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Bigger, safer fire house to co

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

On Mountain Avenue, the unoccupied Schiabe Oil building is still standing. But last week, the Springfield Township Committee unanimously passed a resolution awarding the Lakewood-based architectural firm of D.C. Harkness PA & Schardt, Fullan and de Silva with a contract to design its new fire headquarters.

"We're in the process of doing some preliminary work for the township," said Dale Harkness, the firm's president. Over the last 50 years, the firm has designed, in Harkness' estimation, close to 600 fire houses nationwide.

Springfield Fire Chief William Gras, for one, is quite satisfied with the choice of Harkness. "They have a lot of experience," Gras said. "There's been a lot of work on this search and they came up with the right people. They're incredible."

The current fire headquarters, located immediately behind the Municipal Building on Caldwell Avenue, was constructed in 1921. A new facility will provide more space, to allow for the storage of modern firefighting apparatus.

Harkness said the centralized location of the Schiabe building will be a determining factor in its look. "In this

case, with a building in the center of town, we'll try to maintain some of the detailing of Town Hall and Jonathan Dayton High School," Harkness said. Both institutions are designed in a revivalist approach known as Federal style. Incorporating the same look for the fire house, Harkness pointed out, will serve to link the three nearby institutions.

Harkness described the new facility as "probably" two stories, with a "much higher ceiling height for the apparatus room and more storage space off the apparatus room." While the present building contains only three bays, Harkness promised four to six for the new structure.

The architect called the design "very preliminary," stressing the fact

that the firm still township's ordinance

Harkness could not comment specifically on cost, pointing out that such factors depend on the particular time period in which bidding occurs. Although the total square footage has not yet been determined, Harkness

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Photo By Barbara Kalkbrenner

The vacated Schiabe Oil Company site on Mountain Avenue will soon be torn down for the construction of a more modern and spacious township fire headquarters. Four to six bays with higher ceilings are planned, along with a communications room, living quarters, decontamination areas and more storage space.

Built in 1921, the Springfield Fire Department headquarters, located on Caldwell Avenue behind the Municipal Building, is slated for renovation for use by the township's Police Department. The Fire Department will relocate to a new headquarters on the former site of the Schiabe Oil Company.

Photo By Barbara Kalkbrenner

Maintenance at Springfield Municipal Pool fuels public's rancor

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

On the heels of a controversial 1999 season, the Springfield Municipal Pool has been having a relatively peaceful summer — but it's still a recent Township Committee meeting.

"Things aren't being kept clean," resident Fran Sandler told the committee plainly on July 25. Sandler complained of a lack of ashtrays and abundance of cigarette butts, "wet tissues and napkins at the side of the pool" and "Band-Aids at the bottom of the pool."

"The place isn't being maintained by the people who are supposed to be doing it," she said. "The maintenance guys are just walking around."

Sandler said she saw the Band-Aids at the pool's bottom when she took her children for swimming lessons. She informed the committee of the

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— Fran Sandler

complaint she made to the pool's manager, Pat Farley. Farley, Sandler pointed out, apologized for the conditions. She did not say whether the manager promised to correct the problem.

Of the pool's restroom, Sandler said it "smells horrible. There's no toilet tissue, and there's tissue on the floor."

Sandler's comments were spurred by a comment made earlier in the evening by Committee member Steven Goldstein. "The committee's dedicated to keeping the pool open," Goldstein told those in attendance. "But we're just not getting the

crowd." He encouraged any residents with complaints to come forward. Sandler's concerns about the pool's cleanliness came as a surprise to Mayor Clara Haglik, who informed Sandler that she herself received a phone complaint from a resident. Harelik said she had "a long talk" with Recreation Director Mike Tennaro and the problems "are being taken care of."

Committee member Roy Hirschfeld shook his head as Sandler listed her complaints. "We'll try to resolve this with the cleaning service," Hirschfeld said, referring to the township's hiring of The Occupational Center of Union County to provide cleaning services

to the pool's hallways, restrooms and locker rooms.

Hirschfeld described the problem as being "people."

"It's the same thing as with the baby pool — people bring in objects that don't belong in the pool, like beach containers." The township's man

of cleaning procedures is necessary. "We want to have a cleaning service that's there," Hirschfeld continued. "We have to have more supervision from staff. As for smoking and cigarette butts, we tried to ban smoking but legally we were told we couldn't."

Harelik also cited the human factor, pointing out a complaint made by a resident at a previous committee meeting regarding the loose trash around the Morris Avenue/Mountain Avenue bus stop.

"It's the same thing as the bus shelter," Harelik said. "There's the garbage on the ground here; there's the receptacle right over there."

Sandler, however, was adamant in keeping the spotlight on the pool's employees. "It's a lack of concern on the part of the people who work there," she said.

Another resident, Charlie Jakes, who described himself as "the nearest neighbor to the pool," echoed Sandler's observations.

"The lawn's neglected, people don't care," Jakes began. "I think you have to get a staff in there to keep the place up to par." Jakes called the property "ramshackle" — in need of better upkeep, lower fees and greater marketing.

"There was a time when I couldn't park in front of my house because the

pool was so busy," Jakes continued. "Something's happened. This is a wonderful facility — it's no detriment to the neighborhood. It's an asset to the town, but more attention should be paid to it."

While admitting that Jakes' idea to improve the pool's visibility through better marketing is a good one, Harelik suggested that lower attendance figures are due less to the pool's fees, which she believes are "reasonable," and current maintenance issues, than to "lifestyle changes."

"People are pulled in all different directions; the pool is no longer the light of their life."

"The economy is good, people can afford to go on vacations," Township Administrator Richard Shoals added. "The pool didn't go down all at once, and it won't go back together quickly either."

Gun-toting auxiliary police raise scrutiny

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

An unexpected subject — guns — came up at a recent meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, and the suddenness of the topic seemed to catch the township's governing body somewhat off guard.

Skyler Road resident Michael Cohen approached the committee with several concerns, among them the paving of his street and the continuance of the Duffy's Corner Jimmy service. In between, however, Cohen sandwiched a concern about the carrying of firearms by the township's auxiliary police.

Cohen said he took his children to the township's Take Pride in Springfield Fourth of July celebration, and was dismayed to discover the officers walking about Main Street and vicinity with guns on their hips. He described the experience as "a sorry sight."

"The police are paid enough in this town to take care of the real emergencies," Cohen said. He said the auxiliary police looked to him "like Barney Fife."

"This is a fine group of professional men," Mayor Clara Harelik told Cohen. "They're trained in the use of firearms, and they have a right to carry them."

In regard to Cohen's complaint that the guns belonging to the auxiliary officers were plainly visible to his children, Harelik later told the *Echo Leader*, "Our police officers act as crossing guards and they have guns."

The mayor praised the auxiliary officers for their services — particularly for those performed during Tropical Storm Floyd last September — and for the amount of hours they put in "at no cost to the town." Harelik called the officers "a very valued group."

According to Springfield Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage, auxiliary police officers go through the same procedure in regard to firearms training as do the township's regular paid police officers. For the first year, which is considered a probationary period, no firearms are issued at all. Auxiliary officers are trained in basic auxiliary training at the John H. Stansler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

Applicants are then given psychological testing, after which they move on to firearms training with members of the Springfield Police Department. Auxiliary officers also visit the firing range two times a year.

"We don't just give you a gun if you join tomorrow," Cottage said. "We don't take guns lightly, and we've never had a problem."

All guns used by auxiliary officers are issued with trigger locks, Cottage pointed out. Officers are responsible for their own firearms, which they keep at home. "That's the idea of auxiliary police," Cottage said, "they respond from home."

Springfield's auxiliary police have two cars of their own which they use for patrol purposes.

Established in 1967 during a time of extreme social crisis — the Newark riots — Springfield's auxiliary police represent something beyond what many towns have. "In some cases, auxiliary police are crossing guards," Cottage said. "That isn't the case here."

Taking a bite out of crime



Photo By Barbara Kalkbrenner

Sisters Kathleen, 9, and Elizabeth Stewart, 5, of Springfield, visit with McGruff the Crime Dog on National Night Out Tuesday at the Chisholm Recreation Center.

