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School board searches for solutions at Sandme

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

Before the Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland retires in August, he announced several goals he plans to tackle before he exits the Springfield School District.

One main goal involves the overcrowded classrooms at the Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School. The Board of Education is looking at other options to remedy the case of modular classrooms. These classrooms are detached from the school and require the students to enter the outdoors for an education.

For two years, this style of classroom has served as a learning facility for the students. "Parents are concerned about their children traveling outside for class," Friedland said. There are several alternatives the superintendent came up with to accommodate the growing number of students. Friedland said there is a possibility a state inspector may come to the school and create more space for the students. Another option involves finding some free space in the library or art room.

Board members have not made a decision yet because they need to throughly investigate all the options available.

Today, the modular classroom serves as the site for the gifted and talented students as well as a teachers lounge.

Presently, the school accommodates a total

of 15 classes of children ranging from the first through fourth grades.

According to board member Jacqueline Shanes, there are four classes on the first-, second- and third-grade levels. Furthermore, there are only three classes for the fourth grade. Each class has a minimum of 18 students and a maximum of 20.

In the fall, the number of classes will increase by one. A total of 16 classes from the first through fourth grades are expected to enter the facility.

Board President Stephen Fischbein said the school is capable of serving 400 students, however, he added the school board will even increase the class sizes to ensure that every child receives an education.

Fran Sandler is a concerned parent interested in the developments at Sandmeier.

"This is not a fourth-grade problem because all grade level are affected by this growing school," Sandler said.

Springfield Improvement Association Chairwoman Hazel Hardgrove delivered a couple of options to the board, including making classrooms larger, or splitting the library with a partition for more classroom space. Friedland said he will take all the comments into consideration to solve the situa-

tion, which he expects to do by the end of the school year.

Besides the overcrowaea classrooms, Friedland intends to investigate the math program at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School. He may consider hiring an outside consultant to analyze and evaluate the program. The consultant would be able to give the board an unbiased view on how to improve the middle school's math studies department. However, Hardgrove inquired about having someone within the school system to evaluate the program rather than hire outside help.

TWO SECT

Board members said they are only exploring the idea of hiring a consultant.

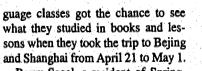
"My perspective is that we won't hire a consultant yet," board member Ken Faigenbaum said.

Resident joins class for trip to China

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Discovering an ancient culture. Scaling the Great Wall of China. Entering the Forbidden City.

History came alive straight out of the textbooks for a Springfield resident who recently joined some of his students at Livingston High School for a class trip to China. Seventeen lucky students in Chinese I, II, III, and Chinese honors lan-



Barry Segal, a resident of Springfield and teacher of physiology, zoology and botany at Livingston High School, is a senior member of faculty at the school and was able to go along on the trip as a chaperone with some of his own students. Four other teachers went along, as did one parent. "I've always wanted to go to China," said Segal. "The kids and I got a culture shock."

Organized by Chinese language teacher Lucy Lee, the trip was an enjoyable cultural learning experience by all involved.

To go on the trip, each student had to sign an agreement with the teachers, administration and parents promising to be on their best behavior, which they were, according to Segal.

"I think it was good that they saw things that were being discussed in class," said Segal.

Every student was given a key and an authentic certificate to the city of Xian, a walled city famous for its tombs and Terra Cotta warriors. They also visited the historic site of Tiananmen Square and climbed the Great Wall of China.

Another site they visited was the Forbidden City in Bejing, which was completed in 1420 and is roughly the same size as Springfield.

Despite having rained during the entire trip, both Segal and the students enjoyed their cultural expedition and found the experience invaluable.

"The food was really delicious and the architecture was magnificent in Shanghai," said Candace Lazar, a student in Segal's physiology class. "Being the only student who wasn't taking Chinese, I learned a lot about language and culture." Lazar said she plans on going back again soon. For Briza Junqueira, another of Segal's students who is also in one of the Chinese language classes, the experience was rewarding because it



Springfield resident Barry Segal, right, gathers with students and faculty from Livingston High School outside the TV tower in Shanghai.

gave her the chance to use her foreign language skills.

"I'm from Brazil, and I speak three languages," said Junqueira. "I said a couple of phrases to the Chinese. I was very impressed with their technology. They are a lot more modern." The American students went to three high schools in Bejing and

Shanghai. At Song Jiang, a secondary school in Shanghai, students broke down into groups and had open discussions ese language speaking skills.

"They spoke pretty good English," said Segal, referring to the Chinese students. "They talked about the usual high school stuff and the kids became like best friends."

He said the students they visited in China often performed facial, hand and eye exercises before the teacher arrived, wore uniforms to class, and stood up whenever they answered a question for the teacher.

According to Segal, for the typical student in China, the average school day often starts at 8:30 a.m. with a break for lunch at home at 1:30 p.m. Then they would be back at school at 3 p.m. and stay until 5 p.m. School days also ran on Saturdays, from 8

a.m. to noon.

that the students there were much more focused and structured than American students were.

"They played music in the class and for five minutes, they did eye exercises to stimulate the brain and thinking process," said Junqueira.

As for any cultural divisions, Segal said the students got along easily and were eager to interact and share their customs. They had found that there were more similarities between the two cultures than there were differences.



Scaling the Great Wall of China was just one of the exciting adventures for Springfield resident Barry Segal, a teacher at Livingston High School who accompanied his students on a recent trip to China. about the school with the Chinese students, while Segal gave a seminar on college planning.

At the International School of Bejing, teens from around the world got to interact with the American students. At Chang, another secondary school, the students also had group discussions and practiced their Chin-

After visiting the three high schools as part of the tour, Junqueira found

"Not once was the spy plane incident mentioned," said Segal-referring to a recent international incident between the two nations.

"There was a great rapport with the kids, and some of them are still emailing."

Mountainside grads plan their summer, future

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights is the high school home for 50 seniors from Mountainside this year; next year the number will be 60.

Josh Moss, 18, son of Ed and Sue Moss, went to Deerfield School and has lived in Mountainside all his life. He finds no problem commuting to the senior high school as he drives his own car.

But Moss does not think much about himself; he has been a volunteer at Overlook Hospital, developing X-rays, since July 1998, and will continue doing this for the hospital this summer. He modestly admits to having logged over 400 volunteer hours already.

His ambitions match his character; he wants to teach deaf children. "I know for certain that I will be a teacher," he said, and is already enrolled in Kean University in deaf education. He became interested in teaching the deaf from the special classes at Governor Livingston High School for deaf children.

There are 24 deaf teens in a special class and he has been one of the regular students who work with them. "I have gone on trips with them, and made friends there. I even learned how to sign," said Moss, who has perfect hearing himself, and took the course the high school offers in signing.

On the personal side, he is an avid fan of the New Jersey Devils, and loves to play baseball, although he did not make the baseball team at the high school.

Besides volunteering at Overlook, Moss will be working as a camp counselor at Deerfield School's summer camp in Mountainside. "At least I hope they will take me; I have applied, and I used to work there in afterschool child care programs last year."

Olivia Baniuszewicz, 18, daughter of Anna and Les Baniuszewicz, is another Mountainside senior who loves children. Last year, she worked as an au pair for a couple with four active children, and it didn't phase her at all.

However, this summer, she will be helping her mother in her business in Summit as a part-time receptionist.

When asked if she would get paid, she just laughed and said, "I think so, but I'm not sure."

Another summer job she has applied for is to become a camp counselor at Kent Place School in Summit.

How about the future?

Baniuszewicz wants to major in international business at Boston University. She already speaks fluent Polish and takes Italian at GL, her "favorite class."

"The teacher says I have a knack for languages."

She shares a car with her family, and although like Moss, she doesn't mind the commute, she said she won't miss going up "the steep hill full of ice and' snow in the winter," to reach the school.

She too has grown up in Mountainside and attended Deerfield School. Close to her family, she hopes to squeeze one little short vacation with them to Florida before embarking on the other planned activities coming up.

"They come well-recommended and are both great role models for the school," Sonia McClosky of the high school's Guidance Department said.



Photo By Bob Helfrich

Olivia Baniuszewicz and Josh Moss, both seniors at Governor Livingston High School, talk about graduation day and share their upcoming plans for the summer and fall.

Student brings lacrosse clinic to Jonathan Dayton beginning Monday

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

Student-athletes longing for a lacrosse program will get a glimpse of the sport once Lacrosse 101 debuts at Jonathan Dayton High School.

Before the academic year comes to a close, students are welcome to participate in a lacrosse clinic on Monday through Wednesday. The clinic is designed to introduce the students to the basic fundamentals of lacrosse.

As Andrej Moczydlowski completes his sophomore status, the student-athlete worked to create an opportunity for the student body to experience lacrosse. Despite the lacrosse, Moczydlowski said his mission is far from over.

"The clinic is scheduled around finals, so I have to promote the clinic by reminding all the students to get involved," he said." "There are about 25 to 30 guys and girls interested."

Over the past couple of weeks, Moczydlowski, the Athletic Department and the Board of Education combined forces and brought the clinic to the high school community.

On May 30, all three bodies met and discussed a plan of action for the activity. Athletic Director Kevin Murphy assisted with establishing the lacrosse clinic.

"The clinic is a great opportunity for students to get involved in sports."

Murphy has selected Steve Collins as a coach for the clinic. According to Murphy, Collins is definitely qualified to instruct the program. During the spring athletic season, Collins coaches the Madison High School lacrosse team. In the fall, Collins 'When students are introduced to the strategies, they will eventually learn how to identify with the spirit of lacrosse.'

— Glen Brown

serves as an assistant football coach for the high school.

Students interested in participating will be given STXs which are quality brand of lacrosse sticks and balls for equipment. The clinic will teach students how to eventually master lacrosse basics. During the clinic, students are not permitted to make full body contact, so protective gear will not be supplied.

