

THIS WEEK

NEWS

Dissolved

The Board of Freeholders voted last week to officially dissolve the Union County Environmental Health Commission and is prepared to create more county bureaucracy with the Office of Environmental Health. See Page B1

\$50-M program

The Union County Economic Development Corporation announced a \$50 million bond program to help Union County businesses. See Page B1

Taxes due

Quarterly taxes are due Aug. 1 in the municipality's Tax Collector's office.

THE ARTS

All's well

If this play is any indication, wait for more performances from the Shakespeare Festival. See Page B5.



Rising star

This 18-year-old recent high school graduate is a soft-spoken actress, songwriter and singer who has been in show business already for the past 12 years. See Page B3.

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WEATHER

Friday: A couple of showers, 80°
Saturday: Expect showers, 82°
Sunday: Partly cloudy, 80°

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Pedersen dismissed for biased remarks

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee voted to dismiss Police Chief Vernon Pedersen as of 8:18 a.m. Tuesday night.

Pedersen, who would have begun his 30th year on the force in October, was terminated by the Township Committee by a vote of 3-1. A separate vote, which passed with one abstention, denied Pedersen access to legal representation from the township government in future litigation.

Vernon Pedersen has had the option for some time to resign and he did not," said Mayor Sr. Mullaney. "We reviewed the independent hearing officer's recommendations and came to this decision. There are many positive things in Springfield's speak of, and we go on from here."

"We have had enough," said Com-

mitteeman Roy Hirschfeld, who brought both measures to vote. "As elected officials, we have to do the right thing for the good of the community and to uphold the law. By taking this action, I hope a healing process begins."

Pedersen's dismissal ends a chapter, which began March 10, when he called police headquarters from Atlantic City to make some personnel schedule changes. His call was received by Lt. Ivan Shapiro, who was behind the desk. Pedersen, after mistakenly assuming Shapiro had hung up, made some anti-Semitic remarks about Shapiro.

Shapiro then sent an officer across Springfield to buy a recorder. The lieutenant then made a copy of Pedersen's remarks from the headquarters' master tape.

Springfield Chief of Police William

Chapman conducted an investigation and filed disciplinary charges against both officers. His disciplinary recommendations were for immediate suspension without pay and termination for Pedersen and a 90-day unpaid suspension and demotion to patrolman for Shapiro.

A Quary of controversy ensued when the tape and charges became public in April. The Springfield Clergy Council called for Pedersen's firing. The Township Committee requested due process and impartiality from the public in both hearings.

Attorney Robert Czech was hired as an independent administrator to preside over both hearings. Shapiro's public hearing was never held as the township agreed to drop charges against the officer, settling for a letter of reprimand to be placed in Shapiro's file.

Pedersen's hearing was held behind closed doors on May 7 and 11 and Czech presented his findings to the Township Committee last June 24. Czech found Pedersen guilty of violating four sections of two articles in the department's rules and regulations. Those passages included showing prejudice and use of profanity while on duty.

Czech further recommended that Pedersen be suspended 90 days and be demoted one rank. During a recent closed session, a majority of the Township Committee decided to dismiss Pedersen instead.

"We had talked long and hard about a penalty," said Deputy Mayor and public defender Greg Clarke. "It is my contention that termination will not end the matter. I think dismissal will end the matter in the courts, forcing the township to spend more money on

legal costs than if we had terminated him."

It is anticipated that Pedersen will file an appeal in Superior Court in Elliptzville. Shapiro has recently filed a discrimination suit against the township. Officer Walter Brooks, who was subjected to Pedersen's comments in 1993, also has a related suit in state appellate court.

"If the committee voted the way they did for the good of the town and by what was in their heart," said Shapiro, "then I am satisfied. What vindication came to me was not here brought but when the charges against me were dismissed last year. I'm sure that the matter will be heard in court and I go back to work as I usually do."

Condominium hearing delayed for notices

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

For want of official notices, the special Springfield Planning Board public hearing on Bryant Park Commons never took place last Thursday.

The Planning Board announced the postponement just prior to the hearing's scheduled 8 p.m. start. The preliminary and final site plan application for Bryant Park Commons on the former Carter-Bell factory site has been rescheduled for the board's regular meeting on Sept. 2. Applicants Bryant Park Commons LLC and K&K Developers, meanwhile, are to provide notification of construction plans to seven homeowners on the Summit side of the site.

"There was a question of whether all of the neighboring property owners were notified," said Bruce Pitman, attorney for the applicant. "We don't want to inadvertently leave out a property owner. We want to do this application right the first time."

It turned out that the applicant had not notified people within 200 feet of the access road to Carter-Bell, said Summit Councilwoman Cynthia Martin. "Our Director of Community Services, Michael Townley, brought the matter up before the meeting. We were concerned that all property owners are notified — which includes those in Summit."

within the 200-foot notification radius of the site as outlined by state law. Martin and Townley represented Summit at the meeting. Councilwoman Joyce Margie, at their July 14 meetings, also asked that all property owners be notified. Some city residents are concerned about the potential impact on traffic, density and environmental cleanup costs at the site.

Bryant Park Commons, pending site plan and variance approval, would be four three-story apartment buildings on the former Carter-Bell industrial lot. There would be 138 one- to three-bedroom dwellings created, 28 of which would be allotted to meet Springfield's affordable housing obligation. Several zoning variances have been requested, including one for landscaping the 285-space parking lot on the 77-acre tract.

Bryant Park Commons LLC said it had notified owners of the Two Hills Condominium on the Springfield side of the Carter-Bell lot in Springfield as bordered by part of the Park & Ride lot, a New Jersey Department of Transportation storage yard, Route 24 and the Rahway Valley Rail Road right of way.

The seven homes awaiting official notification add to Summit's side of the Carter-Bell lot. The properties include a home and an eight-unit condominium. Bryant Park Commons Public Utilities sub-station and the Park & Ride.

The Springfield Planning Board, according to secretary Lynda Gagliardi, is to hear the matter on Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. The meeting is to be held at the Springfield Municipal Building's Committee Chamber, 100 Mountain Ave.

Vandals target local fish pond

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

Since the day five years ago when Springfield resident Mike Del-Viscovo installed a pond in front of his house, this sanctuary for nearly 40 assorted fish has become the talk of the neighborhood, a constant source of joy to his family, and Del-Viscovo's passion.

But last week, as he passed the pond on the way into his house, Del-Viscovo could not find his cherished Japanese Koi biting at the surface in search of food. Instead, a thick white foam floated in the water, and when Del-Viscovo knelt beside the pond and brushed aside the foam, he discovered every one of his 40 fish floating lifelessly.

"I was extremely upset," said Del-Viscovo. "Those fish were such a thrill for my daughter."

Distressed and puzzled, he took a sample of the foamy water, to be tested in a laboratory. "I don't use any chemicals," Del-Viscovo explained. "Those fish were strong. They survived through the winters." The results of the tests brought more sadness into his home.

"The lab results said that bleach was put in the water and it killed them instantly," Rachel Del-Viscovo recounted that, according to the Del-Viscovos, it all they know about what took place last Monday. They filed a report with the police, but were told nothing could be done. It was "definitely intentional," said Rachel Del-Viscovo. "We have no clues about who might have done this. Nobody saw anything."

Rachel told of how the fish pond had grown to be an important part of her family's life. "Gradually, we built up the pond. We'd added different fish on different occasions, including the birth of our daughter. We would go outside and feed them every morning."

"The Del-Viscovo's daughter, Michaela, is 15 months old. I'm glad she's got at the age where I have to explain," said Rachel. "We have to hope and pray that it



Rachel and Michaela Del-Viscovo watch over their new fish at the pond outside their home in Springfield. The pond was vandalized last week in an act which caused the death of 40 Japanese koi, and the Del-Viscovos must now restock the water. Police have no suspects in the case.

doesn't happen again."

Despite the violence they have witnessed against things so harmless and beautiful, Mike and Rachel have started over. After thoroughly cleaning the pond of all poisonous substances, they added new fish, including two koi. This Japanese fish, which can live up to 100 years, is prized for its silky scales and, depending on its size, can cost upward of \$1,500.

"It's costing the money," said Rachel of the spending involved in both building the pond and bringing life back to it. "We felt violated and surprised that something like this would happen."

Military reunion assembles memories, local residents

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

Before William Sedlak served on the Springfield Police Department, the former Springfield resident served his country as a member of the Navy. From 1964 to 1965, when the Cold War was in its height, Sedlak was stationed at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Sedlak recently traveled back to Cuba to attend a reunion of military personnel who served at Guantanamo Bay or CIMMO as the base is commonly called.

Sedlak, who now lives in Barnegat, made the trip to the American base on the Communist controlled Caribbean island with his daughter Susan, a Springfield resident. Their trip began at the Naval base at Norfolk, Va.

The reunion at Guantanamo Bay lasted one week, from June 9-16, and brought the former sailors and Marines back to their days of fencible rations and mess hall meals.

