Decades of dance
A 91-year-old Rahway residen sings and tap dances to stay young at heart. See Page B3.

Sticking to the plan
Deer Management Subcommittee recommends the county continue hunting deer. See Page B1.

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## Council looks into merging Planning, Adjustment boards

By Blaine Dillpo
The Borough Council will be look-
ing into combining the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment, in an effor
govermment.
Mayor Robert Viglianti told the
council council at its Tuesday night work ses
sion that he will be meeting with th
heads of cach board to discuss the
possible move and that he would keep
possible move and that he would keep
the council updated as to whether or
not the plan would be the best for the borough.
meeting with Dick Picut and Joh meeting with Dick Picut and John
Tomaine of the two boards to begin talking about the process and whal would be involved with the change, said Viglianti. The change is now
sible due to state legislation. For towns such as Mountainsid
which are small in size and do not combining of the two boards scem

There also is the question regardin what kinds of issues the Planning board is handling at present, sini building requests brought to the bor ough in some time. "There really hasn't been a 'real' Planning Board issue before the Planning Board in jects, like the Marriot or Sony Thea

## Education goes online

High schools to get Internet access

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer
Donald Merachnik, superintendent of the Regional High School Board of Internet as any educator
Cations systeme the Internet communications system provides a wealth of
information to teachers and staff and information to teachers and staff and that this should be brought into the high schools' instructional media centers.
While Merachnik admitted that the
and regional's attempts to get onto the
Intemet have made little progress, the board is ryying to hook up Governor Livingston High School to the Internet through the cable company Comcast.
The board is looking to supplant Comcast with a plan to get Internet three schools in the regional district. Tom Baker, the district's supervisor for Computeŕ Operations and Instruction, was one of two school employees who presented two altermeeting on Tuesday,
me One alternative presented was Info link, a library service company that serves Essex, Middlesex, Hudson and Union counties. The regional district
is served by Infolink, which provides. is served by Infolink, which provides,
in addition to Intemet access, interloans between librarics in the four counties and a database the four counties and a dat

Mountainside is a small town, and sinc we have pretty much already been developed $I$ think that we should further look into com bining the two boards.

Mayor Robert Viglianti
on the Planning and Zoning boards


adar tower in Berky, would use radar tower in Berkeley Heights and
special equipment to link the schools special equipment to link the schools
with the Internet. This connection equivalent to a T1 connection, would have none of the extras of the Infolink connection.
It also wou
It also would be more expensive at irst, with a start-up cost of
$\$ 52,000-\$ 60,000$, said Baker. However, the annual cost wouid be iess Baker said it could be free He also said a connection with Lucent Technologies is in a "com-
plete exploratory slage." "Lucent has made no commitment. No one has made any committment," According to Baker, the Infolink onnection could be up and running gies connection would probably take longer, but would be up and running by October. $\square$ ber According to Merachnik, the con= nection would start in the libraries but schools. Such a connection could lead to an
increase in the number of computers in the district. Board members discussed adding about 125 computers to
the 200 computers in the classrooms and offices. The boar
The board also voted to hire an which would help the teachers and students with the computers and man computer rooms until after sćhool

## Foundation is seeking excess cemetery plots

Burial space will be donated to indiment members of community deemed 'at need'

By Kathryn Fitzgerald Managing Editor
Charitable organizations that 1930s and 1940s may find they overbought and, as a result, are paying. maintenance for the plots they cannot
use.
"As the demographics of the vari-
becones apparent that thiey need some place to rest," saic
side resident Herb Ross.
The Foundation for Jewish Ars \& Heritage, a Now Jersey non-profi corporation, is looking to purchase burial space to help the indigent and members of the community "at need. As Ross, the president of the founda
tion, explained, "a lot of times, people

## becomes don't have buri

 "If people are ind Medicaid funcral, obviously they don't have any money for that purpore," Ross continued. "Medicaid provides funerals for those peowho are indigent and so on.". who are indigent and so on."
Plots will also be available purchase by the public. "We'll offer it to those people who have enough money. We'll charge them a nominal fee." Róss said, adding that while nor-

