodi Santo, Steven Silverman, Mark Trautenberg, Joseph Voorhees, Brian Wedemeyer, Andrea Wind and Matthew Zaitz.

Giordano and Legic on Drew dean's list  
Mountainside residents Kimberly R. Giordano and Michelle Elizabeth Legic were named to dean's list at Drew University for the spring 2001 semester. They earned a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average, equivalent to or better than a B+ on a scale in which A=4.0.

'The Science of Suds' to be offered  
Ever wonder how thick the wall of a bubble is, or why there is a rainbow of colors in every bubble? Learn the answers and much more on Aug. 8 as you enjoy "The Science of Suds" presented by bubble experts from the Garden State Discovery Museum at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. The show is for children ages 4 and up only. No younger siblings will be admitted.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Lawrence M. Curtiss**

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

Mr. Curtiss was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and has lived in Mountaintide 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 Mountaintide. 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 Mountaintide. He belonged to the Elks BPOE 1585 of Mountaintide, The Lions Club of Mountaintide and Kiwanis Club of Mountaintide, 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 of Free and Accepted Masons of Westfield. He also belonged to many shriners 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 M. Curtiss, of Cape Carteret, N.C.; daughter, Anita L. Mays, of Stella, N.C., nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

**Bernard Walsh**

Bernard Walsh, 89 of Springfield, an active member of several Jewish organizations, died July 10 at home. Mr. Walsh was vice president in charge of compliance with the Zenith Cup, in Newark before retiring. Earlier, he had been vice president of distribution with Apollo Distribution in Newark.

He was a member of the Insignis Friends Group and Young Men's Hebrew Club, both in Newark, and

the Senior League and Minyanier's Club, both of Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield.

Mr. Walsh was president of the Burnsky Family Circle and vice president of the B'nai B'rith, Springfield. Born in Newark, he lived in Springfield for 45 years.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie; daughters, Mrs. Marilyn Pine and Judith Dodge; a son, Arthur; a sister, Mrs. Sylvia Klock-Franklin; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Kenneth Hamlin**

Kenneth Hamlin, 81, of Summit died July 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Eureka, Kan., Mr. Hamlin lived in Denver, Col., before moving to Summit 45 years ago. He was a patent attorney at Bell Labs, Murray Hill, where he worked for 45 years and retired in 1985.

Mr. Hamlin was a graduate of Kansas State University and a member of the Eta Kappa Nu honor society. He received his law degree from the University of Denver. Mr. Hamlin was admitted to the United States Federal Court of Appeals, the United States Patent Office, the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and was on the Panel of Arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association.

He was a major in the Army Signal Corps during World War II and attended special radar courses at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his Army training.

Mr. Hamlin had been a member and was a former president of the Summit Board of Education. He was a deacon at the Central Presbyterian Church, Summit. Mr. Hamlin was a trumpet player in the band, the Elvise Eleven, for more than 35 years. Surviving are his wife, Janice; two daughters, Linda and Elizabeth; a son, Kenneth; a brother, Howard; and seven grandchildren.

**Anna Mazza**

Anna Mazza, 93, of Summit died July 20 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in West Virginia, Mrs. Mazza

lived in Italy before moving to Summit 40 years ago. She was a member of the Senior Citizens of Summit.

Surviving are three daughters, Nellie Marumone, Mary Amaru and Patricia Badolati; a son, Rocco; a brother, Joseph Chiera; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Souren**

Elizabeth Souren, 90, of Summit died July 19 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Wilkesburg, Pa., Mrs. Souren lived in Summit for 83 years. She was a teacher at Friends School in Morristown from 1935 through 1937.

Mrs. Souren was a graduate of Chatham College, Pittsburgh, Pa., and received a master's degree in English literature from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Souren was a deacon, Sunday school teacher and member of the sewing circle and reading group, all of the Central Presbyterian Church, Summit.

Surviving are four sons, Richard D., John G., David I. and Lee T.; a daughter, Elizabeth Fischer; a brother, Henry C. Dearborn; a sister, Sarah Bedrosian; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Blanche P. Zahn**

Blanche P. Zahn, 88, of New Vernon, formerly of Summit, died July 6 in King James Care Center of Chatham. A memorial service will be held Aug. 23 in Garden of Christ Church, Short Hills.

Born in Boston, Mass., Mrs. Zahn lived in Summit for many years before moving to New Vernon more than 30 years ago. She was a member of the Baltusoli Golf Club, Springfield, and the Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit.

**Helen Koszowski**

Helen Koszowski of Roselle, formerly of Hillside and Mountaintide, died July 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Koszowski lived in Hillside and Mountaintide before moving to Roselle 15 years ago. She was a member of the Subur-

ban Golf Club, Union.

Surviving are her husband, Edward Sr.; two sons, Ed Jr. and Kenneth; a sister, Anna Cywinski, and three grandchildren.

