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## Township Committee cuts defeated budget

### Spending plan reduced by \$31,000

By Jay-Me Brown  
Staff Writer

After several weeks of public testimony and meetings between the Springfield Board of Education and the Springfield Township Committee, the final vote on the 2001-02 school budget came Monday night.

The township reduced the \$23.3-million school budget by \$31,471 during a committee meeting with the Board of Education at Jonathan Dayton High School. Overall, the cutback matched the sentiment of the committee's pledge to protect the programming for students.

Committeewoman Clara Harelik said she was pleased with the outcome. "I'm confident with the decision. It took many hours of work with the school board, and we came up with a resolution that didn't affect educational standards for the children of Springfield."

Once the 20-minute closed session was completed, Township Attorney Bruce Bergen announced the budget cut breakdown. According to Bergen, the following positions and areas were reduced: a financial advisor's position, \$3,000; school board member conference, \$3,000; miscellaneous, \$15,760, including a switcher generator for the high school television station, \$14,000,

and English/pre-kindergarten and kindergarten supplies, \$1,500 each.

The budget that was defeated last month called for a school tax hike of about \$200 for the average assessed home in Springfield.

After Bergen completed the resolution the audience followed up with thunderous applause. Despite the cheers, some members of the committee had some serious reservations concerning the resolution. Committeeman Steven Goldstein said reviewing the budget line item by line item was a challenge. "I wish we didn't have to make any cuts and I'm concerned about the town's surplus."

Mayor Sy Mullman said poor voting practices led to the budget being defeated on April 17.

"During the next election, I expect a higher voter turnout," said Mullman. "People really have to come out and vote."

Over the last several weeks, the Township Committee and school board worked closely to produce a decision that both sides could support. Both groups met and discussed the questions that led to numerous conversations of the budget intricacies.

"I applaud the Township Committee for their diligence and maintaining the educational system for Springfield," said school board President Stephen Fischbein.

Several residents expressed their views about the school year. Springfield resident, Harold Neher said the cutbacks are a disservice to the township. "The township kept their word and didn't cut any of the programming."

Gene Schramm of the Springfield Improvement Association explained his concern with rising taxes. Taxpayers "are tired of carrying Springfield and I was promised that deregionalization would lower taxes and look at how the taxes increased."

Later, Schramm commended the committee for their efforts in revising the budget. He said the township inherited the budget and was forced to make a ruling on the budget.

Hazel Hardgrove, co-chairwoman of the Springfield Improvement Association, said the committee's recommended cuts were not deep enough.

George Pallis described Schramm's view as detrimental to education. "Schramm has a selfish attitude towards educational programming and although he may not use the service, he should show some compassion," Pallis said.

The Township Committee expects to finalize the resolution during its upcoming meeting on Tuesday.

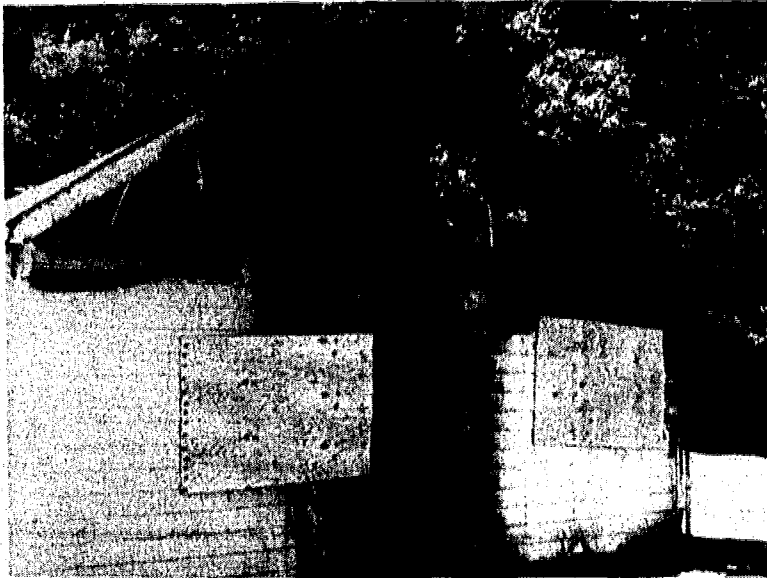


Photo By Jeff Grant

This house on Elston Drive in Mountainside was destroyed by a massive fire last week. Five dogs and six cats died while four other cats survived.

## Fire rages through borough home; kills pets

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

Blazing through a house on quiet Elston Drive in Mountainside on May 9, a deadly fire destroyed a home, killed five dogs and six cats, and enlisted the help of 40 firefighters from nearby departments, including Springfield, Westfield, Summit, Cranford and Mountainside.

Coming to the rescue, the firefighters struggled to quell the major fire that sent smoke spiraling into the bright, sunny sky.

Four cats survived the deadly blaze which gutted the house at 1020 Elston Drive. The residents were not home at the time of the fire, which started at 2:03 p.m.

Firefighters rescued one of the cats from the burning house and medics

gave it oxygen while three other cats were carried out alive from the raging inferno.

The cause is still unknown, but it is believed to be an accident, and not arson, according to Sgt. Allan Attanasio of the Mountainside Fire Department.

He said there is no known cause of the fire and an investigation is no longer pending. The Union County Arson Squad Task Force performed the initial investigation on the source of the fire.

"What occurs is that whenever there's a fire and they don't know what caused it, that's when the Arson Squad Task Force is called," said Attanasio. The task force is made up

of police officers from throughout Union County.

Through the county mutual aid system, Attanasio said the Fire Department was able to enlist the extra manpower to help control the fire.

Initially, the fire had been going on for 15 minutes before stopping and continuing for another half hour, said Attanasio. What made the fire so difficult to control was its sheer scope, blanketing the back of the house, and then fanning out and up through the roof.

The fire started in the back of the house and quickly spread through the rest of the house, badly burning the pets who could not escape in time. The entire house, including the garage, has been destroyed, with most of the roof charred completely.

The insurance company will determine what will happen to the house; whether it can be salvaged and what the homeowners' plans are for it.

Neighbors had tried to come to the rescue of the animals trapped in the burning house, when the fire started, but were unable to get inside the house to try to save them. They tried pounding on the doors and windows but were unable to gain entry. When they called 9-1-1, police arrived shortly.

The intensity and size of the fire took the borough by surprise since Mountainside has not seen blazes this big, making it one of the most powerful in recent memory. The last big fire in Mountainside, Attanasio said, was about three years ago.

## Children's author shares journey as Holocaust survivor at Gaudineer

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

As a young girl hiding away from the Nazis behind a tiny, hollow partition in the closet of a farmhouse in World War II era Holland, Johanna Reiss probably never thought she would live to tell about her experiences, let alone write about them.

But on May 10 at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, that's exactly what the award-winning children's author and Holocaust survivor did. And will continue to do.

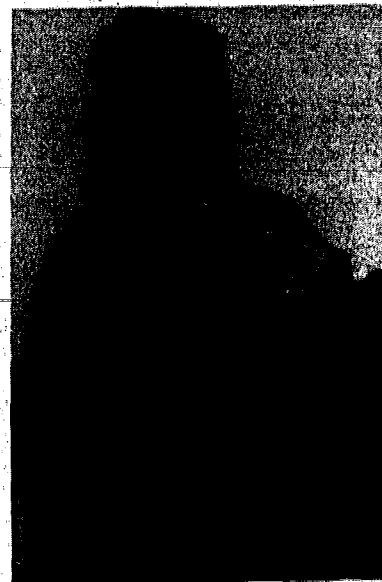


Photo By Jeff Grant  
Johanna Reiss

Before a captive audience of fifth and sixth grade Gaudineer students, Reiss held up a handmade 200-year-old cap that was given to her when she first left Holland to come to America at the age of 23. It was handed to her by Opoe, a member of the the Gentile family who took her and her sister into their home to keep them safe from Hitler and his reign of terror.

For several years of her adolescence, the Oostervelds hid Reiss and her sister Rachel in their cramped farmhouse, protecting the two little Jewish girls from the Germans who occupied the surrounding area, and who regularly checked the house for hidden occupants.

Holding up a coin that her mother gave her before she went to the Oostervelds, Reiss explained that when it had been given to her, it was the last time she saw her mother alive. She had been separated from her ever since.

Then, she showed slides from her past which revealed the house and the closet where she and her sister had hidden. The secret hiding place in the upstairs room that had saved both their lives.

"When the soldiers were standing in front of the door, if they banged into the wood, they would have known it was hollow behind it," said Reiss.

Her experience provided the inspiration for the book "The Upstairs Room."

As she writes in her preface, "I have not tried to write a historical book, although it may have some historical value. What I did try to write was a simple, human book... in which the members of that family were not heroes but people, with strengths and weaknesses."

Through the slides and her presentation, Reiss took the audience back to a cruder, but simpler time period. The family, Opoe, Dientje, and Johan Oosterveld were heroes for taking the two young girls in, but often had to live in cramped quarters with the farm as their only livelihood.

The book is an autobiographical account of the author's traumatic and frightening experience as an adolescent Jewish girl in constant danger of being discovered by the Nazis. She drew a picture of Holland to show how close it is to Germany.

"The scariest time during the Holocaust I think, was going to bed at night and not knowing whether you'd be there in the morning to wake up in it," said Reiss. "Everything in that book is truthful."

Reiss first started writing thirty years ago. The book was published in 1972 and won several awards, including a Newbery Honor and an Amer-



Photo By Jeff Grant

Holding a cap given to her by the family that hid her from the Nazis during World War II, children's author and Holocaust survivor Johanna Reiss spoke before a captive audience of students at Gaudineer Middle School on May 10.

ican Library Association Notable Children's Book. In 1976, she wrote "The Journey Back," which describes what it was like for her to be free again. In 1988, her third book, "Die Fatale Nacht (That Fateful Night)" was published in Holland.

She has two daughters and travels throughout the United States to visit schools, talk to kids about the Holocaust, and give readings of her books.

From her talk on May 10, Reiss hopes that the students can gain the understanding that hatred in all forms is wrong, no matter who it is directed

at. She told them to never follow someone who told them to hate or persecute people because they are born a certain way.

"Will you remember you saw someone who lived through it?" she asked.

Afterwards, the author gave a book signing in the library.

Excited to get their copies signed, some of the fifth grade students had lunch with the author earlier that day and revealed what they learned from her presentation.

"I've heard other experiences from

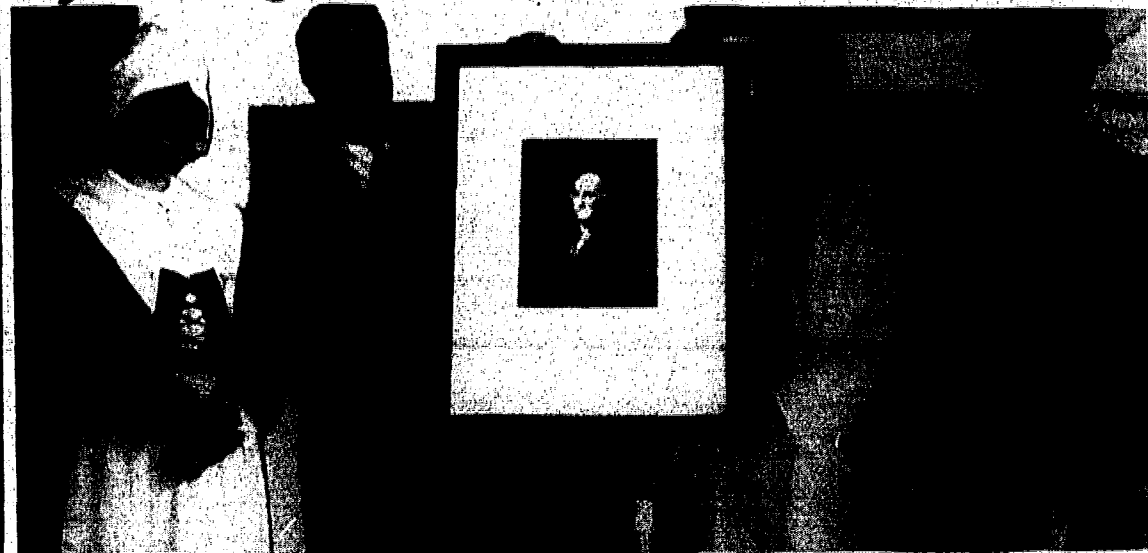
other books," said Daniel Aron, "Except this was actually kinda cool because I got to meet the person."

"She explained alot about what it was like during that time in the Holocaust," said Justin Wolf.

"It was interesting to see how she survived the war and how there are nice people in the world and you shouldn't judge people by how they look," said Nicole Milano.

Fifth grade communications arts teacher Maribeth MacKenzie felt grateful that her class got the experience of meeting the Holocaust survivor.

## By George, it's a new portrait



Keeping George Washington's memory alive, William Sanders, second from left, presents Washington's portrait to Sir Philip Goodhart at the first president's ancestral home at Sulgrave Manor in England. Sanders will be on hand to discuss his initiative to place George Washington's portrait in schools and public places throughout New Jersey and the U.S. during the open house at the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza in Mountainside on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Officials promise gender equity

By Jay-Me Brown  
Staff Writer

Once the field improvements are completed on the Little League fields, the Mountainside Borough Council will ensure that all athletes regardless of gender have an opportunity to play on the renovated fields.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti resolved the misconception that the fields will be used by the male athletes.

"It is our intention to do what is right for the children of Mountainside and allow boys and girls access to the fields," said Vigilanti.

