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Board's secretary will leave schools

Springfield school business administrator and Board of Education secretary Robert Yager has resigned as of June 30. The Board of Education formally accepted his resignation Monday night.

Yager, who has completed one year of a two-year contract, will be business administrator of the Watchung Hills Regional School District. He says his new position "is like a promotion." It is a "much larger district" and is a form of "professional advancement," he said.

Springfield's new business administrator will earn a salary "in the low-to mid-20's" to administer the business aspect of the school system, Yager said.

Yager, a Bergen County resident, said he liked working in Springfield with a variety of professionals.

Yager's experience in business and education is substantial.

He earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and master's degree from Columbia University in the late 1960s and went to work in the sales department of Remington Rand. Next, he did administrative work on national defense contracts with ITT.

In 1969, the government cut back on



BRILLIANT BATTLE—A hard-fought battle by the American Continental army that prevented the British and Hessian soldiers from seizing Gen. George Washington's supplies in Morristown will be reenacted by the Soldiers of the Brigade Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on Meisel Field, Springfield.

Militia faces Redcoats on battle anniversary

A dramatic reenactment of the Battle of Springfield with uniformed militiamen, the crash of flintlock muskets and the roar of cannons is a highlight of the 200th anniversary battle celebrations this weekend.

Open encampments by the American Continental army and King George's redcoats will be set up at 11:30 a.m. Saturday on Meisel Field. Members of the quartermaster departments will demonstrate to visitors how to make and repair the Colonial arms. Camp followers, who made soap and candles, mended clothes, tended the sick and wounded and cooked food, will complete the picture.

The battle itself will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday with files and drums calling soldiers into ranks. Frontier riflemen, green-coated loyalists, citizen soldiers of the militia—mercenaries, American Continentals and the Redcoats of King George—all will be represented at the battle reenactment.

The high point of the reenactment will be when Washington's army collides with King George's forces in a tactical battlefield demonstration.

The battle reenactment will be demonstrated by the Brigade of the American Revolution, an international historical society that attempts to recreate the Colonial era, according to George Woodbridge, Brigade Commander. "We create the life of the common soldiers who fought on both sides of the American Revolution," he said.

Descendants of the men who served in the Revolutionary War and the son of a former slave are marshals for the parade on Saturday.

The marshals, representing the three communities participating in the celebration, are William E. Nicholls Jr. of Union, William H. Garner of Springfield and Phillip S. Ross of Millburn.

Nicholls, vice president of the Union Township Historical Society, is a direct descendant of John Kays, an aide to General George Washington. A memorial to Kays is located in Newton Cemetery, where his entire family is buried.

The parade led by the three men will begin at 2 p.m. in Union at the corner of Morris Avenue and Spruce Street. It will move along Morris Avenue, Springfield Avenue, Main Street, Millburn Avenue, Sims Hills Avenue, back to Morris Avenue and on to Mountain Avenue, past a reviewing stand in front of the Springfield Town Hall.

Float judging and entertainment will take place at Edward Ruby Park on



A BETTER LOOK—The throng this weekend at the U.S. Open tournament at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, made these participants the best way for many of the spectators to follow the action. (See article and pictures on page 13).

Township schools lose their prime mover

By LINDA CARLEU

The phone rang non-stop Thursday morning in Dr. Thelma Sandmeier's office. Teachers and students stopped by in a procession with sad words at the news of her retirement.

Forty-nine years after she began her career as an English teacher at the Raymond Chisolm School, the principal of Florence Gaudinier School steps down amid pleas from faculty, teachers and students to continue.

Sandmeier will leave fond memories in the minds of Springfield citizens, but she also leaves concrete examples of her dedication to her students and community.

Handmade Colonial-style signs designed and painted by Florence Gaudinier students are an equivalent road to the township.

A Colonial bedroom and kitchen in the Cannonball House were recreated by seventh- and eighth-grade Florence Gaudinier students.