A former jet pilot at the rank of ADJ-2, Sedlak recalled the tension was so high in the famous Cuban air base in 1964. "Once in an effort to push us out, Castro cut the water line going into the base. He figured he'd try to starve us out. But the Navy got a fleet of B-52s to come to convert the water."

The base, he changed in many ways," recalled Sedlak. "The size of it hasn't, but building here they've made a lot of improvements. Now

everything is closed off in glass and air-conditioned."

Things were different at meal time too, according to Sedlak, but some things did stay the same. "I'm dining in the Marine chow hall — it's amazing how they feed these people. And they no longer have the long tables and little benches. Now they have smaller round tables with captain's chairs. They're very nice tables. (For sign to order and it'll fill like that today.)"

Those in attendance at Guantanamo Bay also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Cuzco, Wet. An area in the southern portion of the base, Cuzco, Wet was the last stronghold for the Spanish during the Spanish-American War and provided the only source of fresh water to Guantanamo Bay.

The battle was fought for control of the fresh water, supposedly around June 10, 1898, to a celebration around 1998. The reunion, Sedlak said, his daughter attended a wreath laying ceremony at the battle site on June 18.

What did they do for fun? "They had scuba diving and we went on a five mile run that everyone stationed at Guantanamo Bay participated in," said Sedlak. "This was on the 14th of June. The run was along the north fence line that separates Guantanamo Bay from Cuba. We saw Cuban warships in their towers."

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Construction under way for sewer system

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield and associated officials said the township's sanitary sewer system has the capability to handle new and pending hookups.

Housing projects Columbia Court and the Edge at Springfield are under construction. They would add at least 90 wastewater connections to Springfield's sewer.

"Another 140 would come from NJ Cobble's project, which is to be broken ground shortly. Add the 138 dwelling units for the proposed Bryant Park Commons apartments and the potential total rises to 240."

They will join Springfield's system of mains, whose parts date from the 1920s. Although the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority allows for a 3.7-million-gallons-per-day outflow to its Rahway treatment plant, Springfield's system has been periodically overwhelmed.

The resulting overflow has backed up some homes' sewers, toilets and sump pumps. Van Winkle's Creek and one Main Street.

The overflow, according to Deputy Mayor Gregory Clarke and Assistant Engineer Sam Marjoni, has cost Springfield nearly \$500,000 over the last decade, 40 days ago and covered. Twelve overflow incidents were recorded by the RVSA last year, prompting the Board of Commissioners to launch a sewer study and a plan for remedies. Failure to make progress by the end of the year can incur fines for member townships.

According to Marjoni and Clarke, two of several people who have worked on Springfield's sewer problem, the problem is not capacity. But sudden volume peaks.

"I don't have the figure before me, but I think Springfield's average output is 3.2 mgd," said Marjoni. "We're required to have a capacity above our normal flow. The problem comes after some rainstorms."

"What happens is that we get a spike in the readings for a few minutes to a few hours," said Clarke. "We've several problems that cause the overflows, including an manhole failure, illegal sump pump connections and poor connections with the storm sewer system."

The latter cause, connections between a sanitary and storm sewer, is perhaps the most serious situation. State law mandates that the two runoff systems.

"When a developer applies to Springfield for a site plan approval, or a variance, respective planning or zoning board staff members return with a pre-file checklist. That checklist includes an item for sanitary and storm sewer drawings and permission to connect from the utility, which is the RVSA."

"I came in when the project was well under way," said Ken in Page, engineer for the Bryant Park Condominium project. "The state Department of Environmental Health has a calculation table to determine sewage flow. There's a 225 gallons per day allowance for a family apartment which, when multiplied by our 138 units, comes out to over 31,000 gallons per day."

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Township conducts exterior inspection

This notice is to inform property owners that an exterior inspection of all township structures will be conducted in the upcoming months with regards to compliance with Springfield Township Ordinance No. 832, Sec. 215 (b) through 213.4. In 1983, the Township Committee adopted this ordinance to establish a uniform building numbering system for the purpose of aiding responding Emergency Services with the location of the emergency.

Section 215.1 provides that the number of every dwelling, store, office, building, warehouse, factory or other structure or building which has front or rear hereafter front upon any public street within the Township of Springfield shall cause the street number assigned to the property upon which the said dwelling, store, office, building, warehouse, factory or other structure or building is erected to be placed in digital numbers. Roman numerals or numerals outlined below.

A. Dwellings to be placed in digital numbers. Roman numerals or script at least five inches in height within two feet of the main entrance or on the floor of said structure facing the street.

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Enforcement of this ordinance will be extremely valuable to your emergency services in better serving you in case of an emergency. Any violation will be considered a misdemeanor and will be subject to a fine of up to \$100.00 for each violation. Any questions should be directed to Fire Headquarters. We appreciate your cooperation with our endeavor of keeping Springfield a safe place to live.

Correction

The article "Board approves storage facility" in the July 16 edition of the Echo Leader should have stated that Mike Carter Construction and Salvage had requested the Mountainside Board of Adjustment modifying the height of the proposed self storage facility to 12 feet from the 10-foot height.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give our community extra publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.

Today
• The Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, will hold a Thursday planetarium show at 11 a.m. featuring a tour of the solar system and new and exciting facts about the planets. The show is for ages six and up and the cost of admission is \$3.52 for seniors. For more information call 908-233-2728.

Saturday
• Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Meet at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and bring a lunch, mug for beverage, shovel, rake, and gloves, if available. Participants must be age 14 and up, and all must call 908-233-2728 to pre-register.

Sunday
• Interfaith Singles, a friendly and supportive group for single adults over the age of 35, will conduct discussions on successful single living from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Westfield. A continental breakfast will be served and the donation is \$2. The group will continue the meetings every Sunday throughout the month of August. For more information, call 908-233-2728.

• The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold two Sunday planetarium shows. The first, called Summer Celestial Signs, will begin at 7 p.m. and will feature the summer triangle, Hercules, Scorpius, and other prominent summer constellations as well as any current special sky events. The second show, called Native American Skylore, will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will feature a look at the stars through the eyes of the Native Americans and a comparison of Native American stories with Greek mythological explanations of constellations. Both shows are for ages six and up and have an admission cost of \$3.52 for seniors.

Monday
• The Summit area chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at ARC, 695 Springfield Ave. in Summit from 2:30 to 8 p.m. All blood drives are conducted by NJ Blood Services. Donors will be brought ID with picture of signature and know their Social Security number.

Coming Events
Oct. 4
• Sandmeier School, 606 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will hold an Outdoor Flea Market sponsored by the PTA. The rain date will be Oct. 11, and vendors and crafters with new and used merchandise are wanted. For more information call Fran at (973) 376-6386.

Oct. 24
• The second annual Tea Market at the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee is \$20 for a space and the rain date is Oct. 31. Flea market vendors and people looking to sell off their unwanted garage sale items are asked to call Tom at (908) 587-0779. Esther at (908) 276-4968, or the church at (973) 376-1695 for an application.

Oct. 24 and 25
• The second annual craft show at St. James the Apostle in Springfield will be held Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$60 for one table and two chairs for both days and \$90 for two tables and four chairs for both days. The entire show will be utilized due to the overwhelming response last year. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Any questions or for an application, call Anne at (973) 376-8412 or Janet at (973) 912-0392.

Nov. 21
• The second annual Winter Craft Fair at the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Church will be held indoors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors are wanted, and spaces are \$25 which includes a table and chair. Call Tom at (908) 587-0779, Esther at (908) 276-4968, or the church at (973) 376-1695 to reserve early.

STORK CLUB

Gregory Wilford was born to Bill and Ellen Murphy of Springfield July 3 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He weighed nine pounds and measured 21 inches. His girls' sisters Katie and Caroline, and brother Jonathan.

Matthew Richard was born to Rindi and John Kravoy Sr. May 15 at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston. He joins a brother, John Michael Kravowski, Randi-Sue Kravowski, the former Randi-Sue Zirkel, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zirkel, formerly of Mountainside.

Jason Eric was born to Fran and Gary Harsten of Allentown, Pa. June 23 at St. Barnabas Medical Center. His twin brothers Eric, 4, and Craig, 3, months.

Volunteer firefighters needed

The Springfield Volunteer Fire Company #1 serves as an essential component in rendering fire protection to the township.

Currently, active volunteer firefighters respond to alarms and support the Career Department in all facets of the services they provide. Volunteer firefighters not only attend formal training sessions but also maintain their skills by conducting company drills. Training is provided in firefighting, vehicle extrication, CPR and first aid. All training uniforms and gear are provided at no cost to the volunteers.

Company meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and drills are on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

The Volunteer Fire Department strongly supports many community events and organizations, and often assists the township in the purchase of fire fighting equipment. Members also enjoy social activities, promoting comradeship among the ranks.

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Trailside Science Center offers amusements

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

Located in Mountainside on the Watchung Reservation, the Trailside Nature and Science Center is a place people of any age can enjoy. "This place is devoted to nature, for people to learn about nature," said Patricia Bertisch. "It's amazing — you look at how busy this part of New Jersey is, and then you go up the mountain to us."