Murphy said the clinic will only improve the quality of sports programming for the students.

"This program is a representation

to the bigger and better student opportunities down the road," Murphy said. Murphy explained how he is working working with another physical education instructor to develop a strong caliber of future lacrosse

players. Glen Brown has been the physical education instructor at Florence M. Guadineer Middle School for 28 years. The longtime educator includes a lacrosse unit for his students. In the lacrosse unit, the students use plastic STXs as they dodge their opponents, complete passes and take shots. These vital strategic skills help develop the young players into competitive athletes on the field.

"When students are introduced to the strategies, they will eventually learn how to identify with the spirit of lacrosse," Brown said Moczydlowski's persistence gives more students the opportunity to play the game.

"The lacrosse clinic has been long overdue on the high school level," he said. "Andrej is my new hero and I'm glad he didn't give up."

Moczydlowski said attending school board meetings helped him reach his goal. The meetings moved the process along faster and cut through the bureaucracy, he said.

The 15-year-old sophomore said his interest in government was largely responsible for the implementation of the lacrosse program. "When I spoke with the board, I made a lot of progress and their support helped with this accomplishment."

Moczydlowski said he developed a strong relationship with the board and he decided to run for a Student Council position. He is now the new liaison to the Board of Education. Moczydlowski serves as the student representative and plans to regularly attend board meetings in the fall.

When Moczydlowski takes a break from government, his love for lacrosse is extremely high. Although he got his wish for a lacrosse clinic, Moczydlowski said he is not completely satisfied.

"I don't plan on stopping here, I want a junior varsity lacrosse team by next year."

in Westfield. For information, call (908) 232-7090.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a

• The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a

• The Mountainside Board of Education meets at 8

p.m. at the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central

Wednesday

can Red Cross hosts First Aid Basics from 6 to 10 p.m.

at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St. in West-

field. The course teaches participants how to check a

conscious or unconscious victim as well as how to care

for life-threatening injuries and emergencies. For infor-

ation of Women Business Owners meets at 6 p.m. at

L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22 East in Mountainside.

annual Dinner Dance at Exquisite Affairs Caterers,

Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, at 6:30 p.m. This year's

honoree is Township Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

She will be presented with B'nai B'rith's prestigious

• The Springfield Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in

the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 100

Upcoming

June 14

• The Mountainside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m.

· An exhibit of Bernard Corman's automotive sculp-

tures will be on display at the Donald B. Palmer

Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66

Mountain Ave., from now until July 26. Hours of the

exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m.

to 8:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

June 19

will continue its summer lunchtime video series with

"Thomas Edison" and "Henry Ford" at noon. Bring a

bag lunch and enjoy the performance. Each video is 55

minutes. Cookies and coffee will be served. For infor-

p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Municipal Build-

ing, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield. An executive ses-

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• The Union County Chapter of the National Associ-

• The Springfield Lodge of B'nai B'rith hosts its

• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the Ameri-

Ave. and School Drive in Mountainside.

workshop session at 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall, 1385.

workshop session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular

session at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Munici-

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John Wills, 4, of Mountainside rides Simba around Deerfield School with the help of Jay Drake, pony escort of Decorated Ponies. The pony rides were part of the many fun-filled activities at the School Fair Saturday.

EVENTS

Cut-A-Thon benefits victim of cystic fybrosis

The Cut-a-Thon takes place at Bangles Hair Salon, Echo Plaza, Route 22/899 Mountain Ave. in Springfield Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Haircuts are \$10, with all proceeds benefitting Jill Doran in her fight against cystic fibrosis. Doran needs a double lung transplant in order to survive.

Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. For information, call (973) 921-1771.

Donations can be made out to "NFT- Jill Doran".

The National Foundation for Transplants is a non-profit organization whose involvement ensures that all donations for Doran are taxdeductible and that funds raised will not be used for any other purpose than to pay Doran's transplant-related expenses.

Red Cross hosts training classes

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross hosts trainings in lifesaving skills at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

On Saturday, there will be a class on Adult CPR - cardiopulmonary resuscitation - with AED - automated external defibrillation - from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Infant/Child CPR class will be Tuesday, from 6 to 10 pm. This course covers choking, breathing, emergencies, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation for infants through school-age children. This class is a must for anyone who works with children as well as parents.

Wednesday, from 6 to 10 p.m. CPR for the Professional Rescuer recertification class is being offered twice, June 18 and June 26. Both clas-

First Aid Basics will be offered

ses are from 6 to 10 p.m. Interested individuals can call the chapter at (908) 232-7090, e-mails can be sent to westfieldmtside@crossnet.org or stop by the Chapter House.

Springfield Elks get rid of old flags on Sunday

The Springfield Elks Club host a flag burning ceremony Sunday. Anyone wishing to submit a flag can call Stan Wnek at (973) 379-5139.

An installation dinner for VFW Post 7683 took place at the Springfield Elks May 27. Installed were Commander P. Skeets Kuzmuk, Senior Vice Commander John Del Russo, Junior Vice Commander Sal Gibaldi, Adjutant John Erns, Quarter Master Stanley Wisniewski, Service Officer Dominick Casternovia, and Trustees Bill Van Riper, Stan Wnek and Sidney Weinstein.

Veterans of Foreign Wars District 5 held a contest in the district that takes in 21 different posts in as many towns. It was a "Teachers Citizen Award" for teachers that were outstanding in their teaching. There were three categories and teachers from Springfield took first place in all three categories. The teachers were Marcia Bright, grades K to 5; Merle Murphy, Middle School grades six to eight, and Mary Coke-

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.

Saturday

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· Springfield Cares meets at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall in Springfield at 8 p.m. for an organizational meeting. The group was started several months ago to increase community interest and involvement in various issues and activities. Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the group can call (973) 921-1090.

Monday

• The American Heart Walk Leadership Breakfast at 8 a.m. at Brighton Gardens by Marriot in Mountainside launches this year's volunteer program in support of Union County Heart Walk Oct. 21. Call Yahna Awazu at the American Heart Association (973) 376-3636 for more information.

• The Springfield Township Committee meets for a workshop session at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference session in the conference room of Jonathan Dayton High School at 7 p.m.

Tuesday

• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross hosts an Infant/Child CPR class from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St.

> has served on the Take Pride in Springfield Committee since its inception.

> Prior to being on the Township Committee, Harelik held the following positions: Springfield Rent Leveling Board Attorney; Springfield Representative to the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board; and Springfield Representative to the Union County Revenue Sharing Committee, a position in which she remains.

Harelik resides in Springfield with her husband Jay Mevorah and her son Cole.

Sunday bus trip planned for Atlantic City

B'nai B'rith of Springfield plans a trip to Showboat Casino on Atlantic City on Sunday. 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 Friday and mail checks to Kamen, 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083.

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Correction

The caption for the photo published on Page 4 of the May 31 edition should have been for students who were admiring the quicksand project, and not the volcano project, which was pictured with a different set of students.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention.

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At the installation dinner, the teachers and Frank were presented plaques and bonds by former VFW State Commander and incoming District 5 Commander, Dennis Clarke.

service to the community. Harelik is currently serving her third year on the Springfield Township Committee. She served as the Mayor of Springfield for the year 2000. Since being elected to the Township Committee, Harelik has served as Chairperson to the Department of Public Works and as a member of the Planning Board. In addition. Harelik actively serves on the Springfield Chamber of Commer-

B'nai B'rith honors

Clara Harelik Wednesday

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Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award.

award, also given to the Presidents of

the United States, for her outstanding

Harelik was chosen to receive the

Harelik is a member of Congregation Israel of Springfield and Congregation Etz Ahaim of Highland Park. In addition, she is a member of the Congregation Israel Sisterhood and an alumnus of the Rutgers Hillel Foundation, where she was a vice-president.

The professional organizations to which Harelik belongs include the American Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association.

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DARE graduates share what they have learned

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

One hundred and forty fifth-graders were outfitted in T-shirts stamped with a nationwide anti-drug message to declare their independence from drugs and alcohol at the Florence M. Gaudineer DARE graduation. The gymnasium was filled law enforcement officials, educators and township officials gathered in support of the students' accomplishments on Friday.

Two of Springfield's law enforcement officers organized the DARE program, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Patrolmen Angelo Bonavitacola and John Rowley taught the students about the importance of resisting drugs.

At the opening of the 10th annual graduation, six students were personally recognized for their essays pertaining to their experiences in DARE class. Before the winners were officially announced, Bonavitacola congratulated every student for his or her participation for submitting the essays.

"Everyone in this room is a winner and I want to thank everyone for doing such a fantastic job."

Each student took center stage and read their literary works in front of their peers. Liliya Magid, Haley Kornspan and Andrew Rosenfeld were the essay winners.

Overall, the essays touched upon how drug and alcohol addictions lead to other life-threatening episodes.

Haley Kornspan, 11, explained how cigarette smoking can have a cer-

tain effect on an individual's physical appearance.

"Smoking will make your breath smell and your teeth turn yellow," she said. "And worst of all, you can get lung cancer."

Andrew Rosenfeld said he learned a great deal about the harmful affects of drugs and alcohol.

"I was amazed by all the new things I learned and I'll never do drugs," he said.

Some of the other winners included Michelle Leokumovich, Jacqueline Ricci and Scott Cohen. The students were awarded for their achievements with several prizes. Every winner was presented with a stuffed animal of Darren, the offical DARE lion mascot, a gold medal and certificates.

During graduation, the students' drama skills were put to the test. Throughout the day, the children performed skits that focused on how certain advertisements encourage young people to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

The children became aware of these methods of advertising through the DARE workbook. Since September, the students were taught 17 drug prevention tactics.

In addition to the anti-drug prevention lessons, the workbook focuses on how to deal with stress and resisting violence. Rowley explained how the exercises are designed to encourage the children to be proud of themselves.