Some of the new improvements include installing lights on the Major League field near the Deerfield School on the corner of Sand Mill Road. Approximately \$70,000 is set aside for the light project which is estimated between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Any leftover money will be earmarked for additional field improvements including drainage and leveling. A grant from Major League

Baseball grant also would fund lights and field upgrades at the Pony League Field behind Deerfield School.

Prior to the finalization of the renovations, several organizations came together to make the fields inclusive for all players.

According to Vigilanti, the Borough Council, Mountainside Youth Baseball League, Board of Education, Recreation Department and Police Athletic League all intend to make the fields accessible to anyone with a passion for baseball and softball.

The news of inclusion settled some tensions among the youth league and the Mountainside Women's recreation teams. In 1995, the youth league renovated Field No. 1 and installed a clubhouse. The league is made up of volunteers who raised \$85,000 for the improvements. Youth League President John Amalfi said they need some trust from the athletic community.

"We would be happy to have the girls play under the lights," he said.

"Our word is good enough so we shouldn't be required to draw up a contract because the girls will be eligible to play."

However, Mary Trimmer is an avid softball player, is concerned about the girls' softball league getting equal time on the field.

"The girls should have an opportunity to play one or two evening games under the lights," she said. "All children are entitled to experience the excitement."

Also, Trimmer explained how a softball member would give some momentum to the women's recreation league. Currently, Recreation Director Susan Winans is the representative for the Women's Softball League during the joint meetings between the organizations. Trimmer said that Winans is dedicated to the position, but she would prefer to have a softball player become the representative.

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**EVENTS**

**Rescue squad hosts blood drive Saturday**

The Springfield Rescue Squad is hosting a community blood drive on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drive will be at the Springfield Rescue Squad at 10 N. Trivett Ave. The drive is open to the entire community and all eligible donors are encouraged to participate.

The demand for blood is rising both locally and nationally due to an aging population, an increase in cancer diagnoses requiring aggressive chemotherapy with blood transfusion support, and more routine, sophisticated medical and surgical procedures requiring blood. Yet donation rates are not keeping pace with the increased demand for blood.

Almost anyone can be a life-saving hero. Donating blood is safe, and between the ages of 17 and 76 you can donate every 56 days. Remember, one hour of your time can mean a lifetime for someone in need of a blood transfusion.

Donors will need to know their Social Security number and have ID. For information, call the Summit Area Chapter Red Cross at (908) 273-2076.

**CPR training offered**

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host training classes in lifesaving skills. The spring course schedule for the course "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" has been set.

The course CPR for infant, child, adult and two-person rescuer. It teaches how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies. The course is intended for those who need to respond to emergencies for their job or occupation, such as lifeguards or medical personnel. Two classes are available: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or June 5 and 7 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. both evenings.

For those who are currently certified in this area but need recertification — the certificate is only current for one year — there are four training dates available, 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, and June 18 and 26.

Participants who pass the course will receive a certification card at the end of the class. The trainings are at the American Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Advanced registration is required and space is limited.

Interested individuals should call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090, e-mail at [johnson@crossnet.org](mailto:johnson@crossnet.org), or stop by the chapter house.

**School sponsors talk on Jewish literature**

Salo Enis of Springfield will give a talk on the "Basis of Jewish Literature," sponsored by the Jewish Cultural School and Society on May 30, 7:30 p.m., in the home of Fern Bass and Mark Brown of Montclair.

Enis, a long-time member of the JCSS faculty who also teaches elsewhere, is fluent in seven languages and uses many sources for his scholarly work.

JCSS is a secular humanistic Jewish community group that has served Union, Essex and Morris counties for more than 40 years with children and adult education, celebration of holidays, and cultural events. For more information about JCSS and to RSVP for this talk, \$5/person, call Milt Zisman of Springfield at (973) 376-5629.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

**EMT TO THE RESCUE —** Practicing her rescue skills, Chelsea McKinley of the EMT Springfield First Aid Squad checks the heart rate of patient Jessica Lopes, 6, of Springfield. The rescue mission took place as part of Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA on Saturday.

**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 Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

**Today**

• The Great Books Discussion Group at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with "St. Augustine: The City of God" at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. New members are welcome. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

**Saturday**

• The Springfield Rescue Squad hosts a community blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Rescue Squad, 10 North Trivett Ave., Springfield. The drive is open to the entire community and all eligible donors are encouraged to participate. Donors will need to know their Social Security number and have I.D. For information, call the Summit Area Red Cross Chapter at (908) 273-2076.

• The "Coffee With Conscience Concert Series" presents singer Laurie Cagno at 7:30 p.m. at Springfield Emanuel Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield. Cagno blends gospel, rock, jazz, funk, and world music into an artful, poetic style. Tickets are \$10 per person. For information, call (973) 376-1695.

**Sunday**

• The Springfield Rotary Club sponsors Pedals for Progress, a bicycle collection at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. Pedals for Progress recycles old bikes and delivers them to people living in developing countries throughout the world who are in need of transportation. A suggested \$10 donation toward shipping is requested. All cash and material donations are tax deductible. For information, call (973) 258-9772.

• The Union County Master Gardeners sponsors its annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from noon to 5 p.m. Items for sale will include vegetables, annuals, unusual perennials, house plants, herbs and shrubs. There will also be free lectures. Admission is free.

• The Hetfield House, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, hosts an open house and George Washington portrait update from 1 to 3 p.m. Hear Mountainside resident Bill Sanders discuss the initiative to place portraits of George Washington in schools and public places throughout New Jersey.

For information, call Carol Goggi at (908) 789-9420.

**Monday**

• The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Jonathan Dayton High School.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session in the Annex of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

• The next regular meeting of the Mountainside Active Retirees is at 10 a.m. at the Borough Hall in Mountainside. Dr. Peter Kalellis, local author and Mountainside resident, speaks on "Beyond Aging — The Heart of Life." Meetings of the MAR are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Mountainside residents and their guests are always welcome. For information, call (908) 654-5340.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a regular session at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**Upcoming May 25**

• The "Songwriters in the Round Benefit Performance" will be at 7:30 p.m.- 10 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Join 10 local singer/songwriters and host Victoria Ann Davis from W DVR radio as they entertain with some of the best in local music. Tickets are \$3 per person. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

**May 28**

• The Springfield Memorial Day Parade will begin at the Municipal Building on Mountain Avenue at 11 a.m. and will end at Veterans Park.

**May 30**

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**June 3**

• The Springfield Free Public Library will present Silver Dollar Pops, a free concert on the lawn of the library at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, from 2-3:30 p.m. The performance includes selections from musical comedy, grand opera, operetta, and classic pop standards, and will feature soprano Susan Whitenack and pianist/baritone Fred Miller. For information, call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 3.

**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.

• "Write Your Life Stories" is a writing group that meets regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library. Writing expertise is not required and sharing is optional. The meeting is facilitated by writer/teacher Zella R.P. Gelman. No registration is required. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

• A committee has been formed to establish a Portuguese School that will, at a minimum, teach students to read, write and speak the Portuguese language. The school is planned in the Clark area to serve students in Clark, Colonia, Cranford, Edison, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Woodbridge. Weekly classes are approximately six hours in length.

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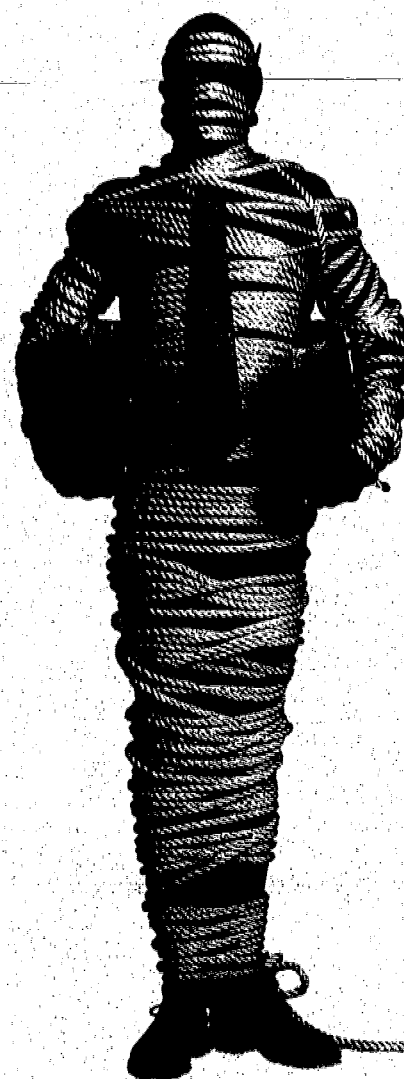
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# Pastor resigns from Springfield Emanuel

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

The Rev. Jeffrey Markay, pastor of the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church in Springfield, will be leaving the church effective July 1, to become pastor at Caldwell United Methodist Church in Caldwell. He has been pastor in Springfield since 1995.

"Even though I know in my heart that it is time for me to leave Springfield Emanuel UMC as your pastor, I still feel a deep sense of loss at leaving this congregation...because of a love for you and for the ministry we have shared together," said the minister in an open letter to the congregation. He made the actual announcement during a worship service last month.

A replacement for the pastor has not been chosen yet, but in the Methodist tradition, a parish committee is appointed, which meets with the district superintendent; in this case, the Rev. Vicki Brendler, who asks what qualities the congregation wishes in a pastor.

The district superintendent then

brings the congregation's wishes to the Bishop and the cabinet, to help them make an informed appointment. Then the new minister is appointed by the Bishop and cabinet. The meeting between the parish committee and Brendler has already taken place, and a new pastor will shortly be chosen for the Springfield church.

The procedure is traditional, and yet ties between congregation and pastor are always painful to break. Esther Reimlinger, a lay member to the conference, said, "It was a shock to all of us to learn that Pastor Markay would be leaving. He is a wonderful minister and will be sorely missed."

Some good news: Markay's wife, the Rev. Julie Yarborough, who has been serving as associate minister at Christ Church in Summit, will maintain her position there. The new 12-mile commute is doable for her from Caldwell.

The "Coffee With a Conscience" event which has been held at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church twice a month, will con-



The Rev. Jeffrey Markay

tinue for all of the community to enjoy. The downstairs fellowship hall becomes a coffee house, complete with candlelight, folk music and professional entertainment on a Saturday night, including this Saturday, with admission of \$10 per person.

All proceeds go to three projects of the church: the Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity, the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless of Union County and the Community Foodbank in Hillside.

# Students get first-hand look at how local government operates

By Jay-Me Brown  
Staff Writer

A wide variety of donuts and bagels filled the conference table in the mayor's office. Over 70 fourth-graders from Sandmeier Elementary School gathered into his office for breakfast.

While the children munched on their breakfast treats and sipped orange juice they received a lesson in local town government. In fact, Springfield Mayor Sy Mullman gave the children a live inside view on one of the many duties he performs.

Mullman united Renato Dosantos and Sharon Rams-Dosantos in matrimony on May 9 inside the Municipal Building's caucus room. Once the couple concluded the ceremony with a passionate kiss, the children looked on with wide eyes and smiling faces.

Before the ceremony, Committeewoman Clara Harelik explained the entire ceremonial process to the children while Mullman prepared for the ceremony. She informed the children the couple filed for a marriage license prior to the wedding day.

Also, Harelik told the children that the couple would have two witnesses accompany them. She later mentioned that every wedding has a certain degree of uniqueness.

"This wedding may look different from the ones you've been to or saw on television," Harelik said. "The bride may not be dressed in a fancy gown, but it's important that everyone remain quiet while the couple recites their vows."

Witness Dorothy Neufeld said children got caught up in the excitement of the ceremony.

In addition to the wedding, the children were exposed to the other functions within Springfield. Committeeman Rich Sheola mentioned the several other departments and the governmental operations.

Sheola introduced every top departmental representative who makes up the township.

After the introductions, he gave a brief description of every employee. There are nearly two dozen departments in the township. The emergen-

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— William Gras  
Fire chief

cy departments include police, fire, ambulance and first aid, while other departments include finance, Public Works and the library.

Fire Chief William Gras said the lesson in local government instills pride in the children of Springfield.

"It's great to see the kids come out and understand the Township Committee," said Gras. "What they learned will stick with them for many years."

Midway through government day, members of the Township Committee encouraged the children to bring any problems before the committee. Nine-year-old Jake Krupp inquired about the school's recycling program.

"When are we going to start plastic recycling because we only recycle paper at my school?" said Krupp.

Harelik said the committee would help the school get some bins for recyclable materials.

Recently, Springfield has experienced some wildlife sightings. Deer, wild turkey, and bears in surrounding towns were reported to the humane society. Harelik instructed the children to contact the humane society immediately if they ever come in contact with those animals.

"I hope they keep those animals under control," said 9-year-old Kenthaya Cadet.

Fourth-grade teachers Michele Anderson, Patricia Cataldo and Keith Schoch accompanied the youngsters on the township trip. According to Anderson, the children are studying

national, state and local government. She said the field trip helped the children learn the local level functions.

"Sometimes children may feel powerless, but today the children learned they have the power to make decisions," said Anderson.

This lesson on the makings of local government was wrapped up with a tour of the fire station. The children got the inside track on the mechanisms of a fire engine.

Firefighter Wayne Massiello explained how the water pumping system operates. He also informed the youngsters about the other supplies that can be found on the engine. "The fire engine is equipped with the jaws of life, first aid supplies, and a boat."



**SECOND PLACE** — Phillip Patten, a second-grade student at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield, presents his second-place ribbon from his first state gymnastics competition. Patten has been involved in gymnastics for six years and recently became a member of the United States Gymnastics Association.

