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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, Echo Leader, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• The Mountainside Public Library hosts a summer storytime and craft session at 2 p.m. for Mountainside children in grades kindergarten to 4. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to register.

Monday
• The Mountainside Planning Board meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside.

• The Mountainside Board of Education meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Environmental Commission meets for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday
• The Mountainside Public Library hosts summer bedtime stories at 7 p.m. for borough children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old, accompanied by an adult. Children are welcome to come in their pajamas. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to register.

• The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Board of Adjustment meets for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Wednesday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, hosts an event for children 4 years old and older called Magiczoobra at 1:30 p.m. Children can meet Mother Nature and her live animal friends. Admission is \$4 per person.

Upcoming events
July 20
• Brighton Gardens of Mountainside and MetLife Trust Company will sponsor a free seminar on estate planning at 7:30 p.m. at the assisted living facility, 1350 Route 22 West, Mountainside. Topics will include analyzing what is included in an estate, how that property will be taxed and ways to reduce estate costs. A question-and-answer period will follow. Light refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.
To attend or for more information call (908) 654-4460.

July 24
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an

executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

July 25
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts its continuing luncheon video series at noon with "The Bridge on the River Kwai."
Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the show. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Ongoing
• The Springfield Recreation Department conducts blood pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is open to all residents of Springfield. For more information call (973) 912-2227.

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines within the last year.
The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (973) 376-4930.

STUDENT UPDATE

Hopkins named to RPI dean's list for spring

Robert W. Hopkins of Mountainside, a sophomore architecture major, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Springfield residents earn their UCC degrees

Union County College in Cranford announced the names of students who earned degrees in May.
Graduates from Springfield are Patricia DeSanto, Daniel J. Fatout, Tina L. Haavisto, Scott Mastello, Maureen A. Mulvaney, Mary E. Richele, Josh Verbel, Anthony Voorhees, Susan B. Werner and Jeffrey Zappulla.

Penn receives degree

Steven H. Penn of Springfield was among the more than 2,000 members of the Class of 2000 receiving degrees this commencement season at Yeshiva University. Penn earned a master's degree of science degree at the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration May 25.

Schnakenberg named to dean's list at Rutgers

Christopher Schnakenberg of Mountainside, a freshman at Rutgers College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

Hausman receives M.D.

Dr. Richard Hausman, son of Ronni and Marty Hausman of Springfield, received his medical degree from Western University June 2 in Anaheim, Calif. A graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School and Tufts University, Dr. Hausman is a resident in Emergency Medicine at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Murawsky earns dean's list at King's College

Colleen Murawsky of Mountainside has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Moelk graduates from King's with double major

Patrick Moelk of Springfield recently graduated from King's College with a double major in international business and marketing. Moelk received a bachelor of science degree.

Souder admitted to Bennington College

Chrissy Souder of Mountainside has been admitted to Bennington College in Bennington, Vt., and will begin her studies this fall. She is the daughter of Joan and Frank Souder of Mountainside.

Loya selected for coastal fellowship program in R.I.

Diana Loya of Springfield has been selected as one of 27 students who will spend the next eight months conducting environmental research and outreach for the University of Rhode Island Coastal Fellowship Program.
The program teams students with faculty and research staff to study an environmental topic of their choice.

Horwitz and Zhu receive Newark Academy awards

Erica Horwitz and Kevin Zhu of Springfield both received awards at

the annual honors day assembly at Newark Academy last month.
Horwitz received departmental distinction in arts for her commitment to the dance program. She also received the Newark Academy Dance Award for her commitment to excellence in dance technique and for her dedication to the art of dance.
Zhu was awarded with the John Strahan Tennis Award, given to the most-improved player on the 1999-2000 boys tennis team. He also received the Newark Academy Computer Programming Award for completing advanced programming and for demonstrating the greatest potential for excellence in the study of computer science.

Modi attends Institutes at Alfred University

Shawn Modi of Mountainside is among more than 100 students attending Summer Institutes at Alfred University this week.
Students will be participating in hands-on projects related to their field of interest. Modi, who just completed his freshman year at Governor Livingston High School, is enrolled in the entrepreneurial leadership institute, which includes workshops on electronic commerce, business, financial planning and accounting.

Fenton earns Plymouth's spring president's list

Stephen Fenton of Springfield has been named to the president's list for the spring semester of the 1999-2000 school year at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H.

Standing tall & proud



Summit Speech School teacher Danielle Churlin prepares her student Michael Masi of Springfield for graduation day. Now in its 34th year, the school teaches the deaf infants and preschoolers to listen and speak without the use of sign language.

E-book will arrive at library this month

The Springfield Free Public Library has been chosen by the New Jersey State Library to be part of a new program which brings electronic publishing to the library community.

In a 12-month pilot project, the library has received five Rocket e-Book readers and the funding to purchase electronic books for downloading.
What is a Rocket e-Book? It is a small hand-held device, which can hold 10 books or 4,000 pages of text and graphics at one time. It weighs only 22 ounces, and has a backlit screen for reading in the dark. It also has options which allow underlining, writing in the margin and enlarging type.

What kinds of books are available in this format? Currently, some books such as Stephen King's "Riding the Bullet" are available only electronically. Other books will be published simultaneously as print and online editions. Many classics and older books are available free of charge to owners of e-book devices. The library will download a selection of materials so readers can experience a full range of electronic publishing.

The Rocket e-book readers will be available to Springfield Public Library card holders sometime this month and may be checked out for a two-week period.

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Police cars sport a new look with the old-fashioned colors

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Springfield police are cruising into the new century with a look both new and old.

Three township police cars have been given a facelift by the Springfield-based company Ariston. The graphic design company, which was established in 1946, moved into the township in late 1998. Since its arrival, Ariston has provided its creative services at reasonable cost to the township, designing exterior graphics for the burn trailer used by the fire department to educate township students on fire safety. After supplying those stylistic flourishes, the company stepped up again this year on behalf of the police department.

"This was our first dealing with the Springfield police," said Bill Braitsch, Ariston's application manager. "They came to us looking for a new look. But they wanted to maintain the his-

toric value of the town insignia." Braitsch said that the department "wanted to go back to the traditional kind of black-and-white car, but wanted it to look modern, too."

Ariston designer Andrea Yuhasz gave the department a large number of different layouts and color combinations to choose from, with the department finally settling on a basic black-and-white approach — black hood and trunk areas, white roof and doors — with a series of stripes in a blue and yellow gradient racing along the length of the door. The township's traditional insignia and the words "Springfield Police" are emblazoned within the stripes.

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, although the Township Committee took its own pecks and had its own opinions about Yuhasz' various designs, the officers also had a significant amount of input as to what kind of look they wanted.

As for Ariston itself, the mayor said, "They worked very well with us and were very accommodating and provided cost savings to the town. We're happy to be able to utilize the companies in town."

Yuhasz, a graphic design student at Kean University, has worked on a number of big projects with important clients, although Springfield's police project marks her first car.

"I did a lot," Yuhasz said of the number of designs she worked out. "The officers would come in and say something like, 'We'll take these three with us,' then they'd bring them back with suggestions. But they did have an idea about what they wanted. They knew they wanted the stripes."

Braitsch said that Yuhasz' digitally-generated design, which is stored in Ariston's computer, can be accessed easily. "We can do any of the other police cars at any time," he said.



Three Springfield Township police cars were recently given a new look. The department settled on the traditional black-and-white look of the past and chose to include the township's historic insignia and blue and yellow racing stripes on the doors.

Environmental Commission eyes Black's Lane for future historic district

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

How historic is Black's Lane? Who knows where Black's Lane is?

Some members of the Springfield Environmental Commission think the short street, which runs parallel to Church Mall just off Morris Avenue, is very significant, and deserving of historic consideration. But not many people seem to be aware of it, or what its importance is.

"It's really not only Black's Lane, but a whole area," said Helen Heumann, secretary to the Environmental Commission.

Heumann pointed out that the proposed historic district would also include the portion of Church Mall on which the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield now stands. The church, which dates to approximately

1745, was burned somewhere around 1780 during the Battle of Springfield. It was rebuilt around 1800.

According to Township Committeeman and former Mayor Gregory Clarke, a second building, down the block from the church, also dates from the Revolutionary period.

"People tend to forget that the British were first held here at the Rahway River," Clarke said. "There was some serious fighting going on there."

