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TWO SECTIONS

School board begins long-range facility planning

Field work, renovations included

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

The submission of a draft for the long-range facility plan to the State Department of Education recently was approved by the Springfield Board of Education at its June 25 meeting. The move allows the board to embark on any future capital reserve projects that are included in the plan once they are approved by the state.

As it stands, every proposal within the long-range plan is an uncertainty. Although the plan is past its Dec. 15 due date, it will be submitted to the state electronically.

The long-range plan is a comprehensive report that covers a five-year period, broken down into five sections and including an existing building site inventory, enrollment projections, existing facility assessment, the proposed configurations of various buildings and rooms, and the actual submission of the report to the state.

"In order for us to do any type of capital bonding in the district, the plan has to be submitted to the state Department of Education," said Ellen Ball, school business administrator/assistant secretary. "They have a 90-day turnaround time to review this plan, and they will come back with other areas of revision."

Once the long-range plan is approved, the board can then proceed with any capital projects. This includes everything from renovating school fields to making basic plumbing repairs that are not considered general maintenance. The

plan is geared to be updated and revised as needed for any changes or deletions. If any projects are not done immediately, once the plan is approved, the board would have to pull out funds from the capital reserve.

"We were instructed at budget time that we are not allowed to put anything in capital outlay that pertains to a building project," said Ball.

Included among the proposed projects for the districtwide expansion and renovations for the fiscal year 2002 are the refurbishing of the athletic fields at the Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School, the Jonathan Dayton High School, and the two middle schools — Edward V. Walton and Florence M. Gaudineer.

According to the state's estimates, which are contained within the long-range facility plan, the projected grand total for the districtwide expansion and renovations is \$16,244,878.57. The total for the fiscal year 2002 comes to \$15,170,312.87.

The projects, if they are completed, will be implemented over a period of five years. The plan represents statistics of what the board would like to see done within that time period, but all figures for the projects reported in the plan are projections from the state Department of Education, not accurate amounts of what each project would actually cost.

Ball said the state assigns a square footage cost for construction and renovation. She added that these estimates from the state could be modified at any time, since they are neither the board's, nor The Tarquini Organization's cost estimates.

The Tarquini Organization is the architectural firm hired to do the five-year

long-range plan. The architects will submit the final version of the long-range plan through the state Department of Education's web site.

Aside from renovating the fields, some other major long-range plans include building an addition to the Walton School, replacing the classroom floors and the boiler for Jonathan Dayton, adding a new elevator to the Caldwell School, repairing the roof on Jonathan Dayton, and renovating the science labs in the middle schools.

Other projects in the plan call for the replacement of windows, clocks, exterior doors, and electrical upgrades and auditorium renovations throughout several of the schools within the district.

The items in the long-range plan that the board has considered top priorities are anything health and safety related, including the upgrading of the fields, the installation of new boilers, the lighting of the high school auditorium and roof repairs.

"The fields are most imminent, but right behind that are the future of the schools' capacity being able to handle the students coming on," said Board President Stephen Fischbein. "In addition, there's some long-range plans that we know we have to address."

"Everything that they approve of we will try to do," said board member Patricia Venezia. "Obviously, we're not going to have the money to do everything in that plan without some outside funding."

Venezia was part of the long-range facility committee which met to discuss the reconfiguration of the school district and student enrollment issues regarding space and housing.



Photos By Ed Rybnick

FOURTH OF JULY FUN — The Fourth of July celebration at Meisel Avenue Field in Springfield offered a bunch of fun things to do. Taking part in the body and face painting activities are, left, Ciara Broderick-Farrell, 6 1/2, Dohna Winter, and in the back, Izzy 'The Clown' Winter. People got to see many different animals up close at the petting zoo, including this friendly llama, above. Enjoying the encounter are, from left, 9-month-old Brian Schramm, with father Christopher, Lucas Boetcher, 3, and Sherry and Gene Schramm.

Boro report shows PD calls up

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

When Mountainside Chief of Police James Debbie Jr. was asked if he found his 23 officers enough for all the work in the borough, he laughed and said, "I would like to have double that amount of officers."

He really was not kidding, because the police officers in the borough all double as emergency medical specialists as well, and nearly all have been fully trained as medics for the volunteer first aid squad job. All the statistics of their calls and records include first aid squad calls because of this.

"We had a massive Y2K problem when the year 2000 arrived, as did many people, because we had all new computer equipment to go into effect as of Jan. 1, 2000," said Debbie. Therefore all records are on a year-end basis, from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2000, and during this period, the Mountainside Police had a total of 910 incident calls, when an officer made an arrest and/or an incident requiring a full written report.

During the same period, there were 1,865 incident calls which did not require a written report, such as security checks, minor thefts, traffic infractions and the like.

"I know there was a slight increase in the year 2000 over 1999, but it was not significant. Still we were busier," said the chief. "This was because we are cross-trained to be EMS, or the rescue squad, whichever you like to call it."

The chief said there is one period of the day, from approximately 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., when they desperately need volunteers on the rescue squad. "We don't have a problem on weekends or nights because there are dedicated people that have those hours available and will volunteer their time, but we do need people in the daytime hours," said Debbie.

It gets so busy in those sparse hours that sometimes the police even end up driving the ambulance. All this in addition to the routine police duty they all must do.

The volunteer rescue squad captain is a Mary Paskow, and she can be reached at 908-233-6338. Paskow interviews the volunteers, and Debbie is hoping residents will step forward if they have time on those crucial hours and call her. Said Debbie, "This would greatly relieve the double burden borne by our officers."

Summons activity from 1999 to 2000 went down slightly, from 4,294 in 1999 to 4,039 in 2000. Vehicle mileage also declined. In 1999, officers logged 155,246 miles and in 2000, it was 145,992. Motor vehicle theft in 1999 was 25, and only 12 in 2000.

The value of property stolen during 2000 was \$576,706 but the value of property recovered was \$339,074. The numbers include all property including stolen vehicles, jewelry, etc. The 1999 numbers were not available.

The crime index report showed Mountainside relatively low in violent crime, which includes murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. For example, there was one murder in 1999 and none in 2000.

Bids awarded for Sarah Bailey improvements to begin in fall

Renovations will include new windows and doors

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

With a recent grant from the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, Sarah Bailey Civic Center will soon be seeing some long-awaited renovations throughout the building.

The Springfield Township Committee recently awarded a contract to A&S Restoration Corp. to perform the improvements, with the bid amount set at \$125,000. The bid was \$25,000 less than the township was expecting.

Even though the contract period is

for 120 days, the estimated completion date is 60 days, or Sept. 8, said Sam Mardini, assistant township engineer. A&S Restoration, located in Wyckoff, was chosen to do the renovations because they were the lowest bidder.

The contract period was discussed at a preconstruction meeting on Tuesday with the township's Engineering Department, A&S Restoration, and the architect, Warren Doty of Morrisstown-based Edwards and Kelcey.

The Community Development

Block Grant, in conjunction with HUD, will provide the senior center with renovations to all three bathrooms, including new tile and fixtures, as well as installation of new windows and exterior doors throughout the building.

"Springfield has been successful in getting quite a bit of money from that group to improve various facilities within the town," said Committeewoman Clara Hareluk. "The seniors should be very pleased that these advances will take place."

Hareluk is a Springfield representa-

tive to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee and member of the group's facilities subcommittee.

Springfield Recreation Director Michael Tennaro agreed that the renovations would be very beneficial to the senior citizens in town who use the center.

"It would be an asset to this building and improve it a little bit more," said Tennaro. "The building is very historical for seniors and to be able to do any improvements would be outstanding."

About six informal senior citizen

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— Michael Tennaro

groups meet at the center, with roughly 40 to 100 in each group. The groups meet nearly every other week except during the summer.

Mountainside Retirees just wanna have fun

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

If you are 55 or older, love to take trips and learn new things, there is a place for you in Mountainside. They call themselves MARS, which stands for Mountainside Active Retirees/Seniors; emphasis on "active."

One of several senior groups in Mountainside, the MARS group meets twice a month from September through June. Norm Hobbis is president and program chairperson is Doris Riccardi. Doris's husband, Tony, works with her in planning the trips they all enjoy.

"MARS was founded 18 years ago, and our purpose is to enrich lives and promote fellowship among seniors," said Doris. "Now we are 90 members, although not all come to the meeting or go on all of the trips, of course."

The lively group meets at Mountainside Borough Hall, made available to them by the borough, but they don't just stay there; they are out and

about and traveling to museums, historic sites, shows and events all over the metropolitan area and beyond.

The Riccardis have been members nearly all of the 16 years, and Tony said, "I started doing the trips in 1990 because at that time the normal trips were just to go to dinner clubs. The first trip I planned was to Lancaster, Pa., a five sightseeing trip, and they really enjoyed it," he said.