The Trailside Center features a visitors center where one can find exhibits dedicated to reptiles, live snakes that are found in the wild in New Jersey, a bird attraction area, and a 350 volume non-circulating library. "Some people just come up to the visitors center to grab a trail map and then take off to go hiking," said Bertisch. Also on the grounds is a museum, complete with fossils and a discovery room with hands-on exhibits and live animals, a planetarium that features regular shows on Thursdays and Sundays, hiking trails, and programs for people of all ages.

New in the program is a rivertank where visitors can observe leopard frogs and crayfish living in a simulated environment, and showing at the planetarium in the near future will be "Laser Queen," a show in which the music of Queen is set to a laser light, "Blades, American Skiflow," and "Sammy's Show."

The Trailside Nature and Science Center offers a bevy of children's programs for pre-first graders to fifth grade and up. "The kids go to sitting in a classroom," said Bertisch. "Every-



Photo By Barbara Kikkaku

Thomas Ramage and Elena Ramirez, 5, ham it up during a summer program at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

thing is a hands-on experience. Kids in the "Earthquest," a program for children entering the third and fourth grades, learned to identify 15 birds using natural dyes made from avocados, cherries, tea leaves, pine cones, and blueberries. Seasonal Naturost Julie Cardillo showed the

kids how to dye in the shade of a tree, they feel from a garden design's perspective," Bertisch said. "Some of the younger kids, in another summer program, the 'Fabulous Happies,' spent the afternoon making bird masks."

so kids can actually stay here all day," explained Bertisch. "We have camps for pre-school kids all the way to fourth grade, and they come back year after year."

"People should know that there's a lot of stuff happening right here in this part of New Jersey."

Center hosts businesswomen

Rutgers University's Small Business Development Center — SBDC, in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration — SBA, will host the Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training — WNET — Roundtable Aug. 6. The program will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the SBDC offices on the university's East Campus, 245 North Ave., Room 458A.

Topics will include a discussion of SBA loan programs, SBDC resources and services, Salomon Smith Barney retirement plans and options and success story presentations from local women.

Special arrangements for the handicapped will be made if requested, two weeks prior to the event. WNET programs are open to the public on a non-discriminatory basis. Refreshments will be served during the free program.

For more information and to confirm attendance, call the Small Business Development Center at (908) 527-2946 or Karen D'Amico of the SBDC at (973) 645-3683.



William Sedlak shows his daughter, Susan, the North East Gate, separating GIMQ from Communist Cuba during a reunion last month. This is the only area between Communist Cuba and the base that is not mined.

Cuban base holds reunion

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"We also visited the south-east gate, which is the only area separating the Communists from the Americans where there aren't any mines. That's where the Cubans who work at the base cross over."

Sedlak said he was reminded of the nights back at Guantanamo Bay when the entire base would be put on fire or 10-minute alert, with the men whooping to each other about the Cuban troops rampaged to be minutes from attacking, and knowing that their primary function was to defend the base.

Sedlak served on the Springfield Police Department from 1965 until 1996 and retired from the National Guard in 1996.

Music center offers family music for babies

Parents of infants need no longer wait for their babies to attain the ripe age of 18 months before giving them, and themselves, the gift of music education.

Starting in September, the Suburban Community Music Center in New Providence will offer "Family Music for Babies" — birth to 17 months — a weekly half-hour class for infants and caregivers. The "Music Center" has been conducting classes for children as young as 18 months for several years now, and have been observing the positive effects on their later musical learning and overall development. It has been abundantly clear from observing the behavior of accompanying infant siblings in the

classes for children ages 18 months to three years that the infants were ready for a music class of their own.

Recent research in the areas of early childhood music learning and infant development support the value of baby/child/parent participation in active music-making. Studies have shown the positive effects of early musical training on the cognitive development of the young child, and while these findings are intriguing, it's true value goes far beyond that, for music nurtures the whole child — mind, body and spirit.

According to Edwin Gordon, world-renowned researcher and author in the field of music learning theory, a child's aptitude for music is at its maximum at birth. This potential to achieve is influenced by the quality of the child's music environment up to age one, at which point it stabilizes.

"An environment rich in the language of music nurtures a baby's natural development, so critical to successful music learning, yet, unfortunately, so often lacking in a student beginning formal lessons on an instrument."

In "Family Music," parents/caregivers learn to play musically with their babies, forming an intimate bond which establishes a foundation for a lifetime of active involvement with music. Listening to and acquiring natural vocabulary of tonal and

rhythm patterns — the smallest units of musical meaning — are among the first steps in learning the language of music. Class activities that stimulate the babies' responses include listening, singing, rocking, balancing, dancing and the use of rattles, sticks and scarves. Body awareness is promoted through playful, expressive chants and songs. Through their adult partners, the babies experience steady beat, and a variety of tempos, moods and tonal qualities. The class brings delight to the baby and empowers the caregiver with the wherewithal to sustain a meaningful musical environment at home.

Registration for fall classes is now open for "Family Music for Babies."

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Construction plan deserves thought

A construction proposal affecting property belonging to Springfield, Summit and the County of Union is currently being considered, and more residents of this region should stay apprised of the plan and its positive and negative ramifications for the area.

Bryant Park Commons LLC intends to build a 138-unit condominium complex on the old Carter-Bell factory site in the township of Springfield. This land is currently zoned for industrial use and borders both the city of Summit and Bryant Park, which is owned by Union County. The corporation is seeking several zoning variances in order to build houses and the Springfield Planning Board has held several meetings to discuss the plan and consider feedback from all those affected.

The concerns from Summit and the county focus on the increased traffic volume, which will occur once the housing complex is completed, especially traffic emptying Park Drive onto Morris Ave. and the site plan's proposal to expand Park Drive to a 20-foot width and add four parking spaces to the roadway's Bryant Park side. A conservative idea of how much traffic congestion in the area will be affected can be readily gauged by considering the 283 parking spaces included in the condominium site plan, and residents in this area or anyone who travels through it on a regular basis, especially during rush hour, should make sure sufficient roadway accommodations are made to alleviate congestion. The last thing this area needs is another clogged nest of stalled cars and snarling drivers.

Other areas of concern for Summit and the county include environmental issues, which could manifest themselves in the form of additional taxes for residents. Environmental cleanup costs are estimated to add \$1 million to the site's construction.

The township of Springfield must address these issues for its residents as well as several others. A total of 28 of the proposed dwellings would be used to fulfill the township's low- and moderate-income housing obligation according to the 18-units per acre density ratio set by the state Council on Affordable Housing, and Springfield is to provide more than 100 affordable housing units under its Mount Laurel housing obligation. As reasonably priced housing is a right of any resident and an expectation of the state, this aspect of the plan would certainly benefit both regional residents and the township.

However, previous township housing master plans have excluded the Carter-Bell location due to the potentially high cost of environmental cleanup and the site's distance from shopping areas. As neither of these situations have changed, the prior rejection of the site as a residential area should be carefully considered alongside the current proposal. Accommodating the need for housing is important, but area residents don't want to get slapped with extra hefty taxes for environmental cleanup.

In addition, residents of low- or moderate-income housing units are less likely to have multiple vehicles per family, and therefore might need better access to shopping centers. Affordable housing benefits no one if families reject the units because their location is too inconvenient.

If constructed, Bryant Park Commons will undoubtedly have a large impact on both Summit and Springfield as well as its nearby county land, and the pros and cons of the plan should be carefully weighed by residents. The housing proposal is probably a good one, but those who will be most affected should pay attention to the Planning Board and make sure their decisions are in agreement with the concerns of residents. We'll be keeping our eyes and ears open.

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The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

The opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and the County of Union.

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Julia Cardillo, Seasonal Naturalist at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, shows Reece Thompson the art of dye-dyeing during a summer program.

Photo By Barbara Kishall

Rain is natural, so accept it with a smile

Except for death, probably the biggest concern for most people is how this weekend weather is going to shape up.

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher, Correspondent

When a person decides to go into weather forecasting for radio or television, the first thing they are taught in Weather Forecasting 101 is to learn to hedge. I'm sure the young meteorologist-to-be is considered "weather forecasters" and never to say it will rain on a particular day. And never, never, say it will rain over the weekend, even if the National Weather Bureau says it will. Your talent-hedge will come in very handy here, you see, hedgingly. "There is a chance for showers late Saturday night. To make amends for suggesting such a catastrophe, the young forecaster can say the sun is expected to be shining all day Sunday with temperatures ranging from the high 80s to the low 90s to be expected. In this way, you see, except weather predictions can become hysterical.

lot. I am should be prohibited between sun and sundown especially during weekends that feeling is magnified with the onslaught of spring and summer when the outdoors beckon for all to come out and play.

Now that we are in the throes of summer with lots more heat and humidity on the way, we seem to forget that hot days without rain can be hazardous to our health. We can get quite upset if the lack of rain causes commutes such as Summit to call for a "rain ban" warning, that washing and swimming pool refilling when water supplies begin to dwindle and that a cloud is in sight. We seem to hold the belief that we will be saved in the nick of time. Around here that has happened. But we are not sure if we'll always be that lucky. But our night-lack of rain is incidental to the need to hedge further the weekend. I think that attitude would be quick to be amended if one day we turned on a

water tap only to see a couple of brackish drops come out.