**Molly Silverman**

Molly Silverman, 86, of Springfield, formerly of Elizabeth, died July 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Silverman lived in Newark, Irvington and Elizabeth before moving to Springfield 21 years ago. He worked in the bookkeeping department of the First National State Bank, Newark, for 22 years and retired in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Goldye Grossman; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Grace M. Meissner**

Grace M. Meissner, 84, of Jamesburg, formerly of Mountaintide, died July 16 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Meissner lived in Union and Mountaintide before moving to Jamesburg in 1973. She was a secretary with Schering-Plough Corp., Union, for 15 years and retired in 1971.

Mrs. Meissner was a member of the Sharon Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, Union, and a member of the Women's 9-Hole Golf Club, Rossmore.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Gustave H.; a son, Gregory J.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**John F. Borkowski**

John F. Borkowski of Springfield died July 18 in the South Mountain Rehabilitation Center, Union.

Born in Newark, Mr. Borkowski lived in Belleville and Irvington before moving to Springfield. He was an inspector with Wallace & Tiernan, Belleville, for five years and retired in 1976. Previously, Mr. Borkowski had been an inspector with Bendix Aerospace Co., Teeterboro, for five years.

He served in the Army as a private first class during World War II. Mr. Borkowski was a member of the

American Legion Frank Pietrucka Post in Irvington.

Surviving are a brother, Henry, and three sisters, Genevieve Drozd, Loreta Cleaslee and Jean Menza.

**Lewis C. Molton Sr.**

Lewis C. Molton Sr., 82, of Springfield died July 13 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Rgt Mills, Pa., Mr. Molton lived in Springfield for 48 years. He was a stationary engineer with the Middlesex Water Co., Iselin, for 29 years before retiring. Earlier, Mr. Molton worked for Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Trenton. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife, Erna; a son, Daryl S., and six grandchildren.

**Harriet A. Morrissey**

Harriet A. Morrissey, 57, of Springfield died July 22 in Somerset Medical Center, Somerville.

Born in Towanda, Pa., Mrs. Morrissey lived in West Orange before moving to Springfield eight years ago. She was an oncology nurse practitioner at the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care Center at East Orange, where she had worked in various capacities, including HIV case manager, since 1973. She also had been a nurse supervisor and staff nurse at Morrisimov Memorial Hospital and a staff nurse at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, Pa.

Mrs. Morrissey served as clinical assistant professor of nursing and clinical preceptor for graduate nursing students at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, since 1989. She also lectured on cancer therapy to medical professionals and patients and co-authored articles on cancer studies for medical journals. Mrs. Morrissey was a registered nurse. She received a nursing diploma from Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and a master's degree as a clinical specialist in primary health care nursing from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Mrs. Morrissey also received certification in the cancer field and had completed nurse practitioner courses at the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She was a member of the American Nurse Association and the Oncology Nurse Society and was active on the Professional Education Committees of the American Cancer Society, among other panels. Mrs. Morrissey received various awards from the Veterans Administration for her nursing services. Surviving are her husband, Roy B.; her mother, Estella Steele Steafather, and a brother, William A. Steafather.

Theresa L. Hechtel  
Theresa L. Hechtel, 89, of New Providence, formerly of Mountaintide, died July 21 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hechtel lived in Mountaintide and Toms River before moving to New Providence. She worked for Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for 49 years before retiring. Mrs. Hechtel graduated from the Drake Business School, Newark. She volunteered for the East Orange Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Surviving are a sister, Anne DiCestanzo, and a brother, Robert Crimi.

**Herbert U. Braun**

Herbert U. Braun, 93, of Summit died July 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Braun lived in Short Hills before moving to Summit 20 years ago. He was the treasurer of Plumbing Supply House, Linden, from 1923 through 1970.

Mr. Braun graduated from Pace University, New York City. He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Braun was the treasurer of the Springfield Seniors 2.

Surviving are his wife, Veronica; a daughter, Pamela Pasquale; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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In 1973, I was fortunate to be able to go to high school in Port-au-Prince. I attended the best known vocational school in the country, Ecole Nationale des Arts et Metiers, of Don Bosco (Salesians). I learned design, pattern making and custom made suits. I graduated in June 1977. I worked for a custom shop in the summer of 1976 as my first job. In June of 1977, the owner of that shop came to my graduation to offer me a full time position.

I left that custom shop in 1979 to join a garment manufacturer, Heinz Preka-Porter. We manufactured thousands of shirts, blouses and ladies jackets a month to ship to Germany. I became their quality control manager until I left in 1985. I learned a lot from them.

I came to New Jersey in October 1985, and went to work for Hilton Manufacturing in Linden. This was my first job in America. In 1986 I joined Polo Ralph Lauren, located on Madison Avenue in New York City, as an alteration tailor. In 1989 I was transferred to the Princeton Forrestal Village store as the tailor shop manager. From there I was transferred to Short Hills in June of 1991 where I worked until November of 2000. Those 14 1/2 years, with Polo Ralph Lauren, were enjoyable experiences. Therefore, it was a hard decision to leave them. However, my dream was always to be on my own.

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Included in the roster for the first time at the Summit Area Chapter is Pet First Aid. This is a four-hour course that will teach pet lovers how to care for their dog or cat in an emergency. Some of the topics covered include: how to keep your pet from injury; how to perform rescue breathing and CPR; what to do when your pet is choking; how to stop bleeding; splint broken bones, treat for shock; and how to handle sudden illnesses, including car sickness.