Between the active president, Hobbis, and the Riccardis, the trips are well planned and well organized. A bus is rented in advance, tour guides obtained and all arrangements made by Tony. All are at a tremendous bargain; the Borough of Mountainside gives the group a subsidy for the year for the trips, which just partly covers the expenses, and the rest of the costs are shared by the seniors themselves. The trips cost between \$28 and \$32, which includes a lunch along the way.

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Photo By Bob Heltlich

MARS members love spending time together and meeting new people. Sharing in the good times are, from left, Doris and Tony Riccardi and Norm Hobbis.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today
• The Mountaineer Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Monday
• The Summer International Film Festival at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins with "East West" at noon and 7 p.m. Written by Sergei Bodrov, the film is in French and Russian with English subtitles. For information, call 973-376-4930.
• The Springfield Environmental Commission meets at 8 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave. For information, call 973-564-5683.

Tuesday
• The luncheon video series continues at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., with Franklin D. Roosevelt and Babe Ruth at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Call 973-376-4930 for information.
• "Water and the Word," a family-friendly vacation Bible program begins today and continues for four more scheduled Tuesdays until Aug. 14, from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The program offers five different water-themed bible stories reinforced with crafts, games, and music, and is sponsored by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and the Springfield Presbyterian Church.

• For information and registration, call 908-245-6244 or 973-379-4320.
• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountaineer Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22.

Wednesday
• Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, continue with "Mother Nature" at 1:30 p.m. Actress Kitty Jones portrays Mother Nature with audience members cast into exciting stories, dance, and improvisation. Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years of age permitted. For information call 908-789-3670.

• The Dupres bring their drive-in era hits to Echo Lake Park, Springfield Avenue, Mountaineer, for a walk down memory lane as part of the 2001 Summer Arts Festival Concert Series. The performance is free. For information, call 908-352-8410.

Upcoming July 23
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. will continue its Summer International Film Festival with a screening of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free. Space is limited to 60 people for each showing. Call 973-376-4930 for information.

• Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, will continue with "Hocus Pocus-It's Joe Fischer" at 1:30 p.m. Both kids and adults can enjoy a fast-paced action packed magic show for all ages. Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years of age permitted. Call 908-789-3670 for information.

July 29
• The Blood Center of New Jersey will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. James Church 41/45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. For more information, call 800-BLOOD-NJ.

Aug. 12
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Aug. 13
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale in the temple's social hall from 10 a.m. to noon, with a special "Brown Bag Day." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for \$3. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

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

Echo Lake receives large donation

A donation was received from the East Central Jersey Elks to pay for a new water fountain at Echo Lake Park in Mountaineer and Westfield. The donation is the second largest contribution made by the Elks in recent years to improve facilities for handicapped individuals at Echo Lake Park.

"The Elks have been longtime sponsors of our fishing derbies for people with disabilities at Echo Lake Park in May of each year," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo of Westfield. "We're happy to work with such a public-spirited group and we thank the Elks for their donations to improve this popular park."

George Helock of Scotch Plains, the district chairman for the East Central Jersey Elks, presented the \$2,200 donation to the County of Union. The gift is earmarked for the purchase and installation of a handicapped accessible

water fountain and a new stair railing near the dock area of lower Echo Lake.

The East Central Jersey Elks donated \$5,000 to the County of Union in 1994. That gift helped make the dock more accessible to people with disabilities and it was also used to make aesthetic improvements to the dock area. Approximately 200 people attended this year's fishing derby at Echo Lake Park. Participants at the free event were treated to lunch and they enjoyed fishing with their own poles or with equipment borrowed from the Elks if they didn't bring gear of their own.

For more information about summer programs available throughout the Union County park system, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

STUDENT UPDATE

Brusch, Vigilanti earn degrees from Vermont

Mountaineer residents Jonathan B. Brusch and Chad J. Vigilanti and John C. Maudsley of Springfield were among 1,800 students awarded degrees during the University of Vermont's 197th commencement ceremonies on May 20.

Brusch earned a bachelor of science degree in community development and applied economics and Vigilanti was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. Maudsley received a bachelor of science in business administration.

Local residents named to Seton Hall honor roll

A Mountaineer resident and several Springfield residents were among the students at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange to be named to the third trimester honor roll. Stephen Kress of Mountaineer, a

10th-grader, achieved second honors

Students from Springfield who earned first honors were Thomas Keller, grade nine, and Robert Maul grade 10. Achieving second honors were 10th-graders Dean Chenchark and Kevin Dashm. Ninth-grader Anthony Stivalo earned commendation.

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

Kaplan on dean's list at Johnson & Wales

Jason Kaplan of Springfield, a food service management major, was among the students at Johnson & Wales University who have been named to the dean's list for the spring term ending in May.

To receive dean's list commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above.

Four locals named to dean's list at Delaware

Two Springfield residents and one Mountaineer resident were named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the spring 2001 semester.

Senior Lucyrano Cucciniello and sophomore Sara-Anne Klein, both of Springfield, are elementary teacher education majors in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy.

Mountaineer resident Jennifer Marie DeAngelis, a junior, also is an elementary teacher education major in the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy and senior Erin Elizabeth Trimmer of Mountaineer is a communication major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above on a 4.00 scale for the semester, with no temporary grades.

RECREATION

'Hocus Pocus' July 25

On July 25, "Hocus Pocus — It's Joe Fischer," a fast-paced, action-packed magic show for all ages begins at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer.

Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years old will be admitted. For information, call 908-789-3670.

Mother Nature appears at Trailside center

On Wednesday, actress Kitty Jones will portray Mother Nature with audience members cast into exciting stories, with dance and improvisation. Combining ecology with mythology, Mother Nature and her friend, The Fairy Queen, will share the importance of respect for our Earth and all her creatures at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer. Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years will be admitted.

For information, call 908-789-3670.

Par 3 memberships

The Springfield Recreation Department announces it now has memberships to the Millburn Township Par 3 Golf Course available at the Recreation Office, 30 Church Mall.

The cost is \$160 person for a full membership and \$80 for a limited membership. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

Tennis badges available

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

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

For more information, call 973-912-2227.

Hillside Avenue roadwork continues through July

Public Service Electric & Gas Co. is alerting area residents and drivers who travel Hillside Avenue in Springfield that the utility will be performing road work on Hillside between Route 22 and Mountain Avenue, through approximately July 27 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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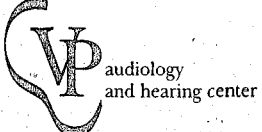
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Personal Care Pediatrics planning new practice in Millburn

Dr. Melissa M. Brown announces that as of July 1, 2001 she is no longer associated with the Summit Medical Group, PA. Her new practice name is Personal Care Pediatrics and the office telephone number is 973-376-9000.

Until Dr. Brown's new Millburn office opens in early August 2001, she will be seeing patients at a temporary office located at 33 Overlook Road, Suite #307, in Summit and may be reached at 973-376-9000.

The permanent Millburn office will be located at 241-B Millburn Avenue in the Millburn Commons office complex.

A slip sliding adventure



Photo By Bob Helrich

Saiverio Salefas, 3, splashes down the water slide during a recent visit to the Springfield Community Pool.

Public forum will address recreation

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Borough Council will initiate plans next week for lighting several playing fields within Mountaineer and in the fall, ask for public input on what other recreational needs exist within the borough.

The council is expected to introduce a bond ordinance at its regular meeting Tuesday night that will fund the lighting of playing fields. At its work session this past Tuesday night, the council discussed recreation items, including the bond ordinance to fund the lighting as well as settling on a date for a public forum on recreation.

Most of the \$175,000 bond ordinance will come from funds and the borough will put up \$15,000. The remainder will come from a reallocation of a state grant, \$70,000, and a grant from Major League Baseball's Tomorrow Fund, \$90,000. The

money will be used to install lights for Little League fields throughout Mountaineer as well as other field improvements, such as grading and drainage.

In addition to the fields near Deerfield School on Central Avenue, used by the Little League and Pony League, lights are to be installed at the fields near Borough Hall which accommodate adults softball, children's soccer and senior softball. Plans for the Deerfield field include four 60-foot poles for the infield with four 1,500-watt flood lights per pole and outfield poles 70 feet high.

When the field work first was announced in April, residents approached the Board of Education about equity among boys' and girls' leagues, questioning which leagues would be allowed to use the lighted fields. The Little League field near Deerfield School is owned by the Board of Education.

As for the recreation forum, the Borough Council decided on Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall. The session will be a special meeting of the Borough Council to meet with residents and discuss their "wish lists" for recreation, said Police Chief and Borough Administrator James Debbie Jr.

The forum stems from the lighting issue, he said, when many residents also raised other concerns and needs about recreation within Mountaineer.

Debbie said that until four years ago, the council did not deal with recreation. The department was handled by an autonomous commission unit that was dissolved.