## offer them for as low as $\$ 460$ " Wh

 not pass on the savings?" Ross asked A lot of these large organizations that bought during the ' 30 s and ' 40 s , hey paid less than $\$ 100$. A lot of these cemeteries have them buy the plots and when it came to interment,they charged an enormous amount of money. It's a disaster, frankly, for a lo of people to go thorugh the emotional factor and then bury a loved one."
According to Ross,' plots available
added that plots in some cenetereries, Israel, are more likely to be accept able. Both cash and donation credi will be given.
"Obviously,
"Obviously, there are a lot of people who just don't have a plot. They sit dont anticipate the need," Ross

Anyone wishing to sell plots can contact Herber Ross, president of the Foundation for Jewish Ars \& Herit
age, 1606 Rising Way Mountainside age, 1606 Rising Way, Mount
07092,or call at 232-2926.

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about animals and their sleeping
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meeting in the Municipat Building at
-The Borough Council of Mountainside will hold its regular meeting in Borough hall at 8 p.m. July 22

- The Township Comnittee of Springfield will hold its executive Muncipal Building at 7:30 meeting in the library at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. No meeting will he held in August. the
- The Township Committee of Springfield will hold its executive
$\qquad$ - The Mountainside Recreation Co mecting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall. shop meeting in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building at 8


## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

 UCC staff member receives grant guages department, received grants - $\$ 3,669$ to finance theatrical perfor-mances throughout the year, and $\$ 3,000$ for a faculty renewal program - from the Union County College Foundation for the $1996=97$ academic year to support projects proposed by the college's faculty and staff.
In total, 12 grants totating $\$ 50,000$ have been awarded by the college. Tickets available for gospel concert Tehiliah Recording Artist James Hall Worship and Praise and Malaco Hope Baptist Church in Newark.
Tickes are $\$ 10$ in advance and $\$ 15$ at the door. They are available at the New Hope Church office Monday-Friday at the Sounds of Music Records in Union available for $\$ 20$.
The church is located at 106 Sussex Avenue. For more information, contact the church office at (201) 622 -4547.

Woman's Club names officers for 1996-97
President Nettie Roessner, presided
over the annual luncheon of the GFWC Woman's Club of Springfield on June 10 at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. The luncheon was coordi-
nated by the hospitality chairman, nated by the hospitility chairman,
Ethel Baer and her commitee. The club officers for the year are: President Nettie Roessner: First Vice Pres= ident Catherine Siess; Second Vice
President Ruth Wuertz; Third Vice President Ruth Wuertz; Third Vice
President Ethel Baer; Secretary ShirPresident Ethel Baer; Secretary Shir-
ley Gilbert: Treasurer Trudi Lindenley Gilbert; Treasurer Trudi Linden-
felser. The Department Chairmen are: International Affairs, Muriel Sims: Literature, Mamie Eichenlaub: Social Services, Catherine Siess, The next meeting date for the Woman's Club of Springtield will be Center. If interested in joining the club, contact any of the officers or
chairmen listed above chairmen listed abo

## Mountainside <br> Storytimes and more

 time fun Exa with some summermatcly $30-45$ minutes. through Aug. 6,7 p.m., A family through Aug. 0.7 p.m., A familystorytime for kids, young and old. Just drop in: Pajamas and teddy bears encouraged.
Stories and Camp Crafts: Mondays, hrough Aug. 5, $10: 30$ a m. For childnew craft each weck: gods' cyes, yarn dolls, nature collages and more. Registration required. Please call or come in to sign up,
Games and Vidcos: Thursdays Games and Videos: Thursdays
through Aug. 8 , all at 2 p.m. For childhrough Aug, 8 all at 2 pm . For child-
ren, grades K-6. Just drop in to beat summer borecom with our board games. Bring your own favorite games, too. Videos and computer games also available. Try out the new computers in the
Children's Room. Kid's Cat is a special interface to the Dynix online catalog, just for kids. The new multimedia workstation offers several CD-ROM programs: Grolier's Encyclopedia,

Time well spent


Mary Frances Napier, second from left, and Irving Starr of Springfield were recently recognized at an awards ceremony held by St. Bamabas Medical Center in have accumulated $300-35,000$ hours of service. Also pictured are Marcia Toner, left, director of volunteers at St. Barnabas Medical Center; and Rose Micchelli, assistant director.

