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New principal hired for Deerfield School

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Deerfield Elementary School in Mountaineer has a new principal. At a special emergency meeting of the Mountaineer Board of Education Monday afternoon, the board officially made it final, and M. Priscilla Church was named principal of Deerfield School, at a salary of \$90,000, for the school year 2001-02.

At the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller, the vote was taken as soon as a quorum of four arrived at the impromptu afternoon meeting in the Deerfield Media Center, and this brought the long search for the principal's position to an end. Said Schaller to the new principal, "I am very happy to have you."

Church replaces Elizabeth Keshish, who had served as assistant principal but accepted a position as principal in a district closer to her home. With the coming advent of two schools, Deerfield and Beechwood schools, it became necessary for an individual to serve as full principal for Deerfield, as Schaller will be based at Beechwood School.

The four voting Board of Education members were Sally Rivieccio, Frank

Geiger, Peter Goggi and Marybeth Schaumburg. All congratulated and welcomed Church after the short meeting.

A vice principal at Drum Point Road Elementary School in Brick Township since 1999, Church has been an educator for more than 27 years, teaching at the high school level at Brick Memorial High School since 1979 prior to becoming vice principal of the elementary school.

"Becoming principal has always been my goal," Church said. "It is a step up for me, and I am looking forward to beginning at Deerfield as soon as I can." She already has given a 60-day notice to the Ocean County District, but said, "They have been very good; possibly I will be able to start sooner."

Church, who lives in Upper Montclair, has a bachelor of arts degree from Montclair State College, a master of arts degree from Georgian Court College and an associate of arts degree from Ocean County Junior College. She has principal certification, supervision certification and teacher K-12 permanent certification.

Also at Monday's school board meeting, the hiring of a part-time occupational therapist, Brian W.



Priscilla Church

Tizio, was voted and confirmed, as well as a full-time middle school science teacher, Jennifer Krug. Both Tizio and Krug's salaries are to be determined pending negotiations.

"This completes our Deerfield school vacancies, and I am thrilled at the quality of people we have found," Schaller said. "It should be an exciting school year come September, when hopefully, all will be on board."

Designers of senior housing plan apply for change in h

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Applying for a change in the height allowed for a proposed senior housing complex at the end of Black's Lane and an approval by the Springfield Planning Board for final site plan, Chuck F. Lee & Associates revealed its proposal before the board at the Aug. 1 meeting.

At its highest point, the building is designed at 43.5 feet, or 10 percent over the 40 feet that is permitted for the property. Since it is within the 10 percent limit, the Planning Board still has jurisdiction over the firm's application.

"It is our opinion that we meet the criteria as well as the intent of the elevation," said Donald Chapman, a licensed architect of The Chapman Studio in Summit who worked with the firm on the design of the site. "I am totally convinced that we will be within the 10 percent coverage of 40 feet."

Chapman explained the developers are applying for the height variance because they had to design the building with half of the parking submerged under the building in a garage in order to accommodate the number of spaces on the nearly 2.4-acre property, thereby raising the height of the complex. The parking lot beneath the

building on the low end of the site will be submerged below grade more than 50 percent.

"Because of the irregular shape of the property, it's very difficult to lay out the parking so that we have sufficient spaces to support this building," said Chuck F. Lee, engineer for the project. "So we decided to put half of the parking under the building and the other half outside."

Outside the complex, 39 spaces have been proposed, with 38 spaces to go underneath the building, bringing the total to 77. Lee said the number of parking spaces meets the minimum requirements of the township ordinance.

Since the design calls for an elevation of the height of the property, developers have proposed building a new retaining wall to contain the drainage within the property so it can flow into an underground system.

Because of the varying grade of the property, the rear of the building will be three stories, while the front will be two.

Chapman pointed out that the center portion of the roof, about 32 percent of the length of the roof, represents the actual high point of the building.

"I think it presents a low profile, the only evidence of a third floor are these

two projecting do each of which has you have access to fire protection," said Chapman.

"The only access to the property would be from Black's Lane, said Lee, who was commissioned by K&K Developers to do a study of the property and prepare the site plans.

Traffic Engineer James Koehnour performed a traffic count along Black's Lane and segregated through traffic which went directly onto Academy Green from that which stopped directly at the landscaping site.

"We found that the traffic being generated by the proposed site will actually be somewhat less than what's being generated by the landscaping business during its morning peak and afternoon peak," said Koehnour.

Aside from being less volume, most of the traffic from the senior complex would be from passenger cars rather than trucks and larger landscaping vehicles, Koehnour said.

"It will not negatively impact the traffic conditions that already exist along Black's Lane," said Koehnour.

The Planning Board requested that Koehnour submit the data from the traffic report in written form to the board.

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Labor unions meet with arbitrator

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Although contract disputes between Springfield and the unions representing the township's police and fire departments have been in the arbitration stage for months, no dates for any hearings have been set for Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association.

On July 10, representatives for Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 76 met for the first time with the arbitrator and mediator to begin to attempt to settle a new contract. The second meeting for the PBA is set for Aug. 17.

"There's no new developments," said Stephen Studlack, president of PBA Local 76. "We talked to each side and we talked to the township and the arbitrator."

Studlack described the first meeting as a way for the arbitrator to get to know the issues and the people behind them.

"The PBA is pushing for a 'four on/four off' work schedule, but Studlack said it is still unclear whether the township will agree on their proposal.

Studlack said the department needs 24 patrolmen to work their current schedule. Currently, there are five supervisors and 21 patrolmen. The new schedule requires a staff of eight supervisors and 22 patrolmen.

As for the Fire Department, staffing also is cited as a need to adjust their contracts.

"We have been looking for additional staffing since 1992," said Fire Official David Maas. "We have been working with the same staff since the 1960s."

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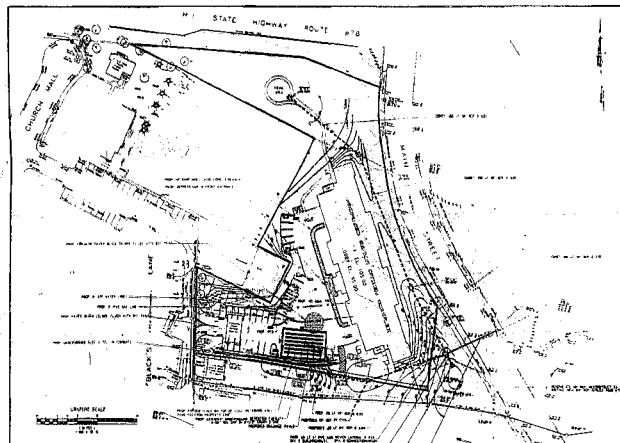
According to Township Administrator Richard Shoala, the details of the contracts could not be discussed with the public because the study performed by the Tridata Corporation was not finalized or released. The study is similar to the Buracker Report on the township's Police Department, released last year.

Shoala serves as a representative for the township in the arbitration hearings along with labor mediator James Mastriani.

Previously in their contract dispute, firefighters have asked for a 24-hour shift which would require them to work 24 hours, followed by 72 hours off.

In its current schedule, members of the department work two-10-hour days followed by one day off and two-14-hour nights.

The union representing police officers has asked for the four days on/four days off schedule to offset the amount of overtime that is permitted on their present four days on/two days off schedule.



A 40-unit complex, with 22 two-bedroom units and 18 one-bedrooms, on a 2.4-acre site on Black's Lane in Springfield would comply with the township's affordable housing obligations.

Newcomers Club helps residents feel welcome

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The Newcomers Club of the Borough of Mountaineer has a vibrant and enthusiastic group of mainly young women who make all welcome and do it in a big way.

President Susan McCarthy is an example of that hospitality; she has three children ranging in age from a brand new baby of 7 weeks, to 6 years, and still has time for the monthly meetings, and all of the events.

"The first person a new resident would meet from our club would be Monica Boening, who is head of the membership committee," said McCarthy. As if by cue, Boening rang her doorbell and came in with her baby; the women with much in common have become fast friends through the club.

Said Boening, "I bring the membership application and a business directory of Mountaineer to the first coffee for the new prospective member; the directory is very helpful as it has names of doctors, dentists, shopping centers, and just everything you might need to know about a new area."

How does she obtain the names and addresses of the new buyers? From Mountaineer Borough Hall, where new residents are listed, and also from newspapers where new home sites are public information. "We invite all the new families who have bought homes, no exception, whether they

are young families like us or seniors, or singles. Absolutely everyone is welcome.

The vast majority, however, are young couples, with small children, and there are actually more than 100 active current members, which is a large amount for a small municipality. The membership fee is \$20 a year and there is no clubhouse because none is needed. Members meet in each other's homes, alternating, and entertaining accordingly.

Events are always geared for the entire family, such as the recent June barbecue. "It was a big success with over 60 people attending," said Boening, who happened to be the host family using their backyard for the event.

In fact, from what both Boening and McCarthy said, the husbands enjoy the club nearly as much as do the women. "My husband has even commented on it — we can go anywhere and we will meet someone we know from the club, the church, the park, and so on and everyone is so friendly," said McCarthy.

Both women readily agreed the club has made a big difference in their lives. Boening said the way it became a "new" made welcome, two-and-a-half years ago when they moved to Mountaineer. "I decided I would like to be part of a group like this to welcome others who feel new."



Every month, members of the Newcomers Club share in the joy of welcoming new residents to Mountaineer. Susan McCarthy, president, and Monica Boening explain how a little hospitality goes a long way.

The first meeting for a new member is always at 8 p.m. on a weeknight; this way, hopefully the mom can attend, as the father is usually home and can babysit that first night. After that, the father is never left out of activities; there is even a Men's Night Out, where husbands can do things they like by themselves. Ladies Night Out is the same thing which features activities of interest to the women.

But most fun things are shared. "There is the progressive dinner once a year, in the fall, which according to McCarthy is very well attended. In fact, we have to start with a couple with a large house; over 70 came last year. Appetizers begin at one home, and then they split up into smaller groups of 8 to 10 to be hosted at one of the other homes in a more intimate manner. To complete the evening, all

guests rejoin in yet another member's home for coffee and desserts, from 10 p.m. to midnight.

All these fun things are planned in advance. "You can see how we all become friends; it is wonderful," said Boening. She said she understands when sometimes it takes a while for a new family to join. "They may need to

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Still waiting on samples

By Brian Pedersen
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Although the Springfield Board of Education has been waiting for months to receive the final results of soil samples taken from Meisel Avenue Park, no word has come back from the county on the outcome of the testing.

In April, Matrix Environmental & Geotechnical Services of Florham Park was contracted by the county at a cost of \$76,000 to perform the soil test on the county-owned portion of the land.

Results from the test will allow the county to move forward with the needed improvements to the park, including constructing the new track, playground, and bicycle path.

"Wood was delivered just this afternoon for the bleachers, so we are going to replace all those rotten boards that are not safe," Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler.

The metal frame of the bleachers is rusted and most of the boards on the bleachers are either cracked, warped, or rotted. Weeds, overgrowth and debris have dominated the ground beneath the bleachers on either side of the track.

"The field is not in good shape by any means, it needs a lot of work," said Mahler. "Supposedly the track is going to go out to bid and we should

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Planning Board to examine revisions

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To control traffic on the entrance to their site on Black's Lane, Lee said they have made a proposal for signage to include a one-way sign, a stop sign at the driveway, and a right-turn only sign exiting the site onto Academy Green. They also proposed widening Black's Lane so it is of an even width with Morris Avenue to the site's driveway. It is currently 13 feet wide in front of the property.