- Community First Aid & Safety: Nine-hour course including First Aid, Adult CPR, and Infant & Child CPR. fee, \$60; today, 6 to 10:30 p.m.
Infant & Child CPR: Six-hour course includes CPR and choking for babies; fee \$35, Monday and Tuesday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
At The Connection, Summit, Aug. 4 and 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The Summit Area Red Cross Chapter provides service to five communities: Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Long Hill Township, Springfield and Summit.

Call 908-273-2076 to register for class or for information.

Community health events

As part of Atlantic Health System's ongoing community health education efforts, Overlook Hospital will host community health events in July.

Preregistration is required, and unless otherwise noted, those interested must call 1-800-247-9580 to register by requesting program name, date, time and location. Individuals also may visit Atlantic's web site at www.AtlanticHealth.org to register for any of the free health education programs, which are posted in the Community Health section. All programs are conducted at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., unless otherwise specified.

"After Viagra: Options When Medical Management Fails." Learn other highly effective treatment options for erectile dysfunction today from 10 a.m. to noon presented by Barry Seidman, M.D. urologist, Overlook Hospital.

HEALTH

"Look Good, Feel Better." Help with appearance and related side effects for women undergoing cancer treatment on Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 908-277-3663. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

Breast cancer support groups, Mondays, with facilitators Lenore Lerner and Mindy Novick; Tuesdays with facilitators Suzanne Koerner and Vaughn Schwartz.

For information and specific time, call 908-522-5277. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

Women at post treatment. A support group for women who have undergone treatment for cancer. Thursdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. at The Connection for Women and Families, 19 Maple St., with facilitators: Kay English and Mary Hill. For information, call 908-277-3663. Co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital and Pathways Breast Cancer Organization.

'Living well with arthritis'

Do you suffer from rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis? Many older

Americans live with the chronic pain of osteoarthritis. People of all ages can suffer from rheumatoid arthritis and the limitations caused by it.

SAGE is presenting 'Living well with arthritis,' a discussion on rheumatoid and osteoarthritis and suggestions for dealing with these two illnesses, on Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. The educational presentation will be given by Ellen Weinman, hand therapy manager with Morris Area Rehabilitation Association Inc.

Weinman will discuss the two kinds of arthritis and give an overview of joint protection. She will also offer suggestions for dealing with arthritis, including energy conservation techniques, medication, diet and exercise and the mind/body connection.

The seminar is part of SAGE's Women's Issues Series, a bimonthly series that deals with women's challenges at midlife and beyond. The SAGE Women's Issues Series is presented free to the public, however, seating is limited. To make a reservation or to receive information, call Ellen McNally, at SAGE InfoCare, at 908-773-1508.

Young arboretum fan



Sixteen-month-old Isabella Vieira of Springfield recently enjoyed Tea on the Terrace at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. The arboretum hosts two more Tea on the Terrace events this summer, today and Aug. 9 and Aug. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Call 908-273-8787 to make a reservation.

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### AT THE LIBRARY

#### Summer reading club

The Mountside Library, Constitution Plaza, offers children's programs throughout the summer as part of "2001: A Reading Odyssey," the summer reading club.

- Bedtime Storytime, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Storytime and crafts for children kindergarten to grade four, today and Aug. 2, 2 p.m.
- Summer reading club finale party, Aug. 9, 11 a.m.

#### Storytime programs

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., sponsors two storytime programs this week as part of the Springfield Library's summer reading program, "2001: A Reading Odyssey."

• Mother Goose Storytime takes place today at 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-1/2 to 3, and Family Storytime will be Monday 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 Monday 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.

Mohammad's blindness drives a wedge in his relationship with his father. The lad is a loving student of nature and longs for village life with his family, but his father is ashamed of him, wanting to farm the boy out to clear the way for marriage to a woman who knows nothing of his son.

Directed by Majid Majidi, the film was nominated for an Academy Award, and has become the most successful Iranian film to be released in the United States.

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.

For more information, call 973-376-4930.

#### 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 Tuesday at noon.

The series will continue Aug. 14 with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman" and on Aug. 28 with "Ella Fitzgerald."

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

### Poolside one on one



Joe Giaimo sinks a shot while Bill McMillan, left, and Tom Giaimo look on during a trip to the Springfield Municipal Pool earlier this month.

### Man arrested for alleged assault on bus driver

**Springfield**

Thomas Michael Keaty, 56, of South Carolina, was arrested at 10:01 p.m. for alleged aggravated assault on a NJ Transit bus driver while the bus was in operation. The disposition date was Friday at the Central Intake Unit, New Jersey Superior Court of Union County.

- On Tuesday, the owner of a 1998 Ford Pickup had his vehicle scratched from front to back by an unknown suspect while it was parked in the homeowner's driveway along the 400 block of Meisel Avenue at 5:05 p.m.
- On Friday, a Colonial Terrace resident reported several items stolen from his home. Among them were four 6-inch potted plants at \$20 each, one 12-inch potted plant at \$40, and one 18-inch square white plastic wicker at \$99.
- On Friday at 10:42 a.m., a Summit resident reported damage to the side door of his 2000 Jeep Cherokee

while it was parked at 22 Route 22 East in Springfield. A suspect entered the vehicle and stole several items, including a Dell Latitude laptop, a credit card bill, paystubs, a social security number, and various workpapers.