Junior League receives dozens of applications

The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills reviewed over 50 grant applications submitted from various organizations from the service area of JLOSH which includes Springfield, Millburn/Short Hills, Maplewood, Livingston, South Orange, West Orange, Orange and East Orange. Fifteen grants were awarded to local organizations totaling \$32,000.

The grants were awarded based on the relevance to JLOSH's focus. Some of the organizations receiving grants included National County on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction, New Eyes for the Needy, Valerie Fund, Saint Barnabas Development Foundation and Center for Hospice Care Inc.

Every year, JLOSH sets aside money from fundraising efforts to help fund projects of charitable agencies in the JLOSH communities. The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Any woman interested in learning more about the Junior League is invited to call the office at 973-379-9655.

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Township cracks down on speeders

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

In an effort to crack down on speeding through Springfield, the Township Committee at its regular meeting Tuesday night announced plans to heavily enforce radar and police presence on streets throughout the town.

Prompting the need to control speed was an outpouring of complaints to the Township Committee from residents concerned about the safety of their children, pedestrian awareness and the potential for dangerous accidents related to speeding.

To test just how fast people go when speeding deterrents are put in

place, the township recently ran a live wire across Short Hills Avenue for 10 days. The average speed measured by the device was 17 mph along the stretch of the 25 mph road.

"There is going to be a traffic slowdown in this town," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "Throughout this town, people better be aware that the radar will be out."

Mullman said the township has been getting a generous amount of letters from Meisel Avenue residents complaining about cars going too fast. Speeding also came up at a previous Township Committee meeting concerning Short Hills Avenue.

With schools out for the summer and more children playing outside,

residents in neighborhoods throughout the town have increasingly voiced their concerns about speeding.

"We want this town to be a safe place for everybody," said Committeewoman Clara Harolt. "We are just trying to make sure that we protect the people of Springfield."

Police officers will be out in full force throughout the neighborhoods and highways in town to enforce the speed limit.

The new radar units recently were installed in the police cars on Friday night, and are planned to be used immediately.

"I guarantee that within 10 days, there will be a drastic slowdown," the mayor said.

Democrats elect new chairman

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Although she'll be working behind the scenes, newly-elected Township Democratic Chairman Marcia Forman hopes to play a highly visible role in helping to shape the future of Springfield.

Forman was elected to the position on July 2, replacing Rosalie Berger as chairman.

A longtime resident of Springfield, Forman plans to combine her love of politics with the goal of seeing the town continue to thrive.

"I have always been fascinated with the way government works and I've always enjoyed being a part of it," said Forman. "I want to see Springfield develop so that the residents feel they are getting the most out of it."

Her political background in Springfield includes a term as the first chairman of the Springfield Environmental Commission in 1976, 20 years of ongoing service to the Planning Board, and two years of service as mayor, from 1994 to 1995. She also served on the Township Committee from 1990 to 1995.

'I really appreciate the confidence the Democrats have in me.'

— Marcia Forman

Currently, she is a member of the Development Revenue Committee, which acts as an advisory guide for applicants about to go before the Planning or Zoning Boards with proposals.

A Newark native, Forman moved to Springfield in 1962 and has two children who grew up in the town and attended its schools.

"Since the Democrats have been in the majority, Forman said that a lot of progress has been made in the town.

"We've had a harmonious relationship with the residents," said Forman. "I really appreciate the confidence the Democrats have in me and will do my best to serve the community, the party, and to get our two candidates elected."

Some of the duties the position calls for include scheduling meetings, arranging fund-raising events and developing strategies for upcoming campaigns.

Although some of the tasks may be routine, Forman said she plans to get completely involved in the position.

"She's very knowledgeable about the town and it seemed like a good choice," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, a former municipal chairman. "I think that everyone in the Democratic Party is pleased."

The five-member Springfield Township Committee currently is comprised of all Democrats. Springfield was not the only town in Union County where Democrats elected a new chairman in Summit. Stephen Coffin was elected to a two-year term replacing Wilton Allen. On the county level, Charlotte DeFilippo was re-elected to another term as chairman.

The two major political parties alternate choosing their chairman after the annual primary. Next year, Republicans will vote on their chairman at the local and county level.

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EDITORIALS

Less really is more

Underneath the dilapidated conditions of the vacant Batusrol Swim Club in Springfield lies an 8-acre piece of property that usually goes unnoticed by passersby.

When it comes down to it, what's better for the town? Leaving the property as an empty lot that has served no purpose for more than 20 years, or transforming the property into something that could be an asset to the township?

Although the site is currently in litigation as a result of a lawsuit filed against the township by Pinnacle Builders, perhaps the property could be developed in ways other than what the company has proposed. The township could allow for the development of the property with a scaled back plan that does not exceed the township's height restrictions.

Batusrol Gardens, which sits next door to the property, is a small group of condominiums only two stories high. Having a lower height might reduce the unsightliness for residents, claiming that a high-rise would block their views.

A smaller building might minimize the amount of blasting and disruption of the critical steep slopes that could pose a threat to neighbors at the bottom of the hill — one of the failings of the original proposal.

With good reason, residents voiced their concerns about runoff and flooding from the construction. The developers' first plan of four, three-story, 24-unit buildings violated the township's land use laws regarding sloped areas, one reason why this plan did not support the first plan.

Rather than building upscale apartments designed for empty nesters and seniors, why not build less expensive housing and restrict it to seniors citizens? According to the proposal originally rejected by the Planning Board last year, Pinnacle had planned to sell each condominium for between \$275,000 and \$325,000, generating nearly \$30 million if all 96 units were sold. Senior housing doesn't make that kind of money.

Senior citizens, who already have given many years to society, are slowly being forced out of this state because of ever-increasing property taxes. Finding an affordable place to live for seniors is becoming difficult.

Although this is not the proposal Pinnacle Builders has presented, right now, the property is offering nothing to the township. As the population ages and the cost of living increases, people who want to remain in town but cannot afford to may have to look elsewhere.

Preventing an annoying situation

Mosquitoes can be quite a nuisance during the summer, especially now when the weather is so muggy and thunderstorms are predicted on almost a daily basis.

Causing mosquito infestation is heavy rain such as what we have experienced since Father's Day, which in some areas has amounted to more than 11 inches of water and has caused flooding to occur. The flooding provides ideal conditions for the aedes vexans, commonly known as the flood water mosquito, to hatch its eggs.

The Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control regularly goes out to inspect areas when complaints are made by residents. Summer hours for the bureau are 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. If a resident is aware of a hot spot, the bureau prides itself on being able to check it out within 24 hours of a call.

Since mosquitoes lay their eggs in stagnant water, the most important thing to remember is to eliminate any condition where water can collect, such as barrels, storm gutters, potholes, old tires, etc. It also is suggested residents cover all receptacles or drill holes in the bottom of the receptacles, such as garbage or recycling cans, so water does not collect there. Another tip is to empty watering cans and wading pools when not in use.

Residents also are reminded to call their local health department or police force when they find a dead crow. The state and county will test the crow, if the specimen is in good condition, to determine if it has been infected with the West Nile Virus.

Dead crows infected with the virus are the best indicator to determine if the virus is present in the area. There have not been any infected crows found in Union County this year.

For more information about mosquito prevention or to report a problem area, call the Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control at 908-654-9834.

"Speak clearly, if you speak at all; Carve every word before you let it fall."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., writer, physician, 1846



Photo by Ed Ryback

SWEET STUFF — Local kids enjoy some free ice cream from the Mountaintop Police Athletic League at Our Lady Lourdes Church shortly before the fireworks on July 4. Savoring the cool treats are, from left, Mathew, 5, Jenna, 8, Nicolas, 10, with Tony Barbera and Sgt. Scott Worswick lending a helping hand.

A refresher on where 'open space' money will go

Since the Board of Chosen Freeholders announced plans to spend at least \$2.5 million to expand Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop, Republicans have blasted the freeholders for spending trust fund dollars on the construction of a building. The GOP has claimed the all-Democratic freeholder board fooled the public into voting for the trust fund last fall. Some residents have criticized the board for presenting a ballot question for "open space" and not spending to acquire land and instead building structures.

Those critics must not have been paying attention.

The trust fund has been discussed for three years at least. In 1999, the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan, a document 14 months in the making, was presented to the freeholders. In it, there were recommendations for improvements at all 26 county parks, ranging from small items such as new signage, to larger items such as new or renovated buildings. In all, the 10-year plan suggested some \$46 million of improvements.

The master plan, which is supposed to be available at each municipal library, is a fascinating document. It not only suggests what each county park might need in the next 10 years, but also identifies 10 properties for acquisition and protection totalling almost 94 acres.

County Seat

By Mark Hrynwa
Regional Editor

Of the 10 properties, the county already has purchased two: the 10-acre Kean property in Union for \$2.8 million which will become Phil Rizzuto Park, and last month's \$9-million purchase of 63 acres in Summit owned by New Jersey-American Water Co. Two more will be off the list thanks to one of the largest developers in the state, K. Hovnanian, the 10-acre Donato Property in Scotch Plains and the 2.6-acre Sockwell Property which, according to the master plan, only is effective if acquired with the Donato Property.