Local coach killed in rollover

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

An accident involving a Jeep Wrangler on Route 78 East in Springfield July 25 resulted in the death of a Summit resident.

F. Todd Miller, 51, a former track coach at Summit High School, was killed instantly when the vehicle he was driving struck the back of a landscaping truck that was stopped partially in the left-hand lane near the Morris Avenue bridge, and flipped at 10:23 a.m.

Three female passengers were also in the vehicle — Miller's stepdaugh-

ter Allison Ardington, 14, along with Lauren Sheehan, 13, and Lauren Weber, 14, all of Summit. The young women were transported via ambulance to University Hospital in Newark. All have since been released.

The group was reportedly en route to Great Adventure amusement park at the time of the accident.

According to a Springfield Fire Department incident report, the Wrangler was equipped with a canvas roof. The victims were already being treated by a paramedic and a registered nurse at the time of the Fire Department's arrival.

The vehicle struck by Miller — a truck belonging to Limbach's Landscaping in Madison — was one of two belonging to the same company, both of which were stopped on the left shoulder of the highway. According to Sgt. Al Della Fave of the State Police, the first truck was disabled with a broken drive shaft; the driver of the second truck then stopped directly behind the first to assist the driver.

Della Fave said the officer on the scene reported that Miller "had no visible obstructions for quite a long way," and the flashers of both trucks

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Council will not join in on reform

By Joe Lugara
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Hugh Horowitz is a Mountaineers resident with an eye on clean government.

As a volunteer with Common Cause, a nonpartisan group organized to fight for campaign finance reform, Horowitz approached the Mountaineers Borough Council last year with the group's own "model ordinance." Designed to prohibit political fundraising on municipal property, the ordinance has already been adopted by about 50 communities in the state. Mountaineers, however, will not be the 51st.

"The mayor first thought that the ordinance already existed," Horowitz said. "It doesn't."

Mayor Robert Vigilant insists the fund-raising issue is covered in the borough's code of ethics. "What he's asking for has been borough policy for as long as I can remember. And I've been on the governing body for about 21 years. We haven't broken any laws in Mountaineers."

Vigilant said he refuses to spend taxpayer's dollars "to have our lawyers write up an ordinance" for something he claims already exists. "What he wants isn't wrong," Vigilant said of Horowitz' efforts. "The I suggested he start at the county or state level with it." Of the 50 communities that have already adopted the ordinance as written by Common Cause, the mayor said, "I guess 50 communities don't have the clout to say no."

Horowitz first stepped before the Borough Council in August of last

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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 Mountanside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, hosts a summer storytime and craft session at 2 p.m. for Mountanside children in kindergarten to fourth grade.
Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to register.

Saturday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountanside, continues trailwork projects on the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with various trail maintenance projects. Participants must be at least 14 and should bring lunch and a mug for a beverage. If available, shovels, pickaxes and gloves should also be brought.
Preregistration is required by calling (908) 789-3670.

Sunday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountanside, hosts two planetarium shows. At 2 p.m., children ages 6 and up can explore the summer sky, learning about the constellations and shooting stars. At 3:30 p.m., children ages 6 and up will find out why the sky is blue as they follow Professor Roy G. Biv on a journey across the rainbow.
Admission to both shows is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for seniors.

Monday
• The Springfield Board of Education conference meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Jonathan Dayton High School has been cancelled.
• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., hosts its

continuing lunchtime video series at noon with "Ship of Fools."

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the show. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the committee room at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountanside Borough Council meets for a work session at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountanside, hosts "Puppet Theater Inside Out" at 1:30 p.m. Steve Abravans will involve children ages 4 and up in a puppet show — from creating puppets with found materials to a professional performance.
Admission is \$4 per person.
• The Springfield Board of Health meets for a regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Upcoming events
Aug. 10

• A grand finale celebration for Mountanside Public Library's summer reading program participants will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the library on Constitution Plaza to honor the participants with reading certificates.
"Funny Man" Ed O'Neil will create balloon friends for each child. For more information, call the library at (908) 233-0115.
• The Mountanside Planning Board will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 East.

Aug. 15
• Registration for youth and pre-school classes for the fall 1 session at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will begin at 7 a.m. The YMCA offers a variety of classes for all ages, including swim lessons, sports classes and clinics.

The fall 1 session runs from Sept. 5 to Oct. 29. For more information call the Y at (973) 467-0838.

• The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

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

Aug. 17
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host its first pet show at 10:30 a.m. All pets must be pre-registered by 8 p.m. on Aug. 16. Ribbons will be awarded.
For more information call the children's department at (973) 376-4930.

Aug. 21
• The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 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.

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

Aug. 22
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host its continuing lunchtime video series at noon with "Easy Rider."
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.

AT THE LIBRARY

First annual pet show scheduled for Aug. 17

Area youngsters are invited to register their favorite pets for the first annual Springfield Library Pet Show, scheduled for Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Rain date is Aug. 18.

Ribbons will be awarded for a myriad of categories, including best trick, most unusual pet, brightest colored pet, and more. All pets must be pre-registered by 8 p.m. on Aug. 16. For more information call the Children's Department at (973) 376-4930.

Lunchtime video series continues on Tuesday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its lunchtime video series Tuesday at

noon with the 1965 movie, "Ship of Fools."

Nominated for eight Academy Awards, "Ship of Fools" was acclaimed by audiences and critics alike. "Ship of Fools" is set in 1933 aboard a luxury liner bound from Mexico to Germany. Starring in the film are Vivian Leigh as a divorcee desperate for love and her lost youth, Simone Signoret as a Spanish noblewoman being deported as a political prisoner. Also starring are Lee Marvin as an aging, alcoholic ballplayer, and Jose Ferrer as a budding Nazi whose brushiness foreshadows the holocaust to come. They separate but interlocking stories, beautifully observed by director Stanley Kramer serve as a brilliant microcosm of a world on the verge of war.

The film is based on a novel by Katherine Porter.

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided.
For information call (973) 376-4930.

Writing course offered

Zella R.P. Geltman will bring her training services to the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to conduct an ongoing course called "Write Your Life Stories: Memoirs Writing Made Easy."

The meetings will be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the meeting room at the library. No writing experience is necessary, and no registration is required.

Geltman will teach participants the methods by which memoir writing can be made easy, including ideas about how to get started, having a purpose, how to tell stories, making a list of ideas from your life experiences, tips on editing, suggested reading, and how working with a group provides feedback for each other and enhances people's stories.

Summer storytimes

The Mountanside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, hosts a summer storytime and craft session today at 2 p.m. for borough children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

A grand finale celebration for participants in this season's reading program will be hosted on Aug. 10 at 11:30 a.m. All participants will be

honored with reading certificates. For more information call the library at (908) 233-0115.

Library seeks volunteers for homebound delivery

The Springfield Free Public Library will be sponsoring a volunteer homebound delivery program beginning in the fall.
To volunteer call the library at (973) 376-4930.

Friends of Springfield Library to host book sale

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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Donated electric 'E-Bike' boosts police officers into the future

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

For one Springfield police officer, being on patrol has just become a bit more high-tech.

One of the township's largest businesses, Autoland, recently donated an electric bicycle to the Police Department's bike patrol. The vehicle goes directly into the hands of Officer Angelo Bonavitiacola, the man who officially covers the township on two wheels.

John Phillips, Autoland's general sales manager, spotted Bonavitiacola on patrol while attending the Springfield Rotary's annual flea market at Jonathan Dayton High School. Although Bonavitiacola wasn't struggling on his bike, which looked to Phillips like a 10-speed, Phillips thought instantly of the electric model, which Autoland happens to distribute.

Designed and built by auto giant

Lee Jacocca's new company, EV Global Motors, the "E-Bike," as the vehicle is officially known, borrows some of the principals of automotive design, including cruise control. The bike is EV's first product.

The donation is not Autoland's first charitable gesture toward the township. "We try to do a lot for the town," Phillips said. "They do a lot for us, and we try to reciprocate."