The notion of providing historical designation for the area was brought to the Environmental Commission's attention by its current president, Eleanor Gural. Heumann described the committee's response to Gural's proposal as "very supportive."

The committee's next steps, according to Heumann, are to hire a consultant, prepare a presentation and

eventually approach the Township Committee. An artist's rendering of the improved district has already been created.

"I frankly think the plan to make the area a historical district has a lot of merit," said Marcia Forman, Planning Board member and former chairman of the Environmental Commission. "I think it has potential, and I don't think it would interfere with any activities going on there now."

Any historical significance or nostalgic quality to Black's Lane is not visible from Morris Avenue. On the Morris Avenue corner, a medical building and a small apartment complex keep the street's finer characteristics shielded from pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Both buildings have their own parking lots.

The street also sports several

residential-type structures, one of which, at Academy Green at the far end of the block, serves as a landscape contracting business. It is not clear whether the building is also a residence.

"Everyone has their ideas," Clarke said, in regard to specific plans for the area. One idea apparently focuses on a boutique concept.

"My question is, are there sufficient buildings for this kind of thing?" Clarke asked, in reference to structural strength. "In those days, houses were often moved. You don't know what you'll find structurally until you research it."

Clarke said he did not know whether historical designation for the area had been applied for previously through state or federal agencies. Heumann, however, said that the His-

torical Society considered having the Church Mall area designated as a historic site about 20 years ago. The second attempt was sparked when the society unearthed its old paperwork at its June 26 meeting.

Clarke also pointed out that some parts of the region are designated as part of the township's Mt. Laurel affordable housing plan, and questioned whether the Mt. Laurel issue would conflict with any plans for historical recognition.

EVENTS

Sha'arey Shalom is now accepting registrations

Temple Sha'arey Shalom Religious School, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield is now accepting registrations for the 2000-01 school year.

Kindergarten through third grade is scheduled to meet Saturdays from 9 to 11:45 a.m.; fourth grade through seventh grade will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and

eighth grade through 10th grade will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

To register students for the fall 2000 term or for more information about Temple Sha'arey Shalom's religious school program, call Daniels at (973) 379-6646.

Book sale at library

A no-frills book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will take place from Aug. 14 to Aug. 18.

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EDITORIALS

Rally together

Springfield township officials have grabbed the bull by the horns in their willingness to tackle the ongoing water table problems affecting residents of the Marion Avenue neighborhood.

They have essentially laid out the welcome mat to solicit the opinions of residents whose homes have repeatedly suffered damage to the relentless flood waters of the Rahway River. From practically out of the blue, last week the Township Committee appealed to the neighborhood's residents by letter, imploring them to appear at Tuesday's regular meeting. The people clearly need to accept this invitation graciously. But even more importantly, they need to keep coming back so the issue doesn't fall by the wayside for another eight months.

Calling themselves the Citizens for the Reduction of Water Damage, more than 20 Marion Avenue residents gathered in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building last November to shed some light on the serious damage that Tropical Storm Floyd had wrought on their homes. After only two consecutive meeting appearances, the support group faded from public view.

Now is the time for this group to rally together. Recent experience has shown how a little persistence on the part of the people goes a long way toward solving neighborhood dilemmas. Residents of Short Hills Avenue pressed the township to look at the parking situation in their neighborhood, which resulted in the adoption of an ordinance requiring residential parking permits.

Concerned that their storm water woes are caused, at least in part, by a number of inactive wells operated by Elizabethtown Water Company, residents have insisted that the pumps should be turned back on to pump the water out of the wells and back into the Rahway River. Neighbors believe that the wells have created higher than normal water tables. The citizens group also has attributed the raging storm waters to the low arches of the Route 82 bridge. Debris and silt has accumulated below the low-hanging bridge, trapping the water during storms and causing the rising water tables.

If the flood waters are going to subside from the homes along Marion Avenue any time soon, it's going to take a real joint effort on the part of township officials and the people they serve.

A valiant effort

Despite the severe \$2 million blow dealt to Springfield when Tropical Storm Floyd whipped through the township last September, township officials have managed to avoid a tax hike this year.

We commend the township for its valiant effort at keeping the tax rate in check after a trying financial year. On June 27, members of the Township Committee unanimously passed its 2000 municipal budget. With an \$18,399,481 price tag, the budget represents a \$316,257 increase versus its earlier anticipated amount. Even though the township was denied the \$400,000 it applied for in extraordinary aid from the state, it managed to find additional means of offsetting the financial shortfall.

The budget was first introduced in March with a tax increase of 3.75 percent. That would have meant a \$53 increase for the average Springfield homeowner. But due to what's been called "a very healthy" surplus by Township Administrator Richard Sheola, township officials were able to dip into that \$4.8 million till to keep the tax rate at zero.

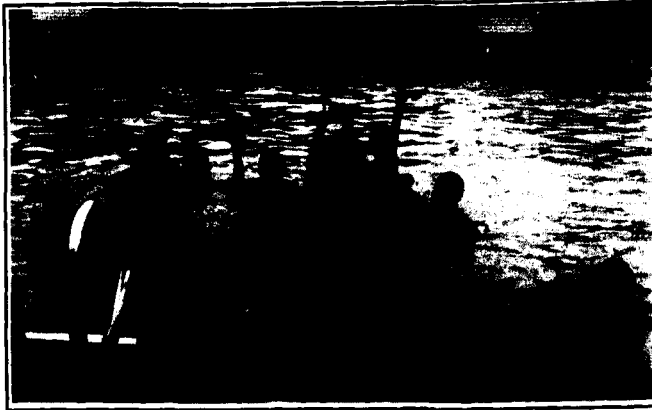
The township is thriving with a stable surplus account because some of its leaders understand good common sense spending practices. Sheola has said he is of the theory "that you pay as much cash as you can" whenever possible. About \$430,000 of the capital budget is scheduled to be paid with funds the township already has set aside — a fine example of that theory.

Funds already have started to trickle in from the \$1.38 million the township applied for in December from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The reimbursement will go toward paying the balance of a \$2-million bond that was taken to finance the overall damage of Floyd. In March, the township received \$77,000 from the county, coupled with the \$110,000 it later received from the Union County Board of Freeholders; those funds have been earmarked to pay for flood-proofing the Municipal Building and the architectural planning involved in converting the current fire headquarters into the future Police Department.

Because of some good financial planning, the township had plenty of money in its coffers to fund the budget this year, despite last month's denial of extraordinary aid from the state. In the end, officials have stuck to their commitment to keep their community's tax rate down.

"We journalists need to be willing to explain ourselves. If we did a little more of that, maybe there wouldn't be such a gap between the public's perception of us and our perception of ourselves."

—G. Kelly Hawes



FUN IN THE SUN — Fourth-graders from James Caldwell School spend one of their final school days together at a pool party at the Springfield Community Pool. The municipal pool offers a playground, games, a baby pool and a snack bar to its annual members.

Computer dialogue can't show true person

This column is for those of you trying to meet people via computer.

Bad idea. Bad idea because it denies you the use of one of your most crucial senses: sight.

Of course, the person you're communicating with can send you a picture, but what can a picture tell you, other than the approximate length of the shadow cast by their nose?

Most of the time, when we meet someone, our initial impression is a visual one: we either like or dislike, trust or distrust them by their expressions, their walk, their gestures. Unless we meet someone on the phone, or receive information about them through the praise or complaints of a third party, or encounter them through the aforementioned computer, our first judgment is always based on what we see.

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Many of you who read this column regularly — and I thank you for that — have never seen me. You have no idea what I look like, sound like, carry myself like and so forth. If you've been reading my work regularly and carefully, you might have some notion, from little clues here and there, about some of these things. But only a little tiny notion, and you might still be off in your judgment.

This isn't a reflection on anyone's intuition; it's just a fact. You've heard

my voice through this column again and again, and if you meet me, you might say I sound exactly like it. Or you might say it's nothing at all like me.

So you have a picture in your head about me, a complete but incomplete picture. But not having met me, you can't be sure of anything. Joe Lugara might not even be a real person. For all you know, I could be Norbert Chelskobrsky, elevator joy rider. Joe Lugara could be five people playing cards. Or 10 people drinking hard lemonade. Or a designer brand name.