Lee proposed building a new sidewalk on the west side of Black's Lane to allow senior citizens a pedestrian walking path as they cross the street to go to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. Currently, there is a sidewalk in place on the east side, but it ends where the driveway would be for the proposed complex.

Blocking the construction of a new full sidewalk on that side of the street are two giant sycamore trees that would obstruct the path of a sidewalk. Because the road is a one-way, Lee said senior citizens will find it easier to navigate since cars will be coming from just one direction.

"I believe they will have better control of when to cross the street because it's a one-way street, and also because the traffic flow in this area is very low," said Lee. "I would hope that the CVS proposal would not allow cars to come onto Black's Lane."

Currently, there is a proposal before the board involving the construction of a CVS where Stanley's Restaurant now sits. If the proposal goes through, it would involve having cars exit onto Black's Lane, past the

location of the entrance to the site. "I'm thinking about the potential for disaster in having senior citizens cross at that location," said Planning Board member Debra Tule. "I'm just thinking of the extra traffic on Black's Lane."

The site is currently owned by Statle Nursery and used as a landscape contractor's lot, housing both an office and a place for landscape equipment storage.

Vehicles going to the nursery business enter on Black's Lane, a one-way street, and exit by going onto Academy Green and turning left onto Church Mall to exit onto Morris Avenue.

Traffic coming onto the senior facility would follow a similar pattern, Lee explained. Vehicles would enter on Black's Lane, turning right into the complex at the end of the street.

The area is currently zoned for affordable housing, which will enable the senior housing proposal to comply with the township's Mt. Laurel obligation, since they are providing for eight units to be reserved for low and moderate income level housing. The rest of the 32 units would be market rentals.

The 40-unit complex contains 22 two-bedroom units, and 18 one-bedrooms. The site is an acre with a density of 17 units per acre, allowing for slightly more than 40 units to be constructed on the site.

The board asked the applicant to revise the site plan for further review by the board at its next meeting on Sept. 5.

Club keeps everyone involved in activities

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get adjusted to the new area and new jobs, committing, and so forth, and they won't go right away. Whenever they are ready, that is fine with us."

McCarthy said even with her new baby, she has never missed any of the couples activities. "We even have a summer event, a winter gala, we call it, when we dress up and have a catered

dinner, perhaps out of a member's home or to an outside place. That is well attended also, and lots of fun."

If you are a new Mountaineer resident and would be interested in knowing more and would be interested in knowing more about the Newcomers Club, call 908-928-0321 and Bonning will be sure and get back to you. The next new membership meeting is at 8 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the McCarthy's.

Garden Club will meet Aug. 22

The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 22 in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

Members and guests are invited to bring produce of interest from their gardens. Also, the winner in the annual photography contest will be selected. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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Today
• The Mountaineer Public Library, Constitution Plaza, hosts its summer reading club finale party at 11 a.m. For information call 908-233-0115.
• The Mountaineer Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West.

Sunday
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, conducts 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 information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Monday
• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, conducts 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.

• "Horary for Hergules," a five-day camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades, has spaces available through Aug. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer.

"Backwoods Lore" is another camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades and has openings through Aug. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students venture into the forest each day to learn about wilderness survival. Participants will learn how to gather and prepare wild edibles, build an emergency shelter and fire, and track local mammals.
For information on both camps, call 908-789-3670.

• The International Film Festival at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with a showing of the Japanese film "Kikujiro" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free.
For information, call 973-376-4930.

• "Polar Expedition," a vacation bible school program run by the Evangelical Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Rd., begins today and continues through Aug. 17. Explorers will meet at the church each day from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. for bible adventures, ice cream treats, and a hands-on North American mission project.
For information, call 973-379-4351.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer luncheon video series at noon with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman." Both videos are 55 minutes long and coffee and cookies will be provided.
For information, call 973-376-4930.

Wednesday
• Guitar Bob Messano's Children's Rock & Roll Concert brings joy and rock 'n' roll to the Wednesday Matinees programs at Trailside Nature & Science

Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, for children who want to sing and dance to original songs like "Rockin' in the Rabbit Hole." The show begins at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person and no children under 4 years-old are permitted.
For information, call 908-789-3670.

Upcoming Aug. 17
• "A Walk on the Moon" is a special interactive dramatic presentation where kids ages 5 to 8 can learn about the first steps on the moon from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.
For information, call 908-376-4930.

Aug. 20
• The Springfield Free Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. will continue its Summer International Film Festival with "Voyages" at noon and 7 p.m. The film examines how the Holocaust continues to affect present day Jewish survivors. Admission is free.
For information call 973-376-4930.

• Drive-in movie night will take place in the parking lot behind Jonathan Dayton High School, 138 Mountain Ave., at 5 p.m. The theme is "Nickelodeon Night" and will include an interactive village of rides, food, and games, plus a showing of the family-oriented film "Rugrats in Paris," with tickets at \$10 to \$12 per car and sold in advance. Tickets will be available at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and the Springfield Community Pool. The rain date is Aug. 21.
For information, call 973-912-2227.

Aug. 21
• The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library will sponsor a "No Frills Book Sale" at the library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Aug. 24. The sale will be of discarded library books in good condition, unsorted, with no children's books accepted. No donations are needed.
The hours of the sale are Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

For information call 973-376-4930.
• "Summer Matinee 2001: A Reading Odyssey" will continue from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with two special programs at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. "Outer Space-Way Out There!" invites Bill Nye: the Science Guy, to share his stellar knowledge on space. "Wallace and Grommit: A Grand Day Out" is a presentation of Academy-Award nominated claymation by the creators of "Chicken Run."
For information, call 973-376-4930.

Aug. 22
• Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer, will continue with Magician Bob Lloyd and his amazing tricks with magic, juggling, mime, and his own people partner at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person.
For information call 908-789-3670.

• The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. Members and guests are invited to bring produce of interest from their gardens.

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Parks have their problems

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Hanging wide open on rusted hinges is the gate to the tennis courts at the Theima L. Sandmeier Elementary School Field, a symbol of the dilapidated conditions that lie within.

It opens the door to the host of sometimes subtle, sometimes glaring problems facing Springfield's parks and fields.

Partly the result of limited staffing, topography factors, and a failed bond referendum to improve athletic fields, the condition of the parks and fields in Springfield reflect both a general lack of routine maintenance and a growing need for further renovations and improvements.

On a recent visit to several of the township's fields, the most common element found in each was a general lack of maintenance.

Leading up to the tennis courts at Sandmeier field is a winding trail through a wooded lot of Board of Education property. The trail, which includes a frail, wooden bridge, is hidden with overgrowth.

The gate to the tennis courts is rusted and unlocked, unable to stay completely closed. Overgrowth pushes through the fence at the entrance and at the other end in the back. A blank signpost is posted daily on a wooden pole outside the fence.

At Irwin Field, weeds sprout up around the tennis courts and the benches are faded and in need of painting. The surface of the basketball court also has grass growing over the pavement on one side.

Debris clutters the picnic table and underneath the benches at Smithfield Park, and on the playground equipment, holes were burned through the plastic windows.

A rusted chain link climbing fence on the slide poses as a safety hazard to children using the playground at Laurel Park. Underneath the equipment is an assortment of debris including a sharp wooden stick.

At the Florence M. Gaudinier

Middle School Field, tracks from a truck are embedded within the grass directly in front of the soccer-field goal, making dusty ruts where the goals would stand.

For three years, county-owned Meisel Avenue Park has been awaiting the construction of a new track, playground and walking path. The township is still waiting on results of a soil test before any of these projects can be undertaken.

One of Springfield's most prominent athletic facilities, Chisolm Field, suffers from a host of visible problems. Chief among them are a fallen tree's nest underneath one of the bleachers. Weeds sprout up through the slats of most of the bleachers, and some of the edges of the slats have sharp edges.

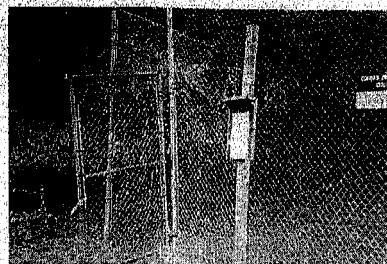
At the edge of the field by the fence along the resident's property is an overgrowth of weeds, bushes, poison ivy and assorted debris.

Most of the items listed are just a small sampling of the maintenance issues discovered on a two-hour survey of many of the parks and fields.

When asked about the conditions of the fields owned by the Board of Education, Michael Moore, supervisor of facilities and support services explained part of the problem as a lack of maintenance personnel. Currently, the Board of Education only has two staff members who regularly maintain each of the five fields owned by the board.

"We use every hour of every day to maintain the fields," said Moore. "We do as much as we possibly can with the resources we have."

Although the Board of Education does not maintain the township-owned fields, school district employ-



The tennis courts at Theima L. Sandmeier Elementary School Field in Springfield are one of the several facilities at parks and fields throughout the township in need of some repair or routine maintenance.

ees perform general maintenance at county-owned Meisel Avenue Park.

"The weather needs to be taken into consideration," said Moore. "Without having an underground sprinkler system, we are very limited in how much weed control and grass growth we can accomplish."

Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld pointed out the main reason for the overgrowth in much of the athletic fields and parks is that Springfield is one of the few towns that has a no-pesticides policy that prevents them from spraying pesticides in and around playgrounds.

"I think there's been a tremendous improvement in the last couple of years," said Hirschfeld. "There's still a ways to go. Right now there's a shortage of staff."

One of the things the township has been doing is applying for county and state parks and recreation grants that will allow the township to get new and safer playground equipment.

Mayor Sy Mullman blamed the topography of the town as one thing that prevents the parks from looking

as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

Since Springfield's parks and fields are situated among lowlands surrounded by various brooks, ditches and rivers, the machinery used to cut and level the fields is often disturbed by the water, Mullman said.

The amount of maintenance that gets done on the athletic fields also depends upon the season. In the fall, the road department of the Public Works often pitches in to clean leaves and debris in the parks, and during the Little League season, the township usually gains extra volunteers to help out.

"During the Little League season, the top priority is to keep the fields playable," said Mullman.

Eventually, Mullman said he would like to see the road department handle all of the maintenance problems of the parks and fields instead of the Recreation Department.

"I think they do a great job for what they do with what we have," said Mullman. "Our course we are a little shorthanded. But we certainly are not cutting back on any services."

A planetary creation



Scotland Preston, 7, shows off the replica made of Saturn to mom, Denise, as part of the storytime and crafts activities at the Mountainside Public Library this summer. The library plans its summer reading club finale party today at 11 a.m. For information, call 908-233-0115.

Soil samples not complete

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expect them to start working on it this fall.

The county cannot make a bid on the track until the soil results are revealed. For more information on the Meisel track, see story on Page B1.

School board member Robert Fish said one important factor the county has to be aware of is that there are New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association regulations as to the width of the track, how many lanes there are, and how much distance the track covers.

"Unless those specs are part of what the county puts in for, all the money they are going to spend will be meaningless as far as our ability to use it as a home court," said Fish.

A letter confirming the results of the soil sample was expected by the Board of Education on July 27. As late as Monday, Michael Moore, supervisor of facilities and support services, has not been able to receive the results from the county.