"We're appreciative for Autoland's involvement in the community, and for saving the township money," Mayor Clara Harelik said of the \$1,295 gift. Harelik described the bike as "battery-charged, and easier to ride uphill because you can get an extra boost of energy if you need it. It will really help Officer Bonavitiacola perform his duties."

The bike contains a simple "thumb-throttle" to control speeds, with three modes: "power only," "rider power,"

and "combination mode." The "power only" mode allows the rider to use the bike's hub motor to do all the work; "rider power" is the traditional pedaling mode, with the "combination mode" offering both methods. This mode permits the rider to either maintain a cruising speed or to work their way easier up hills — benefits for any rider, especially for a police officer on the beat all day.

Springfield is one of a number of Union County communities with a bike patrol. Union, Summit, Clark, Cranford and Rahway are among the other towns whose officers have found it easier to reach hard-to-get-at places, such as traffic accidents. Officers on bikes have also found handling incidents such as disorderly persons offenses and open container violations somewhat easier. Officers on bicycles are also more accessible to the public.



Autoland General Sales Manager John Phillips presents an electric bicycle to Springfield Police Officer Angelo Bonavitiacola and Mayor Clara Harelik. The \$1,295 battery-charged E-Bike features three modes, including cruise control, to aid bike patrol officers on their beats.

Meet the animals



Mesmerized by a parakeet and animal demonstration conducted at Congregation Israel's bible camp in Springfield last week are campers, from left, Eitan Edelman, Aaron Siepol, Daniel Stein, David Azulay and Davora Alexander. Other visitors from a local pet shop included a lizard, an iguana and a guinea pig.

Mayor establishes newsletter to add spark to communication campaign

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

True to her word, Mayor Clara Harelik is doing what she can to communicate with the community.

"Talk of the Town: A Newsletter from the Mayor of Springfield" arrived in township homes last month. The single-page, double-sided newsletter adds a written dimension to the mayor's communication campaign, combining with the township's "Speaking of Springfield" cable access program to bring updated news and information to the community.

Put together in-house and photocopied — with the photocopying procedure representing its only real production cost — "Talk" was sent to residents in the same envelope with the township's tax bill, to avoid the expense of a separate mailing. "I thought it was important to communicate to the people of Springfield

exactly what's happening in town," the mayor said. "We tried to make it factual and informative."

The newsletter's front page lists a variety of information, from important telephone numbers ranging from Harelik herself to Township Administrator Richard Sheola to police, fire and first aid. Important meeting dates such as Township Committee regular meetings, Planning Board meetings, meetings of the Rent Leveling Board, Library Board and Board of Health are also included.

Transit services — notably the Duffy's Corner jitney bus and the Senior Citizen Bus — are also mentioned, along with operating hours for the Public Library, the Chisholm Community Center, the Municipal Pool and the newly established Farmers' Market at Jonathan Dayton High School.

The back of the newsletter contains

updated information on a number of the township's departments. "I asked each department to gather the highlights of their year," Harelik said. Police, fire, public works, engineering and planning, finance and recreation are all given adequate space to trumpet their recent programs and endeavors.

Harelik called the newsletter a "supplement," stressing that it was not designed as a substitute for coming out to township committee meetings.

As to its future, Harelik said she hopes to produce, but cannot guarantee, another issue by the end of the year, before she leaves her position as mayor. A new mayor will be appointed by the Township Committee in January.

For those who rent and do not receive tax bills, copies of the newsletter are also available in the library, Town Hall and Chisholm Community Center.

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Palais and Alzenberg earn honors at Michigan

Jill Meredith Palais and David Jacob Alzenberg of Springfield both achieved class honors at the University of Michigan this spring.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Seton Hall announces its honor roll students

Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, has announced its third trimester honor roll. The following students from Springfield were honored:

Dean Cehnarich, freshman, second honors; Robert Maul, freshman,

second honors; Kevin Dash, freshman, commendation; Scott Eberenz, sophomore, commendation; and Justin Stefanelli, junior, commendation.

First honors comprises students whose grade point average is above 4.0; second honors, between 3.5 and 4.0; and commended, between 3.0 and 3.5.

Paparatto and DeVos earn Oak Knoll honors

Two Mountaintop residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for the third trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Students achieving first honors receive no grade lower than an A.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

The right answer

In its latest venture to keep up with 21st century learning techniques, the Springfield Board of Education is exploring the possibility of offering online Independent Study courses for the 2001-2002 school year.

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland has called the Independent Study policy "a good pilot area," and we concur. Using technology to expand the district's curriculum is a good step toward preparing students for the rigors of higher education. Many colleges have started to encourage and some mandate that students bring a computer to college.

Colleges across the nation have started to implement technology standards that touch on every aspect of the higher learning curriculum, including posting lecture notes online, placing the entire textbook online, posting online class discussion boards and encouraging Internet research.

By tailoring the district's class programs around online use, students will be better prepared for the rigorous academic disciplines that lie ahead. The students who have been selected to participate in such a pilot program are self-sufficient learners who possess the ability to excel as collegiate scholars without the constant guidance of a faculty member.

Having the students check in with a mentor once or twice a week is an excellent idea — one that has been incorporated by districts such as Summit, for its unique and well-praised WISE independent study program. Cranford is actually a pioneer in the independent study area; the district was recently named one of the 75 best school districts in the state by *New Jersey Monthly* magazine.

Offering Advanced Placement courses such as calculus, chemistry and statistics online would be a more cost-effective means toward creating an expanded curriculum for Springfield's high school students. Last year, the district had five students in the Independent Study program. Conducting a regular AP course for one or two students costs about one-fifth of a teacher's annual salary, while online instruction ranges from \$400 to \$800 per student.

If the district's students have the potential to exceed the limitations set for them by the school board, then other alternatives need to be sought. Online instruction may be just the right answer for now.

Off to a good start

Four years after deregionalization, the Berkeley Heights and Mountaintide boards of education are strengthening their working relationship by incorporating joint public meetings onto their agendas.

We support this measure and believe it will lead to an open and successful dialogue between school officials and concerned parents and taxpayers. These meetings will serve as a good measuring stick to evaluate the effectiveness of all curriculum issues and activities relating to Governor Livingston High School.

Board members have announced their intent to make the joint public meetings an annual affair, and we would encourage them to follow through on this proposal. The public — especially Mountaintide residents — needs an opportunity to stay abreast of the district's latest educational ventures and plans for the future. It's equally important that members of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education hear from residents of Mountaintide about their educational concerns and expectations. These first-time public forums seem like a good opportunity for everyone to come to the table together to discuss common goals, issues and opinions.

The school districts are off to a good start with some of the joint activities they've launched to date. "Buddy Day" at the middle schools allows eighth-graders at the two middle schools to get together each year. Mixers are hosted for Deerfield and Columbia students periodically and attempts are made at orientations to bring students together.

Conducting joint public meetings will surely serve as a way to facilitate new ideas for expanding those kinds of programs. Bringing residents of the township and the borough together will promote an even healthier symbiotic relationship between the districts — one in which everyone is on the same page, enjoying a new level of school spirit.



Photo by Barbara Kobbala

ART IN PROGRESS — Six-year-old Jessica Walter makes a painting by squeezing color onto a frame secured to a rotating disc in a process called spin art. Children participated in numerous arts and crafts, games, rides and novelty events at Springfield's second annual Take Pride in Springfield celebration last month.

Patrons and owners share responsibility

Welcome to Bally's Total Fitness. Sick 'em up.

One of my weekly chores as a reporter is collecting the week's highlights from the Springfield police blotter. Every Monday or Tuesday, depending on my schedule, you can find me in the police records room pouring over the arrests, stolen property reports, motor vehicle accidents and so forth.

Bally's, on Route 22 East, has become a regular player in the blotter. I find a theft at the establishment very nearly every week. Last week alone, there were four — three in the locker room and one car stolen from the parking lot. A few weeks back, a guy had his clothes stolen from his locker as he worked out. I'm serious.

The fact that Route 22 is a hotbed for thievery is no surprise; thieves can just drive through, pull into a parking lot and snatch a cell phone or leather coat or whatever kinds of modern finery drivers are inclined to leave exposed on the front or back seat.