'The workbook exercises and skits help the children build their self-



Michelle Leokumovich reads an essay as part of the DARE graduation ceremony at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield on Friday.

esteem levels and get along with one another."

Both patrolmen applied other creative methods for the children to become more aware of the dangers of drugs.

The officers implemented a peerto-peer educational element into the program. Twenty eighth-graders volunteered their time and served as peer leaders. As peer leaders, they urged the fifth-graders to resist peer pressure.

A couple miles down the road, six high school students are part of DARE's peer teaching segment. Jamie Falkin, John Laurencelle, Rachel Mandel and Anthony Rodriguez serve as DARE role models. These teens are part of the Alterna-

tives Club. Club members go into the middle school and inform fifthgraders about all the academic, athletic and social opportunities the high school offers. Fifth-graders are able to get a preview of high school and they are taught to be individuals instead of followers.

While the peer leaders and DARE role models took part in the ceremony, some members of the township witnessed the graduation as well.

Committeewoman Clara Harelik and Township Administrator Richard Sheola attended the special day.

Anyone interested in starting a DARE chapter can call Bonavitacola at (973) 921-1775.

July 4th celebration will benefit volunteer groups

The Take Pride in Springfield July 4 planning committee has announced that proceeds from this year's celebration will be given to the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, Springfield Auxiliary Police and Springfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Jonathan Dayton High School has been the recipient of the funds raised at the event over the past two years. During the past two years, 36 handheld radios were given to the high school to help the administration, staff and students be able to respond more efficiently to emergencies. They also enable communication between administration and staff when off campus. Charles Serson, prin-

Red Cross offers babysitter

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a babysitter training course for. youth ages 11 to 15 on June 27 and 28.

future babysitters. It teaches them the

best way to keep the children safe in their care.

Topics include making good deci-

Each year, the Take Pride Committee sponsors a giant 50/50 at the July 4 celebration to raise money for organizations who assist not only at the event, but who serve Springfield residents all year round. The committee hopes the

cipal of the high school, said the radios have been a great help to him and the

amount it is able to raise through this year's 50/50 will exceed the \$2,500 away in the past. The July 4 Celebration starts at 5 p.m. at Meisel Field.

school in ensuring the safety and well-being of the students.

For information call (908) 352-0900.

training course in June

emergencies, performing basic care - diapering, feeding, infant care and first aid.

The cost is \$45 per student, and includes a course handbook, and a small first aid kit. Registration is limited and closes one week prior to

Census shows increase of seniors in borough

By Jay-Me Brown Staff Writer

Since 1990, the elderly population in Mountainside has surged at a fast rate and the relatively small town has become home to the largest group of senior citizens throughout Union County.

The latest Census 2000 information indicates senior citizens age 75 and older comprise 13 percent of Mountainside's population. Even a 2-percent increase has altered the median age. Today, the median age lies at 46.4 percent compared to 44.5 10 years ago. Both the figures pertaining to the 75 and over senior community and median age within Mountainside are the highest out of the 21 municipalities in the county.

Improvements in the medical field and Baby Boomers are several contributing factors responsible for the senior age boom. With the advances in medical technology, people are living longer. Already, aging Baby Boomers have bumped the median age for New Jerseyans up two years, from 34.4 to 36.7 years, in the past decade.

Brighton Gardens By Marriott is the only living assistance facility for the elderly within the community. Yolanda Andrews, director of sales at the facility, explained why most residents decide to spend their "golden years" in Mountainside.

She said most senior citizens maintain close relationships with their fellow neighbors. "The seniors in this town are prepared to help each other," she said. "By ringing a doorbell they are able to call on their next door neighbor without being taken advantage of."

Lottie Melamed, 89, and Erna Heinemen, 93, are residents at the senior facility. Together these women said they feel safe and adjusted to their lifestyles in Mountainside.

Melamed even takes an 10-week anthropology course at the Township of Union Senior Center.

"I never want to stop learning, and I enjoy the activities offered, so I can get a chance to see the town," she said.

When Melamed takes a break from the books, she spends her summer days as a member of the Mountainside Pool.

Vicky Schmidt takes care of Melamed, Heinemen and a host of other elderly patients as a registered nurse. For 39 years, Schmidt and her family have continued to live in Mountainside. She said most of the elderly homeowners are staying in Mountainside because of the taxes.

"Mountainside has the lowest taxes in Union County and most senior citizens are able to pay the fees and continue to own their own homes."

Recently, more families have settled into the town, according to Census data. Twenty-seven percent of married couples with children have found a niche in Mountainside's population of 6,602 residents. The Board of Education acknowledged this increase and is prepared to accommodate more children in the school system.

The reopening of the Beechwood school will prepare the district to educate the additional amount of children entering Mountainside. Construction may be completed by fall 2002.

The influx of families and stable elderly population contributed to Mountainside's housing increase. Occupied housing units are 2,434, which is up 40 units during the previous decade.

Andrews mentioned why some residents are more inclined to stay in the community and pass their homes down from generation to generation.

Springfield Board of Health meets next month

The Springfield Board of Health will meet July 11 at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building on North Trivett Avenue. a faran na hanna ann a

Other meetings this year are sche-

duled for Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

A benefit for everyone

An athletic field is often the first thing people notice when they drive into a high school parking lot.

How is the school's athletic program? How are the facilities they play on? If the facilities are no good, then how much pride and interest can the students take in physical education and sports?

Those looking to have their sons or daughters attend the school will want them to have a facility that's clean, up to date, and safe.

It's something that says a lot about a town, and about the community's involvement with their children. Does the town and school system care enough about sports and recreation to provide for its students?

The Springfield Township Committee is moving forward with a land swap with Union County which finally should get the ball rolling on rehabilitating the lands around Jonathan Dayton High School that are badly in need of repair.

The committee recently authorized a land survey to determine exactly how much land the township would get in the proposed trade of land with the county.

Springfield may receive about 9 acres of land around the high school, while the county may get more than 11 acres next to the 4 acres it already owns near the Springfield-Union border on Mountain Avenue.

According to the agreement, the county will give this Green Acres property behind the high school to the township. After the exchange is completed, Springfield will give the county the acreage near the Springfield-Union border.

What makes the trade such a promising deal is that Green Acres lands are property set aside for recreational purposes. Since it would now be Green Acres land, it will hopefully figure more prominently in terms of getting renovated and protecting it from further harm and neglect.

The township and the Board of Education are still in discussions about what they intend to do with the lands, and they will not know for sure until after the land survey is completed in a few weeks.

Although the field referenda proposed by the Board of Education several months ago failed, maybe the township and the Board of Education can work toward finding ways to fund renovations to the fields.

People will not be attracted to a municipality that has substandard athletic facilities. There's a lack of pride when students are bused to other facilites for track meets and sporting events, or when games and meets consistently need to be held at away sites. What's the point of having a field if it is not being used as much as possible?

How embarrassing is it to have your high school team bused to Millburn for track meets? What type of message does this send to students that their school fields are not good enough or safe enough to be used? Imagine what the construction of new stands, lights and a modern track could bring to the high school. Besides being a source of pride, it will show the students that their town and school board cares enough about them to provide facilities that can improve their health, self-esteem and academic success. Kids who are involved in sports are less likely to be involved with drugs because they have a higher self-esteem and are more likely to display success in other educational areas because of the confidence they get from playing sports. Improving the recreational facilities in one area will show that it could be done throughout town. Not only is this land swap good for the high school, but it could lead the way to renovations at the fields and athletic facilities for Sandmeier School, Gaudineer Middle School, and, of course, Meisel Field. We hope this will enable the township and the school board to look for ways to improve the fields around the high school and throughout the Springfield school system. This will not only benefit the people who use the fields or those who have children in the school system, but people throughout the community. More people will want to move into and remain in a town that offers exceptional athletic fields and recreational opportunities. Maybe once the township takes ownership of the land, Springfield can show residents it cares enough about their youth and anyone else who uses the property. It could increase fitness and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and show that Springfield really does care.



THE POWER OF PUBLICI-TY --- Girl Scout Troop 739 of Springfield recently visited Harrington Communications, a public relations agency in Springfield, to learn more about women in business. Enjoying the visit are, from left, front row, Nicole DePrimio, Amanda Majewski, Jennifer Quagliato, Carrie Ann Bertschy and Lauren Guida; and back row Angela Harring-ton, Joseph Catena, Caitlin Quagliato, Nicolette Cozzi and troop leader Anna Marie Quagliato.

words Freeholders need an economy of

Don't tick off the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Last week, board members seemed to take a personal affront to Union resident Tom Saccone's remarks lambasting them on the county budget during a public hearing. Granted, they all made valid points in defense of their spending plan, such as continuing to provide various services and five previous years of stable tax levies. The hearing, however, was a study in redundancy as eight of the nine freeholders had to get their two cents in.

Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella seemed to glance at the lighting system, which alerts speakers to how much time they have remaining, more than a few times while Saccone was at the podium. His five minutes ended and then it was the freeholders' turn.

Interestingly, two freeholders who have served on school boards in the past — Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth and Deborah Scanlon of Union ---pointed to the school portion of tax bills as a cause for high property taxes. Local districts attribute more than 50 percent of the bill.

Even the sweet and reserved Scanlon got testy during Saccone's diatribe.

While complaining about the high property taxes in New Jersey, Saccone said, "I could move to Delaware and..."

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna **Regional Editor**

Freeholder Linda Stender of Fanwood railed against the shortcomings of state government in providing property tax relief to municipalities, increasing state debt, its lack of support in funds to Union County, and the \$500-million no-bid contract for EZ-Pass.

The state only offers "stupid gimmicks" like the New Jersey SAVER program instead of sending relief to municipalities. "We've taken steps in economic development, the key to the future, without the help of Trenton."