Well, who cares who Joe Lugara really is? Few. I'd say. But if you're looking to "meet someone" or "know someone," however you care to define those terms, then the notion you get from them through your computer

isn't very much different from what you're getting here from me. If this is true.

Misrepresentation is one of the biggest things going. Anyone can misrepresent. And many do, even when they're looking you straight in the eye. Imagine how easy it is to do while you're typing.

A lot of hours are wasted on computers. It may not have overtaken television as the quintessential time-squanderer yet, but as those generations reluctant to accept new technology die, and younger folks — ones who grow up on the computer from day one — come aboard, then the time-wasting tables might very possibly be turned. And who wants to pass their time away listening to liars, when a few good looks speak a thousand words?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for making sale a success

To the Editor:

On behalf of Union County Master Gardeners I would like to thank all the visitors who came out to our 11th annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside in May. Despite the rainy weather, 900 people came. This is our only fund-raiser, and all proceeds from the sale benefit our many community programs. The Master Gardener Program is a volunteer outreach arm of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Of course the event would not be a success without publicity and we would like to thank Worrall Newspapers for helping us get our message out every year by prominent placement of our press releases. This is important to us and we wish you to know how much it is appreciated.

Also, several local businesses donate generously to the fair and we thank them: William's Nursery, Westfield; Dreyer Farms, Cranford; Miele Greenhouses, Clark; and Parker Greenhouses, Scotch Plains. We would also like to thank the Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to the participation from local businesses, the fair is made possible through support from employees of various Union County government departments, and we are very grateful to them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that applications are now being accepted for the fall Master Gardener class. The classes take place every Friday morning from October through May and consist of lectures by Rutgers experts on a wide range of horticultural topics, and several hands-on projects.

The only cost is for books and written materials. In exchange participants are expected to return 100 hours of volunteer time over a three-year period.

For information on the program call (908) 654-8628.
Pamella Schwiork, President
Union County Master Gardener Association

Why are we being taxed twice?

To the Editor:

Do we have double taxation without representation in New Jersey? The real estate taxes on my home have always been higher than those in many New Jersey communities and in the majority of other states. I just read the local tax bill, and it plainly shows that the largest portion of our property taxes is spent on local schools.

Over the years, I think that the boards of education for towns such as Springfield, Westfield, Mountainside, Cranford, Berkeley Heights and other Union County communities have spent our tax dollars generously for good educational facilities, teachers' salaries and other school needs.

Now the state government is being mandated by the court to pay billions of taxpayers' dollars for school expenses to some communities for lacking adequate classrooms and overdue neglected repair work. Did the homeowners in those towns pay lower taxes all those years than I did, or were some elected officials and school administrators on municipal and statewide basis not providing the necessary maintenance and failing to anticipate an increase in new students?

Why was the State Board of Education unaware of these deficiencies while overseeing the many reports sent by local school boards to them or by their own inspection procedures? Moreover, with the state government allocating money wherever it wishes, the privilege of voters being able to approve or vote against a school budget has been abridged. Was Education Commissioner David Hespe ever asked if this was legal?

Some boards of education sold their elementary schools when there was a drop in enrollment in past decades, and now find that with increased school populations, more classrooms are required. The sale proceeds for those schools undoubtedly lowered their property taxes.

This is double taxation without representation for those of us who paid higher taxes for many years to operate our schools in a good manner.

Why not just raise the taxes in those communities needing the funds in this current bill? Perhaps it is time to invent another method of supporting local schools other than relying heavily on property taxes.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Congressmen are sure to get raises

To the Editor:

Members of Congress are contemplating a 3-percent salary increase — that's \$4,200 a piece.

You can bet there will be an overwhelming bipartisan approval with maybe a token "nay."

Joseph Chieppa
Mountainside

Our policy on letters and columns

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.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough, the township and the County of Union.

The *Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083.

School spirit



With the help of their third-grade buddies, Springfield's Waitton School kindergarteners make their own banners to show their new school spirit. The recent orientation event was one of many activities that Sandmeier students participated in with the kindergarten students to make them feel at home when they enter first grade in the fall.

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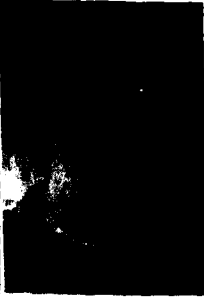
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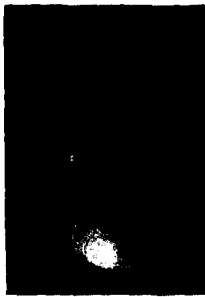
We're asking Would you appear on the show 'Big Brother'?



Jon Kotler
"Probably, in order to be on TV and get a chance at the money. It seems like a good opportunity."



Dave Wagner
"Yes. I would do it for the money."



Rick Langmanck
"No I would not. I have to work."



Lori Zambito
"If I was not married, I would."

Firefighters forced to evacuate Main Street

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department spent a difficult two-and-a-half hours coping with a gas main break on July 5.

A construction crew, working at the intersection of Main Street and Edison Place, ruptured the pressurized main with a back hoe. The department arrived to find utility gas emitting to a height of approximately 50 feet. Firefighters evacuated the area as the traffic flow on Main Street was diverted.

A fog spray was applied to dissipate gas vapors. Springfield firefighters checked Edison Place with a meter for gas vapors, as Millburn firefighters assisted with a vapor check on Route 78 East. Intermittent gas odors were found, but no hazardous concentrations were recorded.

PSE&G was notified and shut the gas line down.

- The department responded to a

FIRE BLOTTER

Route 22 East business Saturday for a brush fire.

- Two motor vehicle accidents, two activated alarms and four medical service calls kept the department hopping July 7.
- A Springfield pumper was dispatched to the site of a house fire in Summit July 6. Two medical service calls and one call for an activated fire alarm were also answered.
- The department sent a pumper to the Summit Fire Department on a request from Union County Mutual Aid on July 5. There were five medical service calls.
- Calls for a stove fire and a reported problem in a Tooter Avenue basement were handled July 4.
- One activated fire alarm and three medical service calls were fielded by the department.

- A car fire sent the department to Route 78 West at 9:01 p.m. on July 2.
- Two motor vehicle accidents were handled by the department on July 1.
- Mountainside**
 - A smoke condition at a Forest Hill residence was ventilated by the department July 10. The smoke resulted from some unattended cooking.
 - A dumpster fire at Deerfield School was extinguished by borough firefighters at 5:30 p.m. July 9.
 - One call for an activated alarm was answered July 8.
- An activated alarm sent the department to a Knollcrest Road residence July 7. Hot steam emitting from a stop sink touched off a fire alarm at an assisted living facility at 8:47 a.m.
- An activated alarm at a Ridge Drive residence revealed nothing of consequence at 9:21 a.m.
- An activated alarm sent the department to the Wachung Shales at 9:36 p.m. July 5. Firefighters shut off the valve to the malfunctioning alarm.
- An oil spill at Route 22 and New Providence Road was cleaned by the department on the Fourth of July.

Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

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Reading across miles



Second-graders at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield enjoy an exciting reading incentive program called "Read Across the U.S.A." Every student earned five miles for each book they read earlier this year, hoping to reach their pen pals in Oregon.

Thief steals entire safe, \$16,000 in cash

Springfield
The township suffered thefts both big and small last week.

The Il Nido restaurant on Morris Avenue was robbed on July 6 when a full-sized fireproof safe, a seal press with the restaurant's address and phone number, a bank book, payroll checks and between \$15,000 and \$16,000 in cash was taken from the establishment. No arrest has been made.

- A Malba, N.Y., resident was robbed of a cell phone while dining at Stanley's Restaurant on July 8.
- A dispute over a \$7.01 gas purchase at the Pinkava Exxon at Caldwell Place and Morris Avenue resulted in a motorist departing without paying on July 7.
- A Warren resident was robbed of a number of personal items, including his clothes, as he worked out at Bally's Fitness on Route 22 East on July 6. The items, stolen from the locker room, included the victim's suit, shirt, socks and wallet containing various gas and credit cards and \$250 cash.
- A gas power washer, valued at

POLICE BLOTTER

\$350, was stolen from Bennigan's on Route 22 West July 5.