Careless folks help thieves thrive. But with Bally's it's different. Peo-

Joe's Place

By Joe Iugara
Staff Writer

ple are locking things in lockers, but the lockers aren't staying locked. Credit cards, driver's licenses, car registrations, cash, keys — let's not forget the clothes — are growing legs and skipping the building before their owners can catch them.

Where's the security here? Doesn't anyone keep an eye on the facilities? There must be more cops stopping in there lately than fitness nuts. Doesn't management recognize a cop when they see one?

Hint: The cops are the ones without the shorts.

Bally's would do well to recognize the fact that its patrons don't necessarily enter the building in the same clothes in which they do their chin-ups. Some respect for the paying cus-

tomers is due here.

To be fair, Bally's isn't the only place on the highway getting victimized. Stolen cars and motor vehicle burglaries — that is, the theft of items left inside cars, such as the aforementioned cell phones and leather coats — plague businesses on both sides of Route 22. But generally, those thefts occur outside the building, even among those businesses, such as Barnes and Noble, which employ their own security. For the most part, the buildings themselves are umbrellas, safe havens from the dirty reign of felons in the parking lots. But at Bally's, it's raining underneath the umbrella.

The difference between Bally's and

most of these other places is a basic one: At the club, you have to take your clothes off and put on others. I've never seen anyone change in the Judaica section of Barnes and Noble, so they don't really need security for that kind of thing there. But in a fitness club, changing ducts is a given, and management has to be prepared to cope with such an eventuality.

Patrons have a responsibility here too. They need to be smart enough to realize that carrying \$300 or so in cash, especially when you have to take your pants off and leave them in another location, is a risky proposition. You can either take that chance, or run the treadmill with the money clutched between your teeth.

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 page.

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Strengthen the chair of survival

To the Editor:

If a co-worker, friend or family member collapsed in front of you, unresponsive and not breathing, would you know what to do? Would you know to call 9-1-1 immediately? Could you perform CPR? Is there an automated external defibrillator, AED, immediately available?

As long-time local residents and co-chairman of the American Heart Association's 2000 Union County American Heart Walk, we urge residents, business and civic leaders to join us on Oct. 8 and Step Out, Save Lives! — Strengthen the Chair of Survival.

The theme of 2000 American Heart Walk, Step Out, Save Lives! — Strengthen the Chair of Survival, underscores the importance of a four-step process called the chain of survival that effects every person in our two counties. A strong chair of survival can mean the difference between life and death for a victim of sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack or stroke in Union County.

We're joining with the American Heart Association to urge everyone to "strengthen their personal chain of survival" and join us at Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth for American Heart Walk on Oct. 8.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 70 percent of cardiac emergencies occur at home. Incidents of sudden cardiac arrest, which can strike anyone, are more likely to occur at places where large numbers of people gather, such as shopping malls, corporate and industrial centers, stadiums and arenas, golf courses, and bus, train and airline terminals.

At least 250,000 people experience sudden cardiac arrest each year, but barely 5 percent survive because AEDs are either not available or arrive on the scene too late. After as little as 10 minutes, few people survive sudden cardiac arrest.

You can "strengthen your personal chain of survival" and be the first two "links" in the chain by knowing the warning signs and calling 9-1-1 immediately, and by performing only CPR. Also, be an advocate for AEDs in large public

gathering places and in your local police, fire rescue and emergency response vehicles — normally the first on the scene of an emergency. Then join us on Oct. 8.

On Oct. 8, you can make a difference by walking in the American Heart Association's 2000 American Heart Walk taking place at Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth. Step Out, Save Lives! — Strengthen the Chair of Survival. Form a team, join a team or walk as an individual to move people from throughout Union County have a chance to beat heart disease and stroke.

Henry J. Ross and Gordon Haas, co-chairmen
2000 Union County American Heart Walk

Why the need for rolling artwork?

To the Editor:

I saw a picture of a newly re-badged Springfield Police car. As I drive around the state, I am quizzical as to why many towns spend money in that way. Police cars are suddenly rolling works of art.

I once read that these graphics and paintings cost \$200 to \$400 per car. Given the life expectancy of that car, couldn't that money be spent in better ways — maybe bulletproof vests, video equipment, etc. — or not spent, perish the thought?

Frank Marchese
Mountaintide

Why is Bush always presumptive?

To the Editor:

Why is it that George W. Bush is designated by the media as the "Presumptive Candidate," but Al Gore is not?

Joseph S. Chieppa
Mountaintide



AGENEROUS OFFERING — Seventh-graders at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield collected \$271 for Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl program this year. The students' generous donation will help in the fight to end world hunger.

"One of the things that almost never works is secrecy — particularly secrecy in defense of dumbness."

—Newt Gingrich
House speaker
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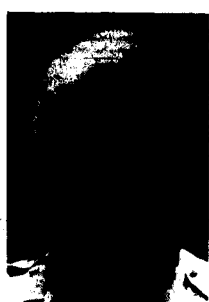
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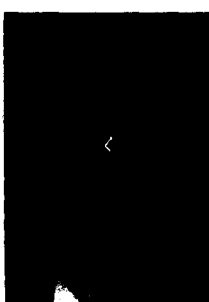
Veda Robertozzi

"I wouldn't mind at all, although I vote for the man, not the party."



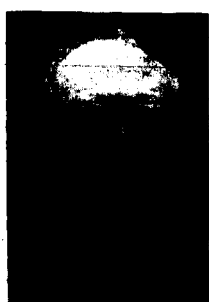
Ernie Blakemore

"I live in Philadelphia. It brings money in. That's the idea of it."



Helen Labowitch

"I'd mind — too much traffic, and not enough places to park."



Al Labowitch

"I guess I'd rather not. We'd have too much nix-up."

Fire Departments respond to various alarms

Springfield

- A report of an odor of smoke at a Route 22 West business, a motor vehicle accident, two activated alarms and one medical service call were answered by the department Monday.
- Two early morning medical service calls were handled by the department Friday.
- Two motor vehicle accidents, two calls for wires burning in a tree, three

FIRE BLOTTER

- medical service calls and one call for an activated alarm kept the department busy July 27.
- The department responded to Route 24 West at 10:53 a.m. on July 26 for a motor vehicle accident involving an overturned vehicle. Two activated alarms and a First Aid

- Squad assist completed the day's business.
- A medical service call and a reported brush fire sent the department out at 7:05 a.m. and 7:50 a.m., respectively July 24.
- A dryer with an electrical problem sent firefighters to a Springfield Avenue apartment complex July 23.
- The department responded to an assisted living facility for an

- activated fire alarm Sunday. An investigation revealed no fire. The alarm was reset.
- A downed wire sent firefighters to Short Drive at 7:44 a.m. on July 27. The area was secured. PSE&G was contacted for repairs.
- The department responded to a Sunny Slope residence at 11:37 p.m. on July 26 to help a borough homeowner gain entry.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Frangillo appointed chief operating officer

On June 21, the Board of Directors appointed Nicholas A. Frangillo Jr. of Mountainside to the position of Chief Operating Officer of The Town Bank of Westfield.

Also holding the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since he joined the bank on May 1, 1998, Frangillo comes to his additional role well versed in the banking industry. Prior to joining The Town Bank of Westfield, he served as senior vice president and chief financial officer for United Counties Trust Company, a \$1.8-billion community bank based in Cranford, and United Counties Bancorporation, its parent holding company.

A certified public accountant who earned his bachelor of science degree from Rutgers University, Frangillo's experience of over 19 years spans the areas of SEC financial reporting requirements, taxation, investment and asset/liability management, and strategic planning.

Also an active member in his community, Frangillo serves as a coach for Mountainside Youth Baseball.

Bookbinder named youth delegate for MADD

Pamela Bookbinder, 15, of Springfield has been selected to go to the nation's capitol as a youth delegate to the MADD National Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking 2000, hosted by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, along with 434 other young people representing each U.S. con-

gressional district and the U.S. territories.