"What New Jersey is to Washington, D.C., Union County is to Trenton," Stender said, as the county sends the most money to the state while receiving the least, including percapita highway spending.

"I look forward to a change in Trenton next year, to see some change in the property tax issue," Stender said.

I'll admit, Stender made good

ber? The only time freeholders alluded to her campaign, implicitly no less, were cutesy comments like, "I'm sure you'll be able to be in a position to bring more funds to Union County," from Mirabella.

Then it was the other freeholders' turn to repeat pretty much what everyone else already had said. Providing services, no tax increases in recent years, yada, yada, yada. After 30 minutes of presenting resolutions, a 10-minute presentation to the freeholder board and 40 minutes in closed session, it was nearly 9 p.m. before the budget hearing even began and then 40 minutes of the freeholders rebutting Saccone's five minutes.

In addition to criticizing a minor tax increase, Saccone eventually made the mistake of talking about the lack of Republican representation on the freeholder board. "I can't change it and I wouldn't want to," Scanlon said. After all, freeholders said, it's the will of the public that has put Democrats into all nine seats on the dais. Shame on the public.

The Democrats raise far more money and run better campaigns than the GOP and that's what wins elections. Don't kid yourself into thinking it's the candidates.

At least Stender provides some

describe as verbal diarrhea. Is it any wonder no one watches this stuff on TV, much less attends the meetings?

As is generally the case during meetings, Freeholder Angel Estrada was the only member who did not need to hear the sound of his own voice. I think that's what I like best about him; he has an economy with words.

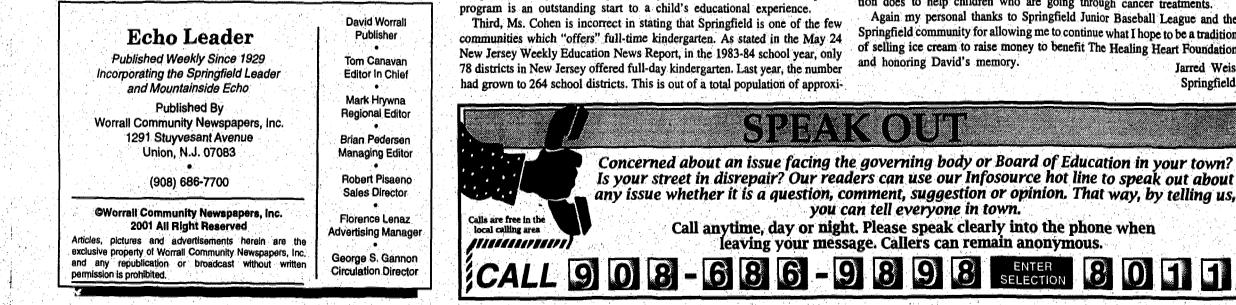
Next year I hope the freeholders budget a couple bucks to buy a thesaurus. I'm sure the county manager and directors tackle the budget every year with vigor, but why is it that they're always doing "a yeoman's job?"

Mirabella made one of the best points at the meeting: all the county's budget hearings are open to the public yet only one person attends - Vinnie Lehotsky. Same goes for the public hearing on the bugdet; half-a-million residents in Union County and only two speak about \$320 million of their money.

If people took some time to attend meetings and understand the budget, they would know where the money is going, Mirabella said. "If you don't, you're missing out on something."

The only people in attendance to hear the freeholders rattle on last week were myself, Lehotsky, Saccone and more than a dozen staff and department heads, who get paid to be there. Even the Republicans have to pay someone to go to freeholder meetings in "watchdog" Wally Shackell.

"Press freedoms do not affect only big media companies and snoopy reporters. Instead. . . these freedoms affect everyone who consumes news, advertises their businesses and values open government." Douglas Lee, lawyer, 1999



"...and what?" Scanlon interrupted.

points about state government --- ones I even agree with — but to use her freeholder seat to begin stumping for her run at the Assembly in Novemsubstance to her comments as opposed to other freeholders who seem afflicted with what my eighthgrade social studies teacher would

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's time to get accurately informed To the Editor:

I feel compelled to respond to false statements that were made in the May 24 issue of the Letters to Editor by Ms. Dexler and Ms. Cohen.

It has taken me an extra week to respond because I want to give correct statements.

First, the statements Springfield taxpayers will now have to be charged for about 100 non-special education 4-year-olds - pre-K children - for door-todoor transportation, as stated in Cohen's letter, and taxpayers pay for 100 prekindergarten children to be bused to Walton School, as stated in Drexler's letter, are completely and totally false.

Addressing Ms. Cohen's statement first: We're not just now being charged. The pre-K program has been in town since 1992. Second, addressing both women, there are not 100 pre-K children being bused; only 51 pre-K children are bused out of a total pre-K population of 134. Of the 51 pre-K children bused, seven are special education, 19 do pay for the bus, leaving 25 being bused as mandated by state law.

State law requires busing to be provided to children who live outside a twomile radius or in Hazardous Busing Zones. Other families do have the option to pay if they would like their child to ride the bus only if there are seats available on that bus route.

Second, Ms. Drexler asked, why was the pre-K program left in the Springfield school budget? It's because this program has been the primary reason for the boom of new families in town; so much so that The Star-Ledger ranked Springfield as one of the Top-10 communities experiencing a kiddle boom; March March 10, "Old towns grow on young folk: States senior suburbs show population spurt."

The article states that many of the towns actually would have lost population in the 1990s if not for their new "kiddie" residents. Because of this, Springfield's property values have been increasing greater than the average of the surrounding communities. Now let me ask you, wouldn't it be nice to receive an above average price for your home when you go to sell it? I believe the answer to this is a no-brainer.

Also, over the past several years, approximately five other towns have come to Springfield to preview the pre-K program. These towns feel that the pre-K mately 570 school districts that offer any kind of kindergarten program. Based on these facts, it's more than just a few. Besides, the New Jersey Department of Education is working toward mandating full-day kindergarten. Why should we stop it, only to have to reinstate it in a few years? After all, the full-day kindergarten has been a part of Springfield's educational curriculum since 1981.

Lastly, why didn't either Ms. Drexler and/or Ms. Cohen speak at the Township Committee meetings regarding the school budget to voice their concerns? I was there and voiced my opinions.

Stop running and hiding and putting false information in the newspaper. And as for attending the Board of Education meetings, I don't believe I have ever seen either of you there on a regular basis. Besides you two, more residents do need to attend the Board of Education and Township Committee meetings to understand everything, before spouting false and/or inaccurate information in the newspaper.

Springfield residents, it's time to get accurately informed.

Laura Delia Springfield

Thanks for helping to honor David

To the Editor:

Thanks to the support of the Springfield Junior Baseball League Board of Directors, the generosity of our community and wonderful weather, I was able to present Lisa, Steven and Rachel Nehmer with a substantial donation for the Healing Heart Foundation. This was my third, and most successful ice cream sale, which was held this year during Springfield Junior Baseball League and Girls' Softball opening day picnic. As most people in Springfield know, The Healing Heart Foundation was established by the Nehmer family in memory of their son, David, whose battle with cancer ended on Aug. 6, 1998 when he was just 12 years old.

Raising money during a baseball function in David's memory is particularly meaningful since David, a.k.a. D.J., was a devoted player and a huge Yankee fan.

The people who knew David were very generous and supportive of my efforts. For those residents who are new in town, I had the opportunity to tell them all about David and the important work that The Healing Heart Foundation does to help children who are going through cancer treatments.

Again my personal thanks to Springfield Junior Baseball League and the Springfield community for allowing me to continue what I hope to be a tradition of selling ice cream to raise money to benefit The Healing Heart Foundation Jarred Weiss

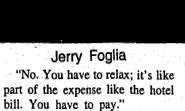
Springfield

ECHO LEADER

We're asking Will increased gas prices keep you from driving?



Daniel Goscicki "No. If I didn't drive I wouldn't be able to work or go to school or do anything. Unfortunately, we're trapped."



Rose Kotler "No; I have a Saturn and it doesn't cost me as much in gas as I get very good mileage."

Kathy Chen

"No. I have to drive, but the prices are much too high."

Firefighters help kids trapped in locked vehicle

Springfield

• Friday: 3:10 p.m., Gail Court residence for a medical service call; 9:16 p.m., Millburn Avenue business to assist the Police Department in gaining entry to building.

• May 31: 7:52 a.m., 8:56 a.m., Walton School for an activated fire alarms; 11:02 a.m., South Maple residence for a water condition; 12:14 p.m., South Gate residence for a medical service call; 1:43 a.m., Morris Avenue business for a medical service call; 1:51 p.m., Echo Plaza business for a medical service call.

FIRE BLOTTER

• May 30: 3:03 p.m., Morris Avenue apartment complex for children locked in a vehicle; 9:14 p.m., Stonehill Road apartment complex for an activated fire alarm.

• May 29: 7:58 a.m., Hillside Avenue residence for a medical service call; 2:49 p.m., Morris Turnpike business for a medical service call; 10:07 p.m., Route 22 East business for an activated fire alarm.

• May 27: 3:21 p.m., Sherwood

Road residence for an activated fire late night park users. Fire alarm; 6:39 p.m., Pitt Road residence extinguished. for a gas grill fire; 7:26 p.m., Route 78 West for a motor vehicle accident.

Mountainside

• Friday: 7:06 a.m., hot shower set off an alarm, this time on Whipporwill Way; 10:58 p.m., Sheffield Street warehouse on report of a light on fire. A ballast in a fixture was the area of the problem. Power cut to fixture; 10:16 p.m., Echo Lake Park on report of a brush fire. Investigation revealed a small camp fire was being tended by

• May 30: 12:14 a.m., Assisted living facility on an activated smoke alarm. A muffin being overmicrowaved found to be the cause.