## AT THE LIBRARY

| and more for children in first grade | nian growing up in Jerusalem's | July 23 will feature the lives of |
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## State settles deregionalization timeline

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor The path toward deregionalization
hass becen mapped out and local district have taken the firsesterps. owewrd
takiing control of tucit own high Cchering Count Syperinenaten of the Dissolution Thensition Plarand and
timeline to state Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz on July 1, the activity. granted ancess to the high school buildings. The timeline is to provide
for "a smooth transition to four reconor "a smooth transition to four reconstitured K-12 districts, Livings.
says in his letter to Klaghol?. plans and timelines will be carried out

Counting
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$\frac{\text { Theth in a series }}{\text { The regional district has been put }}$ certain information, but the informa:
tion they will be roviding will allow
us to provide information," said us to provide information," said
Springficld Board of Education mem: her Ruth Brinen "Basically what
propelled the plan forward was the
responsibility of the $K$. responsibility of the K-12 districts to
prepare a budget for the April election: provide a list of the staff open-
ings: ings: 10 schedat
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One of the miain concerns on the timetine is the Sept. 30 deadline for
the Master Seniority Lists. According to Tiss, the local districts will compile

ers will be able to determine where
they will go
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hoice of positions, Tiss said he does choice of positions, Niss said he des
not anticipate much "bumping" of
teachers from the elementary and teachers from the elementary and
middle school levels. "We believe teachers, who have yeen teaching high school for many years, are not going to whe are teach-
start bumping teachers who ate
ing second or third-rade," he addel ing second or third-grade," he added.
"Were going to wy and protect our
then reachers the best we can on all levels.
With no high school building With no high sthool building,
Mountainside's transition activitics are centering on hammering out the dectals of ang onreement with Berkeley
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Board of Education member Richard Kress. "We're working very closely ready to send our students and Berke ready 10 send our students and Berke-
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- Consitutent districts will reques
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July 30

- Districts give input to county ruperintendent regarding definition of
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- School budgets will be submitted.
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## Thieves mar Sony debut

| Mountainside <br> - Police reported an attempted <br> auto theft on July 6 from the Sony | E BLOTTE |
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| Theares site on Route 22 East. A 1905 BMW was damaged as a | Plainfield was arrested June 20 for |
| suspect tried to gain entry through the passenger door of the vehicle. | the Springfield DMV. Camine allegedly used counterfect U.S. |
| Nothing was reported stolen from the car, although the lock was damaged as well as a large scrach |  |
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| put on the door. <br> No suspects were found when police atrived. | later released on his own recognizance. |
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## OPINION

## Pool leak is draining funds

 Once again, Springfield is letting tax dollars flow like ater - water down a drain, that - and it seems the entire situation could have been avoided with proper mangement by the powers that be in the township. It looks like it is going to be a hot summer, the kind when you d like to take the family to the community pool. A mun-icipal pool is great for a town and provides a place for the icipal pool is great for a town and provides a place for the also provides summer entertainment for many children in the area. That is, it's a great place if the pool is not leaking thou-
sands of gallons of water every day, water for which the township is paying
At first, it was thought there must be a problem with the water meter. This was discussed several months ago during Township Committee meetings. Once the meter was checked and found not to be the problem, there was still
plenty of time to make repairs before the Municipal Pool to open.
During this time, bond issues were discussed for improvements to the pool, improvements which dealt strictly with renovations to the pool house, which does need improve-
ments. But there is no need for a pool house if the pool itself ments. But there is no need for
does not function properly.
Once the problem with the pool was discovered, it should have become one of the top priorities of the Township Committee to get the problem fixed before the pool was opened. Other options, pool or not open it at all until the problem was completely pool or
In the long run, it would have been less expensive to fix the problem when it was discovered than to waste large sums of money on water that is going to waste. Springfield should onsider itself lucky that this is not a summer where the state ing water, which is exactly what the Municipal pool is doing.
As far as fixing the problem, this is made even more difficult because no one in the township has any detailed plans of are residents visiting there to enjoy the summer.
Now that the problem is finally being looked into, who knows what will become of the rest of the pool season and how much the whole fiasco will cost the town.
One thing does seem clear. The situation was not handled correctly by whoever is in charge, be it the Recreation Department or the Township Committee, and there is a serious lack of communication in town government. But franky, this is nothing new for Springfield. It is unfortunate, however, that the people who will ultimatly have to pay for these mistakes are the residents, who have already paid enough at the hands of a mismanaged town government.