Washington, D.C., will provide the backdrop for the second such gathering of America's youth this fall. From Sept. 29 to Oct. 4, in conjunction with MADD's 20th anniversary, high school students representing their respective U.S. congressional districts and U.S. territories will convene for the summit.

Throughout the five-day event, youth delegates will be given a forum to explore the issues surrounding alcohol — the number one drug problem for youth — and discuss and develop proposed solutions to underage drinking and other issues related to youth access to alcohol.

The MADD National Youth Summit will consist of six general sessions, each focusing on a specific alcohol-related topic, as well as small discussion groups, where youth delegates will address issues unique to their communities and states. Topics to be covered include the power of youth advocates, alcohol accessibility, enforcement policies to curtail alcohol use, alcohol usage in the high school and college environment and media images. General sessions will be facilitated by policymakers, elected officials, researchers as well as youth and adult community activists.

At the conclusion of the summit, delegates will vote on recommendations to address illegal underage drinking and present their report of the public, policymakers and elected officials at a national news conference on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Most

delegates will have the opportunity to meet with their elected members of Congress. Most states will host a "State of the State" Town Hall meeting localizing issues when the delegates return home.

Bookbinder, a student at Jonathan Dayton High School and other youth delegates were selected based on their commitment to addressing the problem of underage drinking and their willingness to work with MADD chapters and community leaders to implement summit recommendations on a local level.

The National Youth Summit is one of seven programs in MADD's Youth in Action movement, a new youth focus. Since its inception, MADD has fought for tougher drunk driving legislation and has provided assistance to victims of drunk driving crashes. In 1999, MADD officially added the prevention of underage drinking into the organization's mission statement. To find out more about the MADD National Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking 2000, or the delegates selected to represent New Jersey, contact the MADD national office programs department at (214) 744-6233 or visit the MADD web site at www.madd.org/nys.

Library closed weekends

The Springfield Free Public Library is closed Saturdays and Sundays for the summer. Saturday hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Sept. 9. Sunday hours, 1 to 4 p.m., will resume Sept. 24.

For information call the library at (973) 376-4930.



Rachel Schranck

Schranck recognized in Harry Potter contest

Nine-year-old Rachel Schranck of Mountainside received honorable mention last month in *The Star-Ledger's* Harry Potter writing contest for children. Students ages 7 to 14 were asked to write a 200-word essay detailing a possible story line for the fourth Harry Potter book, prior to its release in early July.

Schranck was one of three children recognized in the age 7 to 9 category. Her entry was published in the July 23 Sunday edition of *The Star-Ledger*.

A fourth-grader at Deerfield School, Schranck is the daughter of Debbie and Tom Schranck of Mountainside.

EVENTS

Fall registration begins at the YMCA Aug. 15

Registration for fall preschool and youth classes at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., begins Aug. 15 at 7 a.m. and continues until classes are full. The Fall 1 session runs Sept. 5 through Oct. 25. Classes for children 2 years old to grade four provide basic skills in sports such as indoor soccer and basketball. Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 years old can enjoy a comprehensive health and fitness program, including cardiovascular and weight training, aerobics, yoga, body sculpting and spinning. For more information, call the YMCA at (973) 467-0838.

Temple to host annual two-day rummage sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Sisterhood co-presidents Maria Sklar and Rosanne Stoliz and event chairperson Ilene Rotenberg announced that this year's rummage sale will be the largest and best ever. Items for sale include housewares, clothing, furniture, and toys. Aug. 14 will be Brown Bag Day. A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for only \$3. The public is invited to attend. Additional information can be obtained by calling the temple office at (973) 379-5387.

Evangel Baptist will have summer bible programs

Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield, invites children to star in Bible Adventures at HolyWord Studios beginning Monday through Aug. 11. "This year our church is using the Bible as a script, as we film God's story," said Pastor Fred Mackey. "We're on location at HolyWord Studios, where kids won't find any boring reminders of tedious schoolwork. Our HolyWord Studios program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages."

Each day, kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble tasty treats, dig into Bible adventures and create Pop Shop Crafts creations to take home. HolyWord Studios cast members will meet at Evangel Baptist Church from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. There will be a program for preschool age children through sixth grade. An adult program will also be offered. For information call the church office at (973) 379-4351.

Research fund benefits from annual golf outing

Great Gorge Country Club will be the site for the eight annual Nat Grenker Memorial Golf Outing sponsored by Payservice Inc. of Hawthorne on Aug. 18 at 8 a.m. The Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial for Cancer Research of Springfield will benefit from this charity event. Anyone wishing to participate by playing, sponsoring a hole or donating a prize may call (973) 423-9118 or (908) 276-0743.

Mountainside PTA seeks crafters to annual fair

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

Businesses the site of numerous crimes

- Four cars and two wheels were reported stolen from a 1998 Mercedes Benz parked in a Redwood Road driveway Monday. The plastic frame from an overhead door at Grease Monkey on Morris Avenue was damaged during a break-in in which \$200 cash was taken. An unknown vehicle left the roadway at the intersection of Wabeno and Linden avenues, causing property damage to a Linden Avenue residence and knocking over a stop sign.
- A security officer at Autoland reported a man attempting to pry open a hood on a used Ford Focus July 30. The suspect fled, but the security officer was able to provide a description to police.

POLICE BLOTTER

- Two cars parked at Bally's Total Fitness on Route 22 East were damaged by thieves July 29. The incidents occurred at nearly the same time. A Union resident, parked at CompUSA, discovered a new suit and a new pair of shoes missing from his car as he returned from the store.
 - A dark green backpack belonging to an Elizabeth resident was stolen from a locker at Bally's Total Fitness on Route 22 East July 28. Numerous items, including \$3,000 cash and 15 credit cards, were taken in the theft.
- For free ad advice call 908-686-7700.

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A few helping hands



Wrapping up a busy week of volunteer service with a visit to the Senior Day Care Program at Catholic Community Services in Newark last weekend are St. Theresa's Youth Group members, from left, back row, Terry Panzer, Jim Barrette, Stephen Kohut, Andrew Genco, Sandra Myers, Courtney Challevoid; second row, group leader Mike Fusco, Linda Barrette, Stacy Schulzy, Mary Catherine Tucker, Alisa Bush; front row, John Passantino, Darrell Fusco and Chris Kiaser.

Summit Public Library has selected new titles available

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

Fiction

"The Anchor book of new Irish writing," Tim Lohay; "The Indwelling," Terry Pratchett; "The Fifth Elephant," Mors Purton; "Omerta," Alexie Sherman, and "The toughest Italian in the world."

Nonfiction

Lance Armstrong, "It's not about the bike;" Peter Ball, "Life's matrix: A biography of water," Michael Barson, "Wedding bell blues;" Stanley Coren, "How to speak dog;" Jan Jasper, "Take back your time;" Jane Kinderlehrer, "The antioxidant save your life cookbook;" Peter-

son's Christian Colleges & Universities;" Bob Reiss, "Low risk, high reward: Starting & growing your business with minimal risk;" "The 70 wonders of the ancient world;" Judy Sheardlin, "Keep it simple, stupid: You're smarter than you look;" Christina Sommers, "The war against boys;" Harry Stein, "How I accidentally joined the vast right-wing conspiracy;" Chris Stewart, "Driving over lemons;" Diki Tsering, "Dalai Lama, my son;" Barbara Uncell, "The eight seasons of parenting."

Video/cassettes

"The best man," "Little bear," "Martin Luther King, Jr.," "Mean Streets" and "Outside Providence."

NEWS CLIPS

Construction signage prohibited in some areas

The Division of Code Administration has reminded residents that temporary construction, renovation and repair signs are prohibited in single- and two-family zones. The prohibited signs are the ones identifying architects, engineers, contractors, builders, painters and other tradesmen engaged in construction, improvement, repair and refurbishing of residences.

In all other zones, only one temporary construction sign for each project is permitted. The maximum allowance size is 12 square feet.

The Connection will receive new equipment

The Junior League of Summit was recently awarded a community grant to The Connection for Women and Families. The funds will be used to purchase equipment and train staff for an after-school special needs gymnastics program that will be introduced in the near future. The equipment also will be used in other special needs programs.