That now leaves only six sites identified just two years ago for acquisition.

Anyway, back to the Open Space Trust Fund, which is the state's term for it, but in Union County is called the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. That's important, because only a fraction of the \$5 million in taxes raised each year actually will go for open space acquisition.

Soon after the master plan was unveiled in 1999, the freeholders appointed a committee to study an open space trust fund to put on the ballot in 2000. The committee conducted two hearings in April 2000 to solicit public input and presented a report with recommendations last summer.

Reading the lead from a story I wrote in the July 20, 2000 edition of this newspaper, "An average of \$38 per household in Union County would raise \$65 million for the parks system during the next 10 years, a majority of which would fund the county's Open Space and Recreation Master Plan."

That was just the committee's recommendations. In addition to suggesting a 2-cent tax during the next 10 years — instead of the 1.5-cent tax during the next 20 which the freeholders approved — the committee suggested spending 80 percent of the trust fund on the master plan: \$5 million of the \$6.5 million raised each year, and that total includes \$1 million for land acquisition.

The remaining 20 percent of the trust fund dollars, approximately \$1 million annually, was to be used for matching grants to local towns for local parks and acquisition.

To inform voters about the proposed Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, the

freeholders hired their pals at Media-squared, which has connections to Message & Media, the political consulting firm for the Democrats, to produce some direct mail pieces and cable television ads.

The pamphlets and TV ad I saw were unimpressive for the \$125,000 spent to hire the firm, but in addition to the consultants, an environmental group called The Arthur Kill Coalition produced some pieces outlining how much the trust fund will cost.

Granted, the ballot question never said anything about the master plan, but it did specify that it would be spent on matters of acquiring open space, developing and maintaining land, historic preservation and paying off debt related to open space.

Already halfway through the year, and it's neck and neck between freeholders Mary Ruotolo and Angel Estrada for best attendance at meetings, followed closely by a crowded field with Chester Holmes dropping far behind the pack:

- Angel Estrada 22/22 100%
- Mary Ruotolo 22/22 100%
- Daniel Sullivan 21/22 95%
- Alexander Minabelli 21/22 95%
- Nicholas Sutari 21/22 95%
- Lewis Mingo 20/22 91%
- Deborah Scanlon 20/22 91%
- Linda Stender 19/22 86%
- Chester Holmes 16/22 73%

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the great fireworks

To the Editor:

Borough of Mountaintop mayor and council, I would like to commend and thank you and the township for the spectacular fireworks display again this year.

The sense of family, friendship and community this event brings out makes me proud to be a resident of this town. I would also like to thank the courteous and pleasant police and firemen who gave us the sense of safety and security. Finally, thanks to the Police Athletic League for the ice cream for the children. Keep up the good work.

Robert Messler
Mountaintop

stock car. Most of all, we truly appreciate the efforts of the volunteers of emergency management who behind the scenes, make the event run well and safely. The music was great and even Elvis came back to town for a special concert.

Get involved in your town and take pride in your community. Springfield continues to be a great place to live and the Take Pride in Springfield movement is just beginning to soar to greater heights. Contact town hall for information at 973-912-2200 and stand up and loudly proclaim "I live in Springfield!"

Roy Hirschfeld
Springfield, Township Committee

Thanks to all for sale's success

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Union County Master Gardeners Association, I would like to thank the 1,500 visitors who came out to our 12th annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop in May. Their support for this, our organization's only fund-raiser, will help us continue the many community programs the Master Gardeners offer as a volunteer outreach arm of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

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

In addition several other people deserve our thanks: Local businesses donate generously to the fair: William's Nursery, Westfield; Dreyer Farms, Crafton; Miele Greenhouses, Clark; and Parker Greenhouses, Scotch Plains. We would also like to thank the Clay Scouts of America; Holly Hoffman and the staff of Trailside Nature and Science Center; Madeline Flashive DiNardo, county agricultural agent; and all the staff at the Union County Extension/Service, and staff at various Union County departments.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that applications are now being accepted for the fall Master Gardener class. The program is open to any adult, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, disability or handicap. The classes will take place every Tuesday morning from October through May, and consist of lectures by Rutgers experts on a wide range of horticultural topics, and several hands-on projects. The only cost is for books and volunteer materials. In exchange participants are expected to return 100 hours of volunteer time over a three-year period.

For information on the program, call 908-654-9854, or visit 300 North Ave., Westfield, 07090.

Patti DeBlass, president
Union County Master Gardener Association

Glad to take pride in Springfield

To the Editor:

The talk around town and all around Union County is about the programs which Mayor Sy Mullinan started a few years ago with the Take Pride in Springfield theme. We have seen the spirit in our community soar with real pride in our community and our families.

Springfield is now more than ever a very desirable community for families to move to. Renters, residents, business owners lead the word on the street about Springfield's unique pride and enthusiasm for all that goes on in town. July 4th is the culmination of that spirit and pride. Many residents, businesses and members of the Township Committee and employees of the town, celebrate our nation's independence with a real party with spectacular fireworks and real family-oriented activities celebrating our unique community.

Many people from as far away as Somerville come on down to our July 4th event with over 5,000 people in attendance at Meisel field. Where else can you find a business such as Outback Steakhouse providing with the price of admission the food and drinks at their cost? Service clubs like Kiwanis and Lions were there helping out as well as our wonderful Springfield first aid squad and police and fire departments.

The kids had fun at the trackless train which was filled with riders all day. The jumping tents and the petting zoo was also grand. The clown and face-painting booths were a big hit as well. Banks such as Pulaski Savings and Commerce Bank gave of their time for the town. The local town and Union County Chamber of Commerce helped create this great event.

How about getting a chance to donate to charities and dunk your favorite person in a dunk tank, like the mayor of Springfield, John Denning was also very nice to share his experiences with racing by actually bringing on the field a

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MARS plans many trips

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many are less expensive.

"Our dues are just \$7.50 a year per member," said Hobbis. "It is deliberately kept low so that all seniors can feel comfortable joining," added the president. During July and August there are no trips or meetings. "It is just too hot," said Doris, "and many people are gone on vacations. When the trips begin, there is usually a waiting list we never have a shortage of those who want to come."

Some of the seniors in MARS also belong to other senior groups in Mountaintide, which boasts a large older population. There is no conflict; the groups do different things. The most active one is the MARS group because its members love to travel and visit historical places; all are relatively healthy and able to walk on the tours when needed, and the Riccardis say they are blessed. "That is why we give back; both Tony and I believe this," said Doris. She noted that there were just three charter members in MARS; besides herself, they are Doris Bauer and Mel Lutgens.

Doris writes the programs and prints them, and distributes the finished bulletins about the trips at the meetings, so members can plan ahead. Hobbis said, "As a general rule, the trips fill up within three weeks or even sooner." Since a bus can only hold 46 people, the planning is done early.

Wondering what Tony had up his sleeve for the next trip this fall, had him smiling as he said, "Well, it is still in the planning stage, but we will be going to see mansions along the gold coast of Port Washington — that's in Long Island, N.Y. — and is a great tour." He did not have any arrange-

ments finalized yet, but with his expertise, it won't take long.

Riccardi checks with all the chambers of commerce, and does his research on any place they visit. So far, his handling of this part of the group has been great; everything has come off as planned. His wife, Doris, said, "We have been to Madame Toussaud's Wax Museum in New York City; a trip back to Channel 13 in New York City and especially, the United Nations tour, which involved meeting former Mayor Ed Koch, who came and sat with us." They have not forgotten New Jersey; they have toured Princeton University, the state aquarium in Camden, and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, when they also visited the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The reason the trips are so inexpensive is simple: they are non-profit, and as Doris says, "We are bare bones; all of the money goes for the trip itself."

Sometimes the MARS group keeps it very local. For their Christmas party, for example, they chose Sheffield's Catering House on Route 22 West in Mountaintide, where for \$15 each they all had a special dinner and festivities. Hobbis planned that one, and he was happy that everyone is still talking about the great time they had.

"I was reluctant to become president at first, but now I love it; the group we have is wonderful," said Hobbis.

Tony agreed. "It sure is nice to see the smiling faces coming back from the trips." The MARS group is wide open for new members, and all are welcome. "We will even take out-of-towners; there are no restrictions



Members of the Mountaintide Active Retirees, including, from left, Doris and Tony Riccardi and Norm Hobbis, look forward to showing the many fun-filled activities available for local seniors.

except the members must be seniors who are young at heart," said Riccardi.

Any seniors interested in membership need only to call Hobbis at 908-232-9034, especially in July so there is plenty of time to sign up for the fall trips.