## Getting a jump

 on SeptemberSeptember will mean more than the beginning of another September will mean more than the beginning of another
school year. It will be the last year that high school students school year. It will be the last year that high school students
will attend the Union County Regional High School District schools. At the end of next academic year, the voters who schools. At the end of next academic year, the voters who when the regional district dissolves and the local school diswhen the regional district dissolves and the local school dis-
trict For Mountainside students, the change will be undetectable. They will continue to attend Govemor Livingston High School, where they are currently matriculating. To make the transition to secondary education even smoother, Deerfield School is instituting a series of mathematics programs and classes that will bring its outgoing eighth-graders up to an age-appropriate level of classes.
Algebra for the seventh- and eighth-graders and geometry for those in eighth-grade will be instituted to allow students to enter the proper high-school level classes in 1997. Prealgebra, previously not part of the curriculum, is scheduled to begin for sixth- and seventh-graders. We commend Deerfield School administrators for its timely vision. By instituting a curriculum that will not only bring students up to date during the summer but help them grow and succeed in September, the administration involved in these advances has given the students a chance to start high school on the right foot.
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against perceived losers, whether we're covering against perceived losers, whether we're covering
sporting events or politics."
-Bob Maynard publisher

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Marx, second from right, and Julia Keller, second valedictorian and salutatoian, respectively, of the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Class of 1996
during the 11 th annual Recognition Breakfast for Union County held recently with the scholars are 7egional Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik, left, and Dayton PrinciUnion County Superintendent's Roundtable annually sponsors this event to recat the top of their respective graduating classes
Recreation impossible on dilapidated areas


## Just Fitz

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor
nating" the
that sceps
The pool
That seeps in.
The pool be only the latest in problems seem to of problems that are ignored until the land - coughing and wheezing the front steps of the Municipal Build ing. Residents have been complaining about these problems since the snow heled and gave way to a host of seri ous, potentially dangerous situations
So, what is going to be done? So, what is going to be done?
Most of these problens coutd Most of these problems could have care of before they progressed to this point. It's incomprehensible that problems of this magnitude could be allowed to fester and worsen, particularly in a department that prides itself
on the plethora of beneficial and community-oriented programs it ha

## ETTERO TO THE EDTTOR <br> LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Excellent job' wards off disaster

## the Edion

I amwriting this letter to thank the people in the town of Springfield for help I recently received. On April 2, there was a fire at my home on Battlehil Avenue. Because of the wonderful response and help of the Fire and Police departments, along with kind neightors, a disaster was averted.
The Fire Department did an excellent job responding and putting o I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Fire Department for all of their help. I am proud to live in this community, and the community of Springfield should be proud of their public safety workers.

John McLoughlin
Springfield
Let the public decide tax hikes
To. the Edior:
The proposed cigarette tax referendum misht set a good peccedent for New Jersey taxpayers
Let's remind
Let's remind the tax-cutting governor and Legistature when they consider
Joseph Chieppa

## Useless chance not worth taking

## To the Editor:

As my memory of 96 years and 8 months serves me right, I still remember when Steve Brody wanted to jump from the Brooklyn Bridge, I don't remember would pave not served a purpose. All it left us was the saying that "

## Steve Brody.

Now we have a Mr. Steve W ynn who wantso -at New Jersey taxpayers' ynn, who wants to take a Steve Brody and build lers can get there faster to lose or win a few bucks.
If my advice was asked, I would humbly offer this - use that money to build affordable housing for the citizens of New Jersey. Not for free, but for an affordable price. Yes, and if the state could help in any way as a starter loan, that would help.
$\underset{\text { Springfield }}{\text { George Ginsberg }}$
Keep mudslinging off editorial page

## To the Editor

to you regarding theringfield for more than 20 years, I am compelled to writ to you regarding the needess political mudsinging
feature in the edilorial section of your newspaper.
This column has been reduced to nothing more than a political "comic strip. The rhetoric which has been presented within this section by most politicians lately has been misleading, slanted and boring at the very least. Wasn't the edi torial section meant to be used as a forum for cilizens to state their opinion rather than for politicians to display their larger-than-life egos? ly, we are tired of reading the banter being tossed bek and forth It is notestan insult to our intelligence, it's offensive as well. Why doesn't the Springficld Leader consider using a little more discretio before publishing these trivial editorials? Politicians have their own forim for airing their dirty play-by-play on their opponents. It's time to start publishing
more of the public's various more of the public's various opinions and not that of the politicians.