- Greenburg and Company, 155 Morris Ave., reported two Panasonic phones stolen from their property between July 18 and 19 at 10:28 p.m. The estimated value of the phones is \$200.

#### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Mountainside

At 1 a.m. on July 19, Mountainside Police arrested Chevonne R. Morse-Cohen, 19, of Piscataway, for allegedly passing a bad check in Mountainside Municipal Court. The check was under \$200, and she was charged with fraud.

### Borough firefighters extinguish car blaze

**Mountainside**

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to Route 22 West in the area of the Sun Tavern on a report of a vehicle on fire on Monday at 2:50 p.m.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the vehicle in flames. The driver was hit by another vehicle while making a rapid exit from her burning 2001 Mitsubishi.

The driver was taken to the hospital by ambulance before firefighters extinguished the blaze.

- Firefighters responded to an assisted living facility Saturday at 8:30 p.m. on an activated alarm. A duty detector was revealed to be the cause and the company was notified. At 3:19 p.m., the department responded to an activated alarm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Central Avenue, which had been pulled by a student.
- A malfunction of an alarm was handled at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on July 19 at 3:42 p.m. Another activated alarm came in July 18 at 5:54 p.m., but there was no fire.
- An odor of gas was reported July 15 at 12:45 p.m. at a New Providence Road residence. An investigation revealed the source was Malathion being used to kill carpenter ants.

**Springfield**

- Saturday: 1:43 a.m. Route 78 West milepost 49.9 for a motor vehicle accident with a car fire; 12:38 p.m. Route 78 West milepost 49 for a medical service call; 1:10 p.m., medical service at Antioch Church block party; 3:19 p.m. Route 78 East milepost 47.9 for a car fire.
- Friday: 10:49 a.m., Mountain and Wabeno avenues for a motor vehicle accident; 7:03 p.m., Town Hall for an activated fire alarm.
- July 19: 6:17 a.m., Springfield Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call; 7:04 a.m., Remer Avenue residence for a medical service call; 1:34 p.m., South Springfield Avenue business for a medical service call; 4:44 p.m., Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call.
- July 18: 8:53 a.m., Center Street residence for a medical service call; 10:24 a.m., Route 24 East for an overturned truck; 12:37 p.m., Golf Oval residence for an activated fire alarm; 1:45 p.m., Mountain and Wabeno avenues for a motor vehicle accident with a possible pesticide spill; 2 p.m., Chimney Ridge residence for an activated fire alarm; 5:47 p.m., Route 22 East business for an activated water flow alarm; 7:32 p.m., Route 24 West for a motor vehicle accident; 8:12 p.m., Walton School for an activated fire alarm; 11:49 p.m., Milltown Road for a motor vehicle accident.
- July 17: 11:54 a.m., Town Hall for an activated fire alarm; 1:03 p.m., Route 22 West business for a medical service call; 1:26 p.m., Mountain Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call; 3:08 p.m., all units responded to a Route 22 West business for an activated fire alarm.
- July 16: 6:05 a.m., Sandmeier School for an activated fire alarm; 11:35 a.m., Redwood Road for a medical service call, victim struck by a car; 12:21 p.m., Tooker Avenue residence for a police assist.

#### FIRE BLOTTER

### RECREATION

#### 'A Raven's Feast'

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

For information, call 908-789-3670.

#### Drive-in movie night

The Springfield Recreation Department will present Nickelodeon Drive-In Movie Family Night Aug. 20, with an interactive village of rides, food, and games plus a drive-in movie featuring "Rugrats in Paris" at Dayton High School.

Events begin at 5 p.m. and the movie begins at dusk. Admission is \$12 per carload and checks can be made payable to Event's Direct. Tickets will be available at the Sarah Baily Civic Center and the Springfield Community Pool.

Due to a limited parking area, only 140 tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Rain date will be Aug. 21.

For information call 973-912-2227.

#### Trailside summer camps

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, has summer camp openings for children entering third to sixth grades.

"Branching Out" — a five-day camp for students entering third and fourth grades — has openings available for the week of Aug. 6 to 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. Children will discover and learn about a variety of trees and why they are so important to both animals and humans. The students will learn how to identify trees, make tea from a tree and create their own leaf print T-shirt.

"Hooray for Herpetiles" — a five-day camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades — has spaces available for the week of Aug. 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers will have the opportunity to take an in-depth look into the world of reptiles and amphibians. The students will search for frogs, toads, salamanders, snakes and

turtles and record their findings for the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Herpetile Atlas Project.

"Backwoods Lore" is another camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades and it has openings for the week of Aug. 13-17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will venture out every day to learn about wilderness survival. Participants will learn to gather and prepare wild edibles, to build an emergency shelter and fire, and to track local mammals.

Pre-registration is required for all summer camps at Trailside. The fee for each week of morning or afternoon camps is \$105. "Hooray for Herpetiles" and "Backwoods Lore" can be combined for a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. camp for \$245.