None of us likes to be held hostage by the weather and none of us likes to readjust our plans because the weather is not cooperating. For those people who would rather have beautiful weather all day every day, instead of a safe supply of water which only comes from above, we ask which would they do if lack of water denied us some varieties of food. I'm not happy when I have to rearrange my plans because of the weather, but I look further down the line and ask myself what happens if we were caught in a long-time drought and how such a calamity would affect our lives and our way of life. I think of the alternatives.

Since we don't know how El Niño and La Niña fit into the whole natural scheme of things, it's best to accept a rainy weekend once in a while than to bitterly hate the weather for messing up our plans for a good time. I'm willing to bet almost anything that the good residents of Texas and Nevada would mind several wet weekends if only the heat would let up to permit the crops to grow and the livestock to live. We should try to remember that in nature, everything is, or should be, balanced to permit an orderly succession of events — rain in spring and

summer, harvesting in autumn and snow and cold in winter. Sometimes we can say for years without this orderly change. But the time will come when the process will go on for too long and irreparable damage will set in and the balance of nature is thrown into chaos. It's only been about 10 years ago when El Niño and La Niña entered our lexicon and today this mischief your sister and brother are blamed for anything that has to do with our mysterious changes in weather conditions.

Unfortunately, we have come to expect that with summer, we are entitled to perfect weather meaning warm sunny days and mild and calm nights. Anything else is unacceptable.

For those people, I remind them that a few drops of brackish water from a dry tap because of a lack of rain is too much of a price to pay for Camelot-like weather. Besides, Gargamel was make-believe and never existed. We like to believe that it did and the closest we can reach today is for weekends to always be bright and cheery. Rain is natural. Accept it with a smile.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Committees shouldn't rule the day

To the Editor:
This year marks the 65th anniversary of one of the world's worst genocides, the Great Famine of 1932-33 that ravaged the Soviet-occupied Ukraine. The famine was not a natural disaster, but a man-made atrocity that killed seven million men, women and children. It was a heinous use of food as a weapon in this case used by Stalin and his henchmen to destroy a nation. The regime ordered the exportation of foodstuffs in the possession of the rural population to deny the nationally-conscious segments of the Ukrainian society, secure collectivization and support industrialization. It was basically a political famine, planned at the top by the Kremlin.

Sixty-five years after the Great Famine, there are many who do not know about this tragic episode, which is an integral part of Ukrainian history to the Holocaust in Jewish history and was, in fact, a precursor to other modern-day genocides such as the murder of 19,000 Polish army officers by the Soviet forces in the Katyn Massacre, the Red Army's "tyranny and mass murder, Nazi crimes against humanity, today's Rwanda.

In order to ensure that all genocides are not forgotten and that their lessons are understood by the present-day generation with the hope that we will not allow such history to be repeated, New Jersey's Department of Education mandates that all New Jersey school districts include Holocaust curriculum plan, all genocides in World History, to be included in the district curriculum plan. Last year, there was some resistance to this state-mandate in the South Orange-Maplewood school district.

I, for one, am very proud of the fact that our Roselle Park School District was one of the first in New Jersey to incorporate a comprehensive Holocaust curriculum in 1994 and this continues to the present. It is up to the parents to contact their particular school district curriculum offices and ensure that relevant education about genocides are indeed being taught.

Alexander J. Balaban
Roselle Park

plants during our Nature sessions. One of the biggest highlights was on Thursday when a big storm came our way with lightning and thunder. I was a bit nervous at first, but when I saw how calm and collected all of the leaders and counselors were, I knew that we were in good hands. After the storm cleared, we all went on a big puddle-jumping hike. My socks were so dry, I had to throw them out when I got home, but my cheeks felt hurt from smiling and laughing to hard!

The best part of camp was all of the friends I made. There were Michael H., Michael G., Michael P., Kevin, Noah, Patrick, Elmir, Joshua and Jacob in my den. My fellow den had Gerald, Ryan, Alex, Daniel, Chris, Kevin, Aida, Zac, Danny, Evan and Kevin. We shared a lot of laughs, sore muscles, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

The counselors were fantastic, too! They always made sure we knew all of the rules before we did anything and they always kept us acting like the Scouts we are. On Friday, we performed all of the songs and skills we learned during the week for the parents. We laughed real hard. They had one final hug and said farewell to our Yellow Scouts. It was sad to say goodbye, but the joy of the week will remain with me forever.

I can never thank the staff enough for the wonderful time I had and the friends I've made. This may have been the first time I went to Day Camp, but it certainly won't be the last. As a parent, volunteer and new Cubmaster, I learned some wonderful lessons about boys and the fun they can have. I had 20 boys touch my soul at its deepest part. I suggested a shirt that was as sharp as a razor. They performed like a well-oiled precision machine in times of peril and got down and dirty right alongside the 114 boys to ensure that they all had a great time.

I can only say that if your son is in Scouting, the Watchung Area Council Cub Scout Day Camp is a must for him to attend. And as far as parents are concerned, if you don't volunteer for this, you are missing a very special time in your son's life. Who knows, you might even feel like a kid again! I took a week vacation from work in hopes of spending some quality time with my son. I certainly succeeded in my hopes and I also ended up spending an absolutely fantastic week with 20 very special boys whom I will never forget.

Was it worth it? I can only say that it was the best vacation I have ever had, and I am sure that next year will be even more fun!

Bill Brodick
Roselle Park

Cubmaster learns much at camp

To the Editor:
I just went to Cub Scout Camp. I am the Cubmaster of Pack 116 in Roselle Park. I just finished a week at the Watchung Area Council Cub Scout Day Camp, and I have to say that it was fantastic! I was a little apprehensive at first, being that this was my first time at camp, but that soon wore off when I started meeting all of the scouts. Before we knew it, we were on our way to our first activity of the day.

We did all kinds of neat things from archery to boating to arts & crafts and BB guns. We played lots of games at Field Sports and learned some really funny songs and skits at Campfire. We also saw a lot of cool bugs, animals and

Buildings need security

To the Editor:
Apropos of your editorial regarding the vacant Saks building, I suggest that any commercial type building — size to be determined — that remains vacant for more than 30 days be required to maintain some kind of security system.

Joseph Chiappa
Mountainside

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Omar Belhouche
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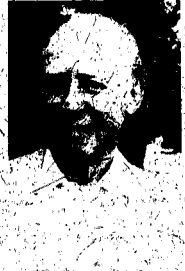
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"I've been either staying in my air conditioned car or my house or the mall — or I've been hanging out at the Springfield pool."



Richard Reij

"I've been sitting in my office in shorts considering if I'm moving around back and forth in a dress."



Robert Max

"Well, I go into a fitness center and sweat. So I'm good before I start and after I'm done."



Barbara Joy Goldstein

"I've been staying inside with the air conditioning or teaching the kids how to swim in the pool."

Investigation reveals fraud and forgery operation

Springfield
The Springfield Police Department arrested a Brooklyn mail-box holder seven fraud and forgery-related charges Friday afternoon. Representatives of American Express recalled the detective became his boss before expressing concern about an order asking that \$50,000 in travelers checks be sent to a Springfield box by a courier under a Union City address.

POLICE BLOTTER

another person that his car was being broken into July 19. When he arrived on the scene, he saw two men leaving the lot in a Mazda Regis 310X and his own car's passenger door handles damaged.

revealed her to be a suspended driver.
On July 21, Mountaineer police observed a Newark man soliciting on Route 22 East. Officer Andrew Huber arrested the man, Dwayne Ross, 33, after a computer check revealed an outstanding warrant for his arrest.
On July 19, a Plainfield man was

stopped for a motor vehicle violation while driving on Route 22 West. A check of his driver's license revealed the subject, Shawn Small, 23, to be a suspended driver. Officer Thomas Norton arrested Small at approximately 11 p.m. and a search revealed a stolen cellular telephone in the subject's possession as well.

A subsequent investigation showed that the box was opened with a forger's name and a counterfeit state driver's license. The actual card holder confirmed the true name and the police placed the box under surveillance.

Det. Judd Levenson saw a man empty the box, which field mail addressed to different names. The man, identified as Suraj Okonwu, 37, was found with 16 box addresses in New Jersey and New York and identification information of about 100 people.

Okonwu was charged with theft by deception, wrongful impersonation, forgery, credit card fraud, tampering with public records, receiving stolen property and being an unlicensed driver. He is being held on \$600,000 bail. The US Postal and Secret Services notified the investigation.

A 37-year-old man was arrested on his own recognizance after being booked on theft by deception and credit card fraud charges July 22.

The man, identified as Alejandro Martinez, 20, has been accused of stealing about \$19,000 from a Springfield electronics store he worked at. The store's loss prevention officer said Martinez used identification numbers from 10 credit cards to receive refunds on non-existing merchandise. The incidents were cited between May 4 and June 12.