The newest addition to the Springfield school system, the Thelma Lake Sandmeier elementary school, dedicated in 1980, is an attestation to the inspiration she gave to more than 35,000 students that passed through her hands.

The sixty-nine year old principal has been talked out of retiring for four years, but her decision is final this year.

"I don't want to be equaled with Reagan, who, if he gets the presidency, has to have his marbles examined every year," she says.

Although she finally is being allowed to leave, she is not entirely happy about it.

"There is plenty pulling me back—classes I'm teaching, kids I'm tutoring. There are always students pulling me back," she says.

Her devotion to the students is told by one bus driver's comment.

"The first time I met you, you were tutoring someone at 6 a.m.," said Holly Silvers, when she popped into Sandmeier's office Thursday.

Sandmeier once wrote to her faculty, "There can be no price put on education, even though the returns from the investment are not realized immediately. The question should always be how wisely to invest, not how much."

"She knows the progress of every child, the weakness of every child, the strength of every child," said English teacher Barbara Jaeger.

After 27 years as principal of Florence Gaudinier School, she still eats lunch with the students and it is not surprising to find her munching a cookie in the hallways. The 93-pound, 5'4" principal has as much energy as a child herself.

"I have a hard time keeping up with her in the halls," said one teacher.

Sandmeier says "it is a comfortable and easy relationship" between herself and the faculty. The average length of employment at Florence Gaudinier School is 15 to 18 years, she says.

"It was never a boss-employee relationship," says teacher Rhoda Gensler. Her career has been so comfortable that the three years she planned to teach turned into 49.

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Calwell Place in Springfield, where the parade will end.

In the evening, the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board will present a giant bonfire—a reenactment of the signal beacons built to give warning of British attacks—at Bryant Park on Springfield Avenue at the Springfield Summit line.

About 200 logs built into a 26-foot high pyramid will be used to create the bonfire.

The program, starting at 8 p.m., also will include Colonial music, demonstrations of 18th century weapons, artillery salutes and a marching of the colors from Union County municipalities and surrounding communities.

Union County Freeholder Chairwoman Joanne Rajopaj and County Manager George Albanese will give the welcome. County and state officials and delegations from Union County's 21 municipalities have been invited to be in the reviewing stand.

Parking for the handicapped and for special guests will be available in the park next to the reviewing stand. Summit and Springfield police will be on hand to direct others to nearby parking areas.

Passes for handicapped parking and for admittance to a special photography section for the bonfire are available from the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, 233-7966.

On Sunday, the Heritage Day Festival will take place at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School from 1 to 4 p.m. Entertainment by ethnic groups in the school parking lot will take place at 3 p.m.

An historic bus trip will be given Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. hourly from P'nai Israel at Millburn Avenue and Vauxhall Road.



SADLY MISSED—Dr. Thelma Lake Sandmeier, principal of the Florence Gaudinier School, Springfield, talks with guidance counselor Lucille Weiss shortly before she announced her retirement last week. Sandmeier has completed 49 years with the Springfield school system.

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No longer children

A typical sight at this time of the year is a large assemblage of young persons, trying to look serious in their caps and gowns as orators tell them at great length what they should do with their lives.

More important, we believe, is the significance of a high school graduation ceremony as a rite of passage. These are no longer boys and girls; they are men and women.

After all, a generation which is turning the world over to these new graduates in its present shape has not really earned the right to tell them what to do with it.

PAST TENSE

ONE YEAR AGO The Springfield Board of Education votes to restore the hot lunch program which it had planned to cut as an economy move in the coming school year.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO RICHARD T. BUNNELL is named president of the Lions Club. The twenty-first annual church service commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Springfield is held. Springfield makes a new entry in Boy Scout ranks when Troop 63 at St. James Catholic Church is formed.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO The Springfield Sun celebrates the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield with an anniversary issue. Headlines include "Patrick Check British," "Mrs. Caldwell's Murder Exposed" and "Enemy Burns Town and 'Flees State'."