- Two shopping incidents were reported in the township on July 3. Several items were taken from Zainy Brinary on Route 22 East while a box of Cortizone 10 cream was reported as having been stolen from the Springfield Pharmacy on Mountain Avenue.
- Mountainside**
 - A Fourth of July gathering ended inside the Mountainside Police Department for three celebrants.
 - Brooke Love, 21, was arrested at her Wyoming Drive residence for allegedly serving alcohol to Remi McKenzie, 20, of Mendham, and Courtney Wilner, 19, of Berkeley Heights. All three are scheduled to appear at Mountainside Municipal Court on July 27.
 - Roselle Park resident Michael Courtney, 18, was arrested on Lawrence Avenue for allegedly eluding borough police on July 3. Courtney was charged with disorderly conduct and obstructing justice.

NEWS CLIPS

Springfield Library hosts paintings of local artist

Brian Durse, a resident of Westfield, will be exhibiting paintings of the American scene at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., beginning tomorrow until Sept. 2.

Durse's work has been shown in Union County's Visual Arts '89 and recently a solo exhibition titled "American Paintings" at the Cafe Limbo in New York City. He has also exhibited in the Ward Nasse Galleries in New York, and in Lucca's Coffee House in Westfield. Durse was the recipient of an honorable mention runner-up in the Nationwide Charles Dana Gibson Scholarship contest. Of five awards given across the country, Durse was the only one recognized from this area.

The hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from

10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

After-school child care registration has started

Registration for the Springfield YMCA Afterschool Child Care program for the 2000-01 school year is underway.

The YMCA provides quality child care at its state-licensed program for children in grades K to 6 who attend Springfield and Millburn public schools. New this year is a Pre-K Wrap Around program for children attending the half-day pre-kindergarten program at Walton School.

YMCA child care provides opportunities and experiences that stimulate

children's physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. The program is designed to allow children to explore and learn at their own pace. Activities include art projects, games, swimming, science, homework and more.

Morning and afternoon care is available. Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs. Space is limited, be sure to register early.

For more information call Magie Bauman at the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Mountainside PTA to host annual craft fair

The Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside will host its second annual craft fair Nov. 28 at the Deer-

field School on Central Avenue in Mountainside.

Crafters are encouraged to book their space now for this popular show. The show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature a variety of crafts from far and wide.

Anyone interested in selling their handmade crafts at this show can reserve a 10-foot space for \$35. Space will be assigned on a first-come basis.

For reservations, call Chris Wagner at 233-6774.

Recreation Department takes tennis reservations

The Springfield Recreation Department has announced that tennis reservations will now be taken.

No reservations will be taken for

weekends and holidays; sign up will be the same day at the courts.

Telephone reservations will be taken for all courts up to 48 hours prior to that day. For example, on Tuesdays for Thursday and on Wednesdays for Friday. Weekend telephone reservations cannot be taken for the same day since the sheets are posted on the courts at 9 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling (973) 912-2226 from 9 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All residents are required to have tennis badges. They are available at the Recreation Department from 9 to 4 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for the photo ID badge.

For more information about the badges, call (973) 912-2227.

Churches to sponsor a Can-Do-Kids project

The Springfield Presbyterian and the Springfield Emmanuel United Methodist Churches are turning Church Mail into a club-house of "Can-Do-Kids" this summer.

Club Can-Do-Kids will see how children just like themselves fulfilled God's plan in Biblical times. Children from 3 years old through the sixth grade can join the club for Can-Do stories, Can-Do songs, Can-Do crafts and Can-Do fun.

Club meetings will be at both churches on Church Mail from July 24 to 28 from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$5 per child and \$10 maximum per family.

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Bryant Park factions will meet at hearing

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

The question remains: one access road or two?

The City of Summit's Planning Board and the Short Hills-based K&K Developers continue to be at loggerheads over the landlocked site of the former Carter-Bell Manufacturing Company. Although the site, proposed by K&K for the construction of the affordable 138-unit Bryant Park Commons apartment complex, is located in Springfield, its lone point of access is Summit's Park Drive.

A series of hearings concerning the location, begun last November, culminated with the Summit Planning Board deciding, last March, to grant the application with a condition requiring developers to seek a second ingress. The decision to grant conditional approval was only made after some closed-door discussion. Summit Planning Board member John Maher had originally moved to deny the application.

The conditional approval, which takes the form of a waiver, was applied for by Summit through the Residential Site Improvement Standards Advisory Board in Trenton. But according to Summit City Solicitor Harry Osmun, the developers have recently submitted a memo to the advisory board opposing the city's application. The two factions will meet once again in Trenton for a hearing before the Department of Community Affairs' three-member technical committee July 20 at 2 p.m.

The memo comes as no real surprise. In March, K&K's lawyer, Bruce Pitman, told the Summit Planning Board plainly, "We don't want approval with the right to seek a waiver." Of the upcoming hearing, Pitman said, "We don't expect the committee to approve the request made by the City of Summit."

"For the last 70 years, there's been only one access to this site," Pitman told the Planning Board in March. "Our roadway meets all Residential Site Improvement Standards, your ordinances and the municipal land use law. This board has an obligation to assist Springfield in helping with Mt. Laurel housing. We're not seeking waivers or exceptions."

ley Railroad, Springfield's Troy Village apartments and Briant Park. Although Pitman trotted out a number of witnesses attesting to the proposed improvements for Park Drive — which would include a widening of the roadway to a pair of 14-foot lanes with a 4-foot island and 6-foot side-

"We don't expect the committee to approve the request made by the City of Summit."

— Bruce Pitman

walks on either side — members of the Summit Planning Board repeatedly shifted their sights back to the question of a secondary access point.

Despite the proposed improvements to Park Drive, Summit's fire chief and police chief testified before the Planning Board, both claiming a preference for a secondary means of access.

Engineer Kevin Page, Pitman's first witness back in November, told the Planning Board in no uncertain terms that the Department of Environmental Protection would never issue a permit to cross a stream — the best existing access point — in an instance in which an access point already exists. The Summit Planning Board repeatedly stressed the fact that the developers made no attempt to contact the DEP on the access issue.

"In respect to alternative access, there's no evidence that an effort was made to approach the Department of Environmental Protection," Maher said, in explaining his decision to deny the application. "I do have some problems with this area being served by a cul-de-sac."

Summit is eyeing the general area for a project of its own. In December, the city applied to the state for a grant through the Bureau of Mobility Strategies in Trenton. The grant, written by Ted Olcott, former council president and chairman of several pedestrian and bicycle safety committees, would provide for a feasibility study, done by the state, for a possible bikeway along the abandoned Railway Valley Railroad bed, very near the location for the proposed apartment complex.

Now that was good pie

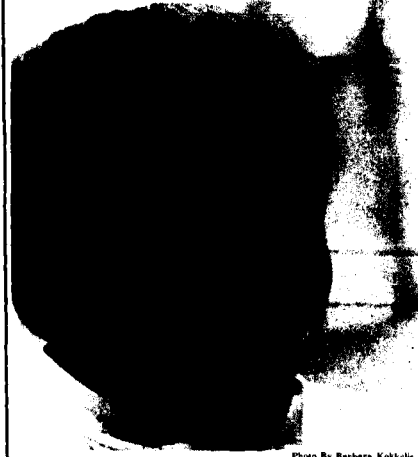


Photo By Barbara Kukkala

Eight-year-old Jose Salazar of Summit comes up for air after diving head first into a cream pie during a recent pie-eating competition at the Board of Recreation-sponsored summer camp program. The seven-week camp has relocated to the picnic grove at the community swimming pool this summer.

STUDENT UPDATE

Summit residents earn their degrees at UCC

Union County College in Cranford announced the names of students who earned degrees in May.

Graduates from Summit were Rochelle G. Alvaro, Robert B. Freeman, Carlos Gonzalez, Mark A. Haley, Ann L. Lakoma, Kieran B. O'Brien, Clifford G. Sangster and Alysa K. Storch.

Summit residents named to president's list at UCC

Several Summit residents were among the 8,000 students named to the president's list at Union County College for the spring semester.

Earning honors from Summit were Marcelino G. Abergas, Alice E. Brown, Theresa Flannery, Yin-Lin Gallagher, Carol A. Grasso, Melissa L. Jacobs, Phuong Le, Tadahiko Maeda, Wende Matejek, Emma L. Morris, Kieran B. O'Brien, Kati Schmidt,

Rodney Qatson, Mary M. Zimmermann

Consideration for the president's list is based upon quality points earned as a result of the student's grades and number of credits carried. Only matriculated students are eligible for president's list recognition.