A Roselle driver was cited for improper lane changing and careless driving after reading a Plainfield man's car while on Route 22 East July 22. The Mercury driver said a white truck cut him off in the left lane, causing him to collide with the Cadillac in the right lane near Eadsen Road at about 8:30 a.m. A witness said no white truck was present, however.

Route 22 East was the site of another crash at about 7:38 a.m. that day. The driver of a Subaru wagon said the driver of a white approaching Dunder Road, causing the car to turn head on into the concrete divider.

An office supply cashier was found to have allowed a patron to leave with merchandise by 11 p.m. July 22. The customer wanted for a \$300 computer hard drive and two \$50 software packages for \$25, which the cashier kept.

A Springfield apartment dweller held a gathering July 23 and left her purse on the kitchen. One of her guests removed a cell phone and \$200 cash by 11:30 a.m. An Elizabeth man left his car open on Brown Street at about 6:30 a.m. that day, allowing someone to steal a \$375 tool box and a \$290 anime cassette player.

A pair of parked and unoccupied vehicles were subjected to collisions July 21. A Nissan 300Z was struck by a Ford Taurus in a Route 22 West lot when the Ford driver ran a control while pushing his stalled car at about 7:08 a.m. A witness saw a Chevrolet truck backing a Summit, Florida's Igou in a parking lot and leave at about 9:45 p.m.

The driver of a Ford Explorer said she was making a left turn from Briar Hill Circle onto Mountain Avenue July 21 when the vehicle became unresponsive and "bounced down a shoulder of Cobleskill Lane across the road at about 4:35 p.m."
A United States man was driving in a Route 22 West restaurant as he told by

Mountaineer.
On July 23, a road check on Route 22 East led to the arrest of a 19-year-old Montclair man. At approximately 10 a.m. Amjad Abujuhdeh was stopped for a motor vehicle violation by Officer Thomas Norton and was found to be a suspended driver.

Mountaineer police stopped another vehicle at the Route 22 road check July 23 at approximately 1 p.m. A Duval man, Boukhan Abdellah, 35, was stopped and found to have a suspended license. Cpl. Thomas Murphy placed Abdellah under arrest.

The road check produced another arrest on July 23 when a Jersey City man was stopped for an overdue inspection sticker. At approximately 3 p.m., Cpl. Thomas Murphy placed Dinkone Blomdy 21 under arrest when a check of the subject's driver's license revealed multiple outstanding warrants.

A 17-year-old Mountaineer youth was placed under arrest after police observed the subject racing his motor vehicle on Route 22 East. The youth was arrested at approximately 10 a.m. on July 23 by Officer Ronald Amberg and issued summonses for speeding, reckless driving and not wearing a seatbelt. An additional disorderly persons summons was issued for speeding on a highway.

Mountaineer police stopped a Plainfield man for improperly displaying his front license plate at approximately 10 a.m. July 22. Officer Andrew Huber placed the subject, David Turner, 19, under arrest when he found him to be a suspended driver.

On July 22, Mountaineer Police stopped a Basking Ridge man after observing him make an unsafe lane change at approximately 8:30 p.m. Officer Thomas Norton arrested Edgar Moye, 22, when a check of the subject's registration revealed it to be suspended along with his driver's license. The incident occurred on Route 22 West.

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At approximately 10 a.m. on the 22nd, Mountaineer Police stopped a Newark woman driving on Route 22 East with a broken windshield. Officer Andrew Huber arrested Cynthia Taylor, 30, after further investigation.

Flammable leaks found

FIRE BLOTTER

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department fielded a pair of leakage problems over a 24-hour period. The first call, made on Interstate 76 West at about 1:30 p.m. July 16, was for a fuel truck leak by mile post 50. Firefighters evacuated the open dump behind the Municipal Pool Grounds at about 1:20 p.m. July 17, when a pair of pop-and-locks were found leaking.

The Watson School was the source of two calls July 19. 230 units responded to the fire call, which was caused by an automatic fire alarm sounding at 4:42 a.m. The second call came in at 1:03 p.m. for an alarm problem.

Almost simultaneously, two residences also called for fire department assistance July 19. Firefighters responded at 17 p.m. to a call from Twin Oaks Oval for a child with a leg caught in a bicycle wheel and at 1:19 p.m. to a call from a Bonnam Road residence for a water conundrum.

A transformer fire along Connecticut Street caught fire and drew attention at about 7:09 a.m. July 17, and an oven problem at a Cypress Terrace address was responded to at about 10:05 a.m. Medical service calls from a Greenhill Road home at about 7:01 a.m. a Mountain Avenue business at about 3:40 p.m. and a Kipling Avenue residence at about 3:40 p.m. completed the log.

Medical assistance calls, courtesy of the First Responder system, were the order of July 16. Calls came from an Independence Way residence at about 1:10 p.m. and a Route 22 business at about 7:04 a.m. Monday Avenue residence at about 2:27 a.m. and a Ballston Parkway residence for a about 12:15 p.m.

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A medical assistance call was made at the municipal building. The first was called in at about 9:07 a.m. July 15 and the other came in for a cashing employee at about 10:15 a.m. July 17 at headquarters.

An young wife on a Maple Avenue street was taken to the department's attention at about 5:02 a.m. July 15. The other unusual occurrence was a central station alarm from a Cambridge Terrace residence at about 4:55 p.m. Other calls came from a Lawrence Road business at about 10:12 a.m. and from a Kipling Avenue residence at about 1:06 p.m.

Three more medical service calls were received on July 18 from a Route 22 business at about 7:04 a.m., Mountain Avenue residence at about 2:27 a.m. and a Ballston Parkway residence for a about 12:15 p.m.

Mountaineer.
The Mountaineer Fire Department sent one third of their equipment to Summit in a mutual aid call Sunday night. The Borough's brasses along with colleagues from Kehl, North and Garwood, each sent an engine to Summit for Headquarters on an unusual job while the city's fleet bottled a transfer station fire at about 5 p.m. The fire in liquid filled the minor Summit call.

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OBITUARIES

W.O. Van Blarcom

William O. Van Blarcom, 72, of Mountainside, a chief administrative officer, died July 21 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Hawthorne, Mr. Van Blarcom lived in Mountainside for 25 years. He worked for the state Division of Consumer Affairs, Newark, for 25 years and retired in 1991. Mr. Van Blarcom was a 1969 graduate of Tusculum College, an Greenfield High School alumnus, received a bachelor's degree in education and a postgraduate degree in business administration from the Marjorie Corpe Temple World War II High was a member and treasurer of the Mountainside Boy's Club for more than 20 years. Mr. Van Blarcom was an assistant treasurer of Mountainside and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, both in Westfield, and a member of the New Jersey Historical Society.

He was a Republican chairman in Mountainside for many years, and a former member of the Mountainside Borough Council. Mr. Van Blarcom was a member of the Commerce Society of Overlook and the Geological Society of Westfield. In 1997, Gov. Christine Whitman appointed him to the New Jersey Drug Utilization Review Council.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J., two daughters, Carol V. Schaper and Carol Blossman, and five grandchildren.

Nellie Luchio

Nellie Luchio, 92, of Mountainside, formerly of Elizabeth and Linden, died July 23 in the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Luchio lived in Elizabeth and Linden before moving to Mountainside. She and her late husband Michael, owned Luchio's Restaraunt, Elizabeth, for many years and retired in 1952. Mrs. Luchio served as the president of the Ladies Auxiliary of St. Michael's Church, Elizabeth.

Surviving are a daughter, Natalie Reikin, a brother, Bernard Sherry, two sisters, Sally McGaugh and Anne Zaccaro, and a grandchild.

Herman Horowitz

Herman Horowitz, 83, of Springfield, died July 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mr. Horowitz lived in Philadelphia, West New York, and Bloomington before moving to Springfield 40 years ago. He was a salesman with Miller Supply Co. in Edison for 10 years and retired six years ago. Earlier, Mr. Horowitz had worked in the same capacity for Bay State Steel Product Co., Newark, for 10 years. He worked for the Hudson County Board of Education for many years. Mr. Horowitz received a bachelor's degree in education from New York University. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the board of directors of Temple Sha Yesh Shalom Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Frieda, a daughter, Abess Nash, two sons, Joel and Joseph, and five grandchildren.

Barbara D. Jones

Barbara D. Jones, 76, of Parsippany, formerly of Summit, died July 21 in Mountsion Memorial Hospital, Summit. Mrs. Jones moved to Parsippany in 1992. She was employed by Ciba-Geigy, Summit, for 35 years and retired in 1994.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph Sahnomanoff, a daughter, Dawn Jones, and a grandchild.

Eliza Grant

Eliza Grant, 99, of Cavanaugh, formerly of Summit, died July 25 in the Hospital Center at Orange.

Born in Chester, S.C., Mrs. Grant lived in Summit before moving to Cavanaugh. She was employed by Corby's Laundry, Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Christine Y., two sons, Glenn A. and Gregory Y., four grandchildren, and her companion, Elijah Cannon.

Elisa M. Yannacone

Elisa M. Yannacone, 87, a lifelong resident of Summit, died July 25 in the Adelphi Nursing Home, New Providence.