### RELIGION

#### 'SonCreek Junction'

"SonCreek Junction" is this summer's theme for a week of special fun music, daily Bible story lessons, recreation and skills, refreshments, live action skits, friend-making and more at Mountainside Chapel, 1180 Spruce Drive.

Director of Ministries Nick Campagna announces this family- and community-oriented program will be Aug. 6-10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme focuses on the adventure of living in God's family through the Book of Acts.

Summer Bible Blast is offered to children pre-kindergarten, age 4, through those entering grade five in the fall. A special junior high program for those entering sixth through eighth grades is conducted during the same week from 7 to 9 p.m. The junior high program also features a well-supervised all-day trip in August.

A well-attended Ladies' Class is offered during the same hours as the children's program, and mothers-who attended this class are provided with childcare for newborns through age 3. A special tier is available for the junior high program and Ladies' Class upon request.

A staff of more than 60 dedicated and responsible Christian adults, professionals, colleagues, high school students, and helpers stand ready to welcome your family to take part in our annual Bible School. Because enrollment is limited and will be closed on Monday, register as soon as possible by calling the chapel office at 908-232-3456.

#### Vacation Bible program at Emanuel United

A family-friendly Vacation Bible program called "Water and the Word" is being offered by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist 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 Aug. 7 and 14 from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m., and dinner will be served for the entire family. All ages are welcome, with special events planned for children age 3 through eighth grade. Test 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.

#### Services for summer continue at temple

Summer services at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 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.

Conducting services on Friday will be Marc and Pam Bain; Aug. 3, Karen Levine; Aug. 10, Fred and Marge Saide; Aug. 17, Jonathan, Linda Kraushar and family; and Aug. 24, Barry Tornick.

Sha'arey Shalom summer services are conducted in a casual atmosphere. This is a good opportunity for families unaffiliated with a temple or synagogue to meet temple members, learn of the customs and traditions of the congregation, celebrate the Sabbath, and learn and see first hand what Sha'arey Shalom has to offer.

The congregation has a vibrant and growing religious and nursery school and a very popular nursery school program. Throughout the year there is an ongoing adult education program and a very active social action committee.

Additionally, in the recently renovated facilities, the social hall provides the perfect spot to celebrate all social and life cycle events.

Sabbath services are Friday evening and Saturday morning during the non-summer months. The spiritual leaders of the congregation are Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels. The temple president is Murray Bell.

Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of

American Hebrew Congregations. The membership is from Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties, including the towns of Clark, Chatham, Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Mountainside, Short Hills, Springfield, Summit, Watchung, Warren, Westfield and Union.

The public is invited to all Friday and Saturday Sabbath services. For information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

#### Beth Ahm Teen Institute

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, is now taking registration for its new Teen Institute starting Sept. 16. The program is designed for Jewish students in the eighth, ninth and 10th grades to continue their education past their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and it is not intended to be ordinary, traditional Hebrew High School.

The program focuses on the issues Jewish teens face as they are maturing and the Jewish perspective on how to handle and face those problems. The faculty will include Rabbi Mark Malach, the temple's spiritual leader and other teachers.

The program also will include classes on Israeli cooking and dancing. There will be sessions on how the film, and television media relate to concepts in Judaism. In addition, special field trips and guest speakers will be included in the curriculum.

#### New assemblyman hosts open house tonight

The newest member of the Assembly is formally opening his doors to the public tonight. 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 Sen. C. Louis Basso, 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 tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. The legislative office, at 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, costs, quality, and management as an academic discipline.

Munoz has served as an elected official since 1995 as councilman at large in his home community. He resides in Summit with his wife Nancy and five children.

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

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## Petino ready for challenge of head coaching position Named Dayton boys' basketball mentor

By Jeff Wolfrum  
 Staff Writer

"It's a big step but I'm ready to take it," is what newly named Dayton High School boys' basketball coach Justin Petino said. "I worked my way up and feel really good about taking over the program."

Petino, a 1991 graduate of the school, takes over for Bill Berger, who resigned in March.

"The Springfield Board of Education and athletic director Kevin Murphy made a great choice," Berger said.

A 1998 Montclair State University graduate, Petino earned a teaching degree at that school. He first joined Berger's staff as the freshman coach in 1995. He was the Trojans coach for two years and the junior varsity coach for the past four seasons.

Petino also served as Berger's assistant varsity coach this past winter season.

"Anytime an assistant coach aspires to become the top guy, it makes you feel really proud," Berger said.

Coming off a season in which the Bulldogs went 19-5 and won the North Jersey, Section 3, Group 1 championship, Petino feels this year's upcoming campaign will be one of transition.

"We have one returning starter from last year's team, so we need some other players to step up," Petino said. That starter, senior forward Matt Paz, will be joined by fellow seniors Mo Abdelaziz, Chase Freundlich, Justin Woodruff and LaQuan Boone.

Petino will also look for contributions from juniors Mike Nottolo, Don Volkert and Tim Homlish.

"We have a lot of players with inexperience and with me being a new head coach, we'll have to grow together," Petino said.