# Springfield Rotary sponsors bike collection at Gaudineer on Sunday

By Jay-Me Brown  
Staff Writer

"Imagine how your business's economic potential would suffer if you had no car and used a bicycle to conduct business," said Springfield International Rotary Club member Michael Marantz. "Without bicycles, business owners in developing countries have less of an opportunity for economic potential because they must walk in order to sell their goods."

Marantz informed business owners about the limited amount of transportation in developing countries. Over the last three years, he traveled throughout New Jersey and established an awareness among 15 Rotary clubs. Marantz opened each presentation with an analogy which captured the economic obstacles within the impoverished communities.

Since 1997, the Springfield Rotary Club has sponsored Pedals for Progress, a bicycle recycling and repair

organization that delivers bikes to countries lacking public or private forms of transportation.

Sixteen developing countries including those in Latin America, Africa, and the Pacific Islands, have received the bikes. In fact, over 33,000 bikes have been distributed among those countries in need of transportation.

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School will host the PFP event on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. Both old and new bikes are eligible for the project. PFP also accepts bikes that are in need of repairs. The damaged bikes will be reconditioned and ready for use.

A year ago, PFP collected 9,000 bikes. This year, the organization expects to increase the bike collection to 10,000. The Springfield Rotary Club's PFP Chairman Steve Klarfeld, said the upcoming collection will significantly contribute to the bike delivery and distribution.

"Our goal is to increase the collection by 20 percent, so we hope to collect 50 bikes and \$300 in shipping fee donations," Klarfeld said.

Shipping and distribution are PFP's final phases. The five-step process costs \$25 to improve transportation quality throughout regions within the developing world. A \$10 donation toward shipping costs is requested, suggested \$10 per bike. All cash and material donations are fully tax deductible.

Although PFP primarily distributes bikes, the organization needs other items that benefit the developing population. After the bikes arrive in the countries, the overseas bike repair shops are in need of tools such as hammers and wrenches. Also, PFP collects portable sewing machines and used baseball equipment for the Dominican and Nicaraguan projects.

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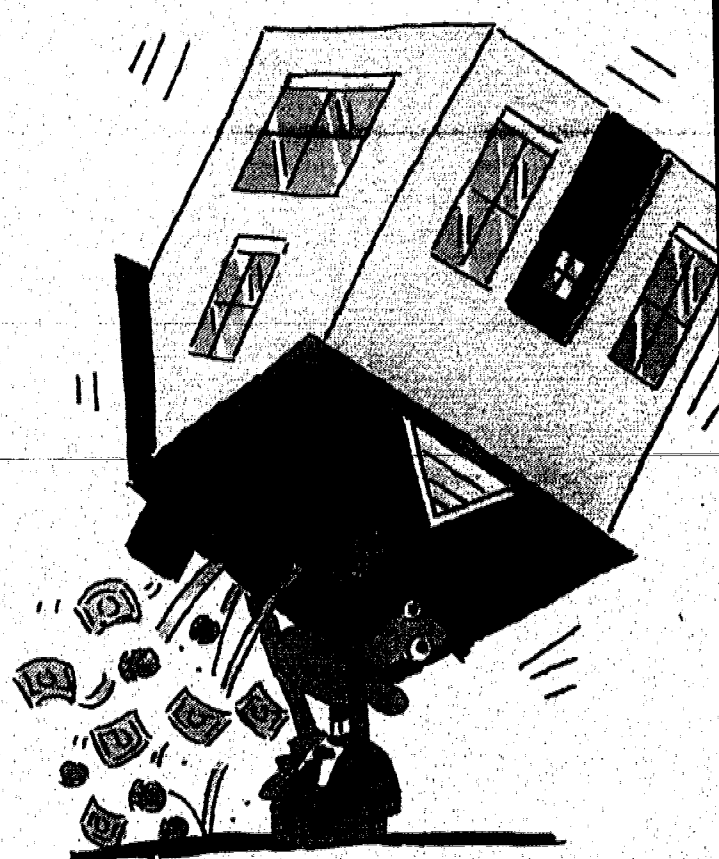
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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Valet parking may be just the ticket

As anyone who has tried to find a parking spot in Summit can tell you, it's a little like trying to hope for no traffic on the Garden State Parkway. You're very optimistic, but you know it's going to be a congested hassle anyway.

In another effort to help ease the endless parking problem, officials have come up with the idea of valet parking for restaurants in downtown Summit.

At first it may seem a little elitist, a little unnecessary. Some people may never feel completely comfortable handing their keys to a parking attendant, while others may not give it a second thought. But they already do it for clubs and fancy restaurants elsewhere, so why should the downtown businesses in Summit be far behind?

The service was suggested when Summit Downtown Inc. President Joseph Steiner wrote a letter to the mayor and Common Council requesting a proposal for valet parking. Shortly after, SDI board member and trustee George Belber headed the task force on the trial project of valet parking, to start on the same day as the city's newly proposed free parking system on June 1.

But before the service gets into first gear, there are plenty of questions that could put the brakes on any positive spin placed upon it. Will it really make a difference? Where are we going to put those extra cars anyway? And how much will it cost the city?

Luckily, some people have answers to some of those questions.

The valet service is planned to be a trial project from three to six months, with three restaurant participants: Fiorino's and Mario's both on Maple Street, and the Brix on Union Place. The provider would be Country Club Services, a national valet service firm owned by Summit resident Joseph Hughes.

Hours of service would be from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, and the vehicles would be parked at Middle Park & Shop Lot No. 2 on DeForest Avenue, where there are 75 spaces available.

With a cost of \$7 per car, people who use the service at the corner of Maple Street and Springfield Avenue can have their cars parked and get reimbursed for the \$7 if they have their receipt validated at one of the three restaurants.

In other words, the restaurants pick up the cost, but only if you patronize their restaurant. So in a way, it works out best for both parties. The customer gets free parking if they go to one of those three restaurants, and the three restaurants get extra customers because of the free valet parking service.

People who do not patronize one of the three restaurants, but still want valet parking, have to pay the \$7.

Lots of details have to be ironed out and the proposal would have to get the okay from the Common Council, but despite these little glitches, it appears to be a good plan.

People will still be able to visit the downtown area without worrying about how much time they have left in the meter, and they can leave the parking space-finding to someone else, for a fee, of course. If daytime hours were incorporated into the plan, as Parking Director Stuart Brown has suggested, then it could be something that could alleviate the parking burden on the city. Or at least most of it.

The only problem is, are those 75 spots going to be enough? If the service becomes increasingly popular and other restaurants and businesses become involved, where are the other parking spaces going to be allocated? Is someone going to have to pay \$7 just to park so they can get their hair done, run to the Post Office, or drop off their dry cleaning?

The valet parking service would be a good plan, but lots of issues need to be discussed if the service is successful and demands expansion. Like any issue, it needs to be looked at from all sides and there needs to be some concrete plans for the future of the service.

What will the service look like in the future? Will it alleviate the parking problem or add to it?

If anything, it may prevent the city from constructing yet another parking garage, which is an effective, but costly and aesthetically displeasing alternative. Summit already has two of them and three would be a crowd.

One thing is for sure: Something has to be done about the parking situation, and this just may be another means to an end.

It's a classy, elegant solution that fits Summit just fine. We hope it doesn't outgrow what could be a perfect fit.

**"When it comes to the First Amendment in our schools, administrators don't trust it, teachers don't teach it and our kids don't get it."**

**Paul K. McMasters**  
The Freedom Forum  
1999



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

**LOADING 'EM UP** — Collecting the bikes in front of Deerfield School on Saturday for the Mountainside Rotary Club's Pedals for Progress is PFP representative Drew Decker, left, and Rotary member Paul Mecca. Altogether, PFP collected 44 bikes to ship to needy people in countries around the world.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Students shouldn't be in isolation

To the Editor:

To whom it may concern, this time means you! I am writing this letter with the sincere hope of finding an alternative to forcing two fourth-grade classes to be removed and consequently alienated from their school environment. Placing these children in the temporary portable classroom is a serious concern primarily based on:

**Security:** The constant need to touch base with the core environment and the time element involved to get to the nurse, office, lunch, gym, music, art, etc.; the distraction of being in the middle of the playground area; proper academic placement of those children whose parents refuse to allow this "classroom" inconvenience; loss of the benefit of finally being the "big kid on campus" before having to adjust to the larger Gaudineer environment, and exposure to the elements.

School time should not be dominated by constantly spending the day taking jackets on and off when access to the main building is required. That becomes a time consuming and distracting activity.

Two classes should not be ostracized and have to bear the entire burden and inconvenience that comes with growth and progress through expansion. It is my feeling that the portable classroom should be used for specials through this transition period and a rotation schedule for all should be utilized.

If concerned please attend the meeting Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Sandmeier School.

Donna Strober  
Springfield

### Residents need to ask questions

To the Editor:

The vote for the Springfield school budget is over. It was defeated, and it is now in the domain of the Springfield Township Committee. The children of Springfield definitely deserve to have the opportunity to have an excellent education.

However, how many residents have never attended a Springfield Board of Education Meeting, or any other kind of public meeting; and how many persons — before the defeat of the last budget — have shown any interest in their procedures and asked questions? Please examine the budget, and you will find items which can be lowered that will not affect the education of the children.

So, here are some questions which residents could consider that might need attention by the governing bodies — Board of Education, the Township Committee, and the Union County government.

1. Does the Springfield Board of Education have a surplus fund account?
2. Has the problem with the math program at the Florence M. Gaudineer School been corrected?
3. Is there a listing of the salaries of the top administrators with their titles in the Springfield school system? As published in *The Star-Ledger* in 2000, their salaries, when average, seem to be about 10 to 15 percent or more higher than those in nearby school districts. Remember that Springfield has a total population of about 14,000 persons according to the 2000 Census, 1,851 students in March 2001, and a cost per pupil of \$10,555 projected for July 1.
4. At the March 26 meeting of the Board of Education, it was announced by a person in authority that history textbooks should be replaced since some of them dated back to the time "when Jimmy Carter was President." President Jimmy Carter served 1977-1981 which was 20 to 24 years ago. Why have these books not been replaced before?

5. Computers are an important part of today's education. However, is there a full report regarding the use of computers in the school system? Which administrator is in charge of the "Computer Technology Department" and how many persons are in it, and what are their duties? How much is being spent for this group, and how much is being spent for outside computer items including training and instruction, software, hardware, repairs, etc. What are the curriculum and teaching plans for computers, and for which grades and for how many hours per week? At which grade level will computer education start by regular teachers and by special teachers? Where can all or part of the \$240,737 for a specialized service for computer technology now be found throughout the current budget? Where are these costs itemized?

6. Why are so many laptop computers being bought this year? And what are the specific applications? Why not purchase stronger ordinary desk computers at approximately a third of the price of a laptop? Laptops also need more frequent repair work, and can be easily broken with dropped. Are the heating or plumbing systems in any of the schools in serious need of repairs or replacement? If so, there any plans scheduled for such actions? Has funding been set aside for such a contingency?

8. Do any of the schools need new roofs or extensive repair work? If so, has funding been appropriated for such items?

9. At the superintendent of schools' request, an insurance company inspected and condemned the Meisel Avenue track and bleachers. Repair work or replacement is definitely needed. Where is the insurance man's written report so that we may benefit from his professional opinions?

10. What is the breakdown of costs for the track team to use the Millburn High School track including transportation since the Meisel Avenue Field has been condemned? How many students are on the track team?

11. How much money did the Board of Education spend for new lumber and installation to replace the wooden seats and foot rests for the bleachers on the football field? Why not do your own inspection, and you will find numerous knots, splits, cracks, and warping in many places. How long has it been since the rusty metal parts of the bleachers have been painted? Why have not the two broken board spaces of about six feet each on both sides of the bleachers been repaired? The Union High School bleachers with wooden seats are in good shape, and the metal parts are neatly painted.

12. When will the large areas in need of white paint on the football field goal posts be painted?

13. When was the last time that the running track had been resurfaced? Why was the Board of Education truck allowed to run on it leaving deep tire tracks? The Union County government has promised to build a new track similar to those at Millburn or Union or other high schools. However, minor repairs could be made to the present track until that time instead of paying \$200 per day for the track team to practice elsewhere.

14. The fenced-in area around the present field house has accumulated all kinds of junk around it including old round exhaust fan parts — about 2 feet in diameter — old athletic equipment including a "rusted football player's pusher," fence parts, netting, athletic jumping equipment, etc. The field house has been painted light green on three sides, but the rear has never been painted, and has lots of graffiti on it.

A fairly new scoreboard is in front of the field house, but the ancient one has never been taken down. Take a look. Most of these rusted broken items look as though they have been there many years.

Photographs have been taken of the conditions mentioned above.

There are many more questions. However, I would encourage all residents to do their own investigations and to attend Board of Education meetings, Township Committee meetings, and other public meetings to find the answers to these questions as well as to make inquiries about other issues.

Hazel Hardgrove  
Springfield

### Rising gas prices add fuel to fire

To the Editor:

It's no news that gasoline prices are rocketing up — with two to three increases in the price per week.

This allows us to see our governmental units in "action!"

• Reaction at the federal level: threaten to hold hearings — good photo op; remind us of fuel economy measures; decry oil company collusion — like that's news; suggest we all buy electric vehicles or high mileage cars — suggest the CAFE be raised to 50 MPG in two years' time.

• Reaction at state level: increase number of auto fleet vehicles with huge SUVs; find a way to increase gas tax and claim that will slow down gasoline consumption — anyone believe that?; raise tolls; encourage use of public transportation — overpriced, poor service, not usable unless going from one highly-populated area to another.

• Reaction at the county level: massively increase the county budget, once again forget to file tax forms for the Elizabeth Development Agency — it's so good to know these people are earning six figure incomes or thereabouts — purchase more county vehicles and put up a few more buildings.