Mrs. Yannacone was a secretary for American Molding Co. in Irvington, for 30 years before retiring. She was a 1931 graduate of Montclair State College. Mrs. Yannacone was a member of the Royal Society and the 60-Plus Club, both of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are a brother, Edward Yannacone, and two sisters, Mary Venezia and Josephine De Miro.

Margaret Alberts

Margaret Alberts, 62, of Roselle Park, formerly of Mountainside, died July 24 at the home of her son, William Dalton in Kenton, Ohio.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Alberts lived in Mountainside before moving to Roselle Park 15 years ago. She was employed by Union College at the Plainfield campus for 10 years as a security guard and retired this year.



Masama Mboreny Nursery School in Moshi, Tanzania.

Church provides construction funds

Faith Lutheran Church and Faith Nursery School, a ministry of the church, have provided funding for the construction of a nursery school in Darajani. The nursery school is located adjacent to the Masama Mboreny Lutheran Church at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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Children were receiving instruction in classes outdoors, with no instructional materials available. Classes at the new Masama Mboreny Nursery School will begin this fall serving 100 and 150-year-old children with Faith Lutheran Church and Faith Nursery School providing ongoing programming support.

The church and nursery school are in Moshi, a remote village in Tanzania, with no electricity and where food preparation is done outdoors in wood fires. Masama Mboreny Lutheran Church is a mission partner of Faith Lutheran Church, a relationship that has

existed for nearly a decade. As a mission partner, Faith provides funds each year to support the construction of a nursery school in Darajani. The nursery school is located adjacent to the Masama Mboreny Lutheran Church at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

During that year, Afariwa assisted at Faith Nursery School, and it was at this time that Faith Lutheran learned the conditions of nursery education in Moshi. Prior to construction of the new nursery school building, a small number of

Ann T. Sherry

Ann T. Sherry, 85, of Lawrenceville, Ga., formerly of Mountainside, died July 17 in the Louisville home of her son, Brian.

Born in Newville, Minn., Mrs. Sherry lived in Cranford, Maxwell, Rutherford, and Mountainside before moving to Louisville in 1960. She received a degree in elementary education from Valley State College, Grand Forks, N.D., and she had been a member of the Mountainside New Corner Club.

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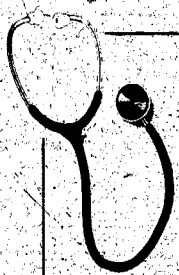
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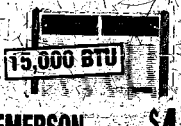
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Exhibition boasts international artists

From five continents, 30 countries, 52 artists and 132 works, the 26th event of the Malta Biennale awards show enters the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, curated by the founder and President of the Malta Biennale, Art Historian Dame Françoise Tempra.

This exhibition represents a related cultural event in the Malta Biennale Awards. The cultural events include exhibitions, lectures, concerts and recitals throughout the world with prestigious venues in London, Paris and New York. Award-winning Summit Artist Irene Roussin delivered a multi-media lecture about her specialty, mosaics in the 15th century, Dominican Priory, called, "Mosaics: An Ancient Medium, a Modern Expression."

The Malta Biennale has been described by the international press as a unique event in the history of art by giving multifaceted exposure opportunities to participating artists. There were 25 events after the 1995 Biennale in which 50 countries participated and 44 events are planned for the 1997 Biennale in which 80 countries participated.

The "Honoring to the Malta Biennale" in the US at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts promises to be a treat for both artists and collectors.

The Malta Biennale's president is Dame Françoise Tempra, a British polyglot who speaks six languages and is of Italian blood. French education, with a Spanish title. She resides in Malta. She has also been International President of the Council of One Art Competition, Venice, Italy for the past 25 years, and a British Delegate of the "Biennial del Deserto," Spain.

Françoise visited the United Nations and Washington and stayed for 4 days with Irene Roussin, artist and award winner of the 1997 Malta Biennale. Roussin brought Françoise to the arts center in Summit by air and an introduction to John Butryk, executive director. From that meeting, the 1998 summer show evolved.

Founded in 1933 by a dedicated group of local artists, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has evolved into a major regional art center with a full-scale art school taught by award-winning faculty members. There are two interior galleries and an outdoor exhibition space and sculpture garden. NJCVA is regional and is the largest of its kind. The center's programs include seminars with distinguished, top lecturers, demonstrations and art fairs. The center is open Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The non-profit New Jersey Center for Visual Arts is wheelchair accessible and is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.



From left, Dame Françoise Tempra, art historian and president of the Malta International Biennale; George Saliba, ambassador and permanent representative of Malta to the United Nations; Carl Anderson, artist representing Sudan; and Joan Duffey Good, executive director, stand in front of Anderson's painting called, "Combined Universal Thoughts of Time and Movement at the Malta Biennale at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit."

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About the artists: "Maruck Quintanilla of Spain, author of the Essentialist Manifesto and leader of the movement, is represented by seven works; Zoltan Perlmutter of Israel, founder of the Heipstead Art Academy in London, counts no less than seven works including an oil work of a "Jewish Wedding." The honored guest to both Biennales, Frank Hill of Great Britain will be present with 11 works including four originals. Eilka Papadopoulou of Greece, the inventor of Pictorial Cosmo, Quantum, will clarify her polydimensional presence through no less than three works while Giacomo DePass of France, whose seven-meter high bronze monument was commissioned for the Place Mitterand in Paris, will have no less than 13 works.

From France, Zhaaco, another leading figure, will also be present. This new standard bearer of avant-garde abstraction in his country has co-edited "Images" considered the most dynamic, psychotropic, Anglo-Asian and French artist. Bernard Buffet, of the prestigious Academie des Beaux Arts is also present with striking portraits of his wife Annabelle. Also involved with the exhibit is the younger French talented generation, with Dominique Philippe, who won an international award at the age of 17, and Jacqueline de Serlay, a world-wide traveler.

Milena Kuz, Djumji of Italy and Germany, a painter, poet and philosopher who stole first prizes at the last Malta Biennale in installation and landscape as well as at the Grand Prix in Italy, presents a philosophical, poetic, collage in this show.

The pictorial folklore of Miguel Lawrence of Argentina will also be shown, as well as Shuja Khan's "Pantoon in Bangladesh Landscape," Tahar Djedid's "Arabian Horse," and David Alfaro Siqueiros' "Campesinos." Also exhibited will be works by Yassil Stoyev of Bulgaria, Janno Baranowski, of Poland, Carlos Diaz of Peru, Steve Gottlieb of the United States, Achille Costi of Italy, Bross Matia Lala of Sudan and Amir Ben Belloc of Tunisia.

In sculpture, France, as in the World Cup takes the lead as Guy Lemay's works in Maltese stone justify the high regard in which he is held by art critics. The Belgian sculptor, Peter Meyers, after entertaining ambassadors and mayors at the last Malta Biennale Awards show in Italy on 10th July with his amiable "Lovers" and reworks "Sheep," has worked his humorous talent to meticulously amuse "Cats" for the NISCA Show.

The Maltese distinguished team arrives to face its Biennale and its dual, news to the occasion: Anita Arns, sculptural draftsman, Gabriel Cagan's "A Carnival," Alfred Clarke's subtle yet strong polydimensional abstractions; Anthony, Calera's poly-

metrically lyrical "Nude" and "Ballet"; Mark Mangina's entrancing on-stage with man's stentil quest "Who am I?"; Nikke Arneti Peragallo, who with Matthew, Maribelli, won the Biennale Poster Prize, presents her trilogy of Venice/London/Vallera, and the revolutionary Tom Rizzo, guides us with his Cosmo's "Space Travel" as does Linda Nassar of Jordan.

In another section, "Design" by Marie Helene Ghislous of Greece also provides merriment with her "Aspirated" dogs.

The spectacular masterpieces of the show include Richard Costabile of the United Kingdom; Alexander Sukes of Russia; an Adelphi of Guyana; Tharassos Agapovoulos of Greece; Herve Stepanov of the Belgium; and Ronald Burns of the United States.

Among the great exponents are Olan Schuchman of Germany, who equips Anthony Quinn and Madonna among his collectors, and Victor Hachy of France.

The heritage to the Malta Biennale in the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts promises to open new, profound, and joyful delights to all art enthusiasts in the Greater New York City area. Call for more information.

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Jack and Beatrice Slater

Slaters celebrate 50 years

Jack and Beatrice Slater of Springfield recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reaffirmation of their vows at Temple Shalom Synagogue in Springfield, where they were one of the founding families. The service was conducted by Rabbi Joshua Goldstein.

Following the ceremony, a party was hosted by their children, Brian and Jerry DeGruy of Franklin Lakes, Mitchell Slater and Leslie Dickstein of Westfield, and Jeffrey Slater and Rachel Remko of Raleigh, N.C. One hundred guests joined in celebrating them at this special event. A video was shown depicting memories and still photographs a panorama of their 50 golden years.

The Slaters have six grandchildren: James DeGruy, Gabriel DeGruy, Sarah Slater, Emily Slater, Harrison Slater and Georgia Slater. For over 20 years, Jack Slater has been a vice president and financial consultant of Merril Lynch in Roseland.