The Connection has provided special needs children and youths with an opportunity to develop physical and social skills. Other programs currently available include: Adaptive Aquatics; Spots for Special Needs Children; Step-by-Step, a social and counseling program for developmentally disabled ten-age girls; Summerfun Special Needs Day Camp and

Gateway, a social and recreational program.

Full and partial scholarships are available for all programs. For information call the Connection at 273-4242.

Red Cross accepts old bath and beach towels

The Summit Area Red Cross can use old bath and beach towels to make bibs for the veterans at Lyons Hospital. Don't worry if they're frayed at the edges; as long as they are clean and with no holes, they can be put to good use. Any color is acceptable. Hand towels and wash cloths are not big enough for bibs — just bath and beach size.

Those who wish to donate their used towels should drive to the rear of the Red Cross Chapter House, 695 Springfield Ave., enter through the back door into the kitchen, and leave them on the table. While there, donors can introduce themselves to one of the chapter's volunteers.

Bibs, as well as other necessities such as slippers and toilet kits, are made by Red Cross Production sewing volunteers right in the building and are delivered to Lyons Hospital by the Red Cross Transportation Department to waiting recipients who are always most grateful.

For more information call production chairperson Margaret Anderson at 273-9064.

Nursery school accepts applications for new year

The Summit Jewish Community Center Nursery School is accepting registrations for the 2000-01 school year.

Morning classes are available for children turning 3 and 4 years old by Sept. 30 or Oct. 1, depending on the child's residence. The three- and four-year-old classes meet from two to five mornings a week from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon classes are available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. The SJCC Nursery School offers a wide variety of afternoon programs that are also open to students not enrolled in the morning classes.

These extended programs include "Travelin' Tumblers, Music Preludes, Left Brain/Right Brain — a math and drama workshop — Creative Workshop, and Time to Discover. Also, the school offers a drop-in-with-notice program, "Extended Your Fun," open to the entire community.

Additionally, the Learning Adventures course for children in kindergarten or requiring an extra year of school before kindergarten is now registering students for 2000-01.

Learning Adventures is a secular program that focuses on enhancing the child's skills in all areas of the curriculum including language, literature, math, science, music, art, computers, and movement.

Children who are in a half-day kindergarten program may attend, as well as children who need an extra year before beginning kindergarten. Learning Adventures will meet Monday through Thursday in two sessions: mornings from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoons from noon to 2:45 p.m.; children may attend either three or four sessions a week.

Commission offers spraying advice

The Summit Environmental Commission encourages citizens to be a good neighbor when arranging for tree spraying.

The commission reminds tree owners that harm can be done to pregnant women, small children and pets by tree spraying. The spraying can also affect neighbors' families and pets.

New Jersey law does not require prior notification of planned tree spraying. When owners set the date for tree spraying, they may want to advise their neighbors before the actual date. In this way, the neighbors can close their windows and avoid the direct contact of the pesticide. The law does require that signs be posted at the start of the application and for at least 24 hours thereafter.

Owners and neighbors do have the right to contact the pesticide applicator for brand name, instructions on public safety and a copy of the Consumer Information Sheet. These rules apply for both ground and tree applications. After playing in areas treated with pesticides, children in particular should wash their hands and bare feet.

The commission also encourages consideration of alternatives to pesticides that may be healthier and more environmentally positive. One should ask the applicator if they offer organic methods, and if they do, are the organic products mixed with toxic chemicals. Also, discuss with the applicator and integrated pest management program, which takes into consideration the beneficial aspects of insect populations.

The Summit Environmental Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the City Hall and encourages concerned citizens to attend its meetings and write with their suggestions on how to promote an environmentally-sensitive community.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

BH-Mountainside Bandits excel

The Berkeley Heights-Mountainside Bandits participated in the Pony National World Series held in Sterling, Va. the last week of July.

The Bandits are a 16-and-under girls' fastpitch softball team.

The Bandits defeated the Morris County Belles 8-0 in a Pony National Qualifier as Kristen Turturiello hurled a no-hitter, striking out eight and walking none.

The Bandits bested Basking Ridge 5-1 behind a 2-for-3 performance from Becki Ringwood.

Kathleen Dreitline and Jen Calabrese were both 1-for-2 with RBI-singles.

Next was a 4-3 win over the Diamond Girls, a select team from Essex County.

Turturiello earned another mound victory, striking out three, walking one and allowing six hits in six and two-thirds innings.

Katie Freda, Calabrese and Dreitline went 2-for-3 and each belted RBI-singles.

Three wins declared the Bandits the No. 1 team in the National Qualifier and put them up against the Rockets, a team they defeated 9-1.

The Bandits then fell to the Diamond Girls in a tough pitcher's battle.

Christine Perroule pitched well in the second game against the Diamond Girls after Turturiello went the distance for the win in the contest against the Rockets.

Coeched by Vinnie Turturiello and Craig Hill, the Bandits were 17-4-2 prior to their trip to Virginia.

Dayton makeup physicals Aug. 10

Dayton High School makeup all sports physicals are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 10 at 7:45 a.m. in the nurses office at Dayton.

Call the main office at 973-376-1025, ext. 5200 for an appointment.

Bowling available for youngsters

The Hi-Way Junior Bowling League will hold registration on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9-11 a.m. at Hi-Way Bowl on Route 22 in Union.

The league is open to children and young adults, ages 5-21. Applications may be picked up at the bowling alley in advance.

Bowling will begin on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. and continue for 30 weeks.

More information may be obtained by calling Tom Dudek at 908-651-0170.

The Monday Senior Mixed League seeks men and women bowlers age 55 and older.

The winter season commences Monday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

More information may be obtained by calling Ann at 908-686-5265.

Slow Pitch Tourney set for Aug. 19

The third annual Dick Archer Memorial 35-and-over Masters/One Pitch Slow Pitch Tournament is scheduled to take place Saturday, Aug. 19 at Warinanco Park, Elizabeth.

The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 20. There is a 10-team maximum and all teams will start playing at 9 a.m.

The entry fee for the one day play only/bracket play is \$175 per team.

Prizes, T-shirts, team trophies, MVP and Golden Glove awards are included.

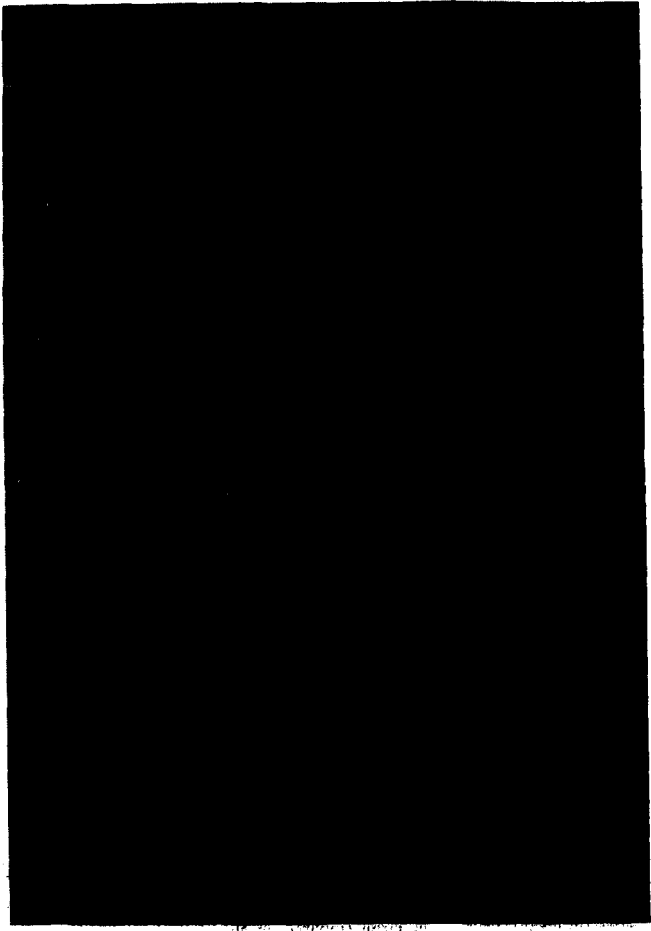
Food and beverage will be available for purchase at the fields and Amateur Softball Association rules will be applied.