• Reaction from the consumer: dig deeper and pay the bills for the gasoline and all the idiocy above.

Frank Marchese  
Mountainside

### Homosexuality is deviant behavior

To the Editor:

"Community forum fights against hate" by Brian Pedersen in the May 3 edition is akin to fighting against life and godliness.

Evil commits crimes, not hate. Hate is a necessary emotion along with prejudice and discrimination, for without them there would be no possible way to determine what love, tolerance and compassion means. Jesus said in the Bible that of all the sins he hates the most is the lie and hypocrisy.

I do not believe in interracial marriages. However, I don't care who marries whom. What I do care about is groups that have the temerity to punish me for my beliefs along with the audacity to assume your beliefs are the correct ones. All of life is an interpretation. How dare you assume yours is the so-called right one. Your militant view, and that it is, is a perpetrated scheme to silence free speech. Furthermore, every human being every moment of his life practices discrimination in what he eats, drinks, wears, reads, lives, who his friends are ad infinitum.

Homosexuality is deviant behavior and that's a fact. Again, I don't care who is homosexual, but don't dare make laws forcing your beliefs on me. And the hate crime law is such a law and unconstitutional. But who cares? Our constitution has been mugged and raped over the last 50 plus years.

Furthermore, living through all the difficulties of life is what builds character. How could anyone possibly know who he is without being challenged? For it's so easy to be nice when everything is nice.

Joan Christensen  
Roselle Park

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Cristina Dacosta

"I bought my mother a bouquet of flowers."



Christy Lopez

"My mom bought a summer home in Massachusetts and I bought her some cooking utensils for her new place."



Nichole Hertua

"I designed a picture frame with a collage border, then I placed a picture of my mother and I inside the frame."

## HEALTH

### Health Day Saturday

The Westfield Regional Health Department will be conducting a Health Day on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Community Room of Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St.

The health program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, CBC and HDL performed by Medical Laboratory, West Orange. The SMAC 26 is an elaborate blood analysis, monitoring several bodily functions.

The CBC test includes a red blood cell count, a white blood cell count, and differential count. The CBC test may indicate the presence of infection, anemia, allergies, lung disease, etc.

The HDL test measures factors protective against coronary heart disease. The SMAC 26 is used in assessing total cholesterol results, to determine possible coronary risk factors.

Anyone taking the blood test must fast 12 hours, with the exception of water. Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department, 425 E. Broad St., until today, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of the SMAC-26 with differential is \$17. Additional tests can be performed at the following costs: T4, thyroxin test, \$5; TSH, thyroid stimulating hormone, \$10; PSA, prostate test, \$30; Blood Group/Rh Factor, \$10; Iron, \$5; Sed Rate, \$10; Hepatitis B or C, \$25, and Urine analysis, \$5. All fees must be paid upon registration.

The following medical professionals will be present to offer free screening programs:

- Dermatology Associates of Westfield, Dr. Jerold B. Graff and Dr. Robbie Beth Drossner, skin cancer screening.

- PINE Chiropractic Association, Dr. Frederick Pine, chiropractic screening.

- Paul Arfanis, oral cancer screening.
- Dr. Paul Benincasa, immunoclogist, pulmonary function test.
- Blood pressure screening.
- Hemmucult test kits, screening for occult blood in the gastrointestinal tract. Test packets/dietary restrictions will be distributed at the Health Day Program.

In addition, a public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration will be on site to answer questions concerning related issues.

The Health Day is open to residents of Westfield, Springfield, Roselle Park, Mountainside, Garwood and Fanwood, exclusively.

### Public health bulletins

The Westfield Regional Health Department has issued the following bulletins for Spring 2001:

#### West Nile virus

- The most important measure to take in combating the West Nile Virus is to eliminate stagnant water where mosquitoes breed — clogged rain gutters, old tires, neglected backyard swimming pools, etc.

- New Jersey residents are advised to continue to take precautions to reduce their risk of mosquito bites. This includes spraying insect repellent containing DEET on their clothing and exposed skin and wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants and pants when outdoors. Residents should also curb outdoor activities at dawn, dusk, and during the evening.

- Individuals are requested to report any sick or dead crows, hawks, or falcons by calling the local health department at (908) 789-4070. All sick or dead crows, hawks or falcons will be reported to the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services to monitor the presence of West Nile Virus in the state. The Associated Humane Society — Animal Control Service — will only pick up sick or dead birds that are viable for

testing — dead less than 24 hours — to be submitted to the state laboratories.

- Birds that are not suitable for testing may be picked up and placed in the trash by residents. Individuals should use gloves and double-bag any birds found before placing them in the trash. Residents who choose not to pick up dead birds may call the Associated Humane Society at (973) 824-7080 to have the birds removed. It should be noted that removal of birds not suitable for testing would be on a lower priority basis, than the pick up of birds viable for testing.

- For information on West Nile Virus call the Health Department at (908) 789-4070, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

#### Composting

The Westfield Board of Health would like to remind the public of the benefits of leaf composting.

- Leaf compost reduces rainfall runoff, thereby making more water available for plant growth.

- Keeps soils friable, therefore easier to cultivate.

- Provides small amounts of essential elements needed for plant growth.

- Keeps the soils cooler in hot weather and warmer in cold weather.

- Helps seeds to germinate when incorporated into the soil.

### 'Daughter of Fortune' to be discussed at library

Isabel Allende's "Daughter of Fortune" will be featured at the next book discussion, in the library meeting room of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Allende, born in Peru and raised in Chile, wrote her first best-selling novel, "The House of the Spirits," while living in exile in Venezuela in the early 1980s. Her uncle, Chile's socialist president Salvador Allende, was assassinated in 1973.

"Daughter of Fortune," published in 1999, is a novel about an orphaned young woman who flees Chile for the California gold rush. The settings are Valparaiso, Chile, China, England and California spanning the years 1800 to 1853.

Critics either claim that Allende is a magic realist or state that her work defies classification.

Call to reserve your copies and for more information at (973) 376-4930, Ext. 28.

## RECREATION

### Slots still open for summer camp at the Y

The Springfield YMCA is offering a full-day Summer Camp for children entering kindergarten through third grade. Camp weeks are filling up, but there is still space available.

YMCA camp encourages children to make friends, enjoy sports and games, learn to swim, create projects and more. The core YMCA values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility are emphasized through activities that help children build confidence and self-esteem. Theme weeks such as "Holiday Hoopla," "Frontier Frenzy," and "Under the Big Top" help give campers a summer to remember.

Registration is going on now at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Camp runs for eight one-week sessions beginning June 26. Financial assistance is available for all YMCA programs.

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

### Springfield Pool will open on May 26

The Springfield Pool opens May 26 at 11 a.m. Pool registration is accepted Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Special registration dates include Sunday from noon to 3 p.m., and Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call (973) 912-2227.

Day Camp at the pool this season will be under the direction of Sarah Smith. Day Camp will now include children age 4 as of June 1. Day Camp is an eight-week program starting June 25 at the pool.

Registration for the 2001 Springfield swim team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is being accepted at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Registration fee is \$30 for the first child in the family and \$25 for each additional child. Payment must be in check or money order made payable to the Township of Springfield.

Boys and girls form 5 to 17 years of age are eligible to participate on the team. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not to be "Olympic" quality swimmers.

Any Springfield resident or anyone who attends school in Springfield is eligible to swim. Those residing outside of Springfield and going to school outside Springfield must be pool members in order to participate on the team.

For more information call the Recreation Department at (973) 912-2227.

### Recreation Department plans various trips

The Springfield Recreation Department plans the following trips:

- June 15, Hunterdon Playhouse, lunch and show, "Abie's Irish Rose," leaving Sarah Bailey at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$48 including show, lunch and transportation.

- June 22, Monmouth Race Track, bus will leave Sarah Bailey at 10:30 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person.

Anyone interested in going on any of these trips, can call Theresa Herkalo at (973) 912-2227, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for more information.

### Summer playground registration under way

The Springfield Recreation Department will present the Summer Playground Program-2001 from June 25 to Aug. 17. The registration fee is \$20 for the entire eight-week program.

The supervised outdoor playground operates at the Chisholm Community Center in the playground area. The program runs for eight weeks and is available for boys and girls in Springfield ages 5-12. Activities include games, arts and crafts, field trips, athletics, special events, morning trips to the Springfield Pool, color wars, parties, sports tournaments and much more.

Playground hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Children are to be dropped-off no earlier than 8:30 a.m., the staff will not be responsible until this time. Pickup time begins at 12:15 p.m. and every child must be picked up by 12:30 p.m. Counselors will sign your child into camp. Parents/guardians must sign their child out. Time changes on pool trip and field trip days may occur.

### Tennis badges available at from Rec Dept

The Springfield Recreation announces tennis badges are now available at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall.

All residents who use the township tennis courts are required to purchase a tennis badge. The fee is \$10 per badge set by township ordinance. There is a one-time charge and thereafter the badges are updated each year.

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# Varied gardens highlighted at arboretum's annual fund-raiser

Teri Taggart is enthusiastic about gardens. "You walk through a wisteria arbor into this one," she says. "On the right there's a mixed border of flowering shrubs, perennials and herbs. On the left there's a 'pier-and-chain rose border' from a design by Beatrix Jones Farrand at the New York Botanical Garden. There are shade gardens edging the woods. There's also a Japanese apricot, several varieties of viburnum and golden larch."

Taggart, a Summit resident, was describing one of the five gardens featured in this year's Reeves-Reed Arboretum Garden Tour. The Garden Tour will take place Friday and Saturday. The \$20 per person ticket fee will benefit the horticultural and educational programs of Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

"People get plenty of ideas from outstanding local gardens," she said. Then they bid on plants for their own garden at the annual Plant Auction and Buffet Dinner, at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The plant auction will feature both a silent auction and a live auction of plants donated by local nurseries. Tickets for the auction and dinner are \$65.

Another event benefiting the arboretum that weekend will be a buffet luncheon at the Beacon Hill Club in Summit on Friday. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25.

All proceeds from the fund-raisers will benefit the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 12.5-acre nature conservancy in Summit. For more information about these events, or to reserve a spot, call the arboretum at 273-8787.

• Garden No. 1, Summit: This garden, situated in front of a 100-year-old Elizabethan Tudor home, is considered another room of the house. The rambling porch and garden serve as the backyard for this young family. The owner wanted an informal cottage garden, which was designed by Manheimer/Herzog

of Stockton. Already in place is a great show of lilacs. The garden continues around the house to the 200-year-old copper beech tree, considered a landmark tree in Summit.

The property is a work in progress, as the pool and pool garden are nearing completion. The perimeter design is still to come. A copy of the garden plan is on display on the front porch of the house.

• Garden No. 2, Summit: On a site that was once covered in water, this garden has evolved into a wondrous collector's corner. The driveway leads you through the start of the collection of rhododendrons and azaleas — these are some of the newest varieties growing in Zone VI. The owner has a knack for finding some of the most amazing tree specimens in Summit.

Take note of the grove of river birch, the spectacular katsura tree, and the Japanese maple on view from the terrace. You will find the magnolia grandiflora on one side of the property and the ginkgo on the other. Also note the chamaecyparis by the pool. There is a strong collection of maples and a collection of the new Rutgers dogwoods.

There are calming water features throughout the property, which include a waterfall and two fishponds. There is also a perennial border around the newly resurfaced terrace, a new collection of shade perennials on the north side of the house, and a rose collection, including David Austin varieties and 'Knock Out' roses — a recent All-American Rose Society winner.

• Garden No. 3, Summit: Inspired by the owners' lifelong and love of horticulture, this property, which emphasizes plant collections, is a garden treasure in all seasons. The rhododendron and azalea collection features many colorfully

prominent, rare and magnificent plants, while the woodland perennial collection's splendor is more subdued.

The shade, native and ornamental tree collections include a shagbark hickory, varieties of oaks, a paperbark maple, and many dogwoods, pink and white. Designed by landscape designer Margaret Bayse, this garden is an experience that combines fine garden architecture, garden art, a rare plant aesthetic and garden whimsy enough to enchant even the non-enthusiast.

• Garden No. 4, Chatham: Braced by a 100-year-old Norway Maple and a stand of towering white pines, a charming 19th-century farmhouse nestles into an acre of cultivated gardens and borders. You can expect to see blue atlas cedars drape themselves over artfully-placed rocks, a dwarf conifer collection framed by a cedar trellis that, in turn, is graced by 10 large-flowered clematis vines, a large island perennial bed standing happily in full sun, a second perennial border hugging the south side of an old red barn, an herb garden hidden in the rear, and a woodland garden meandering beneath a majestic old white oak. All of this makes for a lovely garden of varied interest.

• Garden No. 5, Chatham: Norway spruce stands sentinel at this 1920s Sears house. Walk through the wisteria arbor into the garden. On your right, you will find a mixed border of flowering shrubs, perennials and herbs. The pier-and-chain rose border on your left is a quote from a design by Beatrix Jones Farrand at the New York Botanical Garden.

Rose selections are William Baffin and New Dawn. Shade gardens edge the woods. Look for the daphne, 'Carol Mackie,' the Japanese apricot, the varieties of viburnum and the golden larch.

## OBITUARIES

### Florence C. Bacon

Florence C. Bacon of Alexandria, Va., formerly of Summit, died May 7 in Alexandria Hospital.

Born in Madison, Mrs. Bacon lived in Summit for 50 years before moving to Alexandria. She was a sales associate with Bonwit-Teller in Short Hills for many years. Mrs. Bacon volunteered at Overlook Hospital, Summit, and was a member of the Rosary Society at St. Teresa of Avila Church and the Christ Child Society of Oak Knoll, both in Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanne B. Evans; a son, John L. IV, and two grandchildren.