Markowitz earns honors at Rensselaer Institute

Joey Markowitz has earned dean's list recognition at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Bloomsfield. Markowitz is a freshman with an undeclared engineering major.

Isbrandt graduates from Susquehanna University

Michelle Isbrandt recently graduated from Susquehanna University in Salisbury, Penn. A communications major, Isbrandt is the daughter of Lester and Pamela Isbrandt of Summit.

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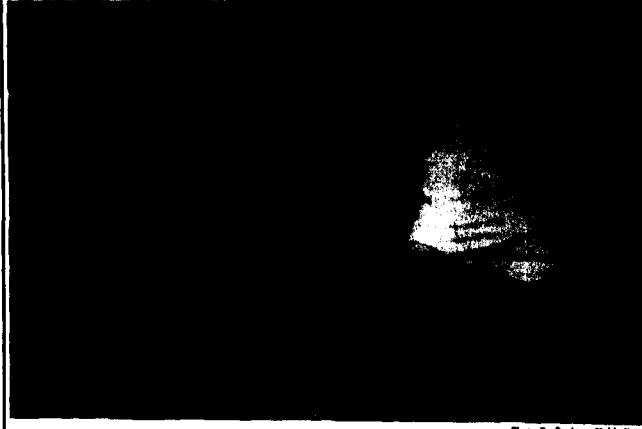


Photo By Barbara Kobacki

Three-year-old Daniel Montgomery leans over the rail to select his winning duck from a floating fleet at Summit's daytime Fourth of July festivities at Soldiers Memorial Field. Numerous games, novelty events and rides provided family fun for hundreds of residents who participated in the city's celebration last week.

AT THE LIBRARY

Library has new releases

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., has announced a selected list of new titles are available.

Fiction: Louisa May Alcott, "The Early Stories of Louisa May Alcott;" Buzz Aldrin, "The Return;" Julie Garwood, "Heartbreaker;" Andrew Greeley, "The Bishop and the Missing L. Train;" and Carol Shields, "Dressing Up for the Carnival."

Nonfiction: Dan Baum, "Citizen Coors;" William F. Buckley, "Let Us Talk of Many Things;" "Computer Buying Guide 2000;" Melissa Craft, "Managing Active Directory for Windows 2000 Servers;" Cynthia Eller, "The Pleasure of Their Company;" William Jackson, "New Jersejans in the Civil War;" Dean King, "Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed;" Gail Liberman, "Rags to Riches;" Zoyd Newman, "Great Hikes in the Poconos;" Peter Oldale, "Practical Picture;" "Quest for the Historical Muhammad;" Laura Schlessinger, "Parenthood by Proxy;" Kerry Skinner, "The Painted Room;" and J. Alexander Tanford, "Nanny and Domestic Help: Legal Kit."

Videos/cassettes: "The Gold Rush," "The Long Way Home," "The Mask of Zorro," "The Shawshank Redemption," and "Wall Street."

New breast cancer resources are available

The Summit Free Public Library, through a grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, recently announced the availability of books and videos on breast health, breast cancer education and breast cancer treatment in its lending and reference libraries.

The new resources will enhance the already existing reference materials and will provide the most up-to-date information on breast cancer, focusing on medical, psychosocial and research-related topics.

Future plans for the Komen Shelf Library Project include a link within the Summit Library website to the Komen Foundation and other key breast cancer websites, reference materials that meet the needs of the diverse cultures in Union County, and the acquisition of additional books, breast self-examination videos and audios as these new materials become available.

The Komen Foundation's North Jersey Affiliate serves the counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren. The Summit Library is the first of many free public libraries and

medical center in the Affiliate's service area to receive a grant to establish a Komen Breast Cancer Resource Shelf.

"Knowledge is the key," said Barbara Waters, affiliate education director. "If you have knowledge, you can advocate for yourself. It can save your life. Our Komen Resource Shelf will provide women and their families in our service area with a comprehensive, user-friendly, breast cancer resource."

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is one of the nation's largest private funders of breast cancer research. Its mission is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

The Foundation's North Jersey Affiliate was established in 1997 and has raised more than \$3 million and has provided funding in excess of \$1.3 million to non-profit, breast cancer-related organizations focusing primarily on the underserved and undersured.

For further information regarding the affiliate's fund-raising events and activities, volunteer opportunities and its grants program, call 277-2904.

Registration for Leadership Institute begins

The Girls' Leadership Institute at Kent Place School will be accepting applications for its summer program through July 24.

Established in 1996, the Girls' Leadership Institute is an opportunity for girls between the ages of 12 and 14 years old, who are entering seventh and eighth grades, to explore their leadership potential.

"Girls at this age are particularly vulnerable to a decline in self-esteem," Institute Director Christine Clemens said. "Each girl who attends the institute will discover and develop her own unique leadership style through a broad range of hands-on activities."

Participants will enjoy the chal-

lenges of a ropes course and will meet women role models who, as guest speakers, will share their personal and professional histories.

The institute, a five-day, four-night, residential program will run from July 30 to Aug. 3 on the 28-acre campus of Kent Place School in Summit. Under the direction of Clemens and Liz Woodall, an Upper School teacher, the institute is designed to teach leadership skills that strengthen girls' confidence and self-esteem. The program inspires each participant to discover her own voice and develop her own personal leadership goals.

The Girls' Leadership Institute at Kent Place is part of the school's ongoing commitment to being a com-

munity resource on women's issues and education. Limited need-based scholarships are available. For more information, call Eileen Hutton at 273-0900, ext. 266.

Summer hours begin

The Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., has begun its summer hours.

The library is open on summer Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. The library will be closed Sundays during the summer. All other hours remain the same: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Children's Hospital Auxiliary elects its officers for the year

Janet Jackson has been elected president of The Children's Specialized Hospital Auxiliary in Mountainside for the 2000-01 year. Other officers elected to serve with Jackson are Vice President Sally Brown, Vice President of Ways and Means Hillary Weldon, Treasurer Teddy Tarantino, Recording Secretary Doris Dolnowa, and Corresponding Secretary Kerstin Rosen.

Mable Connor was awarded honorary membership in the auxiliary as an outstanding member since 1974. She joins five other honorary members: Gwen Buttermore, Pat Eckhart, Dot Mureany, Jane Smith and Marja Lou Swan. "We look forward with enthusiasm to an exciting year," Jackson said. "The auxiliary has been an advocate for special children at the hospital for more than 90 years."

Auxiliary members promote the welfare of the hospital by volunteer service, fund-raising and public education.

During the 1999-2000 year, under the leadership of outgoing President Bruce Talcott, auxiliary members provided more than 3,700 hours of volunteer service to the hospital. As immediate past president, Talcott will serve on the auxiliary executive board as well as the hospital board of trustees.

Committee chairpeople who will serve with the newly-elected executive board, include Dot Archer and Annette Jordan, associate members; Tia Iles and Marcia Kozarich, art committee; Lynn Kolterahn and Lous Synhor, linen room; Joan Murray, hospitality; Janette Parkinson, membership; Maggie Cines, publicity; Liz Loland, social affairs; Judy Langholtz, volunteer services; and Marja Lou Swan, honorary members.

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Nine-year-old Joshua Rosenberg takes some time out from playing with his friends at Nomohagen Swim Club to read a good book. Temperatures topped out at more than 90 degrees Monday in Mountainside.

GRADUATES

Mountainside residents graduate from UCC

Union County College in Cranford announced the names of students who earned degrees in May.

Graduates from Mountainside are Bridget M. Colendenski, Patricia T. Emma, Betty Ann M. Keller, Christine Szymczak, Bridget E. Thomas and Mary Kaye Ventura.

Latora graduates from University of Scranton

Jill Latora of Mountainside graduated from the University of Scranton with a bachelor of science degree in marketing at commencement ceremonies May 28.

Carson receives degree from Duke University

Craig Carson of Mountainside has received his doctorate degree in philosophy from Duke University. Carson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson of Mountainside.

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Summit residents participate in Relay for Life

Summit resident Mitchell Covington knows a good workout when he sees one. As fitness director at the Summit YMCA, it is his job to make people breathe heavy, sweat, and eventually, feel good about the exercise routine they just completed.