Carpet and plate will constitute the strike zone and all teams must supply a set of bases.

The tournament will supply softballs and all participants must be at least age 35 and be able to prove it.

Checks may be made payable to: Greater Union County NJ Softball Umpire Association and mailed to: Greater Union County NJ Softball Umpire Association, Inc., 2095 Jersey Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

More information may be obtained by calling Pete Strahan at 908-245-7344 or Keith Benvenuto at 908-232-7042.



Joé Andrasko of Springfield was the recipient of two awards at Delbarton's annual lacrosse awards banquet. The 2000 graduate, who will attend Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, was presented a ceremonial game ball for his outstanding performance in this year's NJSIAA Tournament championship game against Ridgewood. Andrasko won 10-of-14 faceoffs to help defending state champion Delbarton win the game 6-4 and capture a second straight state title. Andrasko's second award was the Rev. Donald P. Fox, OSB Diligence Award which is given annually to the senior who contributes most to the team in relation to his playing time.

Springfield's Andrasko is honored for his excellence Sparked state champion lacrosse team

Joé Andrasko, a senior midfielder from Springfield, was the recipient of two awards at the Delbarton lacrosse annual awards banquet.

Andrasko, a face-off specialist for the back-to-back New Jersey state champion Green Wave, was presented a ceremonial game ball for his outstanding performance in this year's state championship game against Ridgewood.

By winning 10-of-14 face-offs, seven in a row during a critical period in the first half, Andrasko gained crucial possessions for Delbarton and helped the Green Wave come back from a 2-0 deficit to ultimately win by a 6-4 final score.

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In presenting the award, Delbarton coach Chuck Ro-

bling characterized Andrasko as the most dominant face-off midget in the 25-year history of the Delbarton program.

In two years of varsity play, Andrasko had a career face-off winning percentage of over 75 percent.

Perhaps more telling was his performance at tournament time.

Andrasko posted an incredible 89 percent winning mark in 1999 and followed with 77 percent in 2000.

In this year's tournament's final three rounds, his average rose to 83 percent.

In September, Andrasko will attend Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he hopes to gain a position on the traditional Division 3 power.

This past season the Polar Bears, under coach Tom McCabe, posted a 12-2 record, achieved a No. 9 national ranking in NCAA Division 3 and reached the semifinals of the BCAC Tournament.

Springfield Minutemen baseball good enough to win in playoffs

The Springfield Minutemen ages 11-12 baseball team continued to play well into the home stretch of its season. Springfield qualified for the No. 9 slot in the league playoffs, finishing the regular season as 8-8.

Springfield then defeated Roseland 4-1 before falling to Maplewood 10-2 in the league playoffs.

Here's a look at Springfield's games leading up to the playoffs:

Cranford 7, Springfield 4 (home, July 17): Cranford scored four runs in the top of the sixth to erase a 4-3 deficit. Ryan O'Reilly stole home in the fifth to give Springfield a 4-3 lead. Brandon Stern-Charles drove in O'Reilly with a double and then eventually came home on a steal earlier in the contest.

Springfield 16, Livingston 9 (home, July 19): Ryan Sablinsky pitched extremely well to earn the mound victory. R.J. Hering drove in two runs with a single in the bottom of the fourth to break a scoreless tie. Sablinsky also drove in two runs and Hering later brought home David Sietzman with a double.

Roseland 8, Springfield 6 (away, July 21): Again, R.J. Hering came up with the bases loaded and drove in two runs. Brandon Stern-Charles hit a single that scored Ryan O'Reilly and then Kenneth Suarez hit a single that scored

Stern-Charles. A single by Hering brought home Suarez to pull Springfield to within 7-6 before Roseland scored its last two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

New Providence 16, Springfield 7 (away, July 24): Kenneth Suarez drove in a run with a double and David Sietzman brought home two more with a double of his own to help Springfield make a game of it after the Minutemen fell behind 5-0.

Here's a look at Springfield's two playoff games:
Springfield 4, Roseland 1 (away, July 29): Ryan Sablinsky earned the mound victory as Springfield scored all four of its runs in the top of the third. Jeff Feder singled and Kenneth Suarez reached base, as did R.J. Hering.

With the bases loaded, Zach Goldberg drove in two runs with a single. David Sietzman drew a walk to load the bases again and then Hering stole home for Springfield's third run. Stephen Suarez drove in Springfield's final run with a single.

Maplewood 16, Springfield 2 (away, July 29): Paul Belliveau drove in Stephen Suarez and Teddy Hopkins with a single.

All in all, the Minutemen had an outstanding season, coached ably by John O'Reilly and Scott Sietzman. The Minutemen are still playing baseball in the Springfield Tournament, which is continuing this week.

Britt continues to pile up accolades Named to All-America team

Former Summit High School lacrosse star Ned Britt continues to pile up the accolades following a stellar final season for the Hilltoppers.

Britt was among nearly 200 high school boys' lacrosse players throughout the United States to be named to the US Lacrosse 2000 Men's Division High School All-America team.

New Jersey boasted 14 of the 199 high school boys' lacrosse players named All-Americans.

Lacrosse

Britt will play at Yale University next year. He finished his career at Summit with 208 points.

Last season, he was one of only three players in the state to score more than 100 points. The Hilltoppers finished 17-2 and had a top-five ranking in the state.

The All-Americans are selected by high school coaches on a regional basis. Each area is allotted a number of All-Americans based upon the number of coaches from that area who are registered with US Lacrosse, the national governing body of the sport.

Other players from the Garden State named All-Americans were: Matt Appel, Bridgewater-Raritan, Greg Bayvel, Mountain Lakes; Dan Bivona, Hunterdon Central; Adam Bourke, Ridgewood; Mike Buck, Mountain Lakes; Andrew Conforti, Hunterdon Central; Rich D'Andrea, Peddie; Joe Duncan, Mountain Lakes; Matt Fleisham, Montclair-Kimberly Academy; Andrew Houston, Pingry; Rich Kraiz, Delbarton; A.J. Kuen, Delbarton and Craig Lutwyler, Ridgewood.

Comcast Cablevision softball team excels

The following are Union County Senior Softball League results and standings of games played through July 21:

Comcast Cablevision 13, Marlon Jacobson Roofing 4: Comcast was sparked by the play of Charles Lehman, who belted a triple and double and drove in five runs. Frank DiMartino, Don Deo and Matt Spanier had batted out his each.

Rehabco 16, Crest Refrigeration 2: Rehabco scored six times in the fourth and fifth innings to break the game open. Pete Osborn had two hits, including a home run, and Buddy Brazaitis and Bob Bierman belted doubles for Rehabco.

Bottoms Up 6, Nilsen Detective Agency 3: Al Theresa and Bob DeBellis connected on three hits each for Nilsen.

Comcast Cablevision 13, Antones Pub & Grill 9: Comcast batted out 20 hits as Norm Stumpf and Charles Lehman had three each. Art Kopacz and Ron Virgilio had two hits and three RBI each, while Fred DiMartino, Steve Mihansky, Bill Reichle and Pat Serullo stroked two hits each.

Legg Mason 15, The Office 10: Willie Morrison belted two three-run home runs, Bob Rahmenfuhrer blasted a two-run homer and Rich Eger connected on three hits to spark Legg's attack. For the Office, Dennis Kosowicz batted out three hits and Tom McNulty, Art Wesley, Chip Weiss, Howard Smith, Tony Oliva and Garry LeMasty had two each.

Antones Pub & Grill 17, Union Center National Bank 2: Antones batted out 21 hits, led by Jerry Faruolo's 3-for-3 performance. Bob Lieberman earned the mound victory and helped his own cause by blasting a home run.

Comcast Cablevision 8, Nilsen Detective Agency 7: Art Kopacz drove in the game-winning run and had two hits. Charles Lehman and Steve Ferro had three hits each, while Bill Reichle, Pat Serullo and Ron Virgilio had two each. Bruce Blotto, Jerry Barret and Lou Kruk had three hits and Frank Ciampi two and two RBI for Nilsen.