AT THE LIBRARY

'East West' featured

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its summer International Film Festival with "East West" on Monday at noon and 7 p.m. Regis Warner's film won the Audience Award at the Miami International Film Festival and at the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

After World War II, Stalin's government offered Soviet nationality, repatriation and an opportunity to participate in post-war reconstruction of their country to former Russian citizens who had fled to France during the years of turmoil following the 1917 Communist Revolution. A young emigrant, physician Alexei Golovine, returns by Oleg Menchikov, played by Oleg Menchikov, returns to Odessa with his French wife, Marie, played by Sandrine Bonnaire, and their son, in happy anticipation of a bright future.

Their homecoming is not as they imagined. Marie wants to return to France immediately, but "Alexei knows that they are captives and must watch every step. Patience, Alexei's self-control, and Marie's good looks may be their only assets."

Written by Sergei Bodrov, the 1999 film is in French and Russian with English subtitles.

Funding for the film festival has been made possible by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Mary's Industrial School for Boys. Fun-loving and often unruly, he excelled in one area: baseball.

His power, charisma and love of the game soon made him a hero to baseball fans everywhere, but his life was a roller coaster due to his drinking and disregard of training rules. The video runs 55 minutes.

The series will continue on July 31 with "Irving Berlin." Aug. 14 with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman," and Aug. 28 with "Ella Fitzgerald."

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

'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' set for July 23

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer International Film Festival with "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" on July 23 at noon and 7 p.m. Directed by Ang Lee, this film won four Academy Awards this year, including Best Foreign Film.

Based on the novel by Wang Dulu, the film is a story about the search for a jade sword, the Green Destiny, Li Mubai, played by Chow Yun Fat, is the possessor of the famed sword but when he hands it over to his beloved, played by Michelle Yeoh, it is soon stolen. The pursuit begins to retrieve it.

Set in ancient China, the film includes romance, a mysterious assassin, a brave and beautiful noblewoman, played by 19-year-old newcomer Zhang Ziyi, critically-acclaimed action scenes and a dash of Taoist philosophy. The title is a common Chinese expression referring to the mysteries that lie below the surface of society and everyday lives. The expression is a reminder never to underestimate our own dragons and tigers — they can spring out at any time.

The two-hour film is rated PG-13 for martial arts violence and some sexuality.

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RELIGION

Temple Beth Ahm the recipient of HOPE grant

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield is the recipient of a Synagogue HOPE Grant from the Grota Foundation. The funding will be used to partially support activities during the next fiscal year of the temple's Hazak Chapter. All Jewish adults 55 years of age and over are eligible to join Hazak, whether they

are members of Temple Beth Ahm or not. Programs of the Hazak Chapter are open to all Jewish older adults in the community.

Among the plans being formulated are monthly meetings, twice monthly lunch and activity sessions, a music appreciation series, a lecture series in conjunction with Kean University, and trips to places of Jewish interest. Monies from the Synagogue HOPE Grant also will be used to send food

platters to older adult synagogue members who sustain a loss in their families and upon returning home from the hospital.

A transportation program is being organized for older adults in the community who wish to attend services in the synagogue or participate in scheduled programs. Transportation to medical appointments will be provided for Temple Beth Ahm members. Many of these activities will be coordinated by a joint Board of Hazak and the Temple Beth Ahm Caring Committee.

The Synagogue HOPE Grant will appreciably enlarge the scope of services provided by Temple Beth Ahm to older adults in Springfield and environs.

Vacation Bible program at Emanuel United

A new family-friendly Vacation Bible program called "Water and The Word" is being offered by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and the Springfield Presbyterian Church, both on Church Mall. It will feature five different water-

oriented Bible stories — yes, children, wear your bathing suits — that will be reinforced using related crafts, games, music, drama and snack making.

The five scheduled Tuesdays are July 17, 24 and 31, and Aug. 7 and 14 from 5:15 until 7:15 p.m., and dinner will be served for the entire family. All ages are welcome, with special events planned for children age 3 through eighth grade. Test assistants are needed and parents are encouraged to come, stay, eat and play.

For information and registration, call 908-245-6244 or 973-379-4320.

Lunchtime videos

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Born George Herman Ruth, the oldest of eight orphaned children, Babe spent his childhood at St.

SPEAK OUT

Many things should be looked at

I'm calling in reference to the editorial about the Mountaintide Fire Department. I agree 100 percent. Mountaintide should also look into having a paid fire department. It took 20 minutes for Springfield to respond to the house fire on Elstoh Drive. I am a neighbor and I was waiting outside for them.

Also, once they got here there was no water pressure for them to start to put the fire out. I have called our water company several times, that's Elizabeth-town. They told me by law they only have to put out 40 pounds of pressure.

They couldn't do anything until Cranford arrived here with a pump truck and that's something else that should be looked into. I have called the manager down at the Charles Street substation. It is now July 9 and I still have no response back.

Toni Basile
Mountaintide

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Firefighters respond to wires down on streets

Mountainside
The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to wires down along several streets on Saturday. At approximately 4:35 p.m., there was a call for wires and branches down on Route 22 West, which firefighters notified PSE&G and the state Department of Transportation, and also on Partridge Run and Ravens Wood.

Monday, 2:09 a.m., report of leaking power on Bridal Path. Investigation revealed no leak. The source was not located.

Saturday, 2:35 a.m., responded to Springfield Fire Headquarters to stand by for mutual aid; 1:46 p.m., Forest Hill Way residence on activated alarm. Investigation revealed new homeowner who was not familiar with code and system.

July 4: 12:20 p.m., Juniper way residence on an odor smoke. Investigation revealed no fire; 4:50 p.m., Cedar Avenue on report of wires down. Investigation revealed primary wires were down. Fire Department stood by until PSE&G responded.

FIRE BLOTTER

- June 28, 5:06 p.m., Children's Specialized Hospital, where a malfunction of a kitchen hood set off the alarm. System reset.
- Friday, 7:56 a.m., Route 78 East near exit 496 for a brush fire; 9:54 a.m., Lynn Drive residence for medical service call; 10:46 a.m., Oakland Avenue residence for medical service call.
- July 5: 6:32 a.m., Avon Road residence for medical service call; 10:13 a.m., Route 22 East business for medical service call; 1:22 p.m., Morris and Profit avenues for motor vehicle accident with injuries; 2:19 p.m., Morris Avenue business for medical service call; 4:02 p.m., Springfield Avenue for motor vehicle accident with injuries.
- July 4: 7:56 a.m., Route 22 West for motor vehicle accident with a spill; 1:08 p.m., Route 22 East business for a reported electrical fire; 4:05

- p.m., Brown Avenue business for medical service call; 4:17 p.m., Woodcrest Circle residence for medical service call; 5:53 p.m., Morris and Moller avenues for motor vehicle accident with a spill; 10:25 p.m., Mountain Avenue and Kew Drive for odor of natural gas in the area; 10:45 p.m., Meisel Avenue for spill in the roadway.
- July 3: 12:25 a.m., Morris Avenue apartment complex for alarms sounding; 7:23 a.m., Route 22 West business for activated fire alarm; 8:11 a.m., Mountain and Morris avenues for medical service call; 9:36 a.m., Baltusorf Avenue residence for medical service call; 5:16 p.m., Route 78 East for motor vehicle accident; 5:41 p.m., Colonial Terrace residence for grill fire.
- July 2: 1:05 a.m., Mountain Avenue business for activated fire alarm; 7:38 a.m., Jade Meadow residence for a medical service call; 7:46 a.m., Northview Terrace residence for activated fire alarm; 7:49 a.m., Cypress Terrace residence for activated fire alarm; 7:54 a.m., Mountain

- Avenue business for medical service call; 8:52 a.m., Ann Place for a lift assist; 9:24 a.m., Morris Avenue and Maple Street for motor vehicle accident with a spill; 9:50 a.m., Route 22 East business for activated fire alarm; 11:42 a.m., Mountain Avenue business for medical service call; 11:54 a.m., Irwin Street residence for medical service call; 11:47 p.m., Morris Avenue residence for smoke coming from the house; 10:19 p.m., Morris Avenue business for an odor in the building; 10:48 p.m., Morris Avenue apartment complex for alarms sounding.
- July 1: 1:44 a.m., Dayton High School activated fire alarm; 1:55 a.m., Route 78 West for a motor vehicle accident; 10:12 a.m., Morris Avenue business for activated fire alarm; 2:57 p.m., Morris Avenue business for activated fire alarm; 4:06 p.m., Evergreen Avenue for a power wire down; 6:27 a.m., Forest Drive apartment complex for an odor of natural gas.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH78686
COUNTY OF UNION
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
PLAINTIFF: THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, INC. BY PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: JAMES J. LOAN TRUST 1872 UNDER THE NEW JERSEY CIVIL RULES. AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JUNE 20, 2001. BY ATTORNEY: ALTON S. BRUBAKER, JR.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: JULY 12, 2001
SUIT NO. 01-00010
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2001
BY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE WRIT OF EXECUTION TO ME DIRECTED I shall expose for public sale at a public auction to be held at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 167 SOUTH AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, N.J., ELIZABETH, N.J., ON WEDNESDAY, AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST HAVE 20% OF THEIR BIDS AVAILABLE IN CASH AT THE TIME OF THE SALE.
THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081 County of Union and State of New Jersey Commonly known as:
STREET: SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081
Tax Map No. 28 in Block No. 8115
Dimension of Lot: approximately 60.00 feet wide by 128.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Dixon Street
Nearest Long Street: Dixon Street
Location of Sale: at the northeast corner of Silas Street and Dixon Street.
The property is being sold subject to all encumbrances with the southwesterly side of the lot being reserved.
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT: NINETEEN-FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$19,400.00)
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ALTON S. BRUBAKER, JR., P.C. ATTORNEY AT LAW, 107 WEST 7TH CENTURY DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07084
SHERIFF: JAMES BROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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JULY 6, 2001
BY: KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ
AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE BALANCE OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND THE PAY OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2001.
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was finally passed and approved at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, July 10, 2001.
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk
US987 ECL July 12, 2001 (88.78)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD TO ESTABLISH A TRAFFIC VIOLATION POINT SYSTEM ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
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KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk
US985 ECL July 12, 2001