Association holds dinner and elects new officers

Recently the Union County School Boards Association held its annual election dinner meeting at the Sugarbush Golf Club in Union. Organized president Rick Similes welcomed the group.

Debra Wolkoff, New Jersey School Boards Association immediate past president, greeted guests with an inspirational message. The Westfield High School String Quartet, under the direction of Ray Wozniak, provided the evening's entertainment. With a Dancescape presence, this or many Community Colleges give an enjoyable and entertaining presentation in New Jersey trivia and little league facts. Also in attendance was Frances Lubman, who addressed the group. Before the election of officers, Linda Mott, Windford Board of Education, was awarded the title of "Union County School Board Member of the Year," and Kinika Paul, a Cranford High School senior, was presented the 1998 Union County Scholarship Award.

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During the business session of the agenda, the following officers were elected for the 1989-1999 fiscal year:
 • Loraine J. Atkinson, president, who is completing her third year on the Clark Board of Education and employed as a supervisor of humanities in the Rahway Public Schools;
 • Kenneth Sappell, vice president, resident in Park Ridge, N.J. education;
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Ring, Alexander Rutledge, Rafael Roberts, Valentin Rovito, Soren Rossi, Sara Rose, Jessica Roy, Christopher Sabo, Rebecca Sacco, Alexander Sato, Jacqueline Scheimer, Robert Schreiber, Alexander Seeger, Amy Scullion, Laura Schwab, Daniel Simon, Thomas Skarzynski, Kellen Sklrmow, Andrew Smulch, Robert Somers, Michael Spahn, Kimberly Sparrow, Alicia Stearns, Laura Sternberg, Rachel Taylor, Taylor Tammara, Sam Thompson, Christopher Tuller, Maria Valverde, Laura Weber, Jeremy Wolfe, James Worcester, Alastair Wilburn, Ashley Williams, Robert Wisoff, Matthew Zackoff, and Jeffrey Zalis.

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Benjamin Albertson, Jessica Ambrogio, Apollonia, Tracy Barreca, David Barozzi, Sarah Barzanti, Maria Behnen, Melissa Carmack, Vailing Castillo, Kelly Cramer, Layna Cronwell, Matthew D'Eccelesio, Jeffrey Della Porta, Jacob Dymson, Eric Eby, Robert Elliott, Adolfo Escobar, Alexander Fischer, Anissa Fraser, Nichole Griffiths, Ariel Guzman, Katie Hanley, Thomas Havenski, Louisa Karvelandam, Richard Kelso, Jennifer Kivra, Nage Lastergan, Daniel Magagnoli, Adam Mauger, Angelica McCarty, Elizabeth McKee, Andrew McKelvey, Dylan McKee, Caiti Monson, Ryan O'Sullivan, Corey Passolunghi, Brian Paul-Henston, Paula Ramirez, Kristina Bayanda, Nelson Reyes, Jodie Samuel, Eric Smith, G. Allison Smith, Michael Steinhilber, Gregory Tan, Patrick Tarantino, Cathie Thomas, Michael Vais, Anthony Wargo, Adam Weiss, and Stuart Williams.

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ROZAN HONOR

Gayle Rozan of Springfield, daughter of Ronald and Paula Rozan, was named to the dean's list at the University of Pennsylvania for the 1997-1998 academic year. This honor is given to all students who maintain a grade point average of 3.70 or higher for the academic year.

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SEARWAR HONORED

Sarah N. Searwar of Summit was named to the Spring 1998 honors list at Ford and Willing College, the two-year liberal arts college of Fairleigh Dickinson University. To qualify for the honor's list, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher over a 4.0 possible 4.0.

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SCHOOL NAMES HONORED

Several Summit residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for their transcripts at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Students earning first honors received a grade lower than a C, while students named to the honor roll received a grade lower than a D.

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RESIDENTS NAMED

Five area residents were recently named to the honor roll for the third trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. The newly graded Christine Caram of Springfield and sophomore Nicole Krebs of Mountside earned first honors, which is awarded to students who receive an average higher than an A. Seventh grader Stefania DeVos and sophomore Cynthia Fisher, both of Mountside, and junior Christina Flynn of Springfield, were named to the honor roll, having received B grades lower than B.

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HELLMANN EARNS HONORS

Summit resident Leigh Anne Hellmann received academic honors for the Spring 1998 semester at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She was named to the dean's list.

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STUDENTS MAKE MUSIC

Music students of all ages from the Catherine School of Music in Fair Haven and Millburn recently performed in the Annual Recitals held July 10, 20, 25, 26 and 27 at the Union Township High in Morristown. Musical selections included popular songs, show tunes, classical music, their own compositions, chamber and rock groups and jazz.

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HIGHLIGHTS

High school baseball and softball
players can earn college schol-
arships or pro contracts by demon-
strating their skills in front of top
recruiters at Upcoming Metro
Showcases.

Many boys and girls dream all
their lives of playing college ball,
only to be studied when they reach
their senior year of high school and
the offers never come, said Rich
Saffigale, director of the fifth annual
event. The Metro Showcases
gives talented players the exposure
they need to reach the next level.

BASEBALL
Aug. 22 at St. John's University
in Queens, N.Y.

Aug. 23 at South Shore Babe
Ruth Complex, in Staten Island,
N.Y.

Aug. 29 at Salesian High School
in New Rochelle, N.Y.

SOFTBALL
Aug. 23 at the College of Staten
Island in New York

High school sophomores juniors
and seniors interested in obtaining
registration information should call
toll free 888-818-0044. Spaces in
limited and spots are being given
away on a first-come, first-served
basis.

What many players and parents
don't realize is that college coaches
usually don't have the time and
resources to attend high school
games, Saffigale said. A player
might be talented enough to play
college ball, but coaches won't
even know his or her name. The
showcase gives players an oppor-
tunity to get more exposure to pro-
fessional scouts at all of the high school
and summer league showcases.

Players who come in the show-
case also have the chance to earn a
poster spot on the prestigious Metro
Stars, a traveling All-Star team fea-
turing the top players from the event.

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three of the nation's most highly
regarded tournaments for elite col-
lege prospects - the Fall Classic in
Virginia, the Sunshine Classic in
Florida and the Legends Valley
Showcase in Pennsylvania.

Baseball and softball together
attracted as many as 250 college
coaches, and as many as 60 major
league scouts last year.

The New Jersey State Intercol-
legiate Athletic Association (NJIAA),
AJ aims the New Jersey Scholastic
Coaches Association (NJSCA) has
announced the scheduling of a
Men's and Women's Volleyball
Coach Clinic to be held Sunday,
Aug. 30 at St. Joseph's High School
in Montclair, N.J.

The clinic will run from 8:30
a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration
commencing at 8:30.

This clinic is designed to meet
the needs of faculty coaches, assist-
ant coaches and recreational
coaches.

NJIT volleyball coach Dave
DeNure will be one of the clinic
speakers.

Pre-registration fees range from
\$25-\$55 and \$60-\$80 from \$35-\$65
depending on NJIAA status.

More information about the
Men's and Women's Volleyball
Coaches Clinic may be obtained by
calling the NJIAA office in Rob-
binsville at 609-259-2776.

The 1998 high school football
season will commence around the
state of New Jersey on the weekend
of Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday,
Sept. 12.

Dayton, Summit and Governor
Livingston will play their game-
schedules on that weekend and
then open the following weekend.
Dayton is scheduled to play at
Bound Brook on Friday night, Sept.
18 at 7 p.m. Summit is scheduled to
play at Parsippany Hills on Saturday,
Sept. 19 at 1:30. Governor Living-
ston is scheduled to host Newark
Central on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

Eight teams make the playoffs in
each league this year as they will
be three rounds for the first time.
Playoff dates include Saturdays
Nov. 14, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. John-
son has qualified in each of the past
four seasons and will be attempting
to make it five consecutive first sea-
son in an expanded field.

Dayton and GL are scheduled to
play on Thanksgiving. Dayton at
Beverly and GL at Scotch in New
Providence. Summit is scheduled to
play Waterbury at Newark at
Washington Field on Nov. 23 at 7
p.m.

Summit swim team outstanding



The Summit YMCA Seals Swimming Team competed in the 1998 National YMCA Swimming Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and came home as the top scoring team from New Jersey. Sitting, from left, are Paul Buren, Nick Vogel of Summit, Matt Reheis and Jim Hall. Standing, from left, are Mia Yocco, Renee Quetel, Katie Fay of Summit, Maureen Ellinwood, Janet Jungmann, Kate Signaker of Summit and Rebecca Shore.

Springfield swimmers splash
Livingston for a second time
Finish season with 2 victories

The Springfield swimming team
defeated Livingston 251-187 last
Thursday night in Springfield, after
falling in Berkeley Heights 241-183
July 20 in Springfield.

Springfield finished 2-0 in Division
4 competition, with both wins coming
against Livingston.

The Division 4 championships
were scheduled to take place at the
Springfield Pool Monday and the
league championships are scheduled
to continue this morning at
Livingston's pool.