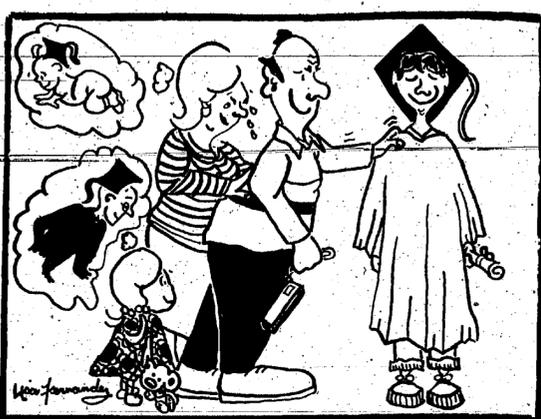
Puzzle Corner

- 1. Whose name is interpreted as meaning "father of many nations"?
2. How many days did Noah's Ark stay on the mountain?
3. Who was raised from the dead after three days?
4. The first bird mentioned in the Bible was the...
5. What was the name Jesus gave to Simon?

ANSWERS: 1. Abraham. 2. 40. 3. Jesus. 4. Dove. 5. Peter.

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THE STATE WE'RE IN

By D.F. Moore, North Jersey Conservation Foundation

Federal action to preserve our vanishing barrier islands along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts is shaping up in the form of somewhat different pieces of legislation in both houses of Congress.

Barrier islands are of critical importance to the protection of the mainland from the fury of the Atlantic Ocean. In line with what I've written before on that subject, I'm going to update things a little bit.

The public should be allowed to know whatever opinions turn out to be in the minority; and which will get taken in the bureaucratic process when that final decision is rendered.



IRISH LASSES - Susan Lynnehy, Patricia Cameron, Bridget Corbett, Susan Fox and Denise Cameron will dance a medley of Irish folk dances at the International Heritage Day Festival Sunday.

Local Irish groups to display heritage

Local residents of Irish ancestry are planning an Irish heritage display for the Battle of Springfield bicentennial celebration. Various kinds of Irish handicrafts and products will be displayed.

The Irish are a people of great spirit and energy. The Celtic tradition, language and institutions which had constituted the social fabric of the Irish people for well over a thousand years were outlawed, and to a large extent, destroyed by the conqueror.

Wohl receives degree of B.S.

Maria Wohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wohl of Hawthorn Avenue, Springfield, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from the College of Arts and Sciences and the S.I. Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse (N.Y.) University.

Brown is selected to alumni unit post

O. Mitchell Brown of Springfield has been elected to a three-year term on the executive council of the St. Lawrence University Alumni Association.

Glass-In postponed

The glass and paper collection that was scheduled to avoid conflict with the Dayton Regional High School Key Club '78 Glass-In will be held June Saturday at the high 23.

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Democrats reply to rent measure critic

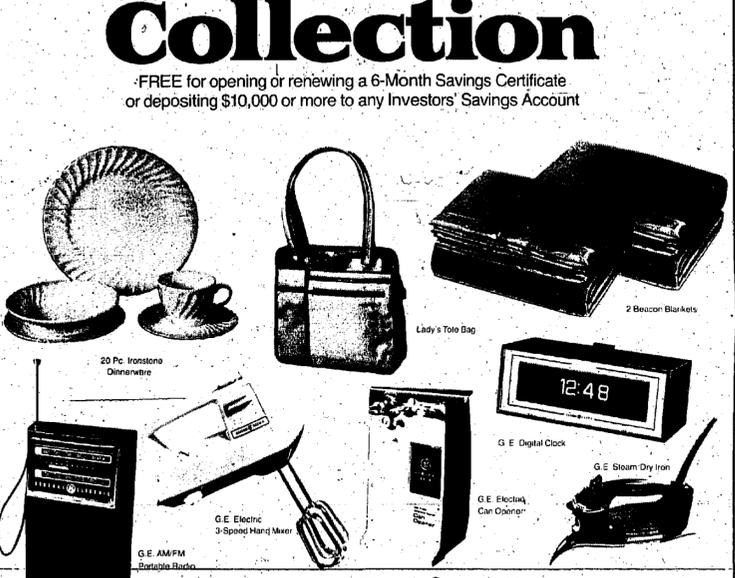
The Democratic members of the Springfield Township Committee... "Our current ordinance, in effect since 1972, allows landlords a 2 1/2 percent annual rent increase plus a surcharge that passes through to tenants all local property tax increases since the base year of 1972. It is proposed that beginning this year, the maximum annual increase be raised to 6 1/2 percent and the base year be revised to 1960.