Prior to a bond referendum earlier this year that would have funded improvements to the athletic fields at Meisel Avenue, concerns were raised by some residents about potential contamination of the park. The site was once the home of a chemical dye plant before the park was developed in the 1930s.

With the fall sports season only weeks away, board members hope to have the results in time to get some of the projects under way.

Emergency tips from First Aid Squad

Prepare now for emergencies. The Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad reminds residents that they are an important link in providing emergency medical services to the township.

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EDITORIALS

At cross purposes

Crossing the street. It's something many of us take for granted because it's something most people can do fairly easily.

But what about elderly residents who will be occupying the proposed development for senior citizen housing at the end of Black's Lane in Springfield? This site plan proposal is coming before the township's Planning Board at a time when another plan for a different type of development runs the risk of threatening the quality of life of the people who will be living and working in that area.

If the proposal for the CVS/Commerce Bank development gets approval from the Planning Board, seniors will have a much harder time trying to safely cross Black's Lane to get to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

Although the final site plan hearing for the CVS/Commerce Bank development proposal on Springfield and Morris avenues was postponed again at the last meeting, the possibility still exists that it may be built.

Since the development would sit on property facing Springfield and Morris avenues, where Stanley's restaurant is presently located, Black's Lane may be used as an exit. Since Black's Lane is a one-way road, the only way traffic could go is down Black's Lane, past the proposed senior housing complex. From there, it would go around Academy Green, and finally, turn onto Church Mall, where vehicles will have to clog the area to sit and wait for a light.

Obviously, this doesn't make sense. Not only will the CVS/Commerce Bank development generate much more traffic, it would also pose a threat to seniors walking on that street or trying to cross it because more cars would be coming onto Black's Lane to exit the pharmacy and bank.

Even if developers of this project made a different exit, say, onto Springfield Avenue, some cars would still be turning onto Black's Lane. Putting a crosswalk connecting Black's Lane to the corner of Academy Green might help, but how are the pedestrian's right of way laws going to be enforced?

Does the Planning Board and township want to construct a facility that will benefit seniors, only to put those same seniors in danger by allowing the construction of a site that will allow more vehicles to be driving down Black's Lane?

Hopefully, the Planning Board will grant the approval of the site plan for the senior housing complex, something much needed for the town, and reject the CVS/Commerce Bank development.

That proposal has nothing of interest for the citizens of Springfield aside from providing one more reason to over-crowd, pollute and ultimately destroy the character of the area while putting senior citizens' lives in danger.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9698, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



The best in books

Looking for some good summer reading? Then look no further than the Mountaintide Free Public Library.

They've got some new releases that are perfect for taking to the beach, the pool, or on those long train or bus commutes.

E-Book readers are the newest thing, and the Mountaintide library has plenty of them.

These electronic books will never take the place of traditional print books, but they are gaining in popularity as the newest way to read.

Some available titles include: "The Empty Chair" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Bee Season" by Myla Goldberg, "Catch Me" by A.J. Holt, "1st to Die" by James Patterson, and "Emma" by Jane Austen.

Curling up with a good mystery is the perfect thing to do on a summer day. The Mountaintide library has plenty of releases by popular mystery writers including: "The Theban Mysteries" by Amanda Cross, "A Traitor to Memory" by Elizabeth George, "Murder in Havana" by Margaret Truman, and "The Bottoms" by Jpe R. Landsdale.

The library also offers a new DVD collection. DVDs are a great way to revisit favorite movies in a new form or to check out ones that patrons haven't seen before.

The collections of the Mountaintide library are continually growing and have the ability to offer residents the best in the world of free knowledge and entertainment.

For information, call the library at 908-233-0115.



Photo by Lis Ortes

A NOT-SO-SLEEPY STORYTIME — Bedtime storytime at the Mountaintide Public Library kept these kids, including, from left, Patrick Manion, 4, Shree Mehrotra, 4, Julia Morgan, 3, and an unidentified little boy, wide awake while they listened to a story read by librarian Linda Corona.

Transfer station hearing sure to draw crowd

County Seat

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The fact that the public hearing on a proposed trash transfer station in Linden won't be until this Monday didn't stop people from commenting during the public portion of the July 26 meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The freeholder board introduced the measure that night, but the final vote won't be until Monday.

Several Linden residents spoke and even the Republicans had a small contingent in attendance. In addition to the usual "watchdogs" Wally Shackell, freeholder candidate J. Ricky Badillo, a Roselle Park councilman, and Andrew MacDonald, a former Township Councilman, were present.

The meeting also caught the attention of at least one New York City television station: Channel 2 had a cameraman taping comments from the public about the transfer station. You can bet there will be more than one cameraman in attendance at Monday's public hearing in Linden City Hall. During the first hearing last year, citizens had to wait in the lobby of the Administration Building until there was space in the freeholder meeting room.

Badillo took his turn to criticize the board for its pattern of unanimous approvals, particularly on the trash transfer while MacDonald touched on another topic. MacDonald spoke on "an issue of great importance to the environment and destruction of the environment through rampant development."

He urged the freeholders to adopt a resolution calling for the dissolution of the Council on Affordable Housing. "Builder's remedy" has only helped to "enrich builders and contribute to the destruction of our environment."

"The initial purpose to provide housing for the poor has totally been lost."

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bret Schundler has made repealing the state Supreme Court's Mt. Laurel affordable housing decision one of the main points of his campaign.

There goes the neighborhood. President George W. Bush's energy plan passed last week by the House of Representatives, 240-189, with local congressmen splitting their votes.

Democrats Bob Menendez, whose district includes parts of Linden and Elizabeth, and Donald Payne, who represents Hillside, Roselle, Rahway, and parts of Union, Elizabeth and Linden, both voted against the plan. Republican Michael Ferguson voted in favor. His district covers the remaining parts of Union County.

One of the points of the Bush energy plan is to allow oil drilling in part of the Arctic Wildlife Refuge, which has been protected since the Eisenhower administration. An amendment to ban drilling in the refuge failed, 223-206, but all three local congressmen voted in favor of the amendment. Another amendment supported by the three local congressmen that failed would have increased multi-gallon fuel economy standards for all cars and sport-utility vehicles.

The plan "creates a national energy policy outline which we haven't had," said Ferguson's press secretary Brandon Waters. "It's a step in the right direction."

The energy plan still has to go to the Senate, where Democrats hold the majority and have vowed to stop it.

More money

As is the case each year these days, the Union County Democratic Committee holds a gigantic advantage over the Republican Committee when it comes to fund-raising, according to the Election Law Enforcement Commission quarterly reports filed July 15. The Democrats, who have won each countywide race since 1995, have raised \$171,000 this year, with more than half of that during the last quarter, while Republicans have raised less than \$80,000 in 2001.

The biggest contributions to the Democratic Committee during the last quarter came from Assemblyman Joe

Suliga of Linden, who gave \$20,000 on his State Senate election fund, and Sheriff Ralph Froelich, who gave \$15,000 from his election fund.

Other significant contributors included Joseph and Michael Jingoli, \$2,500 each, whose construction firm Jingoli & Sons of Lawrenceville does much of the work for the county courthouse rehabilitation project.

Matrix Environmental and Geotechnical Services of Florham Park gave \$5,000 in May. The freeholders just last month added another \$25,000 to a contract with Matrix to prepare an environmental report/study in pending litigation with Aetna. That contract is up to \$140,000 and the firm also is handling environmental testing at Meisel Avenue Park in Springfield for \$75,000 in addition to doing some work at county golf courses.

One of the busiest elected officials in terms of fund-raising in Union County has been Linden Mayor John Gregorio. Up for re-election in 2002, Gregorio has raised more than \$100,000 while spending nearly \$50,000.

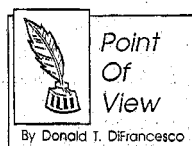
On the Republican side, Summit Councilman Dr. Eric Munoz, now the 21st District Assemblyman since Kevin O'Toole moved to the State Senate, loaned his campaign \$75,000 earlier this year. He's since given \$6,000 to the Republican County Committee.

We're protecting patients' rights every day

While Congress continues to debate managed care reform and prescription drug coverage in Washington, here in New Jersey we are enacting bipartisan solutions right now. From being one of the first states to enact a patient's bill of rights to the recently enacted Senior Gold discount prescription drug programs for seniors and the disabled, New Jersey has long been a national leader in health care policy.

On July 30, the state once again demonstrated why New Jersey is at the forefront of health care policy when I signed legislation giving patients the right to sue their health insurance companies.

This new law will provide consumers with the right to sue their health maintenance organizations if the insurer's decision to deny or delay care results in serious harm. In those cases where the serious harm threshold has not been met, patients



By Donald I. DiFrancesco

will first appeal the HMO's care decision through the Independent Health Care Appeals Program and, if no resolution is met, will be able to file suit.

By utilizing the Independent Health Care Appeals Program, we will safeguard against frivolous lawsuits that could result in increased health care cost, while serving the clear purpose of protecting patients and their families. The legislation is aimed at increasing quality health practices — not lawsuits.

Quality health care should always

be paramount in any decision made for patients. This new law will do much to keep health care decisions where they belong — in the doctor's office, not the corporate board room. Doctors should not be forced to practice medicine with hesitancy for fear their patients will be denied needed tests or treatment.

Right to sue legislation will soon be added to the many programs New Jersey has instituted in recent years to improve the state's health care system. In addition to the patients' bill of rights, KidCare and FamilyCare, the recently enacted Senior Gold program is providing discount prescription drugs to middle-income seniors and the disabled. Taken as a whole, these bills will truly empower New Jersey's patients by providing greater accountability within the health care system, as well as improving access and affordability of services.

It is extremely satisfying for me, both as a legislator and acting governor, to have been able to shepherd this legislation from hearings I requested in the Senate Health Committee in February/2000. I commend my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, as well as advocates throughout the state for their support of this landmark legislation that makes patient care our bottom line.

The signing of this bill into law in the coming days catapults New Jersey into the forefront of patient care nationwide. Here in New Jersey we are protecting patients' rights today and every day.

A resident of Scotch Plains, Republican Donald T. DiFrancesco is the acting governor and State Senate president. He represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountaintide.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let's begin campaign for mailbox

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Mr. Jack Slater, whose letter in a recent edition of this newspaper confirmed what I have been trying to do for months now. I spoke to the personnel in the post office back in February. They explained that more could be accomplished if I wrote to the postmaster at the Newark post office facility and they gave me a addressed postcard to fill out with my suggestion for a driver's side mailbox in the parking lot of the new Springfield facility. I proceeded to fill out the card, and mail it back.

By July, I have not had any response — the card states that a response will

follow — so I picked up another postcard and filled it out and mailed it back. To date, there has been no response to this one either.

The idea of a driver's side mailbox is a good one. Springfield now has a facility that would be ideal for this. Summit has one, Millburn has two and as usual Springfield lags behind in anything new and adventurous.

Maybe Mr. Slater, you and I can get a write-in campaign going. Anyone can get one of those postcards from the local post office, fill it out and mail it to the Newark postmaster. Maybe someone can get the local postmaster to do something constructive. A major onslaught of postcards may get the powers that be moving on this much needed project.

Shelly Gornstein
Springfield



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Concerned about an issue facing the governing body or Board of Education in your town? Is your street in disrepair? Our readers can use our Infocourse hot line to speak out about any issue whether it is a question, comment, suggestion or opinion. That way, by telling us, you can tell everyone in town.