The proverbial shoe was on the other foot, however, when it was Covington who was breathing heavy, sweating, and eventually feeling good about the routine he just completed.

"I've never done anything like this before. I'm tired, I'm drenched in sweat, and I need a shower," said Covington after participating in an 18-hour fund-raising event to fight cancer. "But it was definitely worth it."

"This is our first year doing the event and I'm glad we did it. We're already making plans to come back again next year," Covington said.

Covington was co-captain of the Summit YMCA's Team COJACK in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life June 9 and 10 at Kean University in Union.

Despite temperatures in the mid-90s, Covington and an estimated 600 participants walked the quarter-mile track to help the American Cancer Society raise more than \$125,000 during the annual event.

Relay for Life is a unique community event in which teams of eight to 15 participants take turns walking or running around a track overnight in an effort to fight cancer. Teams camp out, picnic and play games at the overnight event when they are not on the track. Attendees were also able to obtain useful information about cancer prevention and detection at the American Cancer Society's Cancer Smart Shop.

Funds raised from Relay for Life help support the society's cancer research, as well as education, advocacy and patient service programs for cancer patients and their families in Union County.

More importantly, however, Relay for Life is a celebration of life for the 10 million Americans alive today with cancer and an opportunity to remember those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Walking alongside Covington at times, Jerome Davis of Elizabeth participated in Relay for Life for American Cancer Society member, Lois Bowser, who died of lung cancer Feb. 12. Unlike the rest of the participants, however, Davis walked the entire 18 hours, covering an estimated 34 miles in the process.

"I started walking in honor of my mother," said Davis. "After a few laps, I kept going. I didn't plan on walking the entire time, but once I got on the track, the event just took on a whole new meaning."

Davis, through the mild pre-dawn and the 90-degree-plus sunshine, stayed on course. He was cited for his spirit in the relay's last hour and was met by a handful of teammates and well-wishers.

"Jerome became an inspiration and source of encouragement for everyone out there," said Liz Ackaliti, Relay for Life director. "Walking for 18 hours straight is difficult enough. But to do 18 hours in this heat is truly amazing. He really inspired everyone there."

Inspiration also came after sunset, when 2,000 candles lining the inside of the track were lit in honor of those living with cancer and in recognition of those who lost their battle with the disease, serving as a backdrop to the touching ceremony that followed.

Participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life last month at Kean University are Summit residents, from left, Lisa Kievit, Cornelius Smith, Paul Newell and Frank Alansky. Despite temperatures in the mid-90s, the team walked the track for 18 hours to help raise more than \$125,000 to support cancer research, education and patient service programs throughout Union County.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Minutemen baseball squad excels

The following are Springfield Minutemen baseball results:
 Springfield 7, Union 1 (11-12): Kenneth Suarez pitched the first three innings and struck out three and Greg Stefanelli pitched the final three innings and fanned five. Suarez stole home in the first inning and drove in a run in the second. Ryan O'Reilly drove in a run with a single and two runs scored after a bunt by David Steinman.

West Orange 27, Springfield 5 (11-12): David Steinman drove in a run on a groundout and Teddy Hopkins brought in a run with a single in the bottom of the first. Steinman later drove in another run on a fielder's choice with the bases loaded. West Orange scored 17 runs in the top of the fifth.

Springfield 7, Verona 6 (11-12): Springfield scored all seven of its runs after Verona took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Verona then scored three more runs to pull to within 7-6 before Springfield shut out the host All-Star team in the fifth and sixth innings. Brandon Siem-Charles pitched the first three innings for the Minutemen and Ryan Sabinsky the last three, both excelling on the mound.

Joe Furnaguer walked with the bases loaded in the top of the third and then David Steinman doubled home three runs. R.J. Hering singled home Steinman for Springfield's final run. Stephen Suarez singled to put runners on first and second, but both were left stranded.

The victory moved Springfield's record to 5-4.

Springfield is scheduled to play at South Orange tomorrow at 6 p.m. and then the Springfield Baseball Tournament is scheduled to commence Saturday at Roanover Field. Springfield Tournament games will be played at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Age 9-10 as well as 11-12 teams from the Suburban League will compete. The tournament will continue Sunday and extend the following two weekends.

Giants, Reds in a classic softball tilt

If Springfield's softball fields had voices, you would be able to hear them talking about the thrilling championship game that pitted a favored Giants squad against a determined Reds team. In a seesaw affair, the Reds trailed by a 9-3 score entering the sixth inning of play. The Reds then ignited, pushing six runs across the plate to knot the score at 9-9. Three innings later, a round-tripper by Alyssa Karl broke the deadlock and gave the Reds a three-run advantage.

A never-again-quit Giants team rallied by scoring four runs to take the lead back. It was a team effort all the way around for the Giants as they posted an impressive 15-14 come-from-behind victory over a very good Reds team. Jaclyn Ricci, Emily Monks, Nicolette Stas and Jessica Fiorelli led the charge for the Giants. A key walk to diminutive Britany Baron helped seal the victory. This epic game will be remembered by all that witnessed it. There were a series of defensive gems that brought the crowd of 200 to their feet repeatedly.

Allison Schachtel of the Giants and Courtney Brahm of the Reds made sparkling plays and key contributions for their squads. Both teams displayed an outstanding level of effort, determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Some of Springfield's finest athletes truly shined on a sunny day in June.

Swimming team making splash

The North Jersey Summer Swim League season commenced last week as Springfield was scheduled to have its first meet July 5 at home vs. Cedar Grove.

Springfield was scheduled to host Berkeley Heights last Thursday and swim at Cedar Grove Tuesday.

Here's a look at Springfield's remaining schedule: Today at Westfield, Tuesday at West Caldwell, July 20 at Berkeley Heights, July 24 Westfield, July 25 West Caldwell.

The division meet is scheduled for Monday, July 31 and the league's final meet for Thursday, Aug. 3.



Springfield Senior American Legion baseball standout Brian Berger takes a swing during last Friday's All-Star Game at Rabkin Field in Union. Berger, batting over .500 this summer, was 1-for-2 in the contest and made several outstanding plays at first base. The 2000 Dayton High School graduate will continue his studies at Rutgers University.

Springfield's Berger having outstanding baseball season Bangs out a hit in legion All-Star Game

Brian Berger has had a baseball season to remember. And it's not quite over yet.

The 2000 Dayton High School graduate, who will continue his studies at Rutgers University, continues to play outstanding baseball for this summer's Springfield Senior American Legion Post 228 squad.

Berger earned a spot as a league All-Star by virtue of his robust .500-plus batting average. The slick-fielding first baseman connected on a single in two official trips to the plate during last Friday's league All-Star tilt held at Union's Rabkin Field.

Teammate James Cariello, who will be a senior at Dayton in two months, also made the All-Star Team. Cariello, who played shortstop, also went 1-for-2 in the contest.

Berger's outstanding three-year varsity high school career at Dayton began his sophomore campaign when he

earned the starting nod at first base in 1998 after a successful 1997 freshman season.

Berger's production at the plate and defensive prowess at first base helped lead Dayton to its first state playoff appearance in several years this past season as the Bulldogs qualified in North 2, Group 1.

Berger paced a 12-10 Dayton squad in batting with an impressive .575 average. He also drove in 29 runs, stole 24 bases (including home twice) and struck out only four times.

For his efforts, Berger earned first-team All-Conference and third-team All-County honors.

Berger was also selected as one of the top 100 players in the entire state (one of the top 25 in North Jersey, Section 2) and played in the NJSLA's annual All-Star Games held last month at Princeton University.

Garden State Games softball in August

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) will conduct the New Jersey Garden State Games' softball tournaments in August.

Tournaments for girls' fastpitch softball teams in 18-and-under, 16-and-under, 14-and-under, 12-and-under and 10-and-under groups will be held in Warrancro Park, Elizabeth and Roselle on Aug. 5 and 6.

There will be a four-games guarantee.

Tournaments for men's and women's and co-ed slow-pitch softball teams will be held Aug. 12 and 13 at Warrancro.

There will be a four-games guarantee here as well.

More information about how to get an application may be obtained by calling Leo Spirito at 973-467-4034.