• May 25: 9:52 a.m., Sunny Slope Drive residence on report of an activated alarm. Steam from a shower set off a smoke detector; 1:52 p.m., Belair Court residence on report of a smoke condition. Unattended cooking found to be the cause. House ventilated with a fan.



Mountainside

Victor Tejada-Urena, 22, of the 1200 block of West Front Street, Plainfield, was charged with operating an automobile with stolen plates and a stolen license on Sunday.

At 1:30 p.m., authorities apprehended Urena along 1021 Route 22 East. The stolen property is valued under \$200. Urena is scheduled on June 21 to appear in Municipal Court. • Carlos Custodio, 28, of the 230

block of Carol Road, North Plainfield,

POLICE BLOTTER

with a suspended license. Authorities uncovered active warrants in the amount of \$444 for Silva.

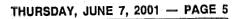
• Rasheed Walker, 20, of the 260 block of Schley Street, Hillside, was charged with driving with a suspended license on Friday. At 1:14 a.m., Walker was apprehended by authorities along Route 22 East along the Springfield-Mountainside border.

was charged with driving while intoxicated on May 26. Authorities apprehended Celorlo along Parkway at 1:23 a.m. Bail was set at \$375. • Diego Gonzales, 32, of Stacy Drive, Annandale, was charged with driving while intoxicated with a suspended license on May 26. Authorities apprehended Gonzales along

Route 22 West at 1:17 a.m. • Erskine Byrd, 30, of the 48 block of Osborne Terrace, Newark, was charged with driving with a suspended license on May 25. Authorities apprehended Byrd along Route 22 East at 9:35 a.m. A court date is scheduled for June 21.

the 100 block of Morris Avenue returned from their Memorial Day weekend holiday to find property damaged and items missing. Five different incidents were reported and occurred sometime between May 25 and 29.

A total of seven laptop computers and four carrying cases were reported stolen. A door to an office was damaged and the inner and outer office doors were damaged. • A shoplifter stole six National Basketball Association jerseys on May 28 at 8:06 p.m. The items were reported stolen from a sporting goods store on Route 22 East and were valued at \$240.





was charged with driving while intoxicated on Sunday. At 3:58 a.m. the authorities apprehended Custodio along Route 22 East. Bail was set at \$375. He is expected to appear in Municipal Court today.

• Hiram Galloza, 18, of the 30 block of North Bergen Street, Dover, was charged with driving with a suspended license on Sunday. At 2:24 a.m., authorities apprehended Galloza along Route 22 West near Mountainside and Scotch Plains. Galloza is expected in Municipal Court on June 21.

• Italo Silva, 22, of the 40 block of Hawkins Street, Newark, was charged with tampering with public records or information on Saturday. At 11:36 a.m., authorites apprehended Silva for speeding near 1385 Route 22 East. After he was stopped his false license was discovered, according to police, in addition to operating the vehicle

• Thomas Day, 32, of Kingberry Square was charged with contemptjudical order on May 29. Day was apprehended by authorities at 4:32 p.m. along Route 22 East. The suspect was arrested for a Mountainside warrant for \$581.

• Janis Hilton, 47, of the 110 block of Parker Street, Maplewood, was charged with driving while intoxicated on May 28. The authorities apprehended Hilton along Route 22 East at the Springfield-Mountainside border at 2:04 a.m.

• Malik Abrams, 25, of the 800 block of Second Place, Plainfield, was charged with driving with a suspended license on May 27. Authorities apprehended Abrams near Route 22 West along Pembrook Road at 2:48 a.m. Bail was set at \$250 and Abrams is to appear in court June 21. • Jamie Celorlo, 29, of the 200 block of Walnut Street, Westfield,

Springfield

Tenants at an office building along

STORK CLUB

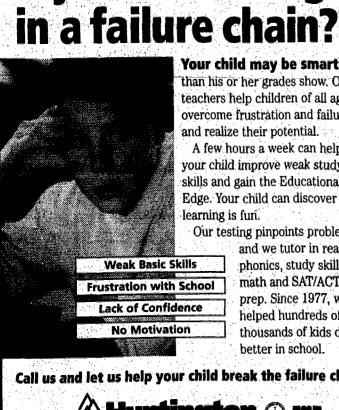
Caitlin Bree Llull

Caitlin Bree was born to Pamela Llull-Knowles, formerly of Springfield and Hackettstownm and Rodney Dean Knowles, formerly of Hackettstown, now residing in Richmond, Va., on May 16 at 5:18 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Susan F. Llull of Springfield, her first grandchild.

Rodney is the son of Jerry D. Knowles of Hazel Green, Ala., and Charlene and Doug Cross of Pottersville.

Pamela is the daughter of the late Thomas L. Llull, granddaughter of Elizabeth and the late Frank W. Wehrle of Springfield, and the late Dr. and Mrs. Gabriel J. Llull of Springfield and Summit-



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AT THE LIBRARY

Video series continues with two inventors

The Springfield Public Library's summer lunchtime video series continues with "Thomas Edison" and "Henry Ford" on June 19 at noon. These two friends left lasting marks on the modern world, Edison through his more than 1,000 inventions and Ford with his mass-produced automobiles.

The son of an Irish immigrant, Ford showed an early interest in mechanics, constructing his first steam engine at age 15. After attracting public attention by building several racing cars, Ford organized the Ford Motor Company in 1903. With the aim of mass ownership, he had to invent mass production techniques.

Born into a world eager for new ways to free man from toil and tedium, Edison had his own chemical laboratory by age 11. He invented the incandescent light, the motion picture camera, the phonograph, the microphone, the carbon telephone transmitter, and many other devices that would change the American future.

The series will continue on July 13 with "The Audrey Hepburn Story," July 17 with "Franklin D. Roosevelt" and "Babe Ruth," July 31 with "Irving Berlin," August 14 with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman," and August 28 with "Ella Fitzgerald."

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Each video is 55 minutes. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Automotive bronze art cruises in on June 15

Automotive sculptor Bernard Corman has had a fascinaton for vintage American cars for as long as he can remember. Combining this with an

interest in surreal and pop art, he has created a new genre of cast bronze art that is both visually intriguing and classically beautiful.

An exhibit of his sculpture can be viewed at The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from June 15 to July 26.

Corman's sculptures are of cars doing things one wouldn't normally expect them to do. His artwork has received national attention in Hot Rod Magazine and other publications.

Corman's path isn't what one typically associates with an artist. Although he did attend the Chicago Art Institue, he hasn't spent his time pursuing galleries for showings. He exhibited at a Burn Foundation show near Allentown, PA., which benefited a children's hospital that specializes in treating burn victims. But mostly, he avoids galleries.

Instead, he has had several apprenticeships and worked in the foundry at the Johnson Atelier in Mercerville, learning about the art and science of bronze casting. Since then, he has sought a more commercial venue for his artwork, largely selling at automotive events and auctions across the country. He describes himself and his work as being "out on the front lines."

Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m to 4:30 p.m. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Volunteers are needed

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., is sponsoring a volunteer homebound delivery program. The library is seeking volunteers who are interested in delivering library materials to shut-ins.



Marianne Bibbo **Bibbo gets BS degree**

from Montclair State

Marianne Bibbo, a 1997 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, completed her baccalaureate degree from Montclair State University May 25, where her major was business administration concentrating in accounting.

Bibbo has been accepted into the MBA program at Montclair and hopes to soon sit for the CPA.

Presently, she is doing an internship with Tiffany and Company in Parsippany. In September, she will be working full time for the accounting firm of Rothstein Kass and Co. in Roseland.

Jacobs gets bachelor's degree from Lafayette

Lafayette awarded 518 bachelor's degrees to 509 graduating seniors and honorary doctorates to five distinguished leaders, including the Pulitzer

STUDENT UPDATE Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns

Goodwin, at the College's 166th Commencement May 19. Mountainside resident Benjamin Harrison Jacobs, received an A.B.in Biology.

Wilf gets top honor in Rider tournament

Springfield resident Elana Wilf. a freshman at The Pingry School, garnered a top honor at Rider University's Foreign Language Forensic Tournament. Wilf won in the recitation of a published work category for French. Wilf is one of six Pingry winners at this year's competition.

Rider University's Foreign Language Forensic Tournament is held annually and attracts 2,000 students from 80 high schools from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Sponsored by Rider's Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, the tournament features competition in Spanish, French, German, Italian, and Russian on both the intermediate and advanced levels. The competition includes recitation of original or published works, performance of original skits, dramatic interpretation, and extemporaneous speaking as well as the popular "college bowl" competition.

Crane recognized with U.S. honor roll award

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Tara Anne Crane of Mountainside has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Tara Anne Crane, who attends Governor Livingston High School, will appear in the United States

Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said George Stevens, executive director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Tara Anne Crane is the daughter of William and Linda Crane of Mountainside. The grandparents are William and Grace Crane of Mountainside and Alfred and Evelyn Shek of Westfield.

Kessel named on 3rd marking period honors

Scott Kessel, a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School, recently made the honor roll for the third marking period.

Lieb graduates with honors from Brandeis

Adam Michael Lieb, son of Martin and Linda Lieb of Springfield, graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University, in Waltham, Mass., May 20. Lieb was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, as well as Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society for stu-

dents of political science, his major. This fall, Lieb will continue his education in the field of political science at Columbia University in New York City. Lieb is a 1997 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

Firsichbaum named to Dean's List at Rider

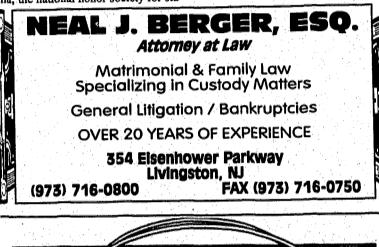
Laurie Firsichbaum, daughter of Sue and Steve Firsichbaum of Springfield, was named to the dean's list at Rider University for the 2001 spring semester. A 1999 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Firsichbaum will be starting her Junior year at Rider this fall. She is a marketing major with a concentration in retailing and accounting. Firsichbaum is due to graduate from Rider in the spring of 2003.