"The error in my thinking lies in the fact that the \$20 dollar tax surcharge is not an annual increase. It is the total tax increase that has accumulated in the eight years since the base year of 1972.

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CRAFT WINNERS—Burnet Junior High School students of Anthony Saparito and Phil Gazi general art and graphic arts teachers, exhibit prizes which they won at the annual North Jersey Student Craftsman's Fair in Paramus Park. From left are Peter Gruchacz, ninth grade, first prize for a

Suit alleges illegal tap by prosecutors

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey has filed a federal suit on behalf of a civil rights activist charging that officials of the Union County Prosecutor's Office illegally "bugged" a meeting in which the activist participated. Filed on behalf of Edward Brown, the suit claims that a meeting between Brown and a business associate named Hillard Edmund in Edmund's office was "bugged" without consent of either party or a court order. The suit claims that electronic eavesdropping was done by Michael Breen, a detective in the county prosecutor's office. The suit also claims that a tape of the conversation was released illegally to third parties. Named defendants along with Breen are Union County Prosecutor Joseph Stampler, Deputy Attorney General Joseph Gorrell, and Ron Von Nessen, internal auditor for Patricia Dickinson University.

30 out of 60 places filled in Camp Union program

About 30 of the 60 places available at Camp Union, a summer day camp for children with learning disabilities, have been filled to date, according to Frank DiStefano, director. Parents of children between the ages of 5 and 15 still can enroll them for the program, which will be held at Battle Hill School in Union from July 2 through Aug. 15. Two three-week sessions and a full summer session are being offered. Camp hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, he reported. Camp Union will offer remedial and recreational programs based on each child's individual needs, DiStefano said. Anyone interested in more information by call DiStefano, 954-8639, or Pam Drota, 962-5554, president of the Union County Organization to Aid Children with Learning Disabilities.

Vaylanos gets MA

Mariya Vaylanos, Prospect Avenue, Mountainside, recently received a master of arts degree in speech communication from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

Folk festival, art show scheduled for weekend

The Watchung Reservation is the site of this weekend's Folk Festival and Summer Art Show, part of the 1980 Summer Arts Festival sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. Starting at noon on Saturday, the Folk Festival takes place in the Joseph A. and the 2,000-acre park. Gary Strano, who played as part of last year's musical calendar, heads the performance schedule. He sings contemporary and traditional songs and accompanies himself on guitar, mandolin, dulcimer and spoons. Andy Meyers follows, combining American and British songs and folk and fairy tales. The Happy Hayseeds, on tour in the East, join the free afternoon concert. They are known for American music, covering a variety of dance tunes, including reels, schottisches, two-steps and quadrilles. Their musical style is influenced by ethnic music brought to California during the turn of the century. Children are invited to the festival's puppet show, presented by Nancy and Jim Johnson. Carrying on the American folk theme, the show features songs and tales acted out by puppets. Chorus are taught to the audience for a sing-along in the accompaniment of traditional musical instruments. On Sunday, an art show highlights artists exhibiting their sketches, oils, water colors, etchings and pastels. The works, including crafts, will be on display on the green behind the Transitive Nature and Science Center, 4005 Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 1 to 5 p.m. Artists will be designing works at the show, which does not involve competi-

Ament is accepted

Robert Ament of Meeting House Lane, Mountainside, has been accepted by the Air Force Academy on the nomination of Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldi (R-N.J.).