### Robert E. Hunt

Robert E. Hunt, 91, of Summit died May 9 at home.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Hunt lived in Summit for 67 years. He was the secretary, treasurer and owner of the National Foil Co., Elizabeth, until retiring in 1965. During World War II, Mr. Hunt's company made radar jamming foil that was used before bombing enemy troops in Europe. He was a 1931 graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Hunt was a trustee and chairman of the educational building campaign during the 1960s at the central Presbyterian Church, Summit. He also was fund-raising chairman at the Red Cross in Summit and chairman of the alumni recruiting in New York area for Northwestern University.

Mr. Hunt was a member of the North Jersey Orchid Society, president of the Eastern Orchid Congress and an orchid judge and participated in shows in the United States, Thailand and South Africa.

Surviving are his wife, Doris; two daughters, Mrs. Robert A. Salisbury and Margaret; a son, John, and seven grandchildren.

### Elmer L. Rocco

Elmer L. Rocco, 77, of Somerville, formerly of Summit, died May 10 in Somerset Medical Center, Somerville.

Born in Newark, Mr. Rocco lived in Maplewood, Caldwell and Summit before moving to Somerville in 1992. He owned and operated Rocco Athletic Lettering, Irvington, for more than 50 years and retired in 1994. The company was started by his late father, Matthew Rocco, in 1922.

Surviving are his wife, Dolores; a son, Gregory; three daughters, Carole Duff, Lynne and Barbara; a sister, Barbara Safonte, and two grandchildren.

### Florence C. Trovato

Florence C. Trovato, 90, of Madison, formerly of Summit, died May 11 in the Pine Acres Nursing Home, Madison.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Trovato lived in Irvington for many years and in Summit before moving to Madison two years ago. She was a school crossing guard in Irvington for 10 years and before that, a parts assembler for Lionel Train Co., Hillside, and retired in 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Constance D'Amico and Alberta Kissell; a son, Albert A. Ulrich; three sisters, Rose Mack, Grace Fiorenza and Linden Campana; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Joan E. Lonergan

Joan E. Lonergan, 60, of Belle Mead, formerly of Summit, died May

10 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Lonergan moved to Belle Mead 10 years ago. She was employed by the ARC of Somerset County for 10 years.

Surviving are five sisters, Bridget Browne, Eileen Russell, Rose West, Kathleen Sanguiliano and Laura Carlson, and two brothers, Dennis and Michael.

### Willard C. Ehrgott

Willard C. Ehrgott, 82, of Summit died May 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Ehrgott moved to Summit in 1995. He was a methods specialist with Western Electric Co., New York City, for 40 years and retired in 1976. Mr. Ehrgott helped to produce the first prototype coaxial cable used by Bell Laboratories. He was a member and elder of the Second Reformed Church, Jersey City, and a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. In 2000, Mr. Ehrgott celebrated his 60th year as a Free and Accepted Mason. He was a member of the Eagle Lodge, Jersey City, now Secaucus-Hudson Lodge 72.

Surviving is a daughter, Jane.

### Robert F. Noll

Robert F. Noll, 75, of Sun City, Ariz., owner of a Mountainside bus company, died April 24 at home. Born in Irvington, Mr. Noll lived in North Plainfield and Warren before moving to Arizona in 1987. He owned Somerset Bus Co., Mountainside, before retiring. Mr. Noll was a Navy veteran of World War II and served as gunners mate with special training in chemical warfare.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Mary; two daughters, Katherine McNamara and Mary; two brothers, Frank and James; a sister, Joan Hogan, and a grandchild.

### Gertrude Rauch

Gertrude Rauch, 99, of Springfield died May 1 at home.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Rauch lived in Newark, Texas and California before moving to Springfield in 1963. Mrs. Rauch was a life member of the Springfield chapter of Hadassah and a member of the Friends of the Springfield Library and the Summit Arts Center.

### Dorothy James

Dorothy James, 85, of Mountainside died May 6 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. James lived in Westfield and Short Hills before moving to Mountainside two years ago. She volunteered with New Eyes of the Needy, Millburn, for many years. Mrs. James attended Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Nathan W.; a son, John W., and four grandchildren.

### John Gianas

John Gianas, 80, of Springfield died May 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mr. Gianas lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1957. He worked part-time as a starter at the Galloping Hills Golf Course in Union for the past 18 years. Earlier, Mr. Gianas had owned the Madison Tavern in Old Bridge for 11 years and the Hy-Way Diner in Newark for 29 years.

He was an Air Force Signal Corps veteran of World War II. Mr. Gianas was a survivor of the bombing of the troopship HMT Rohna. The Rohna was struck by a German guided missile in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of North Africa on Nov. 26, 1943, the day after Thanksgiving. He also aided other servicemen after the attack. Of the 2,000 Americans on board, 1,015 died. Mr. Gianas was a member of the American Legion Helene Post 440 of Union.

Surviving are his wife, Loula; three daughters, Amy, Melanie and Jeanne; four sisters, Mary, Catherine, Helen and Bella, and five grandchildren.

### Carrie Anderson

Carrie Anderson, 95, of Mountainside died May 12 in the Manor Care Nursing Center, Mountainside.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Anderson moved to Mountainside 49 years ago. She was a supervisor in the lamp department of General Electric, Newark, for 38 years and retired in 1962. Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Eastern Star Sharon Chapter 61 of Caldwell and the Foothill Club of Mountainside.

Surviving is a sister, Beatrice Kellogg.

### Viola R. Krauter

Viola R. Krauter, 96, of Springfield died May 12 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Krauter lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 59 years ago. She was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group.

Surviving is a son, Kenneth G.

### Ida G. Pollacek

Ida G. Pollacek, 92, of Bayonet, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died May 12 in the Regional Medical Center, Hudson, Fla.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Pollacek lived in Springfield for 25 years before moving to Bayonet Point 25 years ago. She was a school teacher in Red Bank and Springfield. Mrs. Pollacek was a graduate of Albany State University. She was a youth fellowship leader and a Girl Scout leader, both with the United Methodist Church, Springfield.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Edgar H.; a daughter, Priscilla; a son, Edgar W.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

### Heritage festival program makes debut

The 2001 Summit Cultural Heritage Festival program has debuted on TV-36. Tune in to TV-36 on Wednesdays at 5 and 9:30 p.m., Thursday at 7:30 p.m., or Fridays at 9 p.m. and midnight to learn about this year's Summit Cultural Heritage Festival.

The festival, scheduled for Oct. 14 on the Village Green, will showcase the traditional and folkloric arts, crafts, music, dance and food of the various countries, ethnic and cultural groups that have built Summit into such an extraordinary community.

"Who will be performing, what kinds of arts and crafts will be presented, what countries, cultures and ethnic groups will be participating, what kinds of activities will there be for children, youth and families and how is the cost of the festival supported are some of the topics we'll cover on the program," said Festival Co-Chairwoman Mia Andersen.

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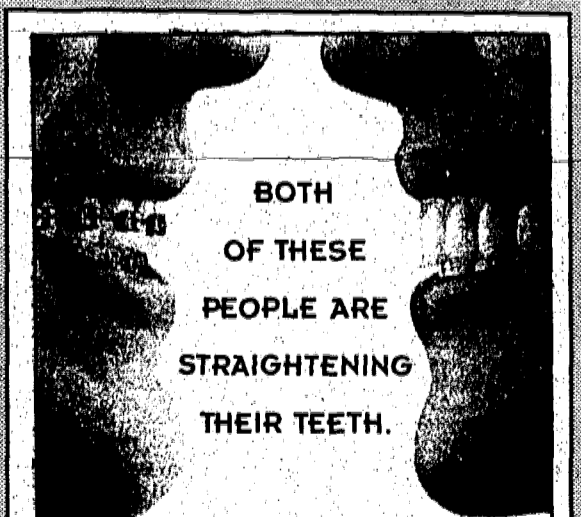
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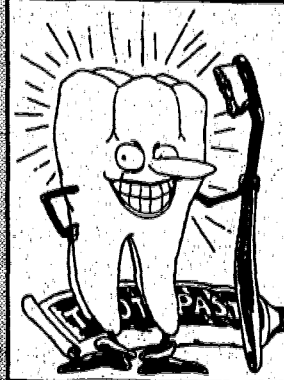


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**STUDENT UPDATE**



Jason Sayanlar

**Sayanlar to graduate from Delbarton**

Jason Sayanlar of Springfield will graduate from Delbarton on June 3.



Teobaldo A. Fernandez

cert Band, Emmaus Team, the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society. He is a Presidential Scholar and has won numerous academic awards at the school.

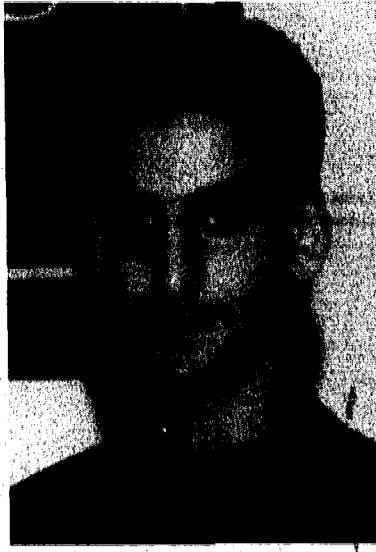
He also serves as a peer leader at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Maffey is a 1997 graduate of Roosevelt Junior High School in Westfield and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Maffey of Mountainside. He will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

**Fernandez named Senior of the Month at Oratory**

Father F. Kevin Murphy, headmaster of Oratory Preparatory School in Summit, has announced that Teobaldo A. Fernandez has been selected as the school's latest Senior of the Month.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Teobaldo L. Fernandez of Mountainside, Fernandez has been active in many aspects of student life at Oratory. This year he has been the representative to the Student Council from homeroom 12A. A member of the National Honor Society, Fernandez is currently president of the school's Math Club and is a three-year member of Oratory's award-winning Math Team. His skill in science has garnered him a place on the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics Teams. He was also a recent participant in the prestigious FED Challenge competition on Wall Street.

A member of the Cuban Club, the Mountainside resident has also been president of Oratory's Computer Club. He is a contributing writer to



Dara Mirjahangiry

*The Omega*, Oratory's student newspaper.

Sports are also part of this busy senior's schedule. During his years at Oratory, Fernandez has been on the soccer, basketball and baseball teams.

Fernandez, who took part in an international relations program at Georgetown last summer, will attend New York University in the fall.

**Mirjahangiry recognized**

Springfield resident Dara Mirjahangiry was among three Union County students honored for achievement and perseverance in the study of business at Berkeley College. He was recognized for perseverance.

**Grunberg named to Syracuse dean's list**

Mountainside resident Jason Grunberg is currently enrolled in Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences and was recently named to the dean's list for the fall 2000 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

**Dayton students make third period honor roll**

The following students at Jonathan Dayton High School have been named to the honor roll for the third marking period of the 2000-01 school year.

**Grade nine**  
Lyndsey Brahm, Melissa Capece, Theodore B. Chelis, Cheng Chen, Tina Ngaman Cheung, Christoph Delguidice, Anthony Dericolo,

Christopher Dorvil, Lawrence Fish, Amanda K. Garlen, Michael Gleicher, Rachel Goldman, Inez Gradzki, Janine Grieco, Andrea Handeli, Robert Kleyman, Kimberley Kraemer, Drew Krumholz, Jill Kurzner, Nicole C. Lay, Lisa Luksenberg, Arkadiusz Maciak, Jeremy Marx, Alyssa Mason, Margaret Mysliwiec, Ilana S. Nahmias, Jonathan Rego, Ana Rodriguez, Erica R. Rosenbaum, Karen Rozenboim, Danielle Schwartz, Genny A. Schwarzberg, Rahul Shah, David E. Sklar and Matthew Traum.

**Grade 10**  
Jenna Alifante, Jonathan Au, Anna Batler, Brett A. Berger, Allison Canton, Randall Chacon, Devon Dorn, Amie Faigenbaum, Sean Frank, Ashley Goldberg, Donn Golin, Sherri L. Grobarz, Timothy P. Homlish, Joseph K. Kahoonci, Staci D. Max, Jamie L. Neville, Chandni Patel, Svetlana Polyakova, Jared Preston, Jennifer Rego, Casey Santo, Louis Saracino,

Matthew Schachtel, Kanishka K. Sharma, Cassandra Smith, Luis Soto, Brian I. Sperber, Andrew E. Title, Elana Toboul, Elissa Walters, Jay T. Weatherston, Joshua Wolkoff, Theodore Young, Martina Zelster and Valerie Zlotzky.

**Grade 11**  
Esther Aizenberg, Lauren Bellevue, Pamela Bookbinder, Nicole Burke, Lindsey Butler, Tahira Clarke, Tabatha Fishkin, Chase Freundlich, Alexander K. Garlen, Jessica Goldblat, Garry Goldman, Evangeline Guilas, Marsha Handeli, Melina T. Hector, Hani Heiba, Scott Hollander, Michelle Kraemer, Nicole L. Krivak, Jennifer Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Mielissa M. LoSchiavo, Juliet Marx, Joseph Petracaro, Miri Rosen, Kevin Schulman, Monica Schwartz, Kanishka S. Sharma, Laurie Sherman, Rena Steinbach, Ryan A. Stromeyer, Megan Anne Tavis, Monica Taylor,

Kimberly Terhune, Colby A. Tiss, Pamela Traum and Jared Weisman.