Graduation picture shows no pride

## to tie dutior

a photo such as that onste that a high school and ins local paper would publish shows the Governor Livingston High School Class of '96 in a way that does not communicate any pride of, or respect for, the students. Rather, it conveys a sense of apathy and disinterest in the significance of the graduation ritual. fence? Why does the backeround consist of agly wo den structure with graffiti, a "GL Football Country" sign, and elecirical wires
To have this photo be the public acknowledgement of four years of study and accomplishment is an insult to the students and the institution that has educated
them
As a parent of two future Governor Livingston students, I am concerned that this page - which is ostensibly dedicated to the class of '96-is indicative of
the school's, or the Echo's, quality and attentiveness toward this community's students.

Robert M. Landis
Editor's note: The students in the photograph were "divided" becausè the photograph was originaty taken for the yearbook, and the division wa to avoid having students' faces in the crease of the book. We do not feel

New principal will have a full plate To the Editor
To the Edtor:
This letter was sent to the members of Mountainside's Principal Selection
Committee:
It is commendable and greatly appreciafed that you are inviting residents to constracively participate in the weighty and deliberative task of choosing a new principal for Deerfield School. The following is my attemp
and positively contribute to the principal selection process
In addition consibute to the principal selection process. my hope and suggestion that all applicants be required

- Provide a written plan for facilitating systematic hands.on mathematic instruction in grades $1-8$
of mastery in all curricular areas. in self-contained (multi-subjectudes extensive and recent teaching experience management skills anderect) settings that demanded excellent classroom academic delivery, classmate interact effective techniques for optimizing room discipline and faculty cooperation/collaboration.

解 - Provide a ment with regard to constructive interactions among all school environ-- Provide a written plan to maximize a two-way home/school occupection. - Provide a written plan to keep parents fully abreast of school and grade level objectives, policies, monthly academic and behavioral goals and general news regarding school conflicts and subsequent administrative resolutions involvement from a large percentage of parents regarding ongoing school eva luation for the purpose of school enhancement.

- Extend an open invitation to meet bi-weekly with parents as a method of addressing current issues, concerns, and suggestions in a timely, overt fashion
Finally, is is my hope that the aforementioned plans derived from ants be made available to the public. While striving to enhance education strongly believe that all written plans, even those submitted by applicants who are eliminated during Superintendent Leonard Bacarro's initial screening, warrant public analysis.

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Director of Summit Chorale to lead 'Te Deum,' 'Requiem' were pleased to see the progress Oak made with the help of funds from Through a contract with the library to update its library computers and
secure a Internet. The libtary will also be used
 recent meeting of INFOLINK, the Eastern New Jersey
Regional Library Cooperative. From left are Gale Regional Library Cooperative. From left are Gale
Rosenberg, executive director of INFOLINK; Susan Permahos, director of the Springfield Public Library Joan Turk, director of Oak Knoll's Hope Memoria Library; Glenn Devitt, director of the Summit Pulbic Requicm" by Maurice Duruffe, will be performed by the
more than 50 singers of the Diamond Hill Summer Chorus
on July 25 at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterim Cin Chatham Township, 240 Southem Blvd., Chatham Town- The chorus provides an opportunity for choral singe
ship. The church is handieaped accessible and air throughout the area to continve conditioned. conditioned. "Te Deum" is a festive hymn written to celebrate the
4 (C)th anniversary of Columbus' arrival on the Amprican summer when most of their resularious singing during the $\begin{array}{ll}40 \text { Oth anniversary of Columbus' arrival on the American } \\ \text { continent, and was conducted by Dvorak himself when it } & \begin{array}{l}\text { mactive, and for the public to enjoy the results of their } \\ \text { The chorus has been sponsored by Summit Chorate }\end{array}\end{array}$ continent, and was conducted by Dvorak himself when it $\begin{aligned} & \text { The chorus has been sponsored by Sumnit Chorate as } \\ & \text { was first performed in New York City in October } 1892 \text {. } \\ & \text { conmmunity outreach program for the past five scascons. } \\ & \text { "Requiem" was composed in 1947, and has been an }\end{aligned}$ The Chorale also offers the public a community sing of audicnce favorite for years.
Garyth Nair, music dircelor of Summit Charale, will Handel's "Messiah" in December, in addition to its cus tomary season of threc concerts.
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Business management targeted on cable show