Bassano leads 4 campaigns

Assemblyman C. Louis Bassano of Union this week was appointed campaign manager for several Republican candidates for Union County offices. The candidates are Al Vandalis of Westfield for sheriff, and freeholder hopefuls Frank H. Lehr of Summit, Virginia M. McKenney of Berkeley Park, and Peter Okrasinski of Union. Lehr was considered the finest mayor in the county before he left office, and he lowered his city taxes while county taxes were skyrocketing. McKenney, he said, "as the mayor of her community has provided the sort of dynamic, innovative leadership sorely needed on the Board of Chosen Freeholders." Noting that Okrasinski is a war hero and labor leader, Bassano cited the candidate's "sensitivity to the aspirations and problems of working men and women."

Bradley interview highlights TV show

An in-depth interview with Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) will highlight the fifth edition of "Union County Report," a TV news show produced by Union College students for local cablevision stations. The show will be broadcast today through Monday according to the following schedule: Channel 28, Plainfield, 6 p.m. today and Monday; Channel 12, Elizabeth, 4 p.m. today and 4-8 p.m. tomorrow; and Channel PA 1, Summit, 6:30-7:30 p.m. today and 10-11:30 p.m. Monday. In addition to the interview, the half-hour news show will include reports on arson investigations, poison control, proposed changes for the Route 1 Parkway traffic circle in Elizabeth and a new state plan for railroad station management and renovation. The 30 students producing this month's show were all enrolled in Union College's communications curriculum during the spring semester. A two-year program begins during the fall semester; the communications option leads to the Associate degree and prepares students for work in radio, television, newspaper, public relations, and other communications areas. Production of the show is a special project that draws students from three of the curriculum's majors.

Freeholder candidates cite nursing home lack

Union County Republican Freeholder candidates Frank H. Lehr of Summit, Virginia M. McKenney of Berkeley Park and Peter Okrasinski of Union Township this week announced strong support for an addition of a 276-bed nursing home unit to Runnels Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. It is "an absolutely necessary contribution toward overcoming the nursing home shortage in Union County," they stated. "The new nursing bed unit is desperately needed at Runnels Hospital to provide for the present waiting list of elderly patients," Okrasinski said. "The growth in the senior citizen population will create an even larger waiting list, even after the nursing beds are added. This is the least the county can do," Okrasinski added. McKenney said that far too many county residents are forced to place their elderly parents and grandparents

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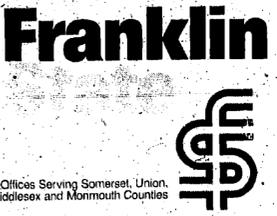
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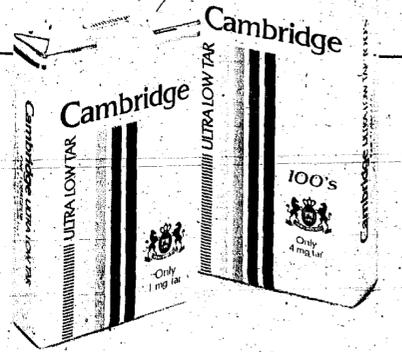
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Golfers, fans and townspeople share the fun

By LINDA CARLUCCI

Gold was the color in Springfield last weekend. A golden golf pro broke a two-year losing streak and bounced back to the ranks of the greatest, while residents turned that event into a gold mine of their own.

The Baltusrol Golf Club was the scene of Jack "The Golden Bear" Nicklaus's hard-fought victory over Ivan Adl. His record of 272 for the 72 holes netted him a handful of gold coins himself.

Residents cashed in on the event by selling everything from parking spaces to lemonade to T-shirts. Tumors of \$400 per day profits abounded as residents invited international travelers to park on their lawns for a small fee.

"Residents charged as much as they could get. From between \$7 and \$10 a space," said Police Lt. Donald Scherwitz, who directed traffic during the tournament for the Springfield police. "Cars were all over the lawns," he added.