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We're asking Has the downturn in the economy hurt you?



Mary Frances Napier

"Not really. I always tend to be very frugal. I will just keep on being that way."



Karen Bonacorda

"The downturn in the economy is forcing us to tighten our belts and just buy things we really need."



Sam Farber

"No, not really. I am lucky that I have adequate funds. I am OK."



Terri Herlihy

"No. My husband has got a really good job so we are OK."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many thanks for everyone's support

To the Editor:
There is an Old Irish song titled, "The Town That I Loved So Well," that we are sure Ryan would have said best that fits his hometown. To this town of Mountaineire, the Faellas, wish to say a humble and understated, "Thank you."

Our family can never begin to show our appreciation at the outpouring of your love and support shown and still being shown due to the devastating loss of our son, Ryan, last year. Please know that no matter what deed was done, it did not go unnoticed.

It would be impossible to acknowledge the countless individual acts of kindness. Mountaineire is a town of loving people who give of themselves so often, in so many ways. Your sympathies, letters, flowers, meals, cards, and donations to the fund will never be forgotten, nor most especially your prayers. There have been days that we didn't know where the strength to go on came from but we believe it came from your thoughts and prayers. We ask that you continue to ask God to give us strength and grace to endure this tragic loss.

Our children are our future of hopes and dreams and our children have shown so much love that we know a bit of Ryan will live in each of them and not be forgotten. So often we hear bad things about the children of today. We can tell you that you should be nothing but proud of your children. They have gone out of their way in their own acts of kindness.

Many say hello as we walk by, and have sent beautiful letters, and small gifts that have lightened our hearts. Their expression of love for Ryan has brought so much comfort. Ryan's eighth-grade graduating class especially honored him in so many ways. Though we may have not attended on these occasions because it would have been too painful, please know that your deeds never went unnoticed or unappreciated.

Words will never adequately express the depths of my feelings.
The Faellas
Mountaineire

GOP imbued with hatred for Clinton

To the Editor:
In response to Norman E. Rauscher's column in the Aug. 2 edition, the money received by President Clinton is approved by the government as it has been for all previous presidents.

President Bush, who is a multimillionaire, does not refuse the money he gets from the government.

As far as speech making, President Clinton can't top the \$2 million President Reagan received for going to Japan. Also the \$2 million home he received as a gift.

Clinton's popularity is high. Any appearance he makes is an event that draws the people. He is in demand for fund-raising for the Democratic party.

The Republican party is imbued with hatred for an American president whose priorities to improve the lives of all Americans not the privileged few.
Donald L. Auslander
Springfield

No provisions for water, power?

To the Editor:
How stupid can we be! We build more housing, office buildings, recreation centers and the population increases while making no provision for water, sewers and power.

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountaineire

Thanks to all for Project Graduation

To the Editor:
Once again, Governor Livingston High School's Project Graduation 2001 was a great success! We would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous support of this year's event.

We would also like to thank all the Governor Livingston parents and members of the communities who donated their time and resources to the project. It is only through the help of the entire community—parents, businesses, corporations, civic organizations, students and residents that this drug and alcohol-free event can become a reality.

Sonia McCluskey
Governor Livingston Project Graduation 2001 Committee

Comply with pool's ID policy

To the Editor:
Under the supervision of Mr. Michael Tennaro, director of the Springfield Recreation Department, the efficient operation of the Springfield municipal pool is a large undertaking. It takes a dedicated team effort of all employees, including lifeguards, instructors, maintenance staff, managers, and badge/cashier personnel. The residents of Springfield, and their guests, should truly be proud of this fine facility.

As an employee of the municipal pool, I am taking this opportunity to address a concern that has occurred this season. An extract from the Springfield Township Ordinance 63-12.6 identification badges states "Each member is issued one identification badge which must be shown for admission to the pool area." How much of an effort does it take to comply with this regulation? I am specifically addressing that question to those members, that when asked for their badge identification, become indignant, insulted and frustrated.

Replies such as "I left my badge home," "It's in the bottom of my beach bag," "I know so and so," and "I've been coming to this pool for the last 20 years," etc., are all invalid statements. The municipal code does not provide for those excuses. Members bringing guests from out of town are also expected to pay the stipulated daily fee for those guests.

Let's make the balance of this summer a more pleasant one, and make life easier for all of us.

Paul F. Sporish Jr.
Union

Our policy on letters and columns

The *Echo Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

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

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

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

The *Leader* also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is WCN22@localsource.com.

Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Advertising and news releases will not be accepted by e-mail.

RECREATION

Wednesday matinees

Wednesday Matinees at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineire, continue at 1:30 p.m. with Guitar Bob Messano's "Children's Rock & Roll Concert."

Children will want to dance to Guitar Bob's bluesy brand of music and original songs like "Rockin' in the Rabbit Hole." Remember, rock and roll is loud!

Admission is \$4 per person. No children under 4 years will be admitted.

Drive-in movie night

The Springfield Recreation Department will present *Nickelodeon Drive-In Movie Family Night* Aug. 20, with an interactive village of rides, food, and games plus a drive-in movie featuring "Rugrats in Paris" at Dayton High School. Events begin at 5 p.m. and the movie starts at dusk. Admission is \$12 per carload and checks can be made payable to Event's Direct. Tickets will be available at the Sarah Bailley Civic Center and the Springfield Community Pool.

Due to a limited parking area, only 140 tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Rain date will be Aug. 21.

For information call 973-912-2227.

Trailside summer camps

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineire, has summer camp openings for children entering third to sixth grades.

"Hooray for Herpetiles" — a five-day camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades — has spaces available for the week of Aug. 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Campers will have the opportunity to take an in-depth look into the world of reptiles and amphibians. The students will search for frogs, toads, salamanders, snakes and turtles and record their findings for the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Herpetile Atlas Project.

"Backwoods Lore" is another camp for students entering fifth and sixth grades and it has openings for the week of Aug. 13-17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students will venture out every day to learn about wilderness survival. Participants will learn to gather and prepare wild edibles, to build an emergency shelter and fire, and to track local mammals.

Preregistration is required for all summer camps at Trailside. The fee for each week of morning or afternoon camps is \$105. "Hooray for Herpetiles" and "Backwood Lore" can be combined for a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. camp for \$245.

For more information, call 908-789-3670.

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.



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Taking a spin with fewer toxins

Assemblyman Dr. Eric Munoz, R-Union, met with representatives from New Jersey Public Interest Research Group's Clean Car Campaign to take a ride in a new low emission vehicle, the Toyota Prius, and learn more about state policies to improve New Jersey's air quality. The Clean Car Campaign seeks to tackle New Jersey's air quality problem by cleaning up one of the largest sources of air pollution in the state, emissions from passenger cars and light trucks.

"There are so many cars driving so many miles on New Jersey's roads every day that any long-term solution to New Jersey's air quality problems must address motor vehicle pollution," said Billy Grayson, a campaign coordinator of NJPIRG.

Specifically, the campaign seeks to protect the public health in New Jersey by requiring that New Jersey follow the lead of other states like New York, Massachusetts, California, Vermont, and Maine, to adopt the most stringent emission standards available for new cars sold in the state.

Automobile emissions account for roughly one-third of smog-forming emissions in New Jersey. During the summer months, smog levels exceed federal health standards nearly one in three days. Scientific studies have documented that on these high smog days, healthy adults experience impaired lung function and those who suffer from chronic respiratory diseases such as asthma face a 25 percent greater risk of suffering an asthma attack.

"My patients can't breathe, they get chest pains," said Irwin Berlin, an Elizabeth doctor and board member of the American Lung Association of New Jersey. "They know they'll have to use their rescue medication for asthma on high smog days. We should move more quickly to achieve clean air in New Jersey." Munoz, whose district includes Summit and Springfield, as well as other parts of Union and Essex counties, is a trauma surgeon at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark and agreed "Quality health care for residents of New Jersey begins with the air we breathe." As a doctor, he advises patients about preventive care, as a legislator I would like to see our state adopt cleaner air standards.

Automobiles are also the biggest source of hazardous air toxins, increasing the likelihood of developing cancer, as well as reproductive, development or neurological disorders. In every county in New Jersey, levels of toxic air pollution are at least 19 times higher than the cancer health benchmark. The levels are at least 100 times higher in seven of New Jersey's most populated counties: Union, Mercer, Camden, Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Passaic. The most alarming of these toxins are known or suspected carcinogens, including benzene and formaldehyde, which come primarily from motor vehicles.

In addition to discussing the Clean Cars for a Healthier New Jersey campaign with Munoz, NJPIRG is taking to the highway, driving a new low-emission hybrid-electric vehicle, a Toyota Prius. The Prius is currently available mostly via Internet orders, and is making its way to American showrooms. The Prius has been available in Japan since 1997 and there are now over 35,000 on the road there. Thousands of American customers have signed up on a wait list to purchase the car.

In place of the national standard for motor vehicle emissions, certain states, such as New York, California and Massachusetts, have adopted an improved clean car standard known as Low-Emission Vehicle Phase II. LEV II would reduce the average emission of air toxics emitted by automobiles from all new cars and trucks sold in New Jersey.

The standard will help reduce the public health impact of automobiles, by ensuring that less toxins and smog are emitted from New Jersey automobiles — reducing emissions of smog-forming pollution by 20 percent or more, and reducing key air toxics such as benzene by up to 50 percent. In addition, LEV II would require manufacturers to increase the number of clean cars, such as the Toyota Prius, that they bring to market in the state.

This June, Senator John Bennett and Assemblyman Tom Kean Jr., whose district includes Mountainside, introduced legislation to adopt LEV II in New Jersey that has already achieved broad, bipartisan support, with more than 75 co-sponsors on the bill. James McGreevey, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, announced on July 28 that



Assemblyman Eric Munoz of Summit met with representatives from NJPIRG's Clean Air Campaign Aug. 1 to take a ride in a new low emission vehicle, the Toyota Prius, and learn more about state policies to improve New Jersey's air quality. Munoz pledged to sign on as a co-sponsor of clean car legislation. Checking out the more environmentally friendly vehicle are, from left, Assemblyman Thomas Kean Jr., Jasmine Vasavada, clean air advocate for NJPIRG, and Ben Navrtil, canvasser in the Morristown office of NJPIRG.

he would work to adopt this program if elected governor. Bret Schundler, the GOP candidate for governor, has not publicly adopted a position at this time, but given the fact that 95 percent of New Jersey's residents breathe unhealthy air and cars are the major source of air pollution in the state, Grayson said environmental and public health groups hope clean cars will be on Schundler's "to do" list as well.

"The LEV II standards promise a greatly reduced air pollution from motor vehicle emissions in New Jersey," Kean said. "From a public health perspective, this program is a must for New Jersey."

"I'm also confident that LEV II will benefit consumers by requiring auto manufacturers to sell cars with longer warranties and better average fuel economy."

RECREATION

Registration ongoing for child care program

Registration is going on now for the Summit YMCA's Child Care program for the 2001-02 school year. The Y program includes kindergarten wrap-around and school age after school care.

Kindergarten Child Care is a wrap-around program offering kindergarten attending Summit public elementary schools and Salt Brook School in New Providence a variety of activities including creative and language arts, group games, and gym play. The program offers a morning session from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon session from 11:30 to 3 p.m.

Monday through Friday. Planned activities include group games, arts and crafts, language arts and gym play. The Y provides transportation to and from school.