| Newcomers Club prepares for annual picnic |  |
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Sale days return to Summit
WORSHIP CALENDAR

$\qquad$ beach and sportswear, footwear, gifts and accessories, jewelry, sporting goods,
as well as gourmet foods, picnic tablewarc and itens for
$\qquad$ Many stores are open late on Thursday evening for shoppers convenience,
and those stores open on Sundays will celcbrate Sale. Days on July 14 as well.
The Park and Shop lots offer up to three hours of frec parking with merhants'stickers and, after 6 p.m., parking is always free. Parking is also free on
$\qquad$ Days Sales adds exceptional values to that at shecial prices, making this arn

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## SPORTS

Springfield swimmers defeat
Mountainside, faced Summit

Springfield baseball champs


The Mariners captured the Springtield Junior Baseball League AAA Championship by deteating the Pirates 10-6 in the fitle game, Kneeling, from left, are Mohamed Abdel
ziz, Ryan Yospin, Marc Yospin, Steff Sarracino Dave Levine and Tim Homblich ing from left, are coaches Steve Levine and Bruct Cohen, Lindsay Stearns, Brian


Springfield Mayor Greg Clarke, Springfield Júnior Baseball League President Joe Catello and AAA Director Art Kravetz help to smooth out the infield for the SJBL AAA
title game.

## Mountainside's Dimond splashes butterfly standard reached in 1978

Pool's swim record for the 25 -meter butterfly in a swim meet last month against Springfield in the 8 -and-under age category.
Her first place time of 20.27 replaced the 1978 record of

Then at a July 3 meet with Westfield, batlling rain and problems with her goggles, Dimond bested her mark of a week earlier with a first place finish and a new record time of 19.93. On the day, she recorded a first place finish in the Springfleld Legion baseball wins
The Springfield American Legion Bascball team pulle out an exciting late-inning $4-2$ win over Berkeley Heights Starting pitcher Jimmy Sweigart delivered a two-run single in the top of the seventh, bringing in Mike Duda and Eric Fishman, which provided the winning runs. Barry
Kaverick earned the win with three innings of no-hit, one Strikeout, two walk relief.
After taking a 200 lead in the fourth inning on RBI sin After taking a $2-0$ lead in the fourt inning on RBI sin-
gles from Jim Lehnhoff and Jon Santos, Berkeley Heights ame rgh bak what wans of their own in the bottom half of the frame.
tarted things off with a walk. Fishman followed with a ingle, and the two were sacrificed over by Chris Cariello Sweigart then delivered the runners with a single to left slid numbers, giving up only one eamed run over four inings with five strikcouts.
The Uniapple banquet Wednesday night ssociations will Midd a Pines Manor in Edison hanquer Weanessay night at in checrleaders participating in this year's Snapple Bowl io be played the next night - Thursday, July 18 at Union High School.
The banquet is open to the general public with ticke formation available at any First Union Bank branch in Union or Middlesex County. Proceeds from the banquet Hospital of Mountainside to the Childrens spaciatize Cerebral Palsy in Edison.
More information may be obtained by contacting Gam Director Marcus Borden at East Brunswick High School a

Summit Mayor Walter Long, back row left, and coach Tom Kern led their second grade T-ball team, Travelong, which Long sponsored, to an undefeated season this Garibaldi, Justin Oplinger, Andrew Marcelliano, Peter Marcelliano, Andrew Gunther Justin MacPherson, and Griffin Kern

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