St. Peter's honors Scott

Freshman Daniel Scott of Springfield was among the 324 students at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City recognized at a recent honors assembly for achieving.

Scott is a 2001 graduate of St. Rose of Lima School in Short Hills and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Springfield.

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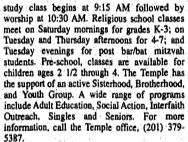


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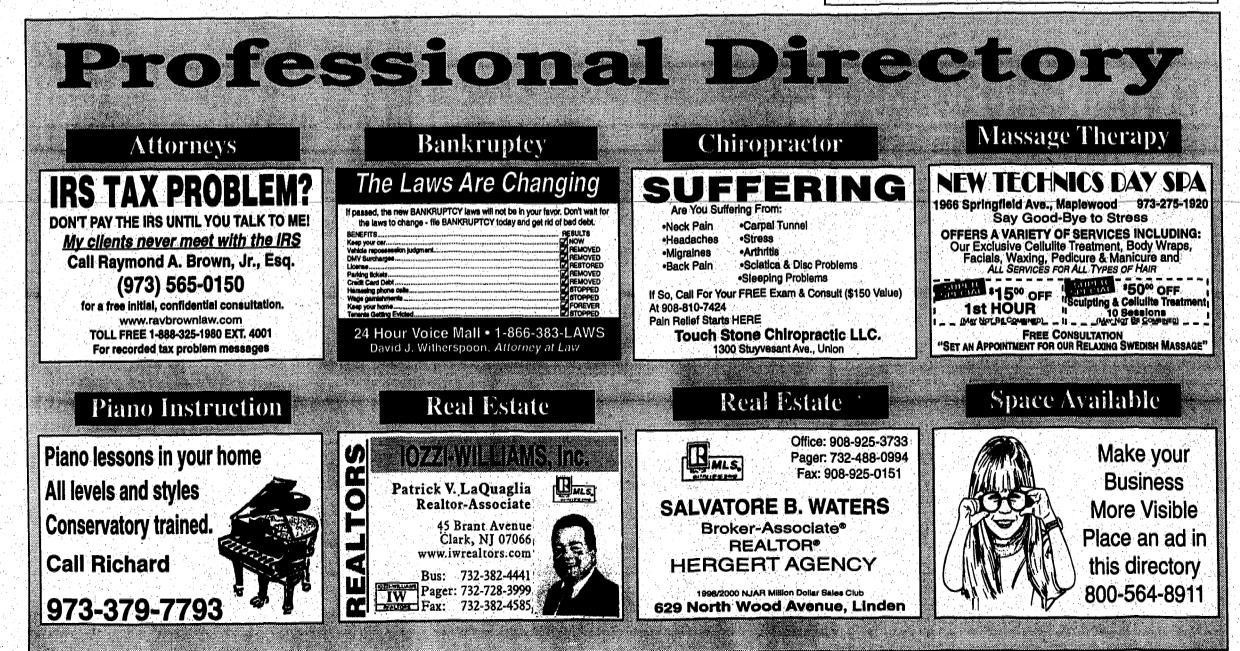
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OBITUARIES

Wesley Stanger Jr.

Wesley A. Stanger Jr., 92, of Summit, died May 23 at the King James Nursing Home, Chatham.

Born in Evanston, Ill., Mr. Stanger lived in Cranford for about 55 years before moving to Summit. He was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania for 20 years and chairman of the board of both the Madison Fund and American South African Investments Ltd., two of the largest closed-end investment companies in the United States. Mr. Stanger was a director of many corporations, both public and private, and maintained interests in a wide variety of businesses.

He joined Dillon, Read and Co., and in 1933, he formed Riter & Co., and was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, with several other Dillon, Read alumni.

He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, the Wharton School, in 1929. Mr. Stanger was captain of the tennis team in both his junior and senior years and was undefeated in varsity play. In 1929, he was Eastern Intercollegiate champion. He toured and had an exhibition play with tennis immortal, Bill Tilden.

Mr. Stanger served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant during World War II and was in the Naval Reserves. He was a member of Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, and the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Natalie; two sons, William M. and Robert A.; a brother, Rhys L.; seven grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

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Samuel R. Camaleri

Samuel R. Camaleri, 88, of Springfield died June 1 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Italy, Mr. Camaleri lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 51 years ago. He was an office clerk for The Money Store, Union, for six years and retired six years ago. Prior to that, Mr. Camaleri owned and operated the Springfield Oil Co., Springfield, for 30 years.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony W. and Edward; a daughter, Joan, and two grandchildren.

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Azeglio Pancani Jr.

Azeglio T. Pancani Jr., 90, of Springfield died June 2 in Southern Ocean County Hospital, Manahawkin,

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Pancani lived in New York City before moving to Springfield 62 years ago. He was an architect and maintained a firm in Springfield, Azeglio T. Pancani Jr. Architect, for 30 years and retired 13 years ago. He was a member of the American Institute of Architectures.

Mr. Pancani had served as chair-

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man of the Springfield Planning Board and was past president of the Springfield Chapter of UNICO National and Springfield Lions Club. Surviving are a son, Richard; three grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

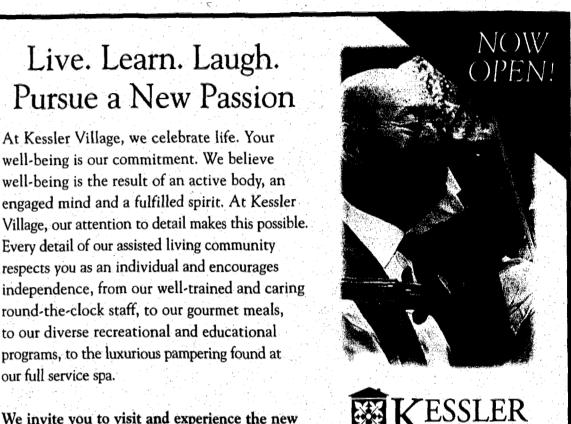
John J. Feeley

John J. Feeley, 82, of Summit died June 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Feeley lived in East Chester, N.Y., for 23 years before moving to Summit 16 years

ago. He was the founder and president of Feeley & Wheeler Inc., an industrial advertising firm in New York City, for 20 years and retired in 1974. His agency was the home of the Nixon for President campaign in 1967 and 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen; a son, Michael J.; a sister, Mary F.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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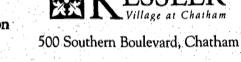
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James Cariello

Scholar-athletes were honored

The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference's 24th awards dinner was held at the Westwood in Garwood May 17 as each school from Union County was represented by a scholar-athlete.

Dayton's scholar-athletes are James Cariello and Olga Oksov. Governor Livingston's scholar-

athletes are Marc Fellezola and Jenny Calabrese.

Summit's scholar-athletes are Ryan Clark and Katie Ardington.

Cariello has a 3.55 grade-point average and was a starter on the boys' basketball and baseball teams. He helped the basketball team win the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1. championship.

Cariello intends to continue his baseball playing days at Montclair State University for coach Norm Schoenig. MSU finished third in the NCAA Division 3 Tournament after winning its third national championship last season.

Fellezola won the Gardell award and Megan Bauer of Rahway the Duncan award as the county's outstanding male and female scholarathletes.

Springfield baseball teams impress

The following are Springfield Junior Baseball League results: Athletics 18, Rangers 4: Stephen Suarez earned the mound victory, pitching the first three innings at Roessner Field. Kenny Glennon pitched the final two. Brandon Gincel, Chris Kurzman, A.J. Tettamonte, Doug Singer, Dave Dougherty, Aaron

Summit vs. Moorestown for boys' lacrosse state crown

Hilltoppers oust defending champ Delbarton

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

BRIDGEWATER - Defense was the name of the game Tuesday as the Summit High School boys' lacrosse team stymied two-time defending champion Delbarton 4-2 in the semifinal round of the NJSIAA/PSEG Tournament at Basilone Field.

Summit, which improved to 20-2, is scheduled to meet Moorestown on Saturday in the final at Rutgers University's Yurcak Field at 3 p.m.

Moorestown improved to 17-3 by taking an 11-3 decision over Mountain Lakes in the second semifinal.

"It was a real good game and the kids played great." Summit coach Jim Davidson said. "We just went out there

and played good, hard lacrosse." The tone of the game was set early on as both teams were denied good scoring chances due to the well-played defensive schemes.

Summit finally broke through at the 6:15 mark when iunior midfielder Matt Starker snapped a wrist shot from 20 meters out that beat Delbarton goalie Edwin Courtemanche to the left corner.

"I caught the ball on top of the circle and made a move." Starker said. "Then after I saw the defenseman slip, so I took the shot.'

The Hilltoppers looked to add to their lead with under a minute left in the first period, but senior midfielder Ryan Clark was turned away as Courtemanche made a sliding save in front of the goal.

With 18 seconds left in the first period, Summit was called for a slashing penalty.

The penalty proved to be costly as the Green Wave's junior midfielder Matthew Cohen knotted things up at 1-1 as he blasted an 18-foot rocket past Summit goalie Mike Sartorius at 11:29 of the second quarter.

Sartorius came up big a minute later as he stonewalled junior attackman Brian Hubschmann on consecutive shots.

"I felt good in warm-ups and it just carried over in the game," Sartorius said. "I was seeing the ball really well except for the first goal because it kind of handcuffed me."

Summit gained control in the last minute before intermission and its patience paid off as junior attackman J.P. Coviello found junior midfielder Rob Lecky in front of the net for a goal and a 2-1 lead.

"You have to chip away and take your time when playing a team like Delbarton," Davidson said.

Sartorius made nine saves in the first half, while Courtemanche had four stops.