Suspect in car break-ins apprehended

Mountainside
A Plaintiff man who was a suspect in several car break-ins was arrested by Montclair police after a pursuit on July 6. Confesor Garcia, 30, was transported to Mountainside Police Headquarters for processing and is expected to appear in Union County Superior Court tomorrow.

Lance Lewis, 25, of Newark was arrested July 2 just after noon for allegedly securing a driver's license illegally. Police officer Thomas Murphy made a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 East at Globe Avenue because the automobile's temporary tags had an expiration date of Feb. 26. Lewis is to appear in Municipal Court on July 26.

Matthew M. Gmyrek, 22, of Chester was arrested July 3 just before 1 a.m. for allegedly driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, under 50 grams.

Police officer Richard Latargia stopped the car on Summit Road at Sawmill Road for a motor vehicle violation. Gmyrek was scheduled to

POLICE BLOTTER

- appear in Municipal Court yesterday.
- Kevin D. Maple, 30, of Irvington was arrested July 3 at 7:40 a.m. by the Irvington Police Department on an outstanding warrant from Mountainside Municipal Court dated Nov. 30, 1988.
- Joe Rodriguez, 34, of Newark was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license after police stopped him on July 3 at approximately 7:40 a.m.
- Police issued a summons and released Rodriguez after it was found that there was no corporate name on his commercial vehicle.
- Police stopped Luis Antonio, 25, of Mount Kisco, N.Y. on July 3 at 10 a.m. on Route 22 East at Lawrence Avenue. Antonio was found to be an unlicensed driver, police said. He is to appear in Municipal Court on July 26.
- After disregarding police officers' directions to stop, Robert Camacho, 36, of Newark, was finally

stopped at Route 22 East at Footbridge, police said. He was found to be driving with numerous warrants and his license was suspended.

• Kevin R. Cadena, 20, of Elizabeth was arrested by Kean University police July 3 at 9:30 p.m. on an outstanding warrant from Mountainside for driving with a suspended driver's license.

• Kananon Ismael, 28, of Newark was arrested at his place of employment in Springfield July 6 just before 5 p.m. for failing to appear in Mountainside Municipal Court. Ismael was taken to Mountainside Police Headquarters and processed. There also were outstanding warrants from Union.

Springfield
• A Marcy Avenue resident reported several items stolen from his rear bedroom during a burglary of the residence on June 30 at 4 a.m. Included among the items stolen were an anniversary ring at \$375, a wedding ring at \$150, a black stone and pearl pin at \$75, \$450 in cash, one blue wal-

let, and a house key.

• A company along the 800 block of Mountain Avenue reported a Dell Latitude C600 laptop computer and a Senty safe stolen during a burglary of the office at 11 a.m. on July 3. The estimated value of the computer is \$3,500, with the safe priced at about \$300.

• A Chrysler 300M that had been sitting in the Autoland parking lot on Route 22 East reportedly had the driver's side window smashed out between 7 a.m. on July 2 and 9:46 a.m. on July 3. The car is owned by Chrysler Financial Corporation of Tarrytown, N.Y.

• A motor vehicle theft was attempted at Avis Rent-A-Car on Route 22 East on June 29. The steering wheel column of a 2000 Isuzu NPR was reported damaged.

• Richard Mustafa McKinnis, 18, of Newark, was arrested on Hillside Avenue for an outstanding warrant from Essex County at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites ALL people of all ages and backgrounds to join as in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M. with childcare available for babies and toddlers. Christian Education opportunities for children begin during the Worship Service with a special time for children led by the Pastor before they depart for classes. Service of Prayer and Healing held the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:50 P.M. Please call and ask about our Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Bible Studies, Small Group Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, internet us

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Sunday mornings for grades K-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post-graduate students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 3-7 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office: (201) 379-5187.

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a good week because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a good week! Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908.277-1700.

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ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901; 908-271-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; Children's Mass - 9:30 AM Memorial Hall will resume September 16th; Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Sunday weekday Masses with a 5:30 PM sacramental Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Night of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Softball league has successful season

The 40th anniversary season was quite a successful one for the Springfield Recreation Girls Softball League.

The winner of the Barbara Maul Award for courage and display of sportsmanship that best personifies the ideals of the Springfield Recreational Softball League is Caitlin Norton.

Norton played admirably despite a series of debilitating injuries.

Nylon was an inspiration to all, particularly her teammates on the Rangers.

The winner of the Colleen Spadora Award for most outstanding pitcher is none other than Colleen Spadora.

Once again, Spadora broke every conceivable pitching record in league history.

Spadora carried her Athletics team to an undefeated regular season and to the league's championship game.

Although the Athletics did not lose in the regular season, the Red Sox found a way to beat them in the championship game.

The Rangers and the Cardinals finished tied for third place in the league standings.

Summit's Sheridan All-America choice

Elizabeth Sheridan of Summit was named honorable mention for the 2001 Women's Division High School Lacrosse All-Americans, US Lacrosse announced last month. About 120 players were named All-Americans and another 119 earned honorable mention.

Sheridan was among 24 players named honorable mention in the Upper Atlantic region.

All-Americans were selected by high school coaches on a regional basis: Central, Great Lakes, Lower New England, Mid-Atlantic, Mountain, New York, North Central, Northwest, Pacific, South Central, Southeast, Upper Atlantic and Upper New England.

Each area was allotted a number of All-Americans based on the number of coaches from that area who are members of US Lacrosse, the national governing body of the sport.

The 2001 Men's Division High School Lacrosse All-Americans are expected to be announced this month.

GL hockey team has summer slate

The Governor Livingston Highlanders will face off against other local varsity high school teams this summer at the Bridgewater Sports Arena.

GL, which had a game scheduled against Summit last Saturday morning, is scheduled to face Chatham Sunday at 4:45 p.m.

Remaining contests include games against Cranford on July 22 at 4 p.m., vs. Westfield on July 29 at 7 p.m., against Morris Knolls on Aug. 4 at 10:15 a.m., vs. Morris-town on Aug. 12 at 6:45 p.m. and against Mount Olive on Aug. 19 at 4 p.m.

Dean's List includes Fishman

Eric Fishman of Springfield was one of a number of Bucknell University student-athletes that earned Dean's List honors for the 2001 spring semester.

Students must earn at least a 3.50 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) for selection to the Dean's List.

Fishman just completed his junior year at the Lewisburg, Pa. school and excels for the baseball team. He is a political science major who graduated from Dayton High School in 1998.

Soccer camps to begin

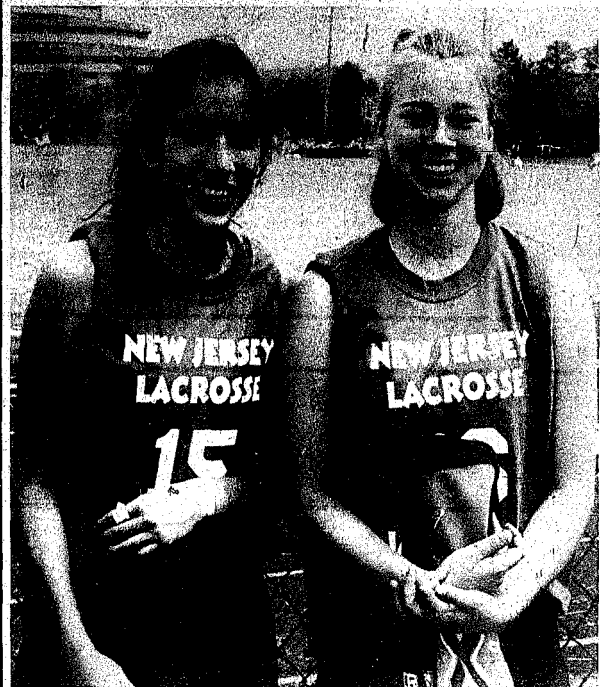
Kean University will host three separate five-day soccer camps for boys and girls ages 6-17.