**Grade 12**  
Frank Applegate, Sabino Battaglia, Victoria Bingle, Lawrence Bluestone, Victoria Bruno, Christy Dellojaco, Lisa Denicolo, Jaime Falkin, Lillian Fasman, Jennifer Fiorelli, Joseph Fleisch, Jr., Christina Florio, Chad Freundlich, Evgenya Fuks, Alla Gulchina, Andrew Harris, Russell Haywood, I. David Horowitz, Alycia Johnson, Sergey Khorochevsky, Rena Kleyman, Victoria Kozlenko, Alex Kramers, Tara Listowski, Michael Lyubavin, Rachel Mandel, Alisandra Puliti, Michael Puorro, Aaron Rhodes, Jodi Santo, Nicole Sayki, Mark Tratenberg, Joseph Voorhees, Brian Wedemeyer, Matthew Zaitz and Maggie Zambolla.

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Chaz Maffey

**Maffey gets Spirit Award at St. Peter's**

At a recent honors assembly, St. Peter's Prep Principal John R. Raslowsky presented the 2001 Spirit Award to senior Chaz Maffey of Mountainside. Based on the nomination of students, faculty and staff, the award is given each marking period to students who embody the spirit of St. Peter's Prep and who have demonstrated leadership skills in the school.

Maffey is the chairperson of the forensics team and is a member of the lacrosse team, the Jazz Band and Con-

**RELIGION**

**Cagno brings musical mix to concert series**

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**Cabaret to fete cantor at Sha'arey Shalom**

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will honor Cantor Amy Daniels on Saturday with a "Cabaret Night of Musical Entertainment" to celebrate Daniels' Bat Mitzvah year with the congregation as cantor and religious school director with an evening of musical entertainment from Klezmer to Broadway, dinner, dancing and more.

Tickets for the evening are \$100 per person. A souvenir advertisement journal is being prepared in tribute to Daniels and will be distributed on

Saturday. Tributes or individual advertisements can be placed in the journal.

Daniels has enriched the life of Temple Sha'arey Shalom for 13 years. There are the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students she trains; the Religious School children she influences as director of education; the choir she leads; the life cycle events at which she officiates; the preschool children who love her; the adult members she has taught to read and chant Torah; the way Daniels inspires the congregation's worship, and much more.

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein said of Daniels, "We could not have been blessed with a leader of greater integrity, Jewish devotion and caring. Amy has taken the congregation in wonderful new directions exploring contemporary and traditional forms of music, leading our service with confidence, teaching children and adults to be empowered as literate Jews and taking her place as an indispensable part of who are."

Daniels first served as student-cantor for the Brooklyn Heights Syna-

gogue in New York. Since her investiture, she served as cantor at Temple Shalom in Succasunna before coming to Temple Sha'arey Shalom. She lives in Rockaway with her husband Scott and their two sons, Jacob and Gabriel. Daniels performs regularly with the New Jersey Cantors' Concert Ensemble.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jewish congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Membership is from the communities of Cranford, Elizabeth, Millburn, Springfield, Union, Westfield and other surrounding areas. The success of the "Cabaret Night of Musical Entertainment," in tribute to Daniels, will be due to the support of temple members and friends who attend and place ads in the journal, and to merchants and local businesses who place advertisements.

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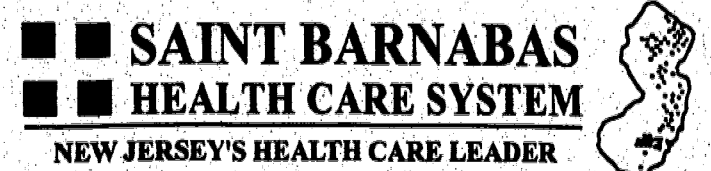
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# Council promises lights won't affect neighborhood

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dents that the lights would not affect their quality of life. Homeowners within 300 feet of the field will be notified by the Planning Board and invited to an informational meeting about the light operations. Vigilanti stressed that the lights are on the cutting edge and have the capability to give off a glow rather than a blinding light. A date has not been set for the meeting between the residents and the Planning Board.

"This is only the beginning and we are open to sitting down with residents and going over their wish lists," Vigilanti said.

Trimmer said she has several ideas for the fields, including leveling and upgrading the Deerfield girls' fields and improving the level of play among the players. She said she

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— Robert Vigilanti  
Mountainside mayor

would like to see more teams share the field near Borough Hall as well.

"Borough Hall is mostly used for the men's senior recreation leagues," she said. "More women should experience the game on this field."

The field projects are expected to be completed by the 2002 season.

## RELIGION

### Bus trip planned for Atlantic City on June 10

B'nai B'rith of Springfield plans a trip to Showboat Casino on Atlantic City June 10. Cost is \$22 per person.

The bonus package includes breakfast at Bagel Chateau, 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield, next to the Post Office at 8 a.m. The bus will leave from Echo Plaza at 10:30 a.m. between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 in Springfield. Participants will receive \$14 in coins from the casino.

Reserve seats as soon as possible. Call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 days or (908) 277-1953 in the evening. RSVP by May 25 and mail checks to Jerry Kamen at 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083.

### Cagno brings musical mix to concert series

"Coffee with Conscience Concert Series" proudly presents Laurie Cagno Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield.

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## AT THE LIBRARY

### Free music concert on the lawn June 3

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to the June 3 concert on the lawn at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Silver Dollar Pops, a free performance of selections from musical comedy, grant opera, operetta and classic pop standards, will entertain music lovers from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Described as the best in the area, Silver Dollar Productions soprano Susan Whitenack and pianist/baritone Fred Miller have been entertaining audiences together for nearly 15 years. Their repertoire includes Gershwin, Porter, Rodgers & Hart, Berlin, Kern, Arlen and Mercer, as well as the operettas of Romberg, Herbert and Friml.

As founder and artistic director of Silver Dollar Productions, Miller has produced and directed numerous musicals and performances. Most recently he offered a Lectures-in-Song series on great American songwriters at the Philadelphia Art Alliance and Hunterdon County Library in Flemington.

Whitenack, a coloratura soprano with degrees from both Smith College and Eastman School of Music, has performed many operatic roles and has appeared as a featured soloist with several orchestras. She tours schools regularly with Camerata Opera Theatre and has starred with the Eugene, Ore., Opera and Bermuda Opera as the Queen of the Night in Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

For information call (973) 376-4930, Ext. 34.

### Lunchtime series of videos begins again

Why not spend your lunch learning something about famous Americans of the 20th century? Starting June 5 at noon, the next series of lunchtime videos at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., spotlights people who made their mark on the last one hundred years.

The first video in the series, "Memories of Bud and Lou," 120 minutes, is a heartwarming documentary that explores the lives of American's most beloved and funniest comedy duo. Three separate programs woven together focus on the lives and times of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, highlight the only Abbott and Costello convention ever held and present a guided tour of Costello's hometown in Paterson.

The series will continue on June 19 with "Thomas Edison" and "Henry Ford;" July 3 with "The Audrey Hepburn Story;" July 17 with "Franklin D. Roosevelt" and "Babe Ruth;" July 31 with "Irving Berlin;" Aug. 14 with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry

S. Truman," and Aug. 28 with "Ella Fitzgerald."

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

### Web site offers best in technological tools

With advances in technology, computer literacy has taken on a new meaning for libraries. In order to provide the best service to the public, libraries have developed a number of technological tools for their users, including interactive web sites like the one maintained by the Springfield Free Public Library.

At [www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com](http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com), the public can learn about programs and events taking place at the library, check the card catalog to see if a book is in, search databases using nothing but a library card number, find out what's new at the library, and explore other helpful sites.

"Electronic libraries are very popular," said Springfield Public Library Director Susan Permahos, citing other sites such as Librarian on Active Worlds, which allows users to explore virtual libraries in a three-dimensional setting, almost like a video game.

While the Springfield Public Library's site does not have the feel of a video game, it is a colorful site with many interactive features. Anyone can explore the site, but a Springfield library card is needed to access the card catalog and many of the databases.

For information call (973) 376-4930.

### Used paperbacks wanted

The Friends of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., would like donations of used paperback novels and also welcomes used magazines within a year's date.

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.

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### Collectors are sought

Mountainside Public Library is seeking hobbyists and collectors who would like to place exhibits in the library's display case.

Call the reference librarian at (908) 233-0115 to reserve an upcoming month for your display or for more information.

To place a classified ad call 973-763-9411 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

### BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE." - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11: 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry: Wide-Range Music Program: Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

### JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Dr. Scott D. Zinberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM Sun.-Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

### JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SH'A'REY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Murray Bell, President. Temple Sh'a'rey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post barbat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

### LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield. Rev. Paul E. Krietsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

### METHODIST

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opportunities to serve others, or have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markay at the Church Office: 973-376-1695.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-1700.

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Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 14th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM; 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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# Mountain Avenue home burglarized

## Springfield

Some \$600 was stolen from a Mountain Avenue home on May 12 at 8:15 a.m.

A digital camcorder, vehicle insurance card/insurance policy were stolen from a Lexus on May 13. The items were taken from Route 22 West at 3:32 p.m. The camcorder was valued at \$500.

On May 12, \$241 in cash and \$25 in change were stolen from a business on Mountain Avenue. During the burglary, a window pane and cash register drawer were stolen at 7:35 a.m.

Several items were taken from a pocketbook on Fadem Road. Two credit cards, one debit card, license, Social Security card, green card, and a check book were stolen on May 11 at 9:24 p.m.

A caddie reported his wallet missing at a golf club on Shunpike Road at 1:36 p.m. On May 7, a license, credit card, \$1,500, and a black leather wallet were missing.

In Edison or Woodbridge, a license plate was missing after the vehicle returned from a test drive. The license plate was reported to authorities on May 7 at 8:17 p.m.

Jami Jordan, 23, of the 100 block of Netherwood Avenue in Plainfield

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was charged with shoplifting. Jordan was apprehended by authorities on May 9 at 6:35 p.m. Jordan is scheduled to appear in Springfield Municipal Court on May 21.

## Mountainside

Deshaun Goines, 25, of the East Front Street in Plainfield was charged with contempt of Mountainside Court on May 14 at 3:19 p.m. Goines was apprehended by authorities on Route 22 East in Mountainside.

Adebayo Olaolu, 39, of the 20 block of Emerson Place in Newark was charged with driving without a license on May 10 at 11:21 a.m. Olaolu was apprehended by authorities on Route 22 East by the Springfield/Mountainside border.

Whitney Dixon, 25, of the 1 block of Linden Lane in Scotch Plains was charged with driving with a suspended license on May 9. At 8:57 a.m., Dixon was apprehended by authorities on Route 22 East on the Springfield/Mountainside border.

Gajendra Sadhu, 26, of the 117 block of Liberty Avenue in Richmond Hill, N.Y. was charged with driving with a suspended license. Authorities apprehended Sadhu on Route 22 West

on May 8 at 12:28 p.m. Bail was set at \$200 and Sadhu is expected in Mountainside Municipal Court on May 25.

Marinely Monroy, 29, of the 1100 block of West Front Street in North Plainfield was charged with obstructing justice on May 5. At 9:35 p.m., Monroy was apprehended by authorities on Route 22 East along the border of Mountainside and Springfield.

Martin Martoken, 20, of the 140 block of Lexington Avenue in Elizabeth was charged with marijuana possession on May 5. Martoken was apprehended by the authorities along Route 22 West.

Leonardo Lozano, 24, of the 410 block of Watchung Avenue in Plainfield was charged with contempt of Mountainside Municipal Court. At 8:45 a.m., Lozano was apprehended by authorities at 1385 Route 22 East in Mountainside.

Bonnie Adams, 35, of the 27 block of Mertz Avenue was charged with driving with a suspended license on May 4. Adams was apprehended by authorities on Sheffield Street in Mountainside. Bail was set at \$500 and court is scheduled for May 31.

Dennis Puleo, 41, of the 550 block of Westminster Avenue in Elizabeth was charged with driving with a suspended license May 4.



Jack Pellet

## Pellet named VP for Valley National Bank

Valley National Bank has named Springfield resident Jack Pellet vice president and regional manager for its Central Division. He will be responsible for overall management, sales, administration and operations of 10 Valley branch offices located in Essex and Hudson counties.

Pellet has more than 29 years of banking experience in New Jersey. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration at King's College in Pennsylvania and an MBA in business management at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of

Banking at Rutgers University. Pellet's professional affiliations include membership in several regional Chambers of Commerce, the United Way, the American Institute of Banking, the Bank Administration Institute and the Kings' College Placement Center.

## Prontnicki nominated for relief commission

Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco submitted the nomination of Dr. Janice Prontnicki of Mountainside to the State Senate for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission.

## CLUBS IN THE NEWS

### Doctor speaks to retirees

The next regular meeting of the Mountainside Active Retirees will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Dr. Peter Kalellis, local author and Mountainside resident, will speak on "Beyond Aging — The Heart of Life."

On June 14, the retirees are going to

the Shawnee Playhouse in Shawneeton-Delaware, Pennsylvania, for a buffet and Broadway show, "Lend Me a Tenor." For more information, call Anthony Riccardi at (908) 232-3488.

### Newcomers Club plans annual June Bar-B-Que

The Mountainside Newcomers Club will host its annual June Bar-B-

Que on June 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Monica and Frank Boenning's house. For more information, call Maureen Angelo at (908) 654-1025.

For membership information, call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

# Springfield fights Route 22 brush fire

The following is the Springfield Fire Department blotter from May 6 to Saturday.

May 6, 5:39 p.m.: Responded to Chisholm Park to investigate a water leak, and at 8:03 p.m. to Route 24 West at the 78 split for a motor vehicle accident with extrication.