With a mindset of not overhauling the system installed by his predecessor, Petino will add some new things and work as he goes.

"I'm going to do whatever the situation calls for in order to give our team the best chance to win," Petino said.

Calling Berger his mentor, Petino is grateful for the six years he served on his staff.

"He helped me grow as a coach," Petino said. "I definitely came a long way under him."

With a philosophy of being level-headed, while still being aggressive and patient, Petino expects his team to give him a great effort every night.

"I expect them to go out and work hard and not give less than 100 percent," Petino said.

The coach gets his first look at the team when practice commences Nov. 23. Petino gets his first crack at a win when the Bulldogs open their season at home on Dec. 14 against North Plainfield.

In addition to setting a goal of making the state playoffs for a seventh consecutive season, Petino wants his team to make a good showing in the Morris Catholic Holiday Tournament in December.

"It's a three-game set, so I'd like our team to win at least two of three," Petino said. "If we win it, that would be gravy."

Still in the process of rounding out his coaching staff, Petino hopes to recapture the buzz that surrounded the town last season.

"I still get chills talking about how the town came alive when our team was playing well," Petino said. "It's a great feeling and knowing how to obtain it comes from hard work. That's great motivation."



The Red Sox captured the Springfield Recreation Girls Softball League's Major League championship. Front row, from left, are Diana Torzewski, Carolyn Maul, Courtney Brahm, Stacey Sommer and Shannon O'Connor. Second row, from left, are Haley Rotenberg, Janine Kahoonei, Jennifer Santucci, Anne Marie Corcione, Jessica Roland and Sara Johnson. Back row, from left, are Tom Torzewski, Lisa Roland, Hank Rotenberg and Bob O'Connor.

## Red Sox pull off major upset in winning Major League title

The Red Sox pulled off a major upset and stunned the previously undefeated A's 10-8 to win the Springfield Recreation Girls Softball League's Major League championship.

Singles were hit by Jen Santucci, Courtney Brahm, Jessica Roland, Carolyn Maul, Shannon O'Connor, Sara Johnson, Diana Torzewski and Stacey Sommer, while Janine Kahoonei, Santucci and Anne Marie Corcione pitched well and Sommer, Roland and Haley Rotenberg were spectacular in the field.

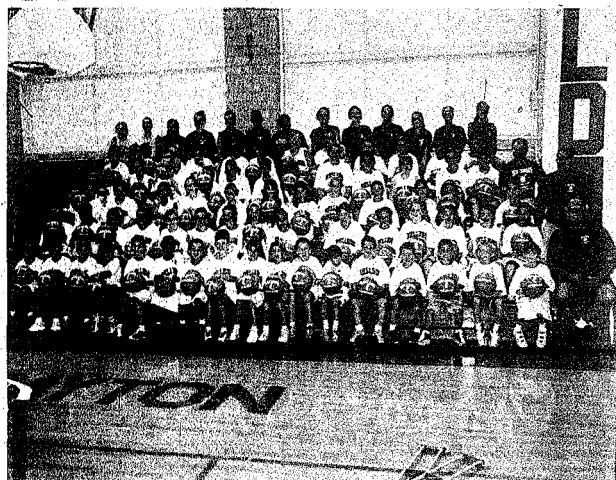
The A's, who finished 10-1, were sparked all season long by the outstanding play of pitcher Colleen Spadora, Jessica Fiorelli, Allison Schachtel, Laura Frankel, Anna D'Achille, Danielle DePrimo, Shira Weinstein, Dana Schliekhor, Dana Schliekhor, Kyla MacMillan, Lauren Adler and Dana Robinson.

The Reds defeated the Dodgers 21-6 to capture the Minor League title.

Katie Venezia, Jillian Torzewski, Jolie Martin, Nicolette Staubs and Jacqueline Kuczynski — the top five girls in the Reds' lineup — combined for 17 hits and 15 runs. Kuczynski blasted a grand slam. Venezia smashed two doubles and Martin one, while Sara Terhune had two singles and two RBI. Meredith DelMauro and Stephanie Cruz were brilliant behind the plate in handling the pitching of Kuczynski, Staubs and Casey Kennedy, who held the powerful Dodger lineup in check with the help of the dazzling fielding of Olivia Canero, Haley Kornspan, Kim Baldwin and Katie Murphy.

The Dodgers were sparked by the play of Anna Tettamanti, who was 3-for-3 with three runs; Carissa Clark and Carrie Ann Berschy, who each had two hits and two RBI; Taylor Zilinek, who was 2-for-2 and Carly Wolfolk, who banged out two singles.

Also playing well were Shane Apicella, Kim Alonso, Nicole DelMauro, Marissa Rinderman, Michelle Pitch, Quinn Curtis, Jeanine Costa and Alexz Links.



This summer's third annual Bulldog Basketball Camp at Dayton High School was run by girls' basketball coach Dave Rennie, newly appointed boys' basketball coach Justin Petino and his predecessor Bill Berger. The goal of the camp directors and staff members was to give each camper — regardless of his or her experience — an opportunity to improve his or her skills," Rennie said. Nearly 140 campers participated during the weeks of June 25 and July 9 and each received a specially designed camp T-shirt and basketball. "The Bulldog Camp has continuously grown over the last three years," Rennie said. "Although originally a one-week camp, it's now open to campers for two weeks. By introducing kids to basketball and honing the skills of those who like the game, the camp contributes to the success of all local teams — from youth age recreation programs to the high school level."