The first session runs next week, from July 16-20, the second July 23-27 and the third July 30 to Aug. 3.

The Fighting Cougars Soccer Day Camp will be held at Kean University's East Campus in Hillside. The academy will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and lunch is included.

Call 908-527-2936.

Lacrosse ladies



Grace Obando and Liz West of Summit, who just finished the 8th grade, played in the New Jersey Lacrosse Jamboree held last month at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair. Summit High School freshman girls' lacrosse coach Sheila Dunne is most certainly awaiting their arrival at Summit in the fall.

Springfield's Miller earns first minor league save

Strikes out batter to preserve 3-2 win

Jeff Miller of Springfield celebrated the Fourth of July holiday earning his first career save as a relief pitcher. The former Seton Hall Prep standout, who was elected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 15th round of last month's amateur baseball draft, struck out the only batter he faced to preserve a 3-2 win for the Williamsport, Pa., Crosscutters over the Vermont Expos before a crowd of more than 4,000 at Centennial Field in Winooski, Vt.

Juan Rodriguez went the first seven innings for the win. Ron Gilchrist got the first two batters out in the eighth and Jason Biddlestone pitched an inning before Miller came in to nail down the victory. It was Williamsport's seventh consecutive win.

Miller picked up his second save on Saturday when the Crosscutters extended their winning streak to nine games, while continuing Vermont's losing skid to 11 games in a 3-1 win. He pitched the final inning in his fifth appearance, walking one and striking out one while allowing one hit. The Expos were limited to just three hits.

In his professional baseball debut, Miller, 21, pitched the final two innings of an 11-3 win over the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, a Cleveland Indians farm club, on June 23 before more than 6,000 at Cafero Field in Niles, Ohio. He went two innings, allowing two hits and a run while striking out two and hitting a batter. He came on in the eighth after the Crosscutters plated seven runs in the top of the inning to take a 9-2 lead.

He also tossed an inning of hitless relief in a 6-0 loss against Pittsfield on June 27. The 6-4 right-hander went three innings in a 3-1 win on July 2 against the New Jersey Cardinals. He served as the bridge from starter Brady Borer, who went five innings for the win, to Andrew Friedberg, who pitched a scoreless ninth for the save.

Minutemen 12s baseball tops Elmora

The Springfield Minutemen age 12 baseball team had a 3-6 record as of July 7.

In the season-opener at Hanratty Complex on Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth, Springfield stormed to a 19-0 win over Elmora. Stephen Suarez, Eric Dworkin and Ryan O'Reilly combined for a five-inning shutout, the game called because of darkness.

Suarez and David Siehman drove in four runs. Evan Ring third and Dworkin, Adam Moss and Chris Kurzman two. O'Reilly and Kyle Seeley drove in one run. Springfield was then defeated by Scotch Plains 6-1, Cranford 12-2, Millburn 8-4, Union 9-1 and Maplewood 5-3 before bouncing back to, once again, turn back Elmora 9-1.

The second win against Elmora was played at home at Roessner Field in Springfield. Moss drove in three runs in the first inning with a bases-loaded double. Team manager John O'Reilly gave game balls to winning pitcher Ring and Moss.

Springfield was then edged by Scotch Plains 7-6 in Scotch Plains and defeated by host Verona 3-1.

Springfield was scheduled to host Union at Roessner Monday and yesterday play at Cranford. Today the Minutemen are scheduled to host Orange at Roessner at 6 p.m.

In conjunction with the Springfield Recreation Department, the Minutemen will be hosting the annual Springfield Baseball Tournament Saturday.

Springfield's ages 10 and 12 teams will be participating against the likes of Maplewood, South Orange and one

Miller allowed two hits and struck out two over three innings. One of the two hits was the first home run he allowed. Cardinals centerfielder John Neslon took him deep in the eighth for his second home run on the year.

Through this past weekend, Miller sported an ERA of 2.45 over 7 1/3 innings in five appearances, with two saves. He has allowed five hits and two earned runs while walking just one and striking out seven. Opposing batters are hitting just .185 against him.

The Crosscutters, a Class A short-season affiliate for the Pirates, visit New Jersey this week for the only time this season. The Crosscutters and Cardinals were scheduled to begin a three-game series yesterday at Skylands Park in Augusta, Sussex County, that will wrap up tomorrow.

Williamsport then travels back home to Bowman Field, the second oldest minor league park in the U.S., to host Mahoning Valley from Saturday to Tuesday, before going to Utica, N.Y., for a two-game set against the Florida Marlins affiliate, the Utica Blue Sox.

The Crosscutters started this week as one of the hottest teams in the New York-Penn League, winning 10 games in a row before a loss on Sunday. They are 12-7 and in second place in Pinckney-Stedler Division, 1 1/2 games behind Batavia.

The New York-Penn League, in operation continuously since 1939, plays a 76-game schedule from from June to September. League rules prohibit more than four players over the age of 23 and no more than three players on the active roster with more than four years of service. Most players in the league were selected in last month's draft out of college or high school and signed.

more local town team.

Games will be played Saturday and Sunday at Roessner at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The championship games are scheduled to be played the last weekend in July.

Parman Camper of the Week

One of Springfield's own, Matt Parman, was selected as Camper of the Week from an impressive field of youngsters at the Mott-Leoney Baseball Camp held earlier this month. The camp takes place annually at Newark Academy in Livingston.

Parman is a member of Springfield's age 13 Minutemen team and plays catcher.

Age 14 team improved to 4-2

Springfield's age 14 Minutemen baseball team was 4-2 as of July 8. The Minutemen bounced back to defeat Glen Ridge 10-6 in Glen Ridge July 2 after falling to Mountaineers 7-6 and Union 10-0.

Michael Kronert and Jeremy Marx both pitched well for Springfield. Kronert the first four innings and Marx the final three.

Kronert, Louis Puopolo, Raul Fumaguer, Pat Cicrelli and Michael Mannarino drove in runs for Springfield. Mannarino belted a two-run double with two out in the top of the sixth to cap a six-run inning for the Minutemen.

Springfield was scheduled to host Westfield Sunday, play at Millburn Monday and host the Springfield 13s yesterday at Ruby Field.

Springfield is scheduled to play at Summit tomorrow night at 6.

Springfield swimmers turn in stellar efforts

Demberger, Maul, Puopolo star

The Springfield swimming team turned in several outstanding performances in its meet against New Providence July 3 in North Jersey Summer Swim League competition.

Here's a look at how Springfield swimmers performed in their meet against New Providence:

Annie Demberger was second in the girls 12-under individual medley, while Carolyn Maul was second and Christine Grywalski third in the 13-over. Louis Puopolo was first in the boys 13-over.

Mallory DeMauro was first in the girls 8-under freestyle, while Matthew Suckowski was second in the boys. Amanda Grywalski was first in the 9-10 girls and Jamie Moscovich second. Joe Suckowski was third in the boys 9-10, Amanda Rodriguez first and Julie Palermo third in the 11-12 girls and Nick Garciaio third in the boys 11-12.

Catherine Andrasko was first and Nicole Gretén third in the girls 13-14, while Matt Bocian was second in the boys 13-14 and Karen Bocian first in the girls 15-over.

Ariella Fishkin was second and DeMauro third in the 8-under girls backstroke. John Hoehn was first in the 8-under boys, while Taylor Zilinek was second and Clare Demberger third in the girls 9-10.

Demberger was second and Annmarie Corcione third in the 11-12 girls. Andrasko second and Gretén third in the 13-14 girls. Steven Stockl second in the 13-14 boys. Bocian first in the 15-over girls and Bryan Demberger second in the 15-over boys.

Hoehn was first in the 8-under boys breaststroke. Gina Corcione first and Haley Lynn third in the 8-under girls and Kim Baldwin first and Zilinek third in the 9-10 girls.

Palermo was first and Corcione third in the 11-12 girls. Maul first and Gretén third in the 13-14 girls. Bocian first in the 15-over girls and Puopolo first in the 15-over boys.

Hoehn was second in the 8-under boys butterfly. Grywalski first and Demberger third in the 9-10 girls and Rodriguez third in the 11-12 girls. Grywalski was second and Andrasko third in the 13-14 girls. Stockl second in the 13-14 boys. Raquel Doraratty second in the 15-over girls and Puopolo third in the 15-over boys.

Springfield did well to finish second in the 12-under girls medley relay behind Annie Demberger, Grywalski, Zilinek and Rodriguez and also placed second in the 13-over medley relay behind stellar efforts from Bryan Demberger, Maul Doraratty and Stockl.