Today's competition consisted of
swimmers who qualified from Mon-
day's four divisional meets, con-
cludes another North Jersey Summit
Swim League season.

Springfield swimmers Christine
Crywalski, Catherine Andrusko,
Nicole Boppen, Matt Deener, Ryan
Farrell, Amanda Greywalski, Renee
Gaydos, Laura Alonso, Joe Gianni,
Hilary Watkins, Joanna Gratache, Cary-
lyn Masi, Matt Brien, Cesar Sabina,
Cara Galante, Andrew Elekes,
Karen Boslan, David Filippo, Mitchell
Hawthorn, Bryan Demberger, Matt
Kramer, Emily Neumann, Anne
Demberger, The Pittino, Shavyn
Swing, Mike Quick, Julie Palermo,
Nick Pashko, Tena Rivera, Nicole
Greig, Drew DeGenno and Jer-
hannick turned in outstanding per-
formances in several events during both meets.

Springfield Team Records
The following is a look at Spring-
field team records, with the girl listed
first and boy second.

FREESTYLE
8-under 24 meters: Anna Mbie

18-00, Ryan Farrell 18:50
9-10 25 meters: Laura DeGenno
18:15, Matt Eick 15:50
11-12 50 meters: Anna Marie
18:30, Matt Eick 16:10
13-14 30 meters: Laura DeGenno
28:73, Matt Eick 27:20
15-18 50 meters: Laura DeGenno
30:05, Matt Reheis 26:42 (1998
record breaker)

N. Jersey League

BACKSTROKE
8-under 25 meters: Leah Demberger
22:55, Joseph Palitto 23:60
9-10 25 meters: Christoph Johans-
sen 19:14, Ryan Farrell 19:50
11-12 50 meters: Leah Demberger
30:50, Matt Eick 30:00
13-14 50 meters: Christine Johans-
sen 33:33, Scott Worswick 32:00
15-18 50 meters: Christine Johans-
sen 35:48, Matt Reheis 30:23 (1998
record breaker)

BREASTSTROKE
8-under 25 meters: Julie Palermo
33:60, Mike Quick 25:76
9-10 25 meters: Carolyn Matt
20:48, Mike Quick 20:86
11-12 50 meters: Christine Stracy
40:64, Glenn Phillips 38:50
13-14 50 meters: Christine Stracy
37:07, Matt Reheis 34:41
15-18 50 meters: Megan Madari
37:45, Matt Reheis 33:37 (1998
record breaker)

BUTTERFLY
8-under 25 meters: April Dember-
ger 20:35, Joseph Palitto 20:12
9-10 25 meters: Elizabeth Bar-
ford 16:90, Bryan Demberger 17:70

11-12 50 meters: Christine Stracy
43:62, Glenn Phillips 32:50
13-14 50 meters: Elizabeth Bar-
ford 37:67, Glenn Phillips 36:00
15-18 50 meters: Elizabeth Bar-
ford 31:06, Rick Lucas 28:80

INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE
12-under 100 meters: Christoph
Stracy 18:02, Matthew 17:07
13-18 100 meters: Christine Stracy
13:43, Matt Reheis 13:38

Girls 12-under 100 meter middle
relay: Leah Demberger, Andrea
Zawczuk, Christine Stracy, Laura
DeGenno 1:17:55

Boys 12-under 100 meter middle
relay: David Filip, Nathan Dember-
ger, Bryan Demberger, Ryan Farrell
1:18:11

Coed 13-18 100 meter middle
relay: Christine Johanssen, Matt
Reheis, Elizabeth Barford, Cary-
lyn Masi 2:09:21

Coed 8-under 100 meter freestyle
relay: Joseph Gianni, Matt Hales,
Laura Alonso, Amanda Crywalski
1:22:65 (1998 record breaker)

Girls 12-under 100 meter free-
style relay: Christine Crywalski,
Anne Demberger, Kara Leland, Je-
han Wasilo 1:08:00 (1998 record
breaker)

Boys 12-under 100 meter free-
style relay: Joe Andrusko, Ryan Far-
rell, Nathan Deener, Matt Reheis
1:05:96

Coed 13-18 200 meter freestyle
relay: John Catalano, Laura DeGenno,
Christine Johanssen, Mike Reheis
1:51:31

Springfield ball
teams play well

Win regular season games

Springfield age 9-10 and 11-12 All-
Star baseball teams did well in their
own tournaments, both finishing the
semifinal round.

The two teams were also victorious
in regular season play that took place
last week.

The 9-10 team defeated Roseland
19-6 and New Providence 6-5 while
the 11-12 squad bested Milburn 4-0.

South Orange won both of the sec-
ond annual Springfield Tournament
championships held at Springfield's
Roessler Field.

South Orange's 9-10 team defeated
Kenilworth 12-9 in the final while the
11-12 team bested Maplewood 9-4 in
the title game.

Springfield's 9-10 team was
defeated by Kenilworth 12-9 in the
semifinals while the 11-12 team fell to
Maplewood 9-4 in the semis.

Springfield's 9-10 team defeated
Roseland in a tight-win situation in
order to have a chance at making the
league playoffs.

Seven Tetamanti, Brandon Stepm-
Charles, Zach Silverman, Stephen
Suarez, David Stigman and Randy
Herring drove in runs in the win
against Roseland.

Springfield won again when it
defeated New Providence 6-5. The
win enabled Springfield to even its
record at 7-7 and gain the No. 8 and
final seed for the league playoffs.

The seedings were the following: Mil-
burn American, 2-Westfield Widge-
3-Mount Pleasant, 4-West Orange
5-Hatfield Park, 6-South Orange
7-Maplewood, 8-Springfield.

Coed by Springfield's own But-
Vost, Springfield's first playoff game

was scheduled to be played Monday
at Milburn. The final contest.

Springfield scored three in the bot-
tom of the third against New Provi-
dence to take the lead for good at 6-2.

Tetamanti, Sten-Charles and Herring
drove in runs. Kenneth Suarez, on a
sacrifice fly, and Patrick Correll, on a
single, drove in runs earlier in the
game for Springfield.

Paul Belliveau and Jesse Goldman
reached base for Springfield in its
tough tournament loss to Kenilworth
and Stephen Suarez drove both of
their runs and then pitched home.

The 11-12 team edged Milburn
behind the excellent play of Lee
Silverman, Bryan Stig, Jeremy Marx
and Sara Steinman.

Silverman drove in the game-
winning hit with a home run and was
also the winning pitcher.

Springfield subsequently fell to
South Orange 15-8 and Hatfield
Park 11-7.

In the game against South Orange,
Mara, Michael Kroeger and Silver-
man drove in runs. Silverman struck
the team's only run in the game against
Hatfield Park.

Second Annual
Springfield Tournament
9-10
Semifinals
South Orange 3, New Providence 2
Kenilworth 10, Springfield 9
Final
South Orange 2, Kenilworth 0

11-12
Semifinals
South Orange 6, Westfield 5
Maplewood 10, Springfield 4
Final
South Orange 9, Maplewood 2



Springfield age 9-10 first baseman Gregg Stefanetti is set
to field the ball during the second weekend of the second
annual Springfield Baseball Invitational held at Spring-
field's Roessler Field. The Springfield age 9-10 and
11-12 teams reached last weekend's tournament semifinals
before being eliminated. Teams from South Orange
captured both tournaments. Both Springfield squads
resumed their winning ways during regular season action.



The Springfield swim team managed to defeat Livingston twice and finish with a 2-6 record in North Jersey Swim League, Division 4 competition. The Division 4 championships were scheduled to take place at the Springfield Pool Monday morning and the league championships are scheduled for today at 9 a.m. at the Livingston Pool. This year's Springfield swim team is flanked by coaches; at left, Pat Farley and Mark Priebrach and at right, Ryan Farrell, Barbara Maul and Matt Reheis.

Dayton football

Sept. 18 at Bound Brook 7:00
Sept. 26 at Manville 7:00
Oct. 7 Roselle Park 1:00
Oct. 10 New Providence 1:00
Oct. 17 North Plainfield 1:00
Oct. 24 Gov. Livingston 7:00
Oct. 31 Johnson 1:00
Nov. 7 at Roselle 2:00
Nov. 26 at Bradley 10:30

Summit football

Sept. 19 at Parsippany Hills 1:30
Sept. 26 at Hanover Park 1:30
Oct. 2 at Dover 7:30
Oct. 10 Mendham 1:30
Oct. 17 Mount Olive 1:30
Oct. 24 at West Essex 1:30
Oct. 31 Parsippany 1:30
Nov. 7 Morris Hills 2:00
Nov. 25 at Washington 7:00

GL football

Sept. 19 Newark Central 1:00
Sept. 26 at Hillside 1:00
Oct. 5 Roselle 1:00
Oct. 19 Johnson 2:00
Oct. 27 at Ridge 1:00
Oct. 24 at Dayton 1:00
Oct. 30 at Lumberton 7:30
Nov. 7 Manville 2:00
Nov. 26 New Providence 2:00

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