Again, defense was the story to start the second half as both teams missed wide with shots. Summit had a good chance at the 9:05 mark, but junior attackman Keith Schroeder's shot was snagged by Courtemanche.

The Hilltoppers weren't denied at the 5:56 mark as junior defenseman Todd Ward gained control at midfield and raced down the field and around the net for a wraparound goal and a 3-1 advantage.

Delbarton, which entered the game as the state's topranked team and finished at 20-3, showed its mettle as it cut the deficit to 3-2 early in the fourth quarter.

On a man-advantage, Cohen found junior attackman Ben Johnson on the right corner of the circle for a goal that was scored at the 8:02 mark.

The momentum didn't last long as Summit struck just under two minutes later.

Starker found a cutting Schroeder in front of the crease for his team's final goal, giving the Hilltoppers a 4-2 cushion.

"I was getting a lot of pressure, so I ran around and found Schroeder in front where he broke open and buried it," Starker said.

The rest was all Sartorius as he made three big saves down the stretch to preserve the victory. He finished the game with 20 saves.

"Mike was unbelievable in goal," Davidson said. "The defense communicated real well and did a great job."

File photo

The Summit High School girls' lacrosse team, sparked by the play of No. 15 Vicky Paccione, captured the NJSIAA/PSEG Group B North sectional championship by defeating Hopewell Valley 13-7 last Friday in Summit. Paccione scored to give the Hilltoppers a 5-2 lead.

Summit captures **Group B North**

Hilltoppers reach goal

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

SUMMIT --- "This was a big challenge for us and one of the goals we set during the season," Summit High School girls' lacrosse coach Samantha Kenny said after her team defeated Hopewell Valley 13-7 last Friday at Tatlock Field in the NJSIAA/PSEG Group B North sectional championship game.

The victory pushed the Hilltoppers' record to 16-2-2 and into Tuesday's scheduled Group B championship game against undefeated and top-ranked Moorestown. The South Jersey power entered the game at Monmouth University with a record of 22-0 and had a 44-game winning streak going since falling to Summit 5-4 in the 1999 NJSIAA Tournament championship game at Rutgers.

High School Girls' Lacrosse

Hopewell Valley, which finished at 13-5, was the surprise tearn of the tournament, posting upsets on the road against No. 12 Mountain Lakes and No. 10 West Essex. HV looked to complete the hat-trick as it took a 2-0 lead early against Summit.

Just 1:05 into the game, Hopewell Valley tallied for a goal as Abby Brewster connected off a feed from Caitlin Lane for a 1-0 lead.

Less than four minutes later, the Bulldogs made it 2-0 as Melissa Conley scored unassisted from just inside the crease.

"After falling behind 2-0, I was tempted to call a timeout but didn't because,

Dayton boys' tennis has season full of highlights State champ Bulldogs conclude at 22-2

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By JR Parachini **Sports Editor**

The Dayton High School boys' tennis team had a season to remember as the Bulldogs finished a brilliant 2001 campaign with a school-best 22-2 record.

Dayton was sparked by the play of Lawrence Bluestone, Chad Freundlich, Sergey Khoroshevskiy, Felix Mil, Adam Jersey this year and was second best in the county to UCT champion Summit, which fell to West Essex three times, including once in the North 2, Group 2 final.

The Bulldogs captured a third consecutive Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division title, but this time won it outright. After sharing the conference crown with New Providence the past two seasons, Dayton swept the division this year, posting a 10-0 record in the Valley.

Weinbaum and Suarez drove in runs, while Kyle Seeley scored the game's first run.

Yankees 11, Athletics 7: Jacob Weersinghe, Kenny Glennon, Chris Kurzman and Stephen Suarez drove in runs for the Athletics in a fiveinning game at Roessner.

Cardinals 18, Athletics 4: Chris Kurzman belted a double, Kenny Glennon stole home after reaching on a single and Stephen Suarez drove in a run as the Athletics scored twice in the bottom of the first.

Softball players excel

The penultimate portion of the 40th anniversary season of the Springfield Girls Softball League was marked by a distingiushed group of performances by several players.

The undefeated A's continued their seemingly unstoppable march to the pennant with a string of overwhelming victories.

Starring roles were filled by leadoff hitter extraordinare Danielle DiPrimio, slugging southpaw Anna D'Achille and top closer and fireman Jennifer Fiorelli.

The spirited play of Allyson Schachtel is a pleasure to witness as well.

The battle royale for the No. 2 slot was knotted up by the high-flying Cardinals, who topped the Rangers in two memorable contests.

For the Cardinals, the hurling of Jennifer Karl, the speedy baserunning of Markea Bryant and the thrilling play of the Martinez sisters, Laura and Elena, were the catalysts for victory.

Additionally, Melissa Bookbinder struck a series of ground-skimming shots that brought a smile and warm sensation of pride to her father.

The Rangers were led by Caitlin Norton, who turned in an admirable and gritty pitching and hitting performance despite being hobbled by a devastating knee injury. Pam Fantl made a game-saving display of flashy glovework, while Geneviueve Ciullo shined on the diamond with some nifty fielding of her own.

The Red Sox, who remained a game behind in the battle for second place, were not without their own happy memories. The grand slam of Jessica Roland electrified the crowd, while the most successful bunter in the league's history, Stacy Sommers, Jen Santucci and Anna Marie Corcione also played well.

Cohen, Chase Freundlich, Jared Weisman, Jonathan Au, Brad Shortall and Brian Sperber.

Sectional and state champions for the first time, the Bulldogs were defeated by West Essex 4.5-.5 in last week's Tournament of Champions competition held at Mercer County Park in West Windsor. It was the first time Dayton was competing in the TOC.

Parochial B state champion Newark Academy captured the TOC by defeating Group 3 champion Millburn 4-1 in the final.

Dayton captured North 2, Group 1 for the first time by edging New Providence 3-2 indoors at Center Court in Chatham. The Bulldogs previously defeated the Pioneers by 4-1 scores away and then home in conference play.

To get back to the final, Dayton defeated Mountain Lakes 4-1 at home in the semifinals. Last year, the Bulldogs lost to Mountain Lakes 3-2 in the final at Whippany Park.

Dayton then defeated North 1 champion Cresskill. 3.5-1.5 in the Group 1 semifinals before topping South Jersey champ Haddon Township 3-2 in the final. Both of those matches were contested at Mercer County Park. Dayton proved to be among the top teams in North

Dayton swept MVC-Valley foes Bound Brook, New Providence, Oratory Prep, North Plainfield and Roselle. Park, beating each home and away.

Dayton did not lose to a Union County opponent or to a Group 1 school and did not lose at home this year. Both of its losses came to Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division teams, those being Hanover Park and West Essex.

Dayton's only regular-season loss was a 3-2 setback at Hanover Park on April 30 after a 9-0 start. The Bulldogs had a 13-match winning streak snapped by West Essex.

Non-conference victories came against Madison, Cranford, Whippany Park, Johnson, Union, Roselle Catholic and Governor Livingston. Dayton beat five of those seven teams by 5-0 scores, the exceptions being 4-1 victories over Johnson and Governor Livingston.

Johnson, the MVC's Mountain Division champion, and GL both made the state playoffs in North 2, Group 2. Johnson finished 14-2, its first loss at Dayton on May 7 and its second to Chatham one week later in the states. The Crusaders finished undefeated against Mountain Division foes, ending their season last week with a 3-2 win at Ridge.

Summit Middle School lacrosse teams turn in excellent efforts

Summit Middle School lacrosse teams continue to excel.

Here's a look at recent results:

8th Grade

Summit traveled to Southington, Conn. on May 20 and put its 11-0 record on the line in the 10th Annual Friendship Games.

Summit defeated Madison, Conn. 7-2, Simsbury, Conn. 4-2 and then downed Greenwich 3-1.

After beating Amherst, New Hampshire 4-0 to improve to 15-0, Summit returned to New Jersey for a game at Berkeley Heights.

Beating Berkeley Heights wasn't meant to be for Summit as it was defeated 5-4 in overtime, finishing its season with an outstanding 15-1 record.

Summit's team consisted of head coach Peter Cordrey, assistant Darren Lowe; middy lines John Alpizar, John Stucky, Nick Stefans, Geof Marks, Ian Kelly, Marshall Hardin, Steve Smith and Chris Collins; attackmen Mike Dugan, Todd Kaiser, Jake Lecky, Alex Munoz, Chris Grimming, Andrew Clark, Sam Kreigman, Andrew Kolaris; defensemen Connor Lyons, Chris Conlon, Brendon Feeney, Will Gano, John Moore, Jack McKenna and goalkeeper Pete Britt.

7th Grade Gold

Summit defeated Ridgewood 4-0, Long Valley 7-3 and Montclair 10-2 to improve to 8-1.

After falling to Mountain Lakes 5-4, the Gold team defeated Doc's, N.Y. 13-3 to improve to 10-2.

Goalie Charlie Forbes recorded his second shutout of the season in the win over Ridgewood.

Keyin Feeney and Scott O'Sullivan scored twice, while Justin MacPherson, Andrew Donnantouno and Justin Oplinger found the net once against Long Valley. Billy Tully and Rob Hillenbrand had assists.

Feeney and Oplinger had two goals and two assists in the Montclair victory. Tully also netted two goals. The defense was led by the play of Andy Sigler, Phil Powers, Ross Anderson, Tod Reynolds and goalie Forbes.

Hillenbrand scored twice and Feeney and Oplinger once in the setback to Mountain Lakes.

Feeney had an outstanding game against the team from New York as he netted four goals and assisted on two others.

Logan Bartlett netted three goals, while O'Sullivan, Hillenbrand and Tully had two goals each.

7th Grade Maroon

Summit defeated Kinnelon 3-2 on May 20, one week after tying the Morris County team 4-4 in a game that was called after one overtime period.