Springfield did well to finish third in the 8-under mixed freestyle relay behind Suckowski, Corcione, Daniel Perez and DeMauro and was second in the 12-under freestyle relay behind Palermo, Kim Baldwin, Devon Stefano and Corcione.

Mountainside youngsters open with a victory

The Mountainside swimming team opened its North Jersey Summer Swim League schedule with a home victory over East Hanover June 27.

Mountainside will compete against South Orange, Madison and Florham Park in upcoming meets.

Here's a look at how Mountainside swimmers performed in their win against East Hanover:

Kara Buttermore and Joe Carroll in 8-under. Jack Pijanowski in 9-10. Mary Jane Pijanowski in 11-12, Samantha Grindinger and Joe Pijanowski in 13-14 and Meral Akyuz in 15-over were first in freestyle. Alexa Barone, Russell Kinney, Jillian Murphy and Chris Leone were second and Brittany Catalano, Brian Blasser, Meghan Crehan and Casey Brown third.

Carroll, Kinney, Christine Bennett in 11-12, Brian Glassett in 13-14 and Jen Bezrutzky and Marc Massa in 15-over were first in breaststroke. Maura Colwell, Vinia Bennett, Neil Boyle, Brittany Catalano, Maura Crehan and Jessica Nichols were second, while Stephanie Scofield, Melissa Addonizio, Matthew Glassett and Kara Uzzolino were third.

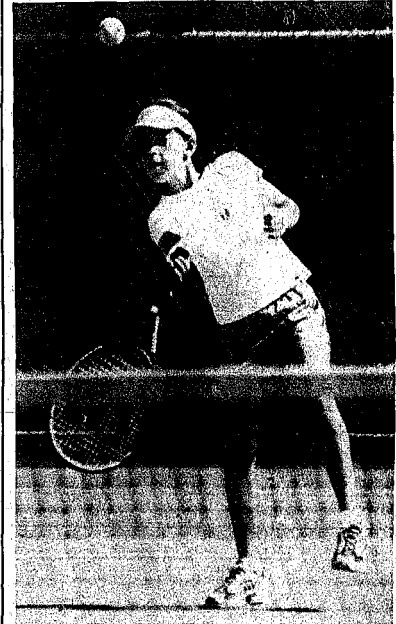
Mackenzie Liss and Tim Carroll in 8-under were first in breaststroke, while Danielle Addonizio and Justin Catalano took top honors in 9-10 and Mary Jane Pijanowski in 11-12. Brittany Hamill was first in 13-14 as was Joe Pijanowski, while Scott Santos took top honors in 15-over.

Jack Pijanowski, Brittany Catalano, Nichols and Leone were second. Buttermore and Akyuz turned in solid efforts to finish third.

Finishing first in butterfly were Vinnie Bennett in 8-under, Justin Catalano in 9-10, Brittany Hamill in 13-14 and Jen Bezrutzky in 15-over.

Liss, TJ Nichols, Melissa Addonizio and Neil Boyle were second, while Cassie Kinney, Christine Bennett, Maura Crehan, Ashley Ferrell and Marc Massa did well to place third.

Over the net



Caroline Egnatuk returns the ball underhanded during warmups at last month's first tennis camp held at Dayton High School under the guidance of coach Bill Prisco.

Photo by Bob Helfrich

Ross named in 'Who's Who'

Marquis "Who's Who in America" has announced the selection of Mark Samuel Ross of Springfield for inclusion in its 56th edition for 2002. Ross has previously been profiled in "Who's Who in American Law" and "Who's Who in the East."

Ross is an attorney in private practice in Union, and is a co-owner of the Menorah Chapels funeral home where he also serves as the senior director. Ross also is the author of "Through My Father's Eyes," a weekly column which appears on behalf of the funeral home in several Anglo-Jewish newspapers in New Jersey.

Previously, Ross served as adjunct professor of law at the American Academy-McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in New York City and was a co-owner of Art/Craft Memorials-Shalom Memorials of Union.

Ross previously has been honored by Springfield B'nai B'rith, who named him Man Of The Year for 1995 and by B'nai B'rith International, with its National Founders Award in 1982 and its International Citizenship And Civic Affairs Award in 1995. Ross has served as president of Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, as president of the Novat Unit of B'nai B'rith and as a vice president of the Springfield Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

Robert E. Day

Robert E. Day, 75, of Springfield, retired fire chief in Springfield, died on July 4.

Born in Minneapolis, Mr. Day moved to Springfield many years ago. He was a member of the Springfield Fire Department for 30 years and retired as fire chief in 1979. After retiring Mr. Day became head of the maintenance department with the Springfield school system until 1991.

He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Day was a member of the Wilkens-Eureka Continental Lodge 13 F&AM, Millburn, and a member and past commander of the American Legion Continental Post

228, Springfield.

He was an elder, trustee and deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia A. Sankus and Margaret Doremus; a son, Robert Jr.; a brother, Herbert, and five grandchildren.

Luke Donald Haws

Luke Donald Haws, 64, of Springfield died July 7. A memorial Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Theresa of Avila Church in Summit.

He was an ironworker with Ironworkers Union Local 11, Bloomfield, for 43 years before retiring three years ago.

Born in Summit, he lived in Union before moving to Springfield 45 years ago and retired three years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; daughters, Mrs. Donna Lawson and Mrs. Eileen Sivoletta; a son, James; sisters, Betty and Mrs. Rosemarie McGuire, and five grandchildren.

Jack Weiner

Jack Weiner of Westfield died July 9 in Union Hospital, Summit.

Mr. Weiner owned City Cleaning Contractors, Fairwood, Colonial Sec-

urity Co., New Castle, Del., and Fitter Fresh Corp., Roselle.

He was a member of the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, the Sailfish Point Country Club, Stuart, Fla., and the Building Contractors Association of Fairfax, Va.

Mr. Weiner served in the Army during the Korean War.

Born in the Bronx, he lived in Springfield and Flemington before moving to Westfield 29 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Estelle; a son, Brad; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Fisher, and five grandchildren.

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Dr. Harish Patel

As a practicing dentist for ten years I feel the most important part in treating a patient is to educate them about dental disease and prevention of dental disease. Hopefully in the next few articles I can answer some of your questions. First question is what are teeth for? You might say "silly silly question" remember they serve not just for chewing but they function for talking, smiling, singing, facial expression etc. as dentists we look at the whole head region ie: lips, cheeks, tongue and gums, externally, the head and neck and the jaw joint.

The actual cavitation (cavities) in a tooth is due to a specific bacteria which normally resides in the mouth. This bacteria converts sugars into acids which cause the tooth structure to cavitate. People who tend to eat sugary foods and drinks are at higher risk for cavities, but a very important factor in this case is the frequency of consumption of these foods. The more often you consume these foods the levels of acids rises and falls in the mouth so the teeth get attacked repeatedly, resulting in enamel breakdown. Ideally to prevent cavities one should cut down on candies, sodas etc. Try to eat sugary foods with your regular meals and not in-between and try to brush your teeth after meals. Poor brushing and flossing can lead to tooth decay as plaque harbors the bacteria. Oral hygiene is very important. Dry mouth can lead to risk of dental decay, dry mouth can be caused by certain medications or diseases that reduces the production of saliva. Saliva acts as a protective barrier to a certain extent. Preventing tooth decay is better than treatment. As well as good oral hygiene, the next few points will aid prevention. Fluoride plays an important part in preventing tooth decay. This element (compound form) incorporates into the enamel crystal and makes the enamel more resistant to acid attack than without it. Fluoride incorporates while teeth are developing hence fluoride in drinking water or in with vitamin supplements. Fluoride in drinking water is dependent on the area in which you live in. Check with your water authority. The optimum amount of fluoride in drinking water should be between 0.7 and 1.2 parts per million, (ppm) or mg per liter as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. The limit allowed by the EPA is 4ppm. Backed by results from more than 140 documented studies undertaken in 20 different countries over the past several decades. If your drinking water that has less than 0.7ppm ask your dentist for advice on fluoride supplements for your children. Also remember too much fluoride ingested can lead to white or brown patches on the permanent teeth, seen after the new teeth erupt into the mouth, so please consult your dentist. Fluoride applied directly onto the teeth

(via fluoride toothpaste and application of topical fluoride on the teeth at the dental office) will aid in prevention. Sealants can offer protection against cavities. Pits and fissures on back teeth are hard areas to keep clean as toothbrush bristles cannot reach all the way down the grooves. Sealants seal out these vulnerable areas from plaque and food. Remember only these areas of teeth are protected, not all surfaces can be sealed. The procedure is very simple and involves a short appointment. The likely hood of developing pit and fissure decay begins early in life, so children and teenagers are obvious candidates. Also note that preventing decay with sealants is a cost effective measure. So remember PREVENTION PREVENTION PREVENTION is the key. If you have any questions please ask your dentist or you can write to me Harish Patel, DMD 27 Linden Ave. Springfield, NJ 07081, or E-mail me at: harish45@hotmail.com

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