The After-school Child Care program is for school age children attending grades one to five attending Summit public schools and Salt Brook in New Providence. The program runs each afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. The Y transports students from school to the Y for age-appropriate program activities ranging from arts and crafts, gym recreation and sports. Dedicated time for homework also is provided.

In addition, the program offers options for school holidays and early dismissal days, before school care

from 7 a.m. to school time and after school extended care from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

To request a brochure or more information, call Michelle Buerrosse, child care director, at 908-273-3330 or visit the web site at www.summitareaymca.org.

Short-term memberships available at YMCA

The YMCA is offering special short-term summer membership through Aug. 31.

Summer memberships for individuals and families are available at the Summit, Berkeley Heights and Springfield YMCAs. When the sea-

son ends, summer members will find 25 percent savings off the initiation fee if they keep membership going.

An individual membership or family membership at \$180 includes full use of the fitness center, unlimited participation in fitness classes — including spinning, step and body

conditioning — and three free fitness equipment demonstrations.

Members must be over 13 years to participate in the Health and Fitness program. In addition, family members can enjoy swimming at the Summit YMCA. College student rates for one,

two or three months are also available. For fees and detailed information, stop by the Summit Y at 67 Maple St., the Berkeley Heights Y at 550 Springfield Ave., or Springfield Y at the Chisholm Community Center, Springfield, or visit www.summitareaymca.org.

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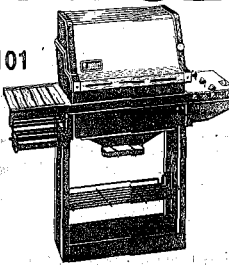
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Polar Expedition at Evangel Baptist Church

This year the folks at Evangel Baptist Church are taking a break from the heat as they head out on a polar expedition. "On this adventure, kids won't find any boring reminders of tedious schoolwork," said the church's pastor, Fred Mackey.

"Our Polar Expedition program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages: Each day, kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble tasty treats, dig into Bible adventures, and create cool crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long."

Polar Expeditions begins Monday and continues through Aug. 17. Explorers will meet at Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield, each day from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. There will be a closing special at 8:15 p.m. after the regularly scheduled events. The expedition is designed for children age 4 through eighth grade. There will be Bible-learning and games for adults too. For information, call 973-379-4351.

"Polar Expedition is an exciting way for kids to discover that Jesus' love is cool," said Mackey. "Kids will join nearly a million children in North America and take part in a hands-on mission project that will reach needy children across the globe. We'll conclude each day with a festive ice station celebration that gets everyone involved in celebrating what they've learned."

This year's mission project is called Operation Kid-to-Kid. For this project, children will send gift boxes — containing simple toys, art supplies and clothing — to children around the world. Operation Kid-to-Kid will show kids that, even though they're separated by language and distance, everyone can share Jesus' love. The gift boxes will be shipped to Samaritan's Pulse, who will then distribute them to children in countries around the world.

For more information about Operation Kid-to-Kid, visit www.ek2k.org.

Sisterhood rummage sale

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, will conduct its



Last year's vacation bible program took kids into the craft cave, a 'Treasure Hunt Bible Adventure,' at Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield, which is inviting kids back for more crafts and bible-themed activities, beginning Monday through Aug. 17. This year's theme will be 'Polar Expedition,' featuring ice cream treats, a hands-on North American mission project, games and more.

annual rummage sale at 78 So. Springfield Ave. in the temple's social hall on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sisterhood co-presidents Elaine Marshall and Dotti Shtafman and event chairwoman Ilene Rotenberg announced that this year's rummage sale will be the largest ever. Items for sale include house wares, clothing, furniture and toys. Additionally, Monday will be "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.

Vacation Bible program at Emanuel United

A family-friendly Vacation Bible Program called "Water and The World" is being offered by the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and the Springfield Presby-

terian Church, both on Church Mall. It features 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 final day is Tuesday from 5:15 to 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.

Services for summer continue at temple

Summer services at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, continue through Aug. 31. During this period, Friday night Sabbath services will start at 8 p.m. and will be led by lay members of the congregation. Rabbi Joshua

Goldstein will return to lead the final summer service on Aug. 31.

Conducting services on Friday will be Fred and Marge Saide; Aug. 17, Jonathan, Linda Kraushar and family; and Aug. 24, Barry Torrick.

Sha'arey Shalom summer services are conducted in a casual atmosphere. This is a good opportunity for families unfamiliar with a temple or synagogue to meet temple members, learn of the customs and traditions of the congregation, celebrate the Sabbath, and learn and see first hand what Sha'arey Shalom has to offer.

The congregation has a vibrant and growing religious and Hebrew school and a very popular nursery school program. Throughout the year there is an ongoing adult education program and a very active social action committee.

The public is invited to all Friday and Saturday Sabbath services. For information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387.

Reading club finale

The Mountside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will host the finale party for its summer reading club, "2001: A Reading Odyssey," today at 11 a.m.

Ike, Truman videos

The 33rd and 34th presidents of the United States, Ike and Truman left lasting impacts on the country through military reform and international policy. Springfield Public Library's summer lunchtime video program continues to sizzle at noon on Tuesday with "Dwight D. Eisenhower" and "Harry S. Truman."

Both Eisenhower and Truman entered politics after serving in the military, experience that gave both crucial insight into wartime strategies. During World War II, Ike became Chief of the War Plans Division, "the brains of the army."

Truman became president after FDR's unexpected death and oversaw the end of World War II. Following the war, President Truman devised NATO and the Marshall Plan, aimed at containing Soviet expansion. He then appointed Ike to build up NATO forces in Europe. During his presidency, Ike honored one of his campaign pledges by overseeing the Korean War truce, but his policies also continued the hardening of relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The series will continue on Aug. 28 with "Fitz Fitzgerald."

Bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Both videos are 55 minutes long. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

International film festival

The Springfield Free Public Library summer International Film Festival continues with "Kikujiro" on Monday at noon and 7 p.m.

Written and directed by Takeshi Kitano, the 1999 Japanese film is a surprisingly gentle, ultimately uplifting story about faith and hope. Masao, played by Yusuke Sekiguchi, is a lonely 8-year-old boy who decides to spend his summer vacation looking for his estranged mother, whom he

has never met. Kikujiro, played by Takeshi, is an immigrant man who has never had any serious responsibilities. When his wife gives him 50,000 yen to travel with Masao, the journey begins.

Brash, loudmouthed and opportunistic, Kikujiro hardly seems the ideal companion for little Masao. Their excursion to the cycle races is the first of a series of adventures for the unlikely pair which soon turns out to be a whimsical journey of laughter and tears with a wide array of surprises and oddball characters to meet along the way. As the two slowly grow to accept one another, they both learn powerful lessons about life and friendship.

The film festival will continue Aug. 20 with "Voyages" on Aug. 20 at noon and 7 p.m.

A cinematic triptych, with separate stories set in Poland, France and Israel, Emmanuel Finkiel's film examines how the Holocaust continues to affect present-day Jewish survivors, manifesting itself in subtle, sometimes insidious ways. Each episode involves a search for a country, a person, a past.

Rivka, haunted by her Polish childhood, takes a bus tour to Auschwitz looking for the answers which will free her. In Paris, an elderly man tries to convince Rogine that he is her father, separated from her 50 years before. Esther, in her 80s, emigrates to Israel but, speaking not a word of Hebrew, finds herself lost in a foreign land.

The 15-minute film is in French with English subtitles.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing.

Book sale Aug. 21-24

Sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., the library will sponsor a "No Frills Book Sale" from Aug. 21-24. The sale will be of discarded library books in good condition, unsorted — no children's books.

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The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ronald and Barbara Brezina of Clark. She attended Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and earned a bachelor of science in accounting from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. She earned her Certified Public Accountancy license in 1999 and currently is attending Seton Hall University to earn her MBA.

She currently is employed as a manager of marketing analysis by B&G Foods Inc. in Parsippany.

The groom-to-be is the son of John and Dorothy Unchester of Mountside. He attended high school at Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange and earned a bachelor of arts at Providence College in Providence, R.I. He currently is employed as an

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Brandi Lynn Brezina and Thomas J. Unchester account manager by EMC Coporation in Berkeley Heights. A June 1 wedding date has been set

The staff are all-stars too



The Summer Camps at the Green Lane YMCA in Union find extra time every Friday for the counselor softball game. Excited about their 3-1 victory are, from left, Jeremy Kovacs, Ryan Yospin, Dan Jamnick, Cory Berger, and Suzanne Kazemi, all of Springfield, and Joelle Correia of Cranford and Yehuda Romanoff of Elizabeth.

End of summer party

As the summer reading program draws to a conclusion, kids of all ages are invited to an end of the summer party on Monday, Aug. 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. As part of the festivities, acclaimed puppeteer Steve Abrhams will present his modern puppet version of Aesop's Fables.

These classic animal stories are presented with a light modern touch that is delightful to audiences of all ages. A brave mouse, a lazy fox and a very determined turtle are featured players in the puppet show. Abrhams

AT THE LIBRARY

performs three fables as part of an introduction to puppet theater. The audience participates in designing a puppet, as well as experiencing how a puppet moves and speaks.

Abrams, a professional puppeteer for more than 20 years, has given more than 3,000 performances. His one-man show traveled to the Renaissance Fair in San Francisco, Indian reservation in Arizona, and the Library and Museum of Performing Arts at Lincoln Center in New York. Call 973-376-4030, Ext. 32, or stop by the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., for information.

Children's programs

Silliness for all ages can be found at the matinee on Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. with "Outing Space: Way Out There" with Science Guy Bill Nye and "Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out" at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Other programming for August will include Family Storytime today and on Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. for all ages. Mother Goose Storytime on Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 1 1/2 to 3, and Library Babies on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for infants up to 18 months.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DECISION PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the application to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield (Calendar No. 02-001-1) for IFL, LLC, for the proposed use and/or variance of 245 Route 22 East, Block 4001, Lot 5, Springfield, New Jersey. This application is now on file in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located at the Annex Building, 20 N. Tivoli Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF MARLENE STEINER MARTIN, AKA MARLENE STEINER-MARTIN, Deceased
Pursuant to the order of James S. Lacorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 28th day of AUGUST 2001, upon the application of the undersigned, as EXECUTOR of the estate of said decedent, notice is hereby given to all creditors of said decedent to submit their claims and demands against the estate of said decedent within 90 days of the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from presenting or recovering the same against the executor.

MATTHEW R. STEINER and MICHAEL K. STEINER EXECUTORS

PUBLIC NOTICE

building and to continue the use of the property for the total sale of new and used motor vehicles, the servicing of same and the storage/parking of vehicles as evidenced by the application and plans on file or as may be modified at the request of the Board of Adjustment. This application is made for premises located at 245 Route 22 East, Block 4001, Lot 5, Springfield, New Jersey. This application is now on file in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield located at the Annex Building, 20 N. Tivoli Street, Springfield, New Jersey, and when the calendar is called you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Tivoli Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

RICHARD C. BIERHMAN, Attorney for Applicant
100 Springfield Plaza
07081 ECL Aug 9, 2001 (\$18.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 21st day of August, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on application #2001-14 regarding the approval or application of Marvin & Suzanne B. Sauerhoff for a variance or variance of other related use to permit the location of two (2) central A/C condensing units within twenty (20) feet of existing property line on the premises located at 87 Pitt Road, Springfield, NJ 07081 and designated as Block 1803, Lot 11 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map.