Legg Mason 24, Marlon Jacobson Roofing 16: Mick McNicholas and John Yarnuzzi had three hits each, while 10 other Legg players had as many as two each. Legg stretched its division lead with its 10th victory.

The Office 18, Rehabco 17: In the conclusion of a suspended game, The Office captured a victory by scoring two runs in the last inning. For Rehabco, Vin Hoising had four hits, while Pete Osborn and Dave Ball connected on three each.

Rehabco 11, The Office 7: John Winczewski blasted a grand slam and belted a double, Bob Bierman blasted a two-run homer and a double and Dick Koussik and Tom Murray had three hits each for Rehabco.

L.A. Law 19, Il Giardino Restaurant 7: Bob Grant batted out four hits, Lou Vespasiano had three and Jerry Massone and John Scanlon two each for the Law. For Il Giardino, Jim Wickens had two hits, including a home run, and Pete Ierino and Ralph Eisenberger batted out two hits each.

The following are results of games played through July 14:

Antones Pub & Grill 17, Nilsen Detective Agency 8: Antones extended its division-leading record to 14-1 and finished a 4-for-4 performance from John Lyp, who belted a grand slam. Art Wesley, Steve Faula and Vic Gorman batted out three hits each for Antones. Bob DeBellis had three hits and Brian McDermott and Carl Reider two each for Nilsen.

The Office 16, Crest Refrigeration 10: The Office scored seven times in the last inning, capped by a Jim Donnelly three-run homer. Tom McNulty, Art Wesley, Larry Rehak, Ralph Eisenberger, Tom Fernandez and Chip Weiss had three hits each, one of Weiss's a home run.

Comcast Cablevision defeated Union Center National Bank: Comcast batted out 35 hits, sparked by the performance of Frank DiMartino, who was 5-for-5 with three home runs and seven RBI. Bob Causales also went 5-for-5, while Pat Serullo and Brian Williams each had four hits and four RBI. Serullo and Williams hit one home run each. Matt Spanier, Ron Virgilio, Steve Mihansky and Don Deo had three hits each.

Legg Mason 26, Rehabco 15: Bob Rahmenfuhrer led Legg's with three hits and four runs, one of his hits a grand slam. Ray Meigs and Mick McNicholas had three hits each.

Il Giardino Restaurant 8, Haven Savings Bank 7: Stu Essinger earned the mound victory and Lionel Genolio, Joe Woloson, Pete Ierino and Dean White had multiple-hit games.

Marlon Roofing 2, Pioneer Transport 8: In a rare shutout, Mangels drew to a tie for first place on the effective pitching of Mike Deaci, Al Diddio had two hits, including a triple, and Jerry Henrick and Bob Rowland each belted RBI-singles for the game's only scoring.

Antones Pub & Grill 25, Legg Mason 9: Antones jumped out to a first-inning, 14-run lead that proved to be too much for Legg to overcome. Joe Tarullo went 4-for-4 with a home run, Jerry Weiss had a home run among his three hits and Don Montefusco, Jerry Faruolo, Bob Matzen and Rich Hyer had three hits each.

The Office 26, Marlon Jacobson Roofing 12: Ralph Eisenberger belted a grand slam and Howard Smith blasted a home run for The Office. Art Wesley had four hits and Tom McNulty, Larry Rehak, Blair Rush and Tony Oliva three each.

L.A. Law 23, Pioneer Transport 15: Joe Laplaca had four hits, including a grand slam, and Bob Grant, Jerry Massone, Jake Wood, Ron Zimmer and Lou Vespasiano had three hits each for L.A. Law. Ralph DiVacchio had four hits for Pioneer.

STANDINGS AS OF JULY 21

80 Pits Division 1: Antones Pub & Grill (16-2), Comcast Cablevision (17-3), Nilsen Detective Agency (13-5), Bottoms Up (10-8), Union Center National Bank (6-11).

50 Pits Division 2: Legg Mason (10-6), Marlon Jacobson Roofing (7-11), The Office (4-14), Rehabco (3-13), Crest Refrigeration (2-15).

60 Pits Division: L.A. Law (11-2), Mangal Realtors (10-2), Pioneer Transport (8-7), Il Giardino Restaurant (3-10), Haven Savings Bank (1-11).

No charges will be filed in tragic accident

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 were activated. As for the driver of the disabled vehicle leaving his truck parked partially in the passing lane, Della Fave said a broken drive shaft is an instantly disabling mechanical problem. "The car stops immediately with something like that," Della Fave said.

Both truck drivers were identified. Neither was injured. No charges will be filed against either driver. "This is just a tremendously tragic accident," Della Fave said. An engine company from Summit and an engine and rescue company from Millburn were also on the scene, as well as members of the Springfield

Police Department and State Police. State Police conducted the on-site investigation and also contacted the medical examiner. Miller was extricated from the vehicle by members of Springfield's Engine One crew. The accident resulted in all local eastbound lanes being shut down. According to Springfield Deputy Fire

Chief Donald Schwerdt, all traffic was directed onto the express lanes. Miller, who left his post at Summit High School sometime in the early 1990s, was swim coach at Clearwater Swim Club in New Providence. He was recently named athletic director at Mount Saint Dominic Academy in Caldwell.

New headquarters to house living space, decontamination areas and all fire trucks

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 estimated a cost of approximately \$130 or \$140 per square foot for construction. Township Administrator Richard Sheola was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

problem with the ladder truck as one of height rather than width. He said that some building renovation was talked about at the time of the purchase of the vehicle but none was ever done.

bring the truck back to headquarters to pick up the appropriate manpower. "There's a lot of time and energy spent on that — time and energy that could be spent at the fire," Gras said.

through the apparatus room, so it's safer and cleaner."

Space for storage, as well as decontamination areas — where firefighters can deposit and cleanse uniforms and equipment covered with chemicals or blood-borne pathogens — are also needed. Living space, along with a communications room and space for a diesel exhaust system, also are necessary. The exhaust system keeps the building free of exhaust when the department's vehicles are started.

According to Gras, when a call comes in involving a structure fire, the driver — in full gear, with boots — has to run down the block to the DPW building on Center Street to

The chief also stressed a need for additional office space. "We have a lot of visitors," Gras said. "We do public education, code enforcement; we have to have areas where people can come in without having to go

Ordinance seeks campaign finance reform

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 year. "At first, the council was very friendly," Horowitz remembered. "The mayor was saying things like, 'Something should be done' — very sympathetic. Then I called several weeks later, and he told me they already had an ordinance for this. He said, 'Why pick on poor little Mountainside?'"

'What he's asking for has been borough policy for as long as I can remember. We haven't broken any laws in Mountainside.'
 — Mayor Robert Vigilanti

the established standards of ethical conduct.

"There are a number of things in this ordinance saying you can't make a profit by influencing contractors, that you have to disclose your financial statements at the end of the year — there's some good stuff in here — but it doesn't say anything about soliciting funds in municipal buildings," Horowitz said. "All we're looking for is to have a uniform ordinance."

In a letter written by Horowitz and presented to the *Echo Leader*, Horowitz

stressed that questions of campaign financing have a particularly significant role right now, as the borough gears up for its largest road and infrastructure project in about 15 years.

"Bond underwriters, lawyers, insurers and contractors of various types will be meeting with our public officials in our public buildings, competing for the town business," Horowitz letter said. "It is important for them to know that Mountainside is a 'clean' town, where the public interest

and not politics are the only factors driving the choices the town has to make."

The four-page "model ordinance" crafted by Common Cause officials is very detailed in its rules, definitions and goals. It states very clearly that current New Jersey laws do not ban the solicitation or acceptance of political contributions in any rooms or buildings in which public office holders are performing their duties, referring to such activities as "misuse of public property." The ordinance calls for an outright prohibition of political fund-raising in areas used for municipal business.

According to Horowitz, the Common Cause ordinance is currently being looked at by another 60 New Jersey communities.

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