People selling T-shirts were quickly "knocked down" for not having a canvassing permit but fruit and cold drink stands abounded, he said.

Nicklaus's gain of more than \$100,000 was not easily won either. He sweated through the hot sun as Saturday's round finished with a 204 tie with Adl at the 54-hole point of the championship tournament.

The 49-year-old golfer went through the final round Sunday with painstaking precision, finally winning his fourth U.S. Open with an eight-under-par 272 and placing him with great success as Willie Anderson, Bobby Jones and Ben Hogan.

Nicklaus's second Open win was the 1965 tournament at the Baltusrol. Many local residents remembered that event and they remembered the money the



ENTREPRENEUR—Evelyn Orbach of Shunpike Road, Springfield, used her driveway to shorten the walk along the U.S. Open tournament at the Baltusrol Golf Club, right across the street.



WINNING FORM—Jack Nicklaus displays the swing which helped him to win his fourth U.S. Open championship this past weekend at Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield.

Mets and Padres win softball upsets

In softball action last week in the Springfield Recreation Department's Girls' Upper League, the previous winless Mets won their first game of the season by defeating the first-place Cardinals.

After this week's play, the Giants are in sole possession of first place with a 7-2 record. The Giants edged the Cardinals with whom they were tied, 12-11, in nine innings.

Lori Polman knocked in the winning run with a home run to right center field in the ninth inning, her second of the

game. Carol Carpenter had a long home to center. Carmella Carpenter, winning pitcher, had a triple, double and two singles to lead her team to victory. The Cardinals came back with six in the third. The lead changed back and forth.

The Padres walloped the Giants, 25-13, effortlessly. The Padres were led by Alana Halsey, who doubled, Lisa Cook, Stacy Prigder, Kathy Aker, Cheryl Rubin and Lauri Scherwitz who didn't make a penny out of the tournament.

Ward beaten by Crestmont

Crestmont Savings defeated Ward and Company, 2-1, last week in the opening round of the Springfield Youth Baseball Minor League playoffs.

Chickie Weisse and Frank Saindrini pitched for the winners. Joey Giordano pitched well for Ward.

Facing the Crestmont attack were Santini, Chris Vecchione, Scott Summers and Mike Mancuso. Summers and

Elks roll into finals of Majors' playoffs

The Elks Club reached the finals of the Springfield Youth Baseball Major League playoffs after losing, 9-8, in an extra-inning first-round contest against PBA. PBA's Pietro Petino Jr. pitched the first six innings; he struck out 13 while allowing only five hits and six runs (two earned).

Going into the seventh inning with the

1st-half softball titles to Masco, Ehrhardt

Joe D's defeated Springfield Taxi, 10-1, in Springfield men's softball action. Tom Burke allowed two hits and had his

for a shutout was spotted in the sixth, when he gave hits to Wally Peterson, Gene Gorman and Lou Gagliardi. Joe D's was led by Ed Johnson, Tom Burke and Mike Baldusare, each with two hits. Rich Johnson had a triple for the winners.

Y softball play set for women

The Summit YWCA is offering women's recreational softball Thursdays from 8 to 9 p.m. in June and July. Registration is open at the Summit YWCA for all women and women who may sign up as a team 110 to 160 players or individually. Games will be played at Roosevelt Center Field, Park Avenue, Summit.

Mid-Spring Liguors edged the Springfield Jaycees, 17-10. Mid-Spring collected 20 hits and scored the winning run in the sixth on a home run by Mark Bolshak. Mid-Spring was led by Don Liguors, 2-2, getting 24 hits. They scored 16 runs in the first inning. Frank Filippone had four hits including a home run. Leo Kenner, Bob Jamkowski, Dave Mitchell and Lou Vasilio each had three hits for the winners. John Noce and Bob Brynmeyer for the Jaycees. Bob Brynmeyer pitched a strong game for the Jaycees. The leading hitters for the winners were Graziano, David Cole, Gregg Walsh, Ken Steinberg and Brian Cole.

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