Mark Garcia had a hand in all three Summit goals. After assisting on goals scored by Andrew Jones and Will Gruetzmacher, Garcia got hold of a rebound and whipped a shot past a startled Kinnelon goalie,

Defensemen Nick Herbst, Tyler Chambers, Mark Kinney and Michael Keane played well, along with attackman Jeremy McAuley.

In the tie against Kinnelon, Casey McGuire scored twice and McAuley once to give Summit a 3-1 halftime lead. The Garcia-McGuire combination accounted for another Summit score early in the third quarter, this time with Garcia on the receiving end of McGuire's pass.

However, the Kinnelon goalie thwarted Summit for the rest of the game and Kinnelon scored with only 16 seconds remaining to tie the contest.

at this point in the season, they have to take care of it themselves," Kenny said. "State tournament games aren't about coaching, they're about getting out there and playing."

That's exactly what the Hilltoppers did as they stormed back to score eight unanswered goals.

The first came at the 16:53 mark as sophomore attackman Liz Gamble scored off a free position to slice the lead to 2-1.

It didn't take long to tie things up at 2-2 as senior midfielder Katie Ardington connected off a fast-break pass from senior midfielder Kim Gianis just 23 seconds later.

Ardington gave Summit the lead for good at the 13:55 mark, when she scored off a re-start to make it 3-2.

"We've fallen behind in some games early but know what it takes to get us back up," Ardington said. "We know it's a matter of working harder."

Summit took a 4-2 advantage 25 seconds later on a great effort from Gamble. After the face-off, Gamble scooped up the ball at midfield and raced untouched in front for the goal.

The Hilltoppers struck again just 26 seconds later as junior attackman Vicky Paccione scored off a feed from junior midfielder Liz Sheridan to make it 5-2. Unassisted goals from Gamble, Ardington and Sheridan pushed Summit's

lead to 8-2 with 5:30 left in the first half.

Conley cut the deficit to 8-3 with less than two minutes to play as she scored off a re-start.

Summit got the goal back at the 1:29 mark, when Paccione tallied off a rebound in front to make it 9-3 heading into the half.

"We knew Conley was very good and they like to set up isolation with her," Ardington said. "But our defense played amazing and squeezed her every time."

That was evident in the waning moments of the second half as Conley had to change direction and fire wide right of the net after being in good position in front.

It happened again, this time to Alissa Molinelli, as she shot wide left of goalie Lexi Harrison, Harrison, along with starter Wendy Havourd, teamed up to make six saves on 12 shots.

Molinelli wouldn't be denied on her next attempt as she blasted a shot from eight meters out to make it 9-4.

Summit then responded by scoring the next three goals as Gamble, Ardington and junior midfielder Kate Stefans scored unassisted to make it 12-4.

Brewster and Lane cut the deficit in half at 12-6 by scoring unassisted with 4:19 remaining.

Paccione put the game away with 1:44 left as she connected off a pass from Ardington from just inside the crease to make it 13-6.

Molinelli tallied her second goal with 30 seconds left, but it was a little too late as Summit took the 13-7 victory.

"I also credit my team for playing smart," Kenny said. "We can score from any position and keep the tempo."

Area track athletes qualify for the Meet of Champions

Area track and field athletes Olga Oksov of Dayton, Marty Moroney and Dana McCurdy of Governor Livingston and Sharon Copperhite of Summit qualified for yesterday's scheduled Meet of Champions at South Brunswick. Oksov qualified by placing fifth in the Group 1 girls' high jump last weekend t Egg Harbor.

Oksov placed with a jump of 4-10.

Moroney placed sixth in the boys' Group 2 javelin with a throw of 174-6. McCurdy captured the Group 2 girls' 100-meter hurdles in 15.09 and also placed in the 400-meter dash and the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

McCurdy was fourth in the 490 in 1:00.02 and sixth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 1:05.14.

Copperhite placed sixth in the Group 2 girls' 100 in 13.25.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Township of Springfield Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Mon-day through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accor-dance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Adjustment. Tatvana Yuda

(\$10.50) U5318 ECL June 7, 2001

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2000 AUDIT REPORT OF BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHE	ETS - STATUTO	RY BASIS
	DECEMBER 31. 2000	DECEMBER 31. 1999
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Investments Taxes, Assessments, Llens and Utility	\$ 5,701,636.61	\$ 5,373,768.97
Charges Receivable Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Value	213,363.28 3,875.00	214,996.74 3,875.00
Accounts Receivable Fixed Assets	392,800.74 10,794,918.45	455,545.38 10,794,918.45
Fixed Capital - Utility Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - General Capital	661,107.06 6,548,874.35	661,107.06 <u>4.664,446.88</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$24,316,575.49	\$22,168,658.48
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Bonds and Notes Payable	\$ 3,980,668.95 3,674,670,76	\$ 4,421,446.88 1,527,902.06
Other Liabilities and Special Funds Amortization of Debt of Fixed Capital Acquired	2,265,768.08	2,233,911.56

Amortization of Debt of Fixed Capital Acquired or Authorized Reserve for Fixed Assets Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable Fund Balance	605,342.17 10,794,918.45 264,630.33 2,730,576.75	570,342.17 10,794,918.45 337,936.75 2,282,200.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES	\$24,316,575.49	\$22,168,658.48

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE

IN FUND BALANCE - CURRI	ENT FUND	YEAR 1999
REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED		
Fund Balance Utilized Miscellaneous - From Other Than	\$ 1,550,000.00	\$ 1,600,000.00
Local Property Tax Levies Collection of Delinguent Taxes and	3,290,186.02	2,942,240.31
Tax Title Liens Collection of Current Tax Levy	236,051.65 15,862,156.00	191,825.47 15,352,490.59
Total Income	\$20,938,393.67	\$20,086,556.37
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purposes County Taxes Local and Regional School Taxes Other Expenditures	\$ 6,879,798.96 4,192,498.21 7,870,830.50 665.56	\$ 6,586,985.65 4,122,477.11 7,716,410.50 85,265.14
Total Expenditures	\$18,943,793.23	\$18,511,138.40
Excess in Revenue	\$ 1,994,600.44	\$ 1,575,417.97
Fund Balance, January 1	2,174,579.51	2,199,161.54
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	\$ 4,169,179.95 1,550,000.00	\$ 3,774,579.51 1,600,000.00
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 2,619,179.95	\$ 2,174,579.51

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OPERATING FUND YEAR 2000 YEAR 1999

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REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	and the second second	
Fund Balance Utilized \$ Membership Fees Miscellaneous - From Other than Membership Fees	25,000.00 211,562.50 27,128.51	\$ 23,000.00 205,591.00 33,094.69
Total Income	263,691.01	\$ 261,685.69
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures: Operating \$ Capital Improvement Debt Service Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	171,516.00 16,390.00 39,317.69 9,000.00	
Total Expenditures	236,223.69	\$ <u>234,228.45</u>
Excess in Revenue	27,467.32	\$ 27,457.24
Fund Balance: Balance, January 1	42,767.21	38,309.97
	70,234.53	\$ 65,767.21
Decreased by: Utilized by Swimming Pool Operating Budget	25,000.00	23,000.00
Fund Balance December 31	45,234.53	\$42,767.21

RECOMMENDATION Is ledger be maintained in accordance with Technical "That the general fixed ass Accounting Directive No. 85-2

*Prior year audit recommendation

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the Borough of Mountainside will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with federal and state requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk in the Borough of Mountainside. The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of Mountainside. The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Borough of Mountainside. Count of Union, for the calendar year 2000. This report of audit submitted by Suplee, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person. person. Judith E. Osty, Municipal Clerk

Cannon Ball House will be open for tours in June

In commemoration of the 221st anniversary of the Battle of Springfield, The Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., will be open for tours on June 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. On June 23, 1780, two weeks after the Battle of Connecticut Farms and the murder of Hannah Caldwell, the British and Hessian forces made one final attempt to push through New Jersey and capture George Washington and his army at Morristown. After

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Lot 11 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Mon-day through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accor-dance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Joseph F. De Johr

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U5336 ECL June 7, 2001 (\$11.25) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 19th day of June, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be heid before the Springfield Board of Adjust-ment at the Municipal Building, 100 Moun-tain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application No. 2001-11 regarding the appeal or application of Eberle, Thomas A. & Elizabeth K, for a variance or variances or other rellef ao as to permit installation of air conditioning unit on right side of house, within 20 ft. of propeny line violating Zoning Ordinance Section 502. It on the premises located at 151 Baitusrol Avenue, and desig-nated as Block 505, Lot 14 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on the houra of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Mon-day through Friday (excluding holidays). Any Interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accor-dance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

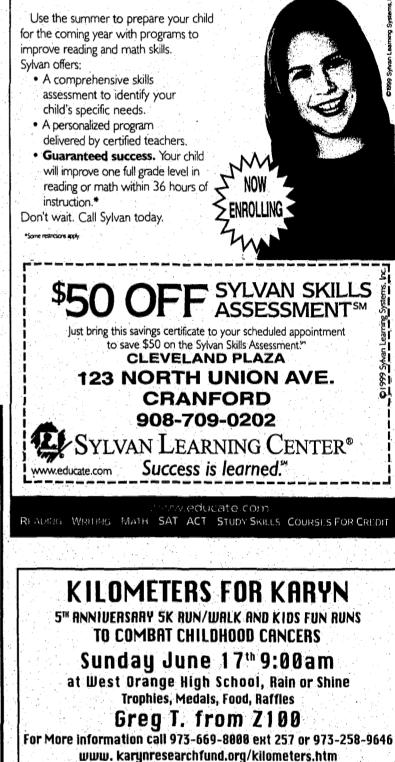
Elizabeth K. Eberle Applicant (\$11.25) U5337 ECL June 7, 2001







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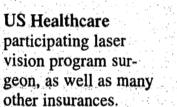
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