Marvin Sauerhoff Applicant
07081 ECL Aug 9, 2001 (\$11.00)

Maudsley gets degree

John C. Maudsley of Springfield was awarded a bachelor of science in business administration during the University of Vermont's 197th commencement ceremonies on May 20.

Formal on Morristown Beard honor roll

Adam Formal of Springfield, a ninth-grader at the Morristown-Beard

STUDENT UPDATE

School was among the students to earn a spot on the school's honor roll for the spring semester.

To make the honor roll, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below B- or a 3.2 GPA with no more than one grade in the C range.

Bloom to graduate Ithaca

Erica Bloom of Springfield was among the more than 1,318 new graduates and their invited guests who attended Ithaca College's 106th commencement on May 19.

A graduate of Solomon Schechter Day School, Bloom will graduate with a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation from the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, following completion of summer fieldwork.

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

2001 TAX SALE NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Collector of Taxes of the Borough of MountainSide, Union County, New Jersey will sell at public auction on the 23rd day of AUGUST, 2001 in the MountainSide Municipal Building, 1395 Route 22, MountainSide, New Jersey at Ten O'clock in the morning (10:00 A.M.), the following described lands:

ITEM NO.	LOCATION	OWNER	BLOCK /LOT	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
1	1887 Deer Path	Raymond John Braun & Assoc.	3.N 7.01	9,519.80
2	1889 Deer Path	Raymond John Braun & Assoc.	3.N 7.02	4,232.67
3	1890 Deer Path	Raymond John Braun & Assoc.	3.N 7.03	2,804.51
4	1891 Deer Path	Raymond John Braun & Assoc.	3.N 7.04	4,041.30
5	1892 Deer Path	Raymond John Braun & Assoc.	3.N 7.05	2,033.29
6	1897 Outlook Drive	Spiano, Rose & Spiano, Merv	A.C 11	1,122.72
7	1181 Ridge Drive	Kress, Cheryl N	5.B 13	7,233.05
8	1272 Route 22	Duda, Kenneth & Alexander	7.C 12	12,282.54
9	1244 Beach Avenue	Shank & Ale #3111	10.E 8	18,292.95
10	1244 Beach Avenue	DVCS MountainSide, Inc	10.A 24	5,652.72
11	1244 Beach Avenue	DVCS MountainSide, Inc	10.A 25	5,652.72
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16	377 Central Avenue	Danny, Henry/Caputo, David	12.L 4	8,162.86
17	504 Woodland Avenue	Wagner, Sandra S	22. 16	846.83
18	112 Elm Lane	Wm. A. Paffendorf & Sons, Inc.	12.O 10	1,163.04
19	1507 Fox Trail	Sita, Carmelo	3.G 22.D	3,490.64

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment by certified check or cash.

The sale shall be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, and the rules and regulations of the Township of MountainSide.

The sale shall be subject to sale described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last tax duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 23rd Day of August, 2001, exclusive of the lien for taxes for 2000 are listed below.

2001 TAX SALE LIST

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OBITUARIES

HEALTH

Elizabeth L. Faron

Elizabeth L. Faron, 95, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., formerly of Summit, died July 16 in the Franke Home at Seaside, Mount Pleasant.

R. W. Ralston Jr.

Raymond W. Ralston Jr. of Jersey City, formerly of Summit, died July 26 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Charles E. Rauch

Charles E. Rauch, 76, of Summit, a computer programming pioneer and professor, died July 31 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

1960. Mr. Rauch then worked for Jersey and Hutchinson and S&H Green Stamps, New York City, in data-base management and operations research for the next 21 years. After retiring in 1981, he formed Linden Software, a consulting company in Summit, which specialized in information resource dictionaries and data administration. Mr. Rauch also worked part-time as an adjunct professor of computer programming at Keen College, now University, Union, for 15 years until 1982 and was a volunteer teacher of Fortran, early computer language at Oak Knoll School, Summit.

He attended the University of Pennsylvania, graduated from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, in 1954, where he received a bachelor of science degree in production management and received a master's of science degree in operations research from New York University in 1964. Mr. Rauch was a longtime officer of the New York chapter of the Association of Computer Managers. He was a member of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit, where he sang bass in the choir, for many years. Mr. Rauch also was a former member of its Holy Name Society, a Fraternity of Christian Doctrine instructor for confirmation candidates, a member of the Parish Council during the 1970s and 1980s and served on the Troop Leader Committee of Troop 67. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America in the 1970s and a current member of the Knights of Columbus Council 783 of Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine; two sons, Charles D. and Daniel E.; two sisters, Susan Southern and Elizabeth Button; a brother, Frank Paul; a sister, Lorena Lucal; and eight grandchildren.

Wallace E. Toney

Wallace E. Toney, 64, of Newark, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 1 at home.

Born in Holly Springs, N.C., Mr. Toney lived in Summit before moving to Newark 30 years ago. He was a longshoreman specialty welder with

Sealand Corp., Elizabethtown, for more than 30 years and retired in 1999.

Surviving are a son, Daryl E.; two daughters, Stacy Toney-Pierce and Michelle R.; two brothers, Herbert Jr. and Oscar; two sisters, Leslie Johnson and Mary L.; and two grandchildren.

Louis J. DiParsi Jr.

Louis J. DiParsi Jr., 57, of Gladstone, formerly of Summit, a champion coach in Summit schools, died Aug. 1 at home.

Mr. DiParsi retired in June after working 33 years for Summit schools. On June 13, the Summit School District held a Louis DiParsi Appreciation Day. Among his many honors, he was inducted in the New Jersey Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame last year. Mr. DiParsi was a middle school teacher and then an elementary teacher. He taught his varsity soccer teams work ethic, team spirit and discipline. Mr. DiParsi was an avid collector of antique clocks and carved wooden decoys. He also had four motorcycles, including a Honda Gold Wing and a Valkyrie.

Mr. DiParsi had three state championships. In 1974, he was named *Major League Record Coach of the Year*. In 1976, he was named the New Jersey Coaches Association Coach of the Year. Mr. DiParsi guided the Summit Varsity Soccer team into winning three Group III state championships, two Group III North Section championships, two Union County championships and two Northern Hills Conference championships. His soccer teams had had 100 victories by 1984 and 200 by 1995. He also coached baseball and basketball. It was reported that the Summit schools are renovating the soccer fields and one of the fields is going to be named after Mr. DiParsi.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn; a son, Ryan; a daughter, Megan Grey; his mother, Ida; and a brother, Peter.

Geoffrey Berrien

Geoffrey Berrien, 90, of Summit died Aug. 4 in the Department of Vet-

erans Affairs New Jersey Health Center at Vineland.

Born in Montclair, Mr. Berrien moved to Summit 29 years ago. He was a probation officer for Essex County and a warden for the Essex County Penitentiary, Caldwell, for many years before retiring. Mr. Berrien attended Wesleyan University and was a graduate of Rutgers University. He served in the Army during World War II. Mr. Berrien was past president of the New Jersey Men's Senior Golf Association and a member of the Essex County Country Club, where he served on the board of directors.

Surviving are his wife, Jean; two stepsons, William H. and John K. Everett; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Daniel Mailing Jr.

Daniel Mailing Jr., 82, of Brick, formerly of Springfield, a retired Springfield police officer, died July 30 in the Shorruck Care Center, Brick.

Born in Springfield, Mr. Mailing moved to Brick in 1984. He was a police officer in the Springfield Police Department for 32 years and retired in 1976. Mr. Mailing served in the Air Force during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Daniel; a brother, William, and a grandchild.

Flossie L. Stewart

Flossie L. Stewart, 80, of Springfield died July 28 at home.

Born in Buena Vista, Ga., Mrs. Stewart lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 40 years ago. She was an assembler with Bard Co., New Providence, for many years and retired in 1995. Mrs. Stewart was an usher and a choir member, both at Antioch Baptist Church, Springfield.

Surviving are two sons, William and Larry; three sisters, Ernestine Stewart, Georgia Russell and Catherine Sutton; four brothers, Eugene, Howard, Wesley and Hollis Fudge; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mary Julian

Mary Julian of Mountaineer, formerly of Linden, died July 30 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Julian lived in Linden before moving to Mountaineer 80 years ago. She was a registered nurse in the maternity department of St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, for 10 years and retired in 1978. Earlier, Mrs. Julian had been employed in the same capacity and as a private duty nurse at Mountaineer Hospital, Glen Ridge. She was a 1932 graduate of Englewood Hospital School of Nursing.

Surviving are her husband, Vincent J. Sr.; a son, Vincent J. Jr.; a daughter, Marianne Izzo; a brother, William DeLorenzo; two sisters, Angela and Ann DeLorenzo, and three grandchildren.

Henry H. Koehler

Henry H. Koehler, 86, of Springfield died July 30.

Born in Newark, Mr. Koehler moved to Springfield 30 years ago. He was a tool and die maker with Bendix Corp., Teeterboro, for 20 years and retired in 1975. Mr. Koehler served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving is a brother, Philip.

Joseph Vitagliano

Joseph Vitagliano, 71, of Piscataway, formerly of Springfield, died Aug. 1 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mr. Vitagliano lived in West Orange and Springfield before moving to Piscataway four years ago. He was superintendent of the Summit Hill Apartments, Springfield, for 13 years and retired four years ago. Previously, Mr. Vitagliano was a buyer for Sherman Manufacturing, New York City. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Surviving are a sister, Carol Ann DeTullo, and his companion, Carol Schreiber.

Self-help support group

A depression and manic-depression self-help support group meets on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room No. 1, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

Talking with others who have had similar experiences can be a big help and an important adjunct to medication and therapy.

For information, call 908-233-7074.

'Living well with arthritis'

Do you suffer from rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis? Many older Americans live with the chronic pain of osteoarthritis. People of all ages can suffer from rheumatoid arthritis and the limitations caused by it.

SAGE is presenting "Living well with arthritis," a discussion on rheumatoid and osteoarthritis and suggestions for dealing with these two illnesses, today at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. The educational presentation will be given by Ellen Weinman, hand therapy manager with Morris Area Rehabilitation Association Inc.

Weinman will discuss the two kinds of arthritis and give an overview of joint protection. She will also offer suggestions for dealing with arthritis, including energy conservation techniques, medication, diet and exercise and the mind/body connection.

The seminar is part of SAGE's Women's Issues Series, a bimonthly series that deals with women's challenges at midlife and beyond. The SAGE Women's Issues Series is presented free to the public, however, seating is limited. To make a reservation or to receive information, call Ellen McNally, at SAGE InfoCare, at 908-273-4598.

SAGE is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides solutions for older adults and their caregivers, through services that promote independence and a dignified quality of life for older adults.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST
EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 2181 Springfield Rd., Springfield, 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages. Sunday School, 10:30 AM. Worship Service, 11:15 AM. Nursery care, 5:30-7:00 PM. AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11, 6:00 PM. Evening Service, 8:00 PM. Wednesday, 7:15 PM. Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Program. Youth Service, 8:00 PM. Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Church Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4353.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE
HATIKVA BEITH AMM 40 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0530. Rabbi: Yehoshua Rabbin, 1913-1970. Cantor: Dr. Scott D. Zimren, President. Beth Amm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM. Sabbath: 7:45 PM. Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM. Shabbat day 9:30 AM and sunset. Sunday: 8:30 AM Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and religious services are conducted regularly. Our religious school (third through grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Montessori League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-REFORM
TEMPLE SHIBAREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5337. Rabbi: Goldstein, Rabbi: Amy Greenman, Cantor/Education Director: Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director, Murray Bell, President. Temple Shalome is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, conducted by volunteers, begins at Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah

study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by 9:30 AM Prayer. All ages are welcome to attend on Saturday mornings for grades K-5, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for pre-Bar/Bat mitzvah students. The school classes are available for children ages 2-12 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) 739-5787.