## Springfield swimmers succeed vs. Livingston and Morris Twp.

The following is a look at how Springfield swimmers performed in their North Jersey Summer Swim League meet against Livingston July 9:

- 12-under girls individual medley: Ann Marie Corcione, third.
- 13-over girls IM: Katie Palito, third.
- 13-over boys IM: Louis Puopolo, second.
- 8-under girls freestyle: Alex Rodriguez, first; Gina Corcino, second.
- 9-10 girls freestyle: Jamie Mosovich, third.
- 9-10 boys freestyle: Nick Garcia, second.
- 11-12 girls freestyle: Amanda Rodriguez, second.
- 13-14 girls freestyle: Joanna Galante, first; Carolyn Maul, third.
- 13-14 boys freestyle: Steven Stockl, first; Matt Boecian, second.
- 15-over girls freestyle: Karen Boecian, first; Dina Galante, third.
- 15-over boys freestyle: John Cottage, second.
- 8-under boys backstroke: John Hoehn, first.
- 9-10 girls backstroke: Taylor Zilinek, first.
- 9-10 boys backstroke: Anthony Sator, third.
- 11-12 girls backstroke: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls backstroke: Katie Palito, first; Catherine Andrasco, second.
- 13-14 boys backstroke: Steven Stockl, first; Matt Boecian, second.
- 15-over girls backstroke: Karen Boecian, second.
- 15-over boys backstroke: Bryan Demberger, second; John Cottage, third.
- 8-under girls breaststroke: Haley Lynn, third.
- 8-under boys breaststroke: John Hoehn, first; Kevin Ricardo, second.
- 9-10 girls breaststroke: Taylor Zilinek, first.
- 9-10 boys breaststroke: Nick Garcia, second.
- 13-14 girls breaststroke: Carolyn Maul, second; Joanne Galante, third.
- 13-14 boys breaststroke: Louis Puopolo, second; Matt Boecian, third.
- 15-over girls breaststroke: Nicole Greten, second.
- 15-over boys breaststroke: John Cottage, second.
- 8-under girls butterfly: Ariella Fishkin, second.

- 8-under boys butterfly: John Hoehn, second; Matt Sulkowski, third.
- 9-10 girls butterfly: Clare Demberger, third.
- 11-12 boys butterfly: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls butterfly: Joanna Galante, first; Katie Palito, second; Raquel Domaratzky, third.
- 13-14 boys butterfly: Steven Stockl, second; Nick Paolino, third.
- 15-over girls butterfly: Dina Galante, second.
- 15-over boys butterfly: Bryan Demberger, second.
- 12-under girls medley relay: C. Demberger, J. Palermo, A. Demberger, T. Zilinek.
- 13-over medley relay: First: K. Breelan, C. Maul, B. Demberger, L. Puopolo.
- 8-under co-ed freestyle relay: Second: M. Sulkowski, M. DelMauro, K. Ricciardi, A. Fishkin. Third: A. Cecciatore, G. Corcione, S. Apicella, H. Lynn.
- 12-over girls freestyle relay: Second: M. DelMauro, A. Corcione, A. Czargo, A. Rodriguez.

The following is a look at how Springfield swimmers performed against Morris Township July 12:

- 12-under girls IM: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-over girls: Catherine Andrasco, first; Katie Palito, second.
- 13-over boys: Louis Puopolo, first; Nick Paolino, third.
- 8-under girls backstroke: Ariella Fishkin, second.
- 8-under boys: John Hoehn, first.
- 9-10 girls: Amanda Grywalski, first.
- 11-12 girls: Anni Demberger, first.
- 13-14 girls: Catherine Andrasco, first. Nicole Greten, third.
- 13-14 boys: Steven Stockl, first. Matt Boecian, second.
- 15-over girls: Dina Galante, second; Raquel Domaratzky, third.
- 15-over boys: Mitch Hollander, first; John Cottage, second.
- 8-under girls backstroke: Mallory DelMauro, first; Alex Rodriguez, third.
- 8-under boys: John Hoehn, first.
- 9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, first.

## Minutemen 14s baseball downs Millburn

The Springfield Minutemen age 14 baseball team had a 6-4 record as of last week, coming up with wins over Millburn 15-6 and over the Springfield 13s by a 12-3 count.

After a 7-1 loss to Westfield at Ruby Field, Springfield slugged its way past Millburn as Raul Fornaguera, Steven Teismanti, Patrick Circeali, Kenneth Suarez, Scott Chertoff, Michael Kronert, Justin Molinari and Josh Goldman drove in runs in a game played at Plingry's Field in Millburn. Michael Mannarino earned the mound victory.

Suarez was the winning pitcher against the Springfield 13s, getting strong relief from Kronert, Molinari and Circeali.