May 7, 6:08 a.m.: Responded to a Morris Avenue apartment complex for an activated fire alarm at 12:20 p.m. to a Route 22 East business for a brush fire, at 1:28 p.m. to St. James School for a medical service call, and at 1:50 p.m. to a Country Club lane residence for an odor of gas in the house.

May 8, 1:03 p.m.: Responded to a Hillside Avenue residence for a lock-out.

May 9, 10:16 a.m.: Responded to a Juniper Way residence for an activated fire alarm, 11:30 a.m. to a Cald-

## FIRE BLOTTER

well Place residence for a tree fire, 11:38 a.m. to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm, 11:59 a.m. to a Fieldstone Drive residence for a medical service call, 1:16 p.m. to a Linden Avenue residence for an activated fire alarm, 2:14 p.m. for a pumper and ladder truck to the scene of a house fire in Mountainside on a request from Mountainside, and 5:59 p.m. to Short Hills Avenue for a wire down.

May 10, 10:24 a.m.: Responded to a Linden Avenue residence for a medical service call, at 4:31 p.m. to a Pitt Road residence for smoke in the house, at 5:58 p.m. to Route 78 East mile post 50 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries, at 6:43 p.m. to a Millburn Avenue business for a possi-

ble fire hazard, and 9:21 p.m. to Mountain and Edgewood for an odor in the area.

Friday, 12:24 p.m.: Responded to a Troy Drive apartment complex for a medical service call, at 3:20 p.m. to a Morris Avenue business for a medical service call, at 3:54 p.m. to Roessner Park for a medical service call, at 4:02 p.m. to Route 78 East mile post 49 for a motor vehicle accident with injuries, and at 5:02 p.m. to a Stonehill Road apartment complex for a lift assist.

Saturday, 9:07 a.m.: Responded to Dayton High School for an activated fire alarm, 12:40 p.m. to a Morris Avenue business for an odor of smoke in the area, 12:42 p.m. to Mountain and Remer for a car fire, 8:49 p.m. to Clinton Avenue for wires arcing in a tree, and 10:19 p.m. to Tooker Avenue for wires arcing in a tree.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
P.O. BOX 210  
SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey until Thursday, June 7, 2001, in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at the Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, New Jersey for the following: FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR 10:00 AM ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICTWIDE 10:30 AM PLUMBING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICTWIDE Instruction to Bidders, Form of Proposal and Specifications may be examined at the office of the Secretary, at Jonathan Dayton High School Board of Education Office, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and one (1) copy thereof may be obtained by each bidder.

Bids shall be made only on the form provided with all blanks filled in and signed by the bidder. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes giving the name of the bidder and the type of materials or services bid on. No bidder may withdraw the bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, and shall, further make awards in any way it deems advisable to the best interests of the School District. Evidence of Contractor Registration should be included with bid documents. Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 concerning Affirmative Action and must furnish Notice of Compliance with the same with their bid. Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) concerning unlawful discrimination in employment.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

All successful vendors must submit within seven (7) days of the notice of intent to award or the signing of the contract, one of the following:

1. A photocopy of their Federal Letter of Affirmative Action Plan Approval OR
2. A photocopy of their Certificate of Employee Information Report (AA 302) OR
3. A complete Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA 302)

The Affirmative Action Affidavit for vendors having less than fifty employees is no longer acceptable. By order of the Board of Education, Springfield, Union County, New Jersey, U4999 ECL May 17, 2001 (\$26.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. TAKE NOTICE, that the Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at 8:00 p.m., has been rescheduled to 3:00 p.m. for a "Youth in Government Meeting". Kathleen D. Wisniewski, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U4991 ECL May 17, 2001 (\$4.50)

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## UCT Baseball semis Saturday

Can Union make it to the Union County Tournament baseball final for the first time in eight years?

Can the top seed win the UCT for the first time in six years?

Can a 15th-seeded team make it back to the final after reaching last year's championship game as an eighth seed?

Can Plainfield reach the final for the first time ever by beating a Union squad it has already shut out?

Can any team in the county beat Cranford's Tom Polito?

Those questions and more will begin to be answered Saturday at Williams Field in Elizabeth as the UCT semifinals are set.

Three of the top four seeds made it to the semis, the lone exception among the top four being the host team Elizabeth, which was seeded second.

The first game at noon will pit fourth-seeded Plainfield against top-seeded Union. Back on April 16 in Union, the Cardinals scored four runs in the top of the ninth to post a 4-0 victory over the Farmers.

The second game at 3:30 p.m. will be a rematch of last year's final as 15th-seeded Rahway faces third-seeded and two-time defending champion Cranford. The Cougars, who beat Rahway 10-0 last year, will have Polito, a senior righthander, on the mound. Polito two-hit visiting Johnson 10-0 in last Saturday's quarterfinals to improve to 6-0. He is 24-1 lifetime and only one of three pitchers to win consecutive UCT championship games.

Union junior righthander Brian O'Neill beat visiting Roselle Park 8-2 Saturday on a three-hitter, striking out 10. Rahway senior righthander Chris Petroski tossed a seven-hitter in beating host Governor Livingston 4-2.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**  
 Quarterfinals  
 Union 8, Roselle Park 2  
 Plainfield 9, Westfield 8  
 Cranford 10, Johnson 0  
 Rahway 4, Gov. Livingston 2  
**SATURDAY, MAY 19**  
 Semis at Williams Field, Ellz.  
 4-Plainfield vs. 1-Union, Noon  
 15-Rahway vs. 3-Cranford, 3:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 26**  
 Final, 8 p.m.  
 at Memorial Field, Linden

## UCT Softball semis tomorrow

Like the UCT baseball tournament, three of the top four seeds made it to the semifinal round, with the other qualifying team a double-digit seed.

Top-seeded Scotch Plains will host fourth-seeded Cranford in tomorrow night's second semifinal at Memorial Field in Linden at 8. Scotch Plains has won the tournament only once and that was back in 1977. Cranford has never won the UCT.

Second-seeded Governor Livingston will face 11th-seeded Union Catholic in tomorrow night's first semifinal at 6. GL won its first crown in 1997 and second in 1999 and has appeared in three of the past four championship games, falling to Union 2-1 in last year's title contest. Union Catholic won the UCT once and that was in 1989.

GL, sparked by one of the best catchers in the state in senior Jen Calabrese, began the week with a 16-2 record and 10-game winning streak. GL's only losses were to out-of-county foes Mount St. Dominic and St. John Vianney on April 21.

Union, which captured a record 10th title last year, did not reach the semifinal round for the first time since 1986. The Farmers qualified for the semifinals for 14 consecutive seasons from 1987-2000.

Cranford is sparked by sophomore pitcher Christine Pemoulie and Ashley Lebrina and Lauren O'Donnell at the plate.

Lindsey Sheppard, a junior, has been getting the job done on the mound for GL. Kerri Moore provides a solid bat.

Scotch Plains is lifted by the performances of pitcher Alicia Piniat and Kelly LaForge.

Union Catholic received excellent efforts from Katie Donnan at the plate and Suzanne Hennessy on the mound in eliminating Westfield 3-2.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**  
 Quarterfinals  
 Scotch Plains 12, Union 3  
 Cranford 8, Johnson 4  
 Gov. Livingston 5, Roselle Park 1  
 Union Catholic 3, Westfield 2  
**FRIDAY, MAY 18**  
 Semis at Memorial Field, Linden  
 11-U. Cath. vs. 2-Gov. Liv., 6 p.m.  
 4-Cranford vs. 1-S. Plains, 8 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 19**  
 Final, 8 p.m.  
 at Memorial Field, Linden



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Mulligan

**OUTSTANDING SWIMMERS** — Above, Summit Seals head coach Hank Buntin gathers his 2001 YMCA National qualifiers before heading to the meet in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Left to right are Nick Nagel, James Lawlor, Jon Rowe, Jeff Sundberg and in front are Dan Kim and Sandy Zaeh. Nagel was a finalist in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, finishing sixth and seventh in the nation. He established a new team record in the 100 breaststroke of 58.66. New team records were also set in the 200- and 400-yard medley relays by the team of Nagel, Sundberg, Lawlor and Kim. Below, YMCA seal swimmers, back row, Avery Winn, Abby West, Catherine Andrasko and Amy Thiele and, front row, Emily Birkitt, Anneliese Lohmann, Laura Alito and Haley Douds wait in the bleachers for their events. The Seals girls' team placed seventh overall out of 21 teams at the YWCA Junior-Senior Nationals in Charlotte, N.C. Boys' and girls' combined standings was eighth out of 21 teams competing.



## Summit's Haire All-Conference for Middlebury lacrosse team

*Regular season included 17 goals, 13 assists*

Summit's Jamie Haire, a senior midfielder for the Middlebury Panthers, was named Second Team All-Conference for men's lacrosse in the New England Small College Athletic Conference. He was among two from the conference champion Panthers on the second team, while three teammates were named to the First Team. Haire finished the regular season with 17 goals and 13 assists for 30 points.

Haire tallied one goal and one assist in Middlebury's 18-7 victory at Ithaca on Sunday in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division 3 Championship Tournament. Middlebury expanded a 7-4 halftime lead with eight straight goals in the third quarter, while holding the Bombers scoreless for more than 21 minutes.

In postseason play this year, Haire has six goals and one assist in four games.

The sixth-seeded Panthers, 15-1, move on to face second-seeded and undefeated Nazareth, 15-0, on Sunday in the national semifinals. Middlebury defeated the Golden Flyers in last year's semifinals 13-8. The winner of Sunday's matchup will take on the winner of Gettysburg and Denison in the title game on May 27 at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.

Last year's 16-12 Middlebury win over Salisbury State in the national final marked the first time a team from New York or Maryland did not capture the NCAA title. It was a rematch of the 1999 title game, one the Panthers lost. The top seed in this year's 14-team national tournament, Gettysburg, was the only squad to defeat Middlebury last season.

Middlebury opened defense of its Division 3 crown with a 29-3 domination of Endicott in the first round on May 9. The Panthers outshot Endicott 72-15. Haire opened the scoring in the second quarter with his only goal at the 11:46 mark to make it 9-3. He was among 12 different Panthers to score at least one goal.

Haire scored three goals and the Panthers held Bowdoin scoreless for the first 18:21 of the game to win the inaugural NESCAC Tournament on May 6 by an 11-5 score. Junior midfielder Matt Dunn, the NESCAC Player of the Week, led the defending Division 3 men's lacrosse national champions with five goals.

The Panthers led 6-2 at the half before the third-seeded Bears cut it to 6-3. That's when Haire scored back-to-back goals to increase the cushion to 8-3.

Middlebury, the top seed in the NESCAC tournament, defeated Connecticut College 15-6 in the semifinals May 5. Haire netted one goal as the Panthers held Connecticut scoreless for nearly the entire first half, 29:26.

**Schroeder also an All-Conference pick**

Scott Schroeder of Summit, the starting goalkeeper for the Georgetown University men's lacrosse squad, was named First Team All-Conference in the Eastern Athletic Collegiate Conference. He joined six other Hoyas on the First Team, including the offensive and defensive players of the year, along with one teammate on the Second Team.

The 5-10, 180-pound lefthander recorded 152 saves in 12 games during the regular season. He finished 13th in the nation in save percentage, .608, and 11th in goals-against average, allowing 8.26 goals per game. The Hoya squad also includes defenseman Pat Collins of Mountainside, an all-stater at Delbarton in 1999.

The 10th-seeded Hoyas were eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Division 1 Championship Tournament on Saturday, falling to Loyola, the seven seed, by a score of 11-9 in front of more than 4,100 at UMBC Stadium in Baltimore. Georgetown finished the 2001 campaign 11-3, while Loyola moves on to face top-ranked and second-seeded Princeton in the 12-team tournament.

In the 1998 tournament, the Greyhounds ended George-

town's season with a 12-11 win in the quarterfinal round. Loyola was the only team to beat this year's top seed, Syracuse.

Schroeder made only four saves as Georgetown outshot the Greyhounds 47-26, including 20-6 in the fourth quarter. Loyola goalie Jason Born made 21 saves including three off his facemask in the final two minutes and 12 in the final period.

Schroeder tied a career-high with 20 saves when fourth-ranked Georgetown lost to the second-ranked Syracuse Orangemen 19-9 in the regular-season finale on May 5. The loss snapped Georgetown's 17-game home winning streak before 3,218 at Harbin Field.

The Hoyas have reached the NCAA tournament five years in a row, but this is the first time in four years they have not won their opening round game. Last year, Georgetown lost to eventual national champion Syracuse 17-13 in the quarterfinals. The Hoyas reached the Final Four of the 1999 tournament as the No. 5 seed before bowing to the eighth-seeded Orangemen 13-9.

That year, Georgetown beat Syracuse in the regular-season finale 17-13.

This year's final four will be at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway on May 26 and the final on Memorial Day, May 28.

### Kinum selected All-Ivy League

Scott Kinum of Summit was named to the All-Ivy League Second Team in men's lacrosse for the second consecutive season. The senior defenseman and co-captain for the Dartmouth Big Green ended his career with two goals and three assists, all but one assist coming his senior season.

Kinum recorded one goal and one assist in a 14-8 loss against Harvard on May 5. He scored his first career goal in a 12-6 victory over Brown on April 21 and assisted on a goal in the team's 19-14 win over Sacred Heart on April 25. He was second on the team with 48 ground balls this season.

The Big Green finished the 2001 campaign 6-8 overall and 1-5 in the Ivy League.

Kinum, a First Team All-State selection when he played high school lacrosse at Delbarton School, was the team MVP last season.

### Summit 7th grade Maroon team mauls Millburn by 10-2 score

The Summit 7th grade Maroon team posted an impressive 10-2 win over Millburn before falling to Mountain Lakes 8-4.