A place to play ball



Summit youngsters are happy to have a well-maintained baseball field to play on at the Jefferson School. The Summit Junior Baseball League had a field dedication last month as the Summit Lions Club was gracious enough to give a \$2,000 donation to the league as part of a total donation of \$10,000 for field maintenance. Summit Junior Baseball League players, kneeling from left, are Nicholas Branchina, Joseph Callahan, Sean Kennedy, Marissa Montero and Gathrie Burke. Middle row standing, from left, are Nicholas Carrone, Andrew Gardner, Andrew D'Alberdi, Gabe Nolan, Ryan Gardner and Nolan Kasbar. Back row standing, from left, are Grant Wiggill, Brian Kennedy, Todd Doblaszewski, Fred Westphalen and Abby Mell.

Union All-Stars are thirsty for victory

Snapple Bowl 7 one week away

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

One team is starting to take control of the series, while the other needs motivation for next week's game.

Some of the best high school football players in Union and Middlesex counties are now preparing for Thursday's 7th annual Snapple Bowl, scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Union High School's Cooke Memorial Field.

Middlesex leads the series 4-2 and last year became the first team to win two consecutive games and a home game in the series. The road team won the first five contests.

Proceeds from the game benefit the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison and the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide.

Union has been thumped in the past two games, falling to Middlesex 28-7 at East Brunswick last year after being defeated 33-7 at UHS two years ago. Union's last win in the series was a 28-7 win at East Brunswick in 1997.

Practice commenced for both squads Monday evening, the Union All-Stars practicing at Union High and the Middlesex All-Stars practicing at East Brunswick High.

Both teams were scheduled to practice from 6-8 p.m. the past three evenings and continue with another practice tonight.

The Union squad will visit the Children's Specialized Hospital's facility in Fanwood on Monday from 10 a.m. to noon and then practice afterwards.

The Middlesex squad will visit Lakeview on Monday at noon and then practice at 3:30 p.m.

Both squads are scheduled to have their final practices on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and then on Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m.

The annual banquet at the Pines Manor in Edison is scheduled for Wednesday night at 6.

Next Thursday night's game will be broadcast by CN8 on tape-delay.

The Union County squad will feature speedy running backs Billy Gilbert (5-11, 170) of Elizabeth and Phil Liave (5-5, 185) of Union, while the Middlesex County team counters with standout linebackers Nick Tranchina (6-0, 205) of Piscataway and Tembwe Lukabu (6-4, 210) of Colonia.

Union County roster

No.	Name	School	Pos.	Height	Weight
1	Mike Devlin	Union	DB	5-10	170
2	Gerald Vaughn	Rahway	DB	5-8	170
3	Chris Giaccone	Westfield	QB	6-0	180
4	Tremane Fogg	New Providence	RB	5-9	160
5	Eugene Vitek	Hillside	DB	5-9	165
7	Jason Creekmar	Union	LB	5-6	185
8	Bill Gilbert	Elizabeth	RB	5-11	170
9	Dan Daly	Cranford	CB	5-9	160
10	Lamar Henderson	Linden	DB	5-10	185
11	Nick DeMeo	New Providence	DB	5-9	160
12	Steve Brown	Rahway	QB	6-0	170
15	John Polizzi	Johnson	WR	5-10	180
20	B. J. Jones	Dayton	RB	5-9	165
21	Samir Grady	Elizabeth	TE	6-3	210
22	Phil Liave	Union	RB	5-5	185
24	Tim Marcantonio	Gov. Livingston	LB	5-10	175
28	Fred Williams	Gov. Livingston	LB	6-0	190
32	Walker Saxton	Rahway	LB	5-10	180
34	Jamin Walker	Roselle	RB	5-8	170
40	Jeff Hinds	Roselle Park	DE	5-10	190
41	Dave Herrmann	Scotch Plains	LB	6-1	210
42	Ken Hodges	Roselle	LB	6-0	220
44	Jerrell Campbell	Plainfield	LB	6-1	210
48	Matt Fischer	Dayton	RB	5-9	190
50	Joe Saunders	Westfield	OL	6-1	250
53	Jason Harba	Elizabeth	DL	5-11	260
54	Mike Tobia	Union	OL	5-9	225
56	Cory Baker	Plainfield	OL	6-2	230
60	Bernard Brown	Elizabeth	OL	6-2	235
63	Bernard Suchocki	Linden	OL	5-10	240
64	Sean Kerr	Somerset	DL	6-1	250
67	Ko'ah Scottell	Johnson	DE	6-0	180
67	Jason Vargas	Roselle Park	OL	5-11	230
68	Bill Krestschmer	New Providence	DE	6-4	220
74	Rex McClain	Hillside	OL	6-4	270
75	Dan Loomis	Scotch Plains	DL	6-2	290
77	Jack Howard	Cranford	OL	6-2	220
84	Rhaeo Altidor	Plainfield	TE	6-2	220
88	Stephen Wright	Bearley	WR	6-4	180

Middlesex County roster

No.	Name	School	Pos.	Height	Weight
1	Maney Rivers	Perth Amboy	FS	5-10	175
2	Dennis Dubois	Colonia	QB	5-8	185
3	Tembwe Lukabu	Colonia	LB	6-4	210
4	Chris Bywick	Duanelles	TB	5-6	160
5	Michael Thompson	North Brunswick	TB	6-1	240
7	Ashley Best	Piscataway	FB	5-7	165
9	Brian Gonzalez	Old Bridge	WR	6-0	170
12	Mahdi Petrus	Carteret	CB	5-9	165
15	Joe Bergondo	J.F. Kennedy	QB	6-0	180
20	Adrian Williams	J.F. Kennedy	TB	5-8	170
21	Joe Billips	Piscataway	CB	6-2	175
22	Jamelle Pylee	Duanelles	CB	5-8	160
25	Sean Burnett	Old Bridge	CB	5-11	160
26	Alex Hoochangi	East Brunswick	FS	5-6	165
28	Lamar Grier	South Plainfield	WR	6-2	180
30	Everett Barnhart	Sayreville	FB	6-0	195
35	Derek Kilumurray	South River	LB	5-11	180
37	Derek Kilumurray	North Brunswick	OLB	6-3	200
47	Ross Wiedman	Old Bridge	OLB	6-1	195
50	Gerald Teshevvasco	Edison	OLB	5-7	160
52	Mike Bartocci	Monroe	OLB	5-10	175
53	David Friedland	South Plainfield	DT	6-4	315
54	Bob Bialowarczak	Carteret	DE	6-0	210
55	Nick Tranchina	Piscataway	LB	6-0	205
56	Tom Casazza	St. Mary's	OLB	5-10	185
59	Ben Allard	Highland Park	G	6-1	235
60	Chris Corsale	East Brunswick	DT	5-11	225
61	Mike Bellina	Bishop Abr	OT	6-3	280
62	Alex Hoochangi	Wardlaw-Hatridge	DE	5-11	220
65	Mike Burlew	Piscataway	G	6-1	250
66	Mike Cohan	Carteret	DT	6-1	260
68	Eric Seifert	Woodbridge	C	5-11	220
70	Mike DeFalco	Spotwood	DE	6-3	240
71	Charlie Greenstein	J.F. Services	OT	6-0	235
72	Dan Izkra	Middlesex	DT	6-4	230
77	Ed Hethley	South Brunswick	OT	6-4	300
79	Steve Siano	Woodbridge	G	6-2	240
81	Dion Toth	Metuchen	DE	6-1	195
82	Chris Yanzazzo	East Brunswick	WR	5-8	145
88	Albee Byron	New Brunswick	TB		

OBITUARIES

Ezio Bufalo

Ezio Bufalo, 72, of Springfield died July 2 in Union Hospital. Born in Cassino, Italy, Mr. Bufalo lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 18 years ago. He was a station engineer for 18 years with Cushman-Wakefield of Newark and retired three years ago. Mr. Bufalo was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 68 of Caldwell. Surviving are his wife, Caroline, a daughter, Maria Latoro; three sisters, Maria Guastella, Nelda Romeo and Vera Maccanello; a brother, Mario, and a grandchild.

Terry T. Dempsey

Terry T. Dempsey, 86, of Springfield, a retired restaurant owner, died June 29 in Morrisview Memorial Hospital. Born in Summit, Mr. Dempsey was a lifelong resident of Springfield. He was the owner of Terry Dempsey's Bar and Grill in Springfield for many

years before retiring in 1970. Previously, Mr. Dempsey owned Timbers Restaurant, now Rod's Ranch House in Convent Station for many years until 1945. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and had served on the USS Helena which sunk in Pearl Harbor. Mr. Dempsey was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Springfield, the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the USS Helena Association. Surviving are a brother, Michael T., and two sisters, Margret Corcoran and Dorothy Moran.