LUTHERAN
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-4352, Fax: (973) 379-8887, Joel E. York, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10:30 AM at JONATHAN DAVYON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children's, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-10:00 p.m.

METHODIST
THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ invites all people of all ages and backgrounds to join in their spiritual journey. Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 A.M. with children available for babies and toddlers. Christ Education classes 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 7:30 PM. Please call or ask about the Adult Christian Education, Young Adult Ministries, Prayer Chain, Music Ministry, and other opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, interest or opportunities to serve others, we all have prayer requests, please call the Rev. Jeff Markay at the Church Office: (973) 376-1695

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located at 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 word" 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 school refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good word." Call the church office or Pastor Lee Weaver for more information at 908 277-7100.

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PRESBYTERIAN
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ROMAN CATHOLIC
THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 43 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekly Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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

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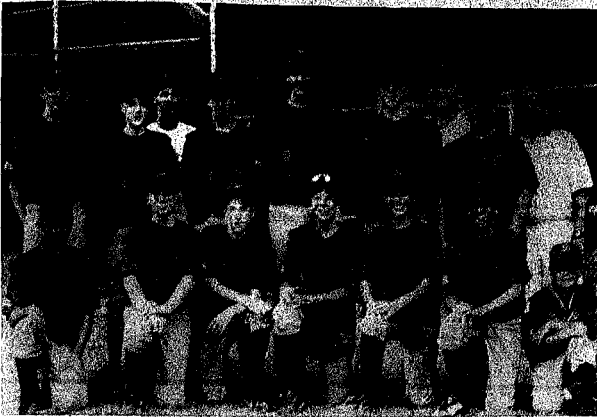
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The Springfield Minutemen age 14 team, sponsored by J.K. Sprinkler System and Louis R. Puopolo Land Surveyor, finished their season with a 6-7 record, earning the seventh seed for the league playoffs. Equipment bags for the team members were sponsored by Molinari and Circelli families. Front row, from left, are Justin Molinari, Michael Mannarino, Corey Berger, Kenneth Suarez, Josh Goldman, Patrick Ciricelli and boy Nicholas Ciricelli. Second row, from left, are Jeremy Marx, Michael Kronert, Scott Chertoff, Paul Furnaguera, Louis Puopolo and Steven Tellamanti. Third row, from left, are coach John Kronert, assistant coaches Jack Goldman, Louis Puopolo and Danny Ciricelli.

Springfield Minutemen teams conclude baseball campaigns

14s finish regular season 6-7, 12s go 8-8

The Springfield Minutemen age 14 team, sponsored by J.K. Sprinkler System and Louis R. Puopolo Land Surveyor, finished their season with a 6-7 record, earning the seventh seed for the league playoffs. Equipment bags for the team members were sponsored by Molinari and Circelli families.

Springfield was defeated by second-seeded Caldwell 8-3, despite a home run belted by Steven Tellamanti and an RBI by Josh Goldman that tied the game at 3-3.

Springfield's final three regular season games were losses to New Providence 13-3, to Mountainside 9-6 and to Westfield 15-8 at Cranford.

Michael Mannarino, Tellamanti and Goldman drove in runs against New Providence. Justin Molinari drove in two runs against Mountainside in a game played at Ruby Field in Springfield. Goldman, Kenneth Suarez, Mannarino, Chertoff and Raul Furnaguera scored against Westfield.

The Springfield Minutemen age 12 team finished 8-8

and in the playoffs was downed by the South Orange All-Stars 11-5 at Cameron Field in South Orange. Ryan O'Reilly hit a home run over the fence for Springfield.

Springfield defeated Millburn 7-6 in the last week of the regular season, coming back from a 5-1 deficit. Ryan Sabinsky, David Steinman and Teddy Hopkins drove in runs, Hopkins two with a double. Sabinsky was the winning pitcher, striking out five.

Springfield fell to host Maplewood 8-3, despite doubles from Mickey Stromeyer and Chris Kurzman. Adam Moss drove in Steinman, who reached on a single.

Springfield was defeated at Florham Park 8-3. Hopkins and Steinman blasted home runs in the fourth.

Steinman earned the mound victory in Springfield's final regular season game. A final score was not reported.

Moss, Steinman, Sabinsky, Hopkins and Eric Dworkin scored in the third inning. In the fifth, Jimmy Guarino, Moss, Steinman, Sabinsky and Hopkins scored.



The Springfield Minutemen age 12 team finished 8-8 and in the playoffs was downed by the South Orange All-Stars 11-5 at Cameron Field in South Orange. Ryan O'Reilly hit a home run over the fence for Springfield. First row, from left, are Evan Ring, Teddy Hopkins, Brandon Gincel, Chris Kurzman, Jimmy Guarino and Adam Moss. Second row, from left, are Kyle Seelye, Ryan Sabinsky, Eric Dworkin, David Steinman, Ryan O'Reilly and Stephen Suarez. Third row, from left, are assistant coach Rick Ring, coach John O'Reilly and assistant coaches Doug Gincel and Jim Sabinsky. Team members not pictured are assistant coach Scott Steinman and players Mickey Stromeyer and Danny Shabat.

Dayton ice hockey team blanks Johnson for initial summer win

Goalies Kovacs, Garciano combine for shutout

The Dayton ice hockey team blanked Johnson 3-0 in High School Varsity Ice Hockey League play at Twin Oaks Rink in Morristown last Wednesday night.

The Varsity League includes teams from Watchung Hills, Mountclair and Chatham.

The shutout was Dayton's first win of the summer season. Dayton won the High School Spring League championship earlier this year at Twin Oaks.

Dayton and Johnson will be in the same conference this coming winter season under the NJSIAA's reorganized Ice Hockey League. The two may be competing for the conference championship.

Dayton initiated its hockey program four years ago and the team has been improving each year, culminating with last year's second entry into the conference playoffs.

The Bulldogs have a new home ice rink this year at Twin Oaks and head coach Todd Drevitch will be returning for his second season.

Also returning is last year's captain, senior Adam Cohen, who led the team in goals and scoring. Alternate captain Brett Berger, a junior, and Clay Boeninghaus, a Kenilworth resident, are also back.

Goalkeepers Jeremy Kovacs and A.J. Garciano played against Clark, combining for the shutout.

Incoming freshman Steven Mandel opened the scoring in the first period, finding the net from in front off a shot from the point by defenseman Eric Decker.

Mandel scored his second goal of the game in the second period, on a breakaway.

Matt Schachtel made an excellent play midway through the third period and fired a shot on net. The rebound found the stick of Boeninghaus, who scored to give Dayton a 3-0 lead. Craig Radzion also assisted on the play.

The Bulldogs were scheduled to play Watchung Hills last night, and are scheduled to play them again on Wednesday at 8:45 p.m. at Twin Oaks.

After four games, Dayton's leading scorers are: Brett Berger (2-8-10), Adam Cohen (6-3-9), Clay Boeninghaus (3-4-7), Eric Decker (1-2-3), Steve Mandel (2-0-2), Matt Schachtel (0-2-2), David Sklar (1-1-2), Ross Kravitz (2-0-2) and Steve Cox (1-1-2).

Vintage base ball game and educational program Sunday

Set for Echo Lake Park in Mountainside

Paul Salomone, captain and organizer of the Elizabeth Resolutes Base Ball Club, announced that a vintage base ball game and educational program will be presented 11 a.m. Sunday at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The educational program will commence at 11 a.m. and the baseball game will follow at noon.

"Vintage base ball uses rules, equipment and uniform styles of the mid- to late-19th century game while providing spectators with an entertaining combination of baseball history and competitive play," Salomone said.

The Elizabeth Resolutes are patterned after an early professional baseball team in New Jersey and are members of the Vintage Base Ball Association (www.vbba.org).

The Vintage Base Ball Association, or VBBA, is an association of more than 40 clubs in 13 states and one Canadian province that is dedicated to preserve, perpetuate and promote the game of base ball as it was played during its formative years in the mid-nineteenth century and other historic eras.

The Elizabeth Resolutes Base Ball Club will play the Brooklyn Atlantics Base Ball Club in a nine inning exhibition match using the rules and customs of 1873 baseball.

The Elizabeth Resolutes include Ray Pinho of Scotch Plains, Anthony Ferrone of Clark, Mike Zullo of Flemington, Doug Bell of Westfield, Jim Constand of Garwood, Mike Cummings of North Plainfield, Andy Singer of Scotch Plains, Paul Salomone of Westfield, Mike Flanagan of Plainfield, Anthony Walker of Pennsylvania, Bill Heany of Springfield, Bob Ritter of Scotch Plains, Brad Shaw of Flemington, Chris Lowrie of Bound Brook, Steve Hingst of Mountainside and Rick Myers of Roselle.

The game in 1873 was similar to, yet in some ways very different than, baseball today. In the 1870s, fields were not perfectly flat and manicured and did not have dirt cut-outs between the bases.

Fielders did not use gloves, pitchers pitched underhand to batters who were allowed to request high or low pitches, a base on balls was earned after three — not four — balls, foul balls were not considered strikes and foul balls caught

by the fielder in the air or on one bounce were out.

However, as is the case today, bases were placed 90 feet apart, games were nine innings in length, each team fielded nine players and three strikes was an out.

Modern day attendees of vintage baseball games (or matches) will recognize the game as baseball, but they will be intrigued by the sometimes subtle differences and will be drawn to the more pastoral atmosphere created by men in 19th-century uniforms playing ball in an open, grassy field.

The exhibition match will be preceded by an approximately hour-long program, suitable for children and adults. This educational history program is scheduled to include the following:

- Discussion of the evolution of baseball, beginning with the Knickerbocker Club and the codification of the rules of the New York Game.
- Description of the first games ever played, at the Elysian Fields in Hoboken.
- Discussion of the growth of baseball in New Jersey from the 1850s to the 1870s, focusing on Union County.
- Rules, rule changes, the evolution of the baseball diamond and 19th-century baseball strategy.
- Amateurs and the rise of professional baseball players in the 1860s and 1870s.
- Union County's entry in baseball's first Major League — the 1873 Elizabeth Resolutes.
- Discussion and hands-on display of replica equipment.
- Questions and answers.

The exhibition and educational program will be held on the open grassy field up the hill from the flag pole in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

The event is made possible in part by a grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' HEART Grant program.

A second program and exhibition with the Providence Grays has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22.

Summit Junior baseball excels

Springing through the second half of its season, the Summit Junior Baseball age 10 team finished with a winning record of 10-6 in the highly competitive Suburban Youth Summer Baseball League, sponsored by the Millburn-Short Hills Little League.

After a 1-4 start, the mentally tough Summit team, formed in May and playing in the Suburban League for the first time, hung together, running off a 9-2 record in its remaining 11 games.

The finish was strong enough for the team to qualify for the playoffs.