Springfield was downed by Summit 7-6 despite RBI by Jeremy Marx, Circeali, Suarez and Louis Puopolo.

Springfield had games scheduled last week against New Providence and Mountaineer at Ruby Field and at Westfield.

The Springfield 12s were 6-6 as of last week, coming up with an impressive 18-6 victory over Union at Roessner Field in Springfield.

Chris Kurzman, Jimmy Guarino, Stephen Suarez and Ryan O'Reilly scored early in the game for Springfield. In the bottom of the fifth, Kurzman, Guarino, Ryan Sabinsky, Evan Ring and Mickey Stromeer crossed home plate. Adam Moss and Brandon Gineel also scored runs.

Springfield blanked Cranford 1-0 as Moss drove home David Steinman after Steinman reached with a single. Sabinsky struck out six to earn the mound victory, hurling a shutout.

Springfield was scheduled to play Orange on July 12, but received a forfeit victory. The squad had scheduled games last week against Millburn at Roessner at Maplewood at Flohram Park and on Monday was scheduled to face Livingston at Roessner.

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**Tax collector will be open on Monday**

The Tax Collector's Office will be open on Monday and Aug. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. for those who wish to pay their third quarter real estate taxes in person.

Daytime summer hours for the tax office are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Taxes are due on Wednesday and there is a grace period of 10 calendar days. Following the grace period, interest will be charged for late payments.

Homeowners who have not received their tax bills or who have questions, should call the tax collector, Carolyn M. Brattloff, at 908-273-6403.

**Surrogate evening hours**

Union County Surrogate James LaCorte offers evening office hours in Summitt, 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.

LaCorte 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 three other 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.

LaCorte 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.

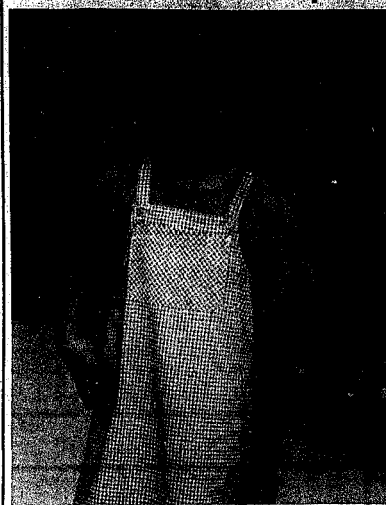
**Success For Girls**

Success For Girls in Middle School, for girls entering grades six and seven, is designed to help girls make a smooth transition into middle school, both academically and socially.

In the two-week program, which runs Aug. 6-17 from 9 a.m. to noon each day, students learn study skills with emphasis on time management, organization, note taking, problem solving and test preparation. Building writing skills and a math review, are also a part of this unique program.

The cost of the program is \$300 for the two-week session. For registration information or details about Success For Girls in Middle School, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 272; e-mail [sl@kentplace.summit.nj.us](mailto:sl@kentplace.summit.nj.us), or visit on [www.kentplace.org/summer](http://www.kentplace.org/summer).

**A summer fashion plate**



Daniela Vargas, a student at Washington School, models a summer frock at the fashion show and poetry recital staged by the school's third- and fifth-grade ESL students of teacher Anna Gomez. The event gave them a chance to show off their English fluency skills.

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**RELIGION**

**Equality is sermon topic**

John Whitcomb, a retired history teacher living in Berkeley Heights, will give the Sunday sermon at the Unitarian Church, 165 Summit Ave., Summit, beginning at 10 a.m.

Whitcomb's subject matter will be "The Long Struggle for Equality and Respect, Blacks in the White House." He and his daughter, Claire Whitcomb, have co-authored several books, the latest of which is titled "Real Life at the White House," published by Routledge in the United States and Great Britain. The book was published in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the White House.

For more information about Whitcomb's sermon, call the Unitarian Church at 908-273-3245.

**Sinai Shabbat services**

Temple Sinai, 208 Summit Ave., Summit, will conduct Shabbat services on Friday 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 Saturday at 8 p.m. The summer services are short, casual and friendly and are led by temple members.

The services are open to anyone interested in attending. It includes 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 for about membership, call the temple office, 908-273-4921.

**Parish youth group completes another year**

For the fourth year, St. Teresa of Avila Parish Youth Group in Summit concluded a busy schedule of volunteer service at Catholic Community Services in Newark on July 2 with visits to the agency's Adult Day Care Program and the CCS Cares Child Development Center.

This year's service trip began on June 29 and ended on July 2, when Monsignor Dennis J. Malton, 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.

The group, which marked its fourth year of service this year, consisted of 18 high school students and three adults who cleaned and painted St. Rocco's Family Residence and the Mount Carmel Guild Children's Center in Newark and interacted with the program's clients. 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 oversees the entire process. At St. Rocco's Family Emergency Shelter in Newark, 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 July 2, the entire team visited the Adult Day Care Center Program in

Newark, 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 Program received donations of a new computer, printer, various art/knitting supplies and a \$300 gift certificate to a buffet restaurant. Catholic Communi-

ty Services, the social services agency for the Archdiocese of Newark, is the largest nonprofit, non-sectarian, faith-based community development organization in New Jersey.

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