Bertram A. Bruder

Bertram A. Bruder, 69, of Edison, formerly of Kenilworth and Springfield, died July 4 in New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Bruder lived in Kenilworth and Springfield before moving to Edison two years ago. He was the owner and director of the Happy Days Nursery School, Kenilworth. Mr. Bruder was a member of

the Springfield First Aid Squad. He also was a member of B'nai B'rith and the Temple Sha'arey Shalom Men's Club, both of Springfield. Mr. Bruder was a member of a card club in the Springfield area.

Surviving are his wife, Tama; two daughters, Ellen Bruder-Moore and Leslie, and a son, Jay.

Morton M. Reich

Morton Michael Reich, 78, of Mountainside, known professionally as Mike Reich, died July 2 in Bedminster.

Born in New York City, Mr. Reich lived in Mountainside for 45 years. He was a New York news radio broadcaster and correspondent with radio station WNEW, the ABC network and the New York Bureau of Voice of America and retired in 1994. Mr. Reich was a member of the Central New Jersey Bicycle Club and the Corvair Club of New Jersey. He was an honorary member of the Mountainside Police Benevolent Association

and a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. Surviving are his wife, Bea; three daughters, Judith Reich Byron, Deborah Reich Goldberg and Pamela; a sister, Carmen Fishbein, and four grandchildren.

Agnes Andrejek

Agnes Andrejek, 87, of Mountainside died July 2 at home.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., Mrs. Andrejek lived in Newark before moving to Mountainside 40 years ago. She was a founding parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside. Mrs. Andrejek was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Surviving are her husband, Stephen; a daughter, Linda Nuzzo; a brother, Frank Terplan, and a grandchild.

Catherine M. Santos

Catherine M. Santos, 49, of Mount-

ainside, a member of the Mountainside Board of Education, died July 2 at home.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Santos lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside in 1980. She was a salesperson with Pella Window Co., Springfield, for two years. Mrs. Santos was a member of the Mountainside Board of Education and also served on the board of directors at the nursing school at the Community Presbyterian Church, Mountainside. Surviving are her husband, Keith C., and three sons, David, Paul and Scott.

John F. Kelly

John F. Kelly, 73, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died on July 3.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Kelly lived in Springfield for 30 years before moving to Boynton Beach 10 years ago. He was a general supervisor for the United States Transportation Service, Kearny, for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Joan; five daughters, Carol DelMauro, Kathleen Lofredo, Mary Roubenber, Janet DiGiramo and Donna Robyns; a son, John G.; a brother, Richard; three sisters, Trudy Regan, Ellen Zisk and Marie, and 13 grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids for the replacement of the existing stormwater pump and motor assembly at the Water Pumping Station, located at the intersection of FISHBURN STATION, SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, Engineering Annex, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on July 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

The work generally consists of the replacement of an existing stormwater pump and motor assembly at the Water Pumping Station and related electrical and mechanical work as necessary, in accordance with the form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by Keller & Kinoshita, Inc., Consulting Engineers - Architects, 900 Lakeside Plaza, Parsippany, N. J. Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and will be inspected by the Township Engineer, Keller & Kinoshita, Inc., 900 Lakeside Plaza, Parsippany, N. J. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check, cashiers' check or money order in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be paid to Keller & Kinoshita, Inc. at the office of the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on July 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bids shall be sealed and placed in a sealed envelope, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, and submitted to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashiers' check or money order in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be paid to Keller & Kinoshita, Inc. at the office of the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on July 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bids shall be opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2000 at the office of the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The lowest responsive and responsible bid shall be accepted and the award will not be made to any bidder who fails to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents. A Surety Company shall submit a statement of Surety in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on July 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bids shall be opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2000 at the office of the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. The lowest responsive and responsible bid shall be accepted and the award will not be made to any bidder who fails to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents. A Surety Company shall submit a statement of Surety in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the Township Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, 20 North 7th Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on July 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.

High rises would be visible from afar, experts say

(Continued from Page 1) grows thin," leaving behind the unwanted 2- to 3-foot high green brier and violet that no rules the land, he said. "There's no regeneration of trees. The only thing growing there is undercover," Linson said. Short of total landscaping and an intensive deer management program, Linson and Lee concurred that development on the land would create a detestous situation.

"We'll have quite a mess on that slope once it starts to deteriorate," Lee said. Linson said the site's water runoff situation also needs to be re-examined. "The trees are already very stressed," he said. "To deprive them of runoff would contribute to the further decline and demise of the trees." Under cross-examination by Pinnacle Community attorney Richard Schkolnick, Linson maintained that the few sparse Maples, Oaks

and Yellow Poppers that remain only survived last year's drought because of their large root systems and are actually "near the end of their natural lifespans." "I can count on two hands the number of significant major trees in this area," Linson said. "If you're standing in back of the DelMauro's property, basically there isn't anything on the ridge. The further away you get, the more you'll see the buildings."

Schkolnick argued that the developer's site plans have not failed to meet any of the requirements of the township's tree removal ordinance. "There's no prohibition with removing trees behind its own buildings," Schkolnick said. The developer's attorney reminded board members that this is the legal standard they will need to look at when considering the final approval of the developer's preliminary site plan.

Giants clinch league championship

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer If you can win a championship on only four practices, and in the last inning on top of that, you've done all right. The Springfield Recreation Department's Girls Softball League closed their 10-game season in a dramatic way, with the township's Giants climbing back from a four-run deficit against the Reds to take the championship. The six-inning June contest, held at the Chisholm Community Center, took a few dramatic turns when the Reds, down 9-3, rushed back to tie the score in the final frame. Three innings later, the Reds' Alyssa Karl broke the game open — or appeared to break the game open — when her triple drove in three runs. Down by three, the Giants rallied, answering with four runs to take the title. Jessica Fiorelli, Jaclyn Ricci, Emily Monks and Nicolette Staus helped lead the Giants' comeback, with Britney Baron belting down at the plate to ease herself a key walk during the rally. Frank Fiorelli, the Giants' assistant coach and father of pitcher Jessica, called the championship squad

"great. You could see the improvement in them all the way through." A number of early rainouts, plus a limited number of practices — only four during the entire season, according to head coach Joe Ricci — failed to spoil the enthusiasm for play in any of the squads throughout the league. A crowd of about 45 watched the final contest, with the Giants' Allison Schachtel and the Reds' Courtney Brahm both turning in top defensive plays. Coach Ricci, who has played semi-pro softball himself, called the nine inning, three-hour clincher "an incredible game. And I've played a lot of softball in my life." Ricci, whose daughter Jaclyn is the Giants' shortstop, is particularly proud of the fact that his team came out on top, despite having a slightly younger roster than the rest of the league, with more fourth graders. "The coach is in his first year of working with fourth and fifth graders. He has previously coached the township's second- and third graders. I followed my daughter into this league," he said. As for whether he intends to coach again next year, Ricci said simply, "Oh yeah."

Council to consider infrastructure plan

(Continued from Page 1) ough Treasurer Michelle Swisher and a representative from the borough auditor's office will be present. The mayor briefly explained to the council and department heads present, that Disko, Swisher and the auditor will explain the project to residents in layman's terms. He said he asked the trio to handle it this way, since he has heard complaints from residents about using complicated technical language regarding engineering and tax rates. In addition to having the engineer's report on the project summarized for the residents in his letter, Vigilanti invited residents to pick up a copy of the report from Borough Clerk Judith Osty. "As of today, the borough has had several people ask for the report," Vigilanti said in his remarks to the

council. The four members of the council did not comment on the infrastructure plan. Councilmen Thomas Perotta and Ronald Romick were absent from the meeting. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: ESTATE OF BLOSSOM E. GOODING, Deceased. Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 5th day of JULY, A.D. 2000, in and to the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said decedent, there is hereby given to the creditors of said decedent notice that the expiration of the period of three months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the debts against the subscriber. Earl W. Gooding, Executor. Ventura, Meowitz, Altano & Kaugh Attorneys, 1000 N. 7th Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. USTC89 ECL July 13, 2000 (89-75)

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