Following a convincing first-round playoff win over West Orange, Summit was eliminated by Maplewood, which finished in second place.

The age 10 division of the Suburban League featured 17 teams from Essex, Morris and Union counties and included teams from the traditional baseball powerhouse towns of Florham Park, Madison, Millburn, New Providence and Westfield.

The Summit team was led by the solid defensive play of Tim Cotter, Will Cummings, Eric Forsell, Tim Kane and Jonathan Zackoff.

Aggressive baserunning was produced by James Kennedy, Tomas Salazar, Michael Synedis and Doug Williamson and timely hitting was provided by Kendall Baker and Brett Hardman.

The pitching staff consisted of Evan Chang, Eddie Hagan, Jason Curley and Tim Spangler. Chang was 4-0 with one save and in 24 innings allowed only seven runs, and three walks, while striking out 26.

Puopolo, DelMauro swim to first place

The following is how Springfield swimmers performed against Mountaintop on July 10 in North Jersey Summer Swim League competition:

12-Under girls individual medley: Adam Demberger, second

13-over girls: Joanna Galante, second, Carolyn Maul, third

13-over boys: Louis Puopolo, first

8-Under girls freestyle: Mallory DelMauro, first; Casey Friedman, third

8-Under boys: John Hoehn, first; Matt Sukowski, third

9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, second

9-10 boys: Nick Garcia, first

11-12 girl: Amanda Rodriguez, first

13-14 girls: Joanna Galante, first; Nicole Green, third

13-14 boys: Matt Bocian, first; Nick Paulino, third

15-over boys: Louis Puopolo, first

8-Under girls backstroke: Mallory DelMauro, third

8-Under boys: John Hoehn, first; Alfonso Cicciatore, second; Matt Bocian, third

9-10 girls: Clare Demberger, third

9-10 boys: Nick Garcia, first

11-12 girls: Laura Alonso, second

13-14 girls: Carolyn Maul, first; Katie Palitto, second

13-14 boys: Matt Bocian, first

15-over girls: Karen Bocian, first; Raquel Domaratzky, third

8-Under girls breaststroke: Alex Rodriguez, first; Haley Lynn, second

8-Under boys: Kevin Ricciardi, first

9-10 girls: Taylor Zilinek, second

11-12 girls: Amanda Rodriguez, second; Julie Palermo, third

13-14 girls: Carolyn Maul, first; Katie Palitto, second

13-14 boys: Matt Bocian, first

15-over girls: Karen Bocian, first; Casey Friedman, third

8-Under girls butterfly: Ariella Fiskin, first; Casey Friedman, third

8-Under boys: John Hoehn, first; Kevin Ricciardi, third

9-10 girls: Kim Baldwin, second; Clare Demberger, third

9-10 boys: Nick Garcia, first

13-14 girls: Joanna Galante, first; Kate Palitto, third

13-14 boys: Nick Paulino, second

15-over girls: Catherine Androsko, third

15-over boys: Louis Puopolo, first; John Cottage, third

12-Under girls medley relay: Second: K. Baldwin, T. Zilinek, A. Demberger, A. Rodriguez

13-over medley relay: Second: K. Bocian, M. Bocian, N. Paulino, C. Androsko

8-Under co-ed freestyle relay: First: A. Cicciatore, K. Ricciardi, A. Fishkin, M. DelMauro, Third: C. Friedman, H. Lynn, P.J. Farley, D. Kelly

12-Under girls freestyle relay: Second: M. DelMauro, A. Czamy, L. Adler, J. Cottage, Third: A. Domaratzky, N. Cicciatore.

Local teams sought for flag football

The Atlantic Coast Football League is seeking local teams for the upcoming Men's Flag and Touch Football Season.

In the Flag League, there will be A and B divisions.

In the Touch League, games will consist of 7-on-7.

The league will have games played locally on Sundays beginning Sept. 9.

Individual players are also welcome and will be placed on a team.

The ACLF is the area's largest football league, with both flag and two-hand touch leagues and tournaments throughout the area.

More information about the Atlantic Coast Football League may be obtained by calling 973-486-8072.

Slow pitch tourney Aug. 18

The fourth annual Dick Archer Memorial Tournament — 35-and-older Masters/One Pitch Slow Pitch Tournament — is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 18, with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 19.

The tournament will take place at Warnanco Park in Elizabeth.

There is a 10-team maximum and all teams will start at 9 a.m.

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

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third, an MVP will be selected and Golden Glove awards will be presented.

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

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

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

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

Swim season quickly approaching

The YM-YWHA of Union, located at 501 Green Lane, is proud to announce plans are actively under way for the 2001-2002 swim team season, under the coaching of Gene Tavera.

The first official meeting of parents and applicants is set for Sept. 23 at 1 p.m.

Practices are held Monday through Thursday evenings and Sundays from 1-2 p.m.

More information may be obtained by calling health and recreation director Larry Markowitz at 908-289-8112.

Lighting up the stage



Taking a break from their rehearsals of JCC Metro West's production of 'West Side Story' are, from left, Springfield residents Jordan Levy, Jonathan Zipkin, Daniel Poltrook, Stephanie Shack, Keith Dworkin and Monica Schwartz. The play runs today and Sunday at JCC MetroWest, 760 Northfield Ave., West Orange. For information, call 973-736-3200.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

American Legion Post 228 officers installed

American Legion Continental Post 228 Springfield, had a contingent attend the state 2001-02 American Legion Convention in Wildwood. New officers installed were: Commander Ethel C. Smith; Vice Commander William F. Smith; Adjutant Raymond Schranun; Finance, Donald

Auer; Service Officer and Chaplain, Warren S. Sim; Sergeant of Arms, Edward Reis.

Residents honored for perfect attendance

Union Hospital, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, recently honored more than 150

employees for achieving perfect attendance in 2000, including Springfield residents Amy Riley and Ragn-hild Clougher.

Other recipients included Violet Punsal of Mountainside. These outstanding individuals were awarded certificates of appreciation and a gift at a recent thank-you reception.

Man charged with marijuana possession

Mountainside

On Aug. 1 at 11 p.m., Joao Rodrigues, 18, of Union, was arrested on suspicion of possible possession of marijuana and being under the influence. He also was questioned about receiving stolen property, and possible possession of burglary tools. After being arrested at his home and being brought to the Mountainside Police Department for questioning, he was later released on his own recognizance.

Mountainside Police arrested Mike Carbonell, 44, of Newark, on Route 22 East on Aug. 1, for driving with a suspended license in an unregistered vehicle. He had been stopped for having passenger plates on a commercial vehicle, and it was found he also had a warrant from union for \$1,000.

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A court date was set for Aug. 30, with bail set at \$500.

On Saturday, at 1:32 a.m., William Lawrence Getz, 39, of Bridgewater, was arrested on Route 22 West and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants.

Getz refused to submit to breath samples, and bail was set for \$650. John Matos, 29, of New Providence, was arrested on Saturday at 10:57 p.m. on Garrett Road in Mountainside for driving with a suspended license in an unregistered vehicle.

Springfield

A gray bank bag containing \$2,200

Springfield helps put out truck fire

Springfield

At 11:11 a.m. Aug. 2, Springfield helped extinguish a truck fire by responding with a pumper to Route 24 West and Hobart Avenue in Summit on a request from the Union County Mutual Aid.

July 29, 2:39 p.m.: The department was called to a Morris Avenue business for a trash can fire.

July 30, 7:29 p.m.: They went to a Morris Avenue apartment for an activated fire alarm; 11:46 a.m.: to a Hillside Avenue residence for a medical service call; 12:33 p.m.: to a Stone Hill Road apartment complex for an odor in the area; 4:43 p.m.: to a Route 22 East business for a medical service call; 5:02 p.m.: to Mountain and Toolek avenues for a medical service call, and found a person struck by a car; and 7:27 p.m.: to Mountain Avenue for a gasoline spill in the roadway.

July 31, 11:01 a.m.: The department responded to the township pool for a medical service call; 12:22 p.m.: to a Jade Meadow residence for an activated fire alarm; 12:46 p.m.: to a Little Brook Road residence for a medical service call; 1:37 p.m.: to a Route 22 East business for a medical service call; 1:39 p.m.: to a Morris

FIRE BLOTTER

Avenue business for an activated fire alarm; 4:16 p.m.: to South Springfield and Hillside avenues for a call about something burning, nothing was found; at 5:24 p.m.: they went to a Morris Avenue business for a medical service call; and 5:31 p.m.: to Morris Avenue and Prospect Street for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Aug. 1, 11:42 a.m.: They were called to Morris and Meisel avenues for a medical service call. Aug. 2, 9:43 p.m.: The department rushed to Sandmeier School for an activated fire alarm; 10:19 a.m.: to a Mountain Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call; 10:04 p.m.: to an Evergreen Avenue residence for a medical service call; 12:11 p.m.: to a Brown Avenue business for a medical service call; 5:23 p.m.: to a Battlehill Avenue residence for a medical service call; 5:23 p.m.: to Morris and Keeler avenues for a motor vehicle accident with injuries; 8:40 p.m.: to the township municipal building for an activated fire alarm.

Friday, 8:46 a.m.: The department went to the area of Marcy Avenue for

was reported stolen from under a counter at Millennium Tobacco at 721 Mountain Ave. at 1 p.m. Friday.

At 1:55 p.m. Friday, a 2002 Ford Explorer was reported scratched in the rear of the trunk area at Autoland; 170 Route 22 East.

On July 29 at 12:10 a.m., a Fieldstone Drive resident reported a man's bike worth \$340 stolen from his property.

Gianpaolo Cifelli, 18, of Union was arrested on Mountain View Drive July 29 for allegedly driving while intoxicated at 1:17 a.m.

A Meekes Street resident reported the theft of a ladies' green bicycle worth \$190 and a green wheelbarrow at \$68 from his property at 7:58 p.m. July 28.

a natural gas leak; noon they went to a Battlehill Avenue residence for a medical service call; 1:12 p.m.: to a Route 22 East business for a brush fire; 5:16 p.m.: to a Center Street residence for a medical service call.

Mountainside Rushing to the scene of a bomb scare Monday at 1:30 p.m. at a Sheffield Street business, the Fire Department stood by while the Union County Bomb Squad investigated, and found no bomb at the site.

On Friday at 3:07 p.m., the Fire Department responded to a call to rescue a cat trapped in a tree on Short Drive. No action was taken when it was found that the cat was too high.

On Sunday at 11:29 p.m., they went to Route 22 West by the pedestrian bridge. A fully involved car fire was extinguished by the Fire Department. The engine and interior of the car had flames damage while the entire vehicle sustained smoke damage.

On Monday at 6:40 p.m., they went to a Summit Road residence to help a homeowner gain entry to his home. Also on Monday at 7:09 p.m., the department responded to a call to Apple Tree to extinguish a gas grill fire. Grease was found to be the cause, with no damage to the property.

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Joseph Costigan, who was a Naval Aviator in WWII and a POW, returned to the states after the war to work at the White Motor Truck branch in Boston, Mass., and later transferred to NJ to manage the branch in Newark, NJ. He later purchased Hall & Fuhs in 1959.
Joseph, who just recently passed away, enjoyed many years of selling trucks to hundreds of businesses in the metro New Jersey area. Joe's son, Tom, along with Kerry Webb are the current owners of Hall & Fuhs. Tom's two sons, Brian and Riley are also involved with the business with truck and part sales.
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