In the win against Millburn, Casey McGuire scored five goals and had one assist, while Andrew Bell chipped in with two goals and one assist. Mark Garcia had one goal and three assists and Andrew Jones one goal and two assists. Mickey Swift accounted for the other Summit goal.

Also playing well for the Maroon were Jeremy McAuley on attack, Charlie Gario and Scott Garibaldi in the midfield, Mark Kinney, Michael Keane and Nick Herbst on defense and Ben Nadler and Bell in goal.

The 7th grade Gold team suffered its first loss, an 8-7 overtime defeat at the hands of Mountain Lakes. That put the Gold team's record at 5-1.

Kevin Feeney, Justin Oplinger and Scott O'Sullivan scored in the first half as the score was knotted at 3-3 at halftime. Logan Bartlett assisted Oplinger's goal and Rob Hillenbrand O'Sullivan's.

Oplinger scored twice in the second half and Steve Allgrini and Hillenbrand scored to tie the game at 7-7, an assist going to Oplinger.

Goalie Charlie Forbes and defenseman Andy Sigler and Phil Powers played well for the Gold.

## Dayton beats two conference foes

*Bulldogs top NP, Oak Knoll*

The Dayton High School softball team won two Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division games last week to improve their record, as of Tuesday, to 5-10 overall and 2-7 in the Valley.

Dayton defeated New Providence 8-7 Thursday at home in eight innings after falling at New Providence by a 4-2 score the day before.

On May 8, the Bulldogs won at Oak Knoll 4-2 for their first conference victory of the season.

### High School Softball

Dayton also posted wins over Millburn 16-7 at home on April 18, over Rahway 13-2 at home on May 2 and over Elizabeth 5-3 at home on May 3. Dayton was able to beat New Providence and Oak Knoll after previously losing to each conference rival.

In the New Providence triumph, Linda Agostinelli singled, stole second and scored on an error in the bottom of the eighth for the dramatic victory.

In the Oak Knoll win, all four runs were scored in the third inning. Esther Aizenberg and Juliana Stravato each singled twice and drove in a run, while Lyndsey Brahm had an RBI-single and Sara Steinman a sacrifice fly.

Dayton was defeated at home by Oak Knoll 7-0 back on April 30. Steinman banged out a two-run single in Dayton's 4-2 loss at New Providence on May 9.

### Dayton, GL track and field athletes star

Dayton and Governor Livingston track and field teams excelled at last Friday's Mountain Valley Conference meets held in Basking Ridge.

The Dayton boys' scored three points in its Valley Division competition, while the girls' scored 21.

The GL boys' were second in the Mountain Division to Ridge by a score of 120.5 to 99.5, while the GL girls' were also second to Ridge by a score of 78.69.

John Cottage of Dayton was sixth in the Valley Division boys' 1,600 in 4:58.8.

Olga Oksov of Dayton was first in the Valley Division girls' high jump with a mark of 4-10.

Sara Abraham of Dayton was sixth in the shot put at 27-3 and third in the discus at 91-2.

Frank Fernandez of GL was sixth in the Mountain Division boys' 100 in 11.4 and fifth in the 200 in 23.5. Michael Prazak was sixth in the 800 in 2:04.3 and second in the 1,600 in 4:46.5.

Matt Side was second in the 3,200 in 10:29.7, Michael Carmody third in 10:35.3 and Milo Venter sixth in 10:50.0.

Robert Popovitch was third in the 110-meter high hurdles at 16.4, Steve Bergeski fourth at 17.0 and Jerry Moravek fifth at 17.3.

Bergeski was fifth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles at 58.3 and fifth in the long jump at 19-3.5.

Marc Felezola was second in the shot put at 48-11 and Daniel Legiec fourth at 45-9.

Marty Maroney won the javelin at 168-7, Bergeski was second at 154-11 and Colin Price third at 151-4.

Andrew Whitney won the pole vault at 13-6, Daniel DeOliveira was third at 12-0 and Jerry Fang sixth at 10-0.

GL was fifth in the 1,600-meter relay in 3:43.0.

Dana McCurdy of GL won the Mountain Division girls' 400 in 59.5 and also captured the 100-meter hurdles in 15.5 and the 400-meter hurdles in 1:05.3.

Megs Didario won the 1,600 in 5:22.5, while Maya Monroe captured the high jump at 5-2.

### Dayton, GL, Summit boys' tennis triumph

The Dayton, Governor Livingston and Summit high school boys' tennis teams were all triumphant Monday, GL winning in state tournament competition.

Dayton blanked visiting Roselle Catholic to improve to 15-1, while Governor Livingston edged Pequannock 3-2 in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs.

Summit edged non-conference rival Delbarton 3-2. The Hilltoppers, ranked sixth in the state, improved to 15-4 with the victory.

Summit was scheduled to host Hanover Park Tuesday in North 2, Group 2 competition. Also in the section was Chatham at Johnson.

Chad Freundlich won at first singles for Dayton, beating Brandon Mirda of Roselle Catholic 6-1, 6-1. Brian Sperber defeated Brian Scotti 6-0, 6-0 at second singles and Adam Cohen downed Shehal Doshi 6-1, 6-0 at third singles.

Lawrence Bluestone and Sergey Khoroshevskiy bested Greg Escamilla and Brian D'Agostino 6-1, 6-0 at first doubles, while Jonathan Au and Brad Shortall topped Charles Casseus and Noriel Esteron 8-1 at second doubles.

GL evened its record at 5-5 by winning three of the five sets against Morris County foe Pequannock.

Summit won at first and third singles and at second doubles to beat Morris County opponent Delbarton.

Ryan Heft defeated David Porter 7-5, 6-0 at first singles, while Will Sehnert defeated Kenneth Wong 7-5, 6-4 at third singles.

Don Richards and Steve Dionne downed Colin Donovan and Christian Fesenmaier 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3) at second doubles.

### Summit boys', girls' lacrosse victorious

The Summit High School boys' lacrosse team, ranked No. 5 in the state, improved to 13-2 Monday with a convincing 9-5 win at 11th-ranked Hunterdon Central.

J.P. Coviello scored four goals and Ryan Clark had two goals and four assists to spark the Hilltoppers.

Keith Schroeder added two goals and Matt Starker, back from his injury, one. Goalkeeper Mike Sartorius made nine saves to earn the victory.

Summit entered yesterday's scheduled home game against Mountain Lakes with a four-game winning streak.

Summit's last scheduled regular season game is at home against Millburn tomorrow at 4 p.m.

The girls' began the week 11-2-1 and ranked fourth in the state. Summit was to host West Essex Tuesday and conclude regular-season play today at home against Morristown at 4 p.m.

Mackenzie Clark netted four goals to pace the Hilltoppers in their dominating 15-2 win at Livingston last Thursday.

Liz Gamble, Katie Ardington, Katie Stefans and Katie Tully scored two goals each, while Ardington and Stefans had two assists.

Goalkeeper Lexi Harrison played well, stopping six shots.

### Mountainside's Conway honored by MSU

Craig Conway of Mountainside was honored by Montclair State University as its Male Outstanding Athlete for the 2000-2001 academic year.

After earning Preseason All-America accolades as the third baseman on the MSU baseball team, Conway etched his own name in the all-time MSU baseball annals last month by connecting on his 260th career hit.

Conway leads all Red Hawk baseball regulars this spring with a .440 batting average and had tallied 45 runs and 42 RBI on the way to earning New Jersey Athletic Conference Baseball Player of the year and All-NJAC First Team honors as Montclair clinched both the 2001 conference regular-season and playoff titles.

Conway starred in high school at Governor Livingston, leading the Highlanders to the 1996 Union County Tournament championship game against Westfield.

Conway, who played shortstop and also pitched, was an All-County and All-State Group 2 selection.



# Samaritans save day



Springfield Police Officer Steven Studlack, left, was one of several helpful people who took part in rescuing three trapped ducklings. At right, Kara Sanguino, Tonita Green and Sharron Parchment also helped to ensure the safety of three ducklings who had strayed into a storm drain off Morris Avenue on May 3.

On May 3, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Tonita Green was leaving her job at the Pulmonary and Allergy Associates on Morris Avenue in Springfield. She was surprised to discover a female duck, along with a dozen or more ducklings, taking refuge from the stifling 90-degree temperatures underneath her car.

Uncertain what to do, she returned to her office and informed two colleagues of the situation. Kara Sanguino and Sharron Parchment then accompanied Tonita back to her car to see what they could do to help.

Not wanting any harm to come to the female duck, or her ducklings, they attempted to encourage them to move to a shaded area of grass behind the medical building. Perhaps feeling threatened from all the activity, the female duck left the shelter of the car with her ducklings in tow, and fled opposite the direction intended, heading directly for Morris Avenue. In their attempt to follow their fleeing mother, three of the dozen or more ducklings fell through the grate of a covered storm drain and were trapped.

Mail carrier Robert Colandro of the Springfield Post Office was driving by at about the same time and stopped to see if there had been an accident and if he could be of help. After hearing what happened, he assisted the women in their efforts to see the female duck, and her remaining ducklings to safety.

Seeing that they would not be able to stop them from crossing Morris Avenue in time, Kara Sanguino entered Morris Avenue and attempted to stop traffic in an effort to afford the female duck and her ducklings safe passage across the street. With the

help of Tonita, Sharron and Robert, they were able to guide them successfully across four lanes of traffic.

Returning their attentions to the three ducklings still trapped in the storm drain, the three women and the mail carrier attempted to rescue them, but the small openings of the storm grate restricted their access and made it impossible for them to reach the ducklings. Karen Schweiger, an employee at the Halpern Group, 505 Morris Ave., had returned to her office to look for anything that might help in the rescue attempt.

After trying and failing to reach the ducklings through the small openings of the grate, and concerned for their well-being, Colandro suggested the women call the Springfield police for assistance.

While awaiting the arrival of police, one of the three women would return periodically to check on the well-being of the ducklings, anxious for help to arrive.

Officer Steven Studlack of the

Springfield Police arrived on the scene and assessed the situation and called the Humane Society. While waiting for the animal control officers to arrive, Studlack attempted, on his own, to pry open the storm grate with a crowbar in an effort to rescue the distressed ducklings. No longer in sight, they disappeared through an opening that ran underneath the parking lot to another storm grate behind the medical building.

Associated Humane Societies of Newark Animal Control Officers Michael Fowler and Alexander Kelly arrived and located the female duck and her ducklings. Concentrating their efforts on the rescue of the trapped ducklings, they consulted with Studlack, as well as the three women.

Examining the area below the storm grate, it was discovered that the ducklings had managed to make their way into a small opening and it was assumed they were now located somewhere in the drainage pipe that ran under the parking lot. Focusing

their initial rescue efforts on the storm drain in the back of the building, it wasn't long before one of the three ducklings was retrieved. The two others were still missing.

The Springfield Fire Department arrived next and promptly pried the heavy grate off the storm drain in the front parking lot. Schweiger was present at the rescue and had recorded and taken pictures of the event.

With everyone working together, Studlack, Animal Control Officers Michael Fowler and Alexander Kelly and the men of the Springfield Fire Department, the remaining two ducklings were rescued.

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

## NEWS CLIPS

### Mountainside Red Cross in search of volunteers

Do you like helping others in their time of need? Do you want to get involved in your community? Do you want to do something meaningful with your time? How about becoming a Red Cross Volunteer? The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently looking for people to become volunteers with the Armed Forces Emergency Services. This provides emergency-related services to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families in times of personal emergencies and crisis.

This service area is a must for all Red Cross chapters. It provides emergency reporting services to strengthen the morale of the members of the armed forces and their families, to provide accurate reports for service members about home situations and it provides military authorities with verified information so they can make decisions that affect service members and the command.

Volunteers are needed to help field incoming calls during the evening and early morning hours, thus allowing the Red Cross to provide armed services with nonstop communication. Volunteers provide this service directly from their home. No previous experience is needed and the Red Cross will provide the training and support.

If you are looking to get involved or would like more information, call the chapter at (908) 232-7090 or stop by at 321 Elm St. in Westfield. Become part of the American Red Cross, an international organization that is "always there."

### Rules set for pick up of grass clippings

The Springfield Department of Public Works has begun its residential curbside collection of grass and non-woody garden debris. This material is ultimately composted, and residents are requested to comply with the following requirements in order to facilitate that service:

- Only grass and green plant material can be collected. Branches and woody material should be set out for collection by the township's garbage contractor on bulky waste pickup day.

Material set out in plastic bags will not be collected. Grass must be set out in biodegradable paper bags or loose in a clearly-marked receptacle. Special bags may be purchased at local hardware stores. Bags and containers should not exceed 40 pounds each.

### Jones graduates from Marine Corps course

Marine Corps Pfc. Richard B. Jones Sr., son of Sherry F. and Ronald F. Jones of Springfield, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

During the five-week course, Jones received instruction in the fundamentals of engineering support for combat units, including the procedures for building and repairing bridges, roads and field fortifications.

Jones will accompany Marine Infantry forces to build roads, set up camps and fortify living areas.

Jones is a 2000 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in



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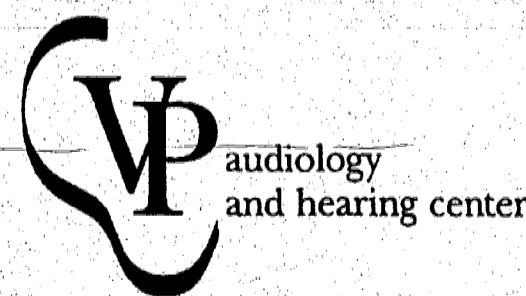
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