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TWO SECTION

New 7-Eleven to pull into Lido Diner's spot on Route

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield will be getting a second 7-Eleven, as the Planning Board granted preliminary and final site plan approval for a new convenience store to be constructed in the center island of Route 22, where the Lido Diner currently resides. The approval was granted pending several variances and conditions, including pinstriping for the parking spaces, that the frontyard be set back, two sign variances, approval from the state Department of Transportation, approval subject to the township engineer, and an easement agreement submitted to the township from the Community Plumbing Supply Company, which will be sharing the parking lot with 7-Eleven. The decision came during a May 1 Planning Board meeting. To eliminate back-up traffic onto Route 22 when vendor trucks make deliveries, the trucks will park on Community Plumbing's property and cart the supplies into the convenience store. Max Sherman, the lawyer representing 7-Eleven, said Community Plumbing has agreed to this.

"One of the things that's bothering me most about this application is that we're talking about Community Plumbing and we're talking about using a good portion of their property, they're going to drive in and out of it, they're going to truck loading and unloading on it," said Board Chairman Richard Colandrea. "They're going to have a truck loading and unloading on it." Sherman said they have discussed the shared parking situation with Community Plumbing and they are fine with it. "They're agreeable," he said. "There's going to be a written easement agreement, saying that any approval this board makes is going to be subject to there being a written easement agreement confirming the shared parking as well as some of the other things." Board members asked if it is a common occurrence at other 7-Eleven locations to share a parking lot with another store, have the vendor trucks park on their neighbor's property and cart the supplies into the store. "It's usually a site specific instance," said Diana Deluca, a senior real estate representative for 7-Eleven. "This is a unique situation, just the geography of

having two buildings and the asphalt in between them. I can't right now that is similar to this." Elizabeth Doland of Atlantic Traffic & Design Engineers Inc. testified as 7-Eleven's traffic engineer. She said her office has submitted a letter of "no interest" to the DOT. Her office conducted a traffic characteristics study, which compared the existing diner's traffic pattern with the proposed 7-Eleven's traffic pattern. The study concluded that there is no significant increase in traffic. In traffic engineering terms, significant is defined as 100 or more additional peak hour trips. A trip consists of a vehicle entering and exiting. Doland estimates that the 7-Eleven site will service 1,500 to 1,600 trips in a 24-hour period. "Overall, the site today, as you are aware, is essentially a worn down site," said John Palus of Bohler Engineering, who testified as 7-Eleven's planner. "Essentially, 7-Eleven is coming in and is putting in a substantial amount of landscaping and really dressing up the west side of the building. It will certainly be an improvement in terms of the traffic circulation that is there today."

Students learn about law with special visit

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Sixth-graders from Deerfield School in Mountainside know one thing for sure: their police department is up-to-the-minute and state-of-the-art no matter what happens.

They found this out on May 2 when they were hosted by the Mountainside Police Department on Law Enforcement Day. Led by their own police officer, Patrolman Andrew Huber, children had the grand tour of the facilities located in the Municipal Center on Route 22 East, where they learned what they do by watching.

The day-long event began with the children quietly filtering in and observing Municipal Court in session, then touring the entire Police Department. Pouring rain dampened the plans of the Union County Bomb Squad, but about 11:30 a.m., the rain eased to a drizzle, and the 64 children were led outside to see the large vehicles used in emergencies, with several officers walking them through what the vehicles are for.

Patrolman Jeff Klaus pulled the round machine out of the truck marked "Bomb Squad" and Ashley Osieja asked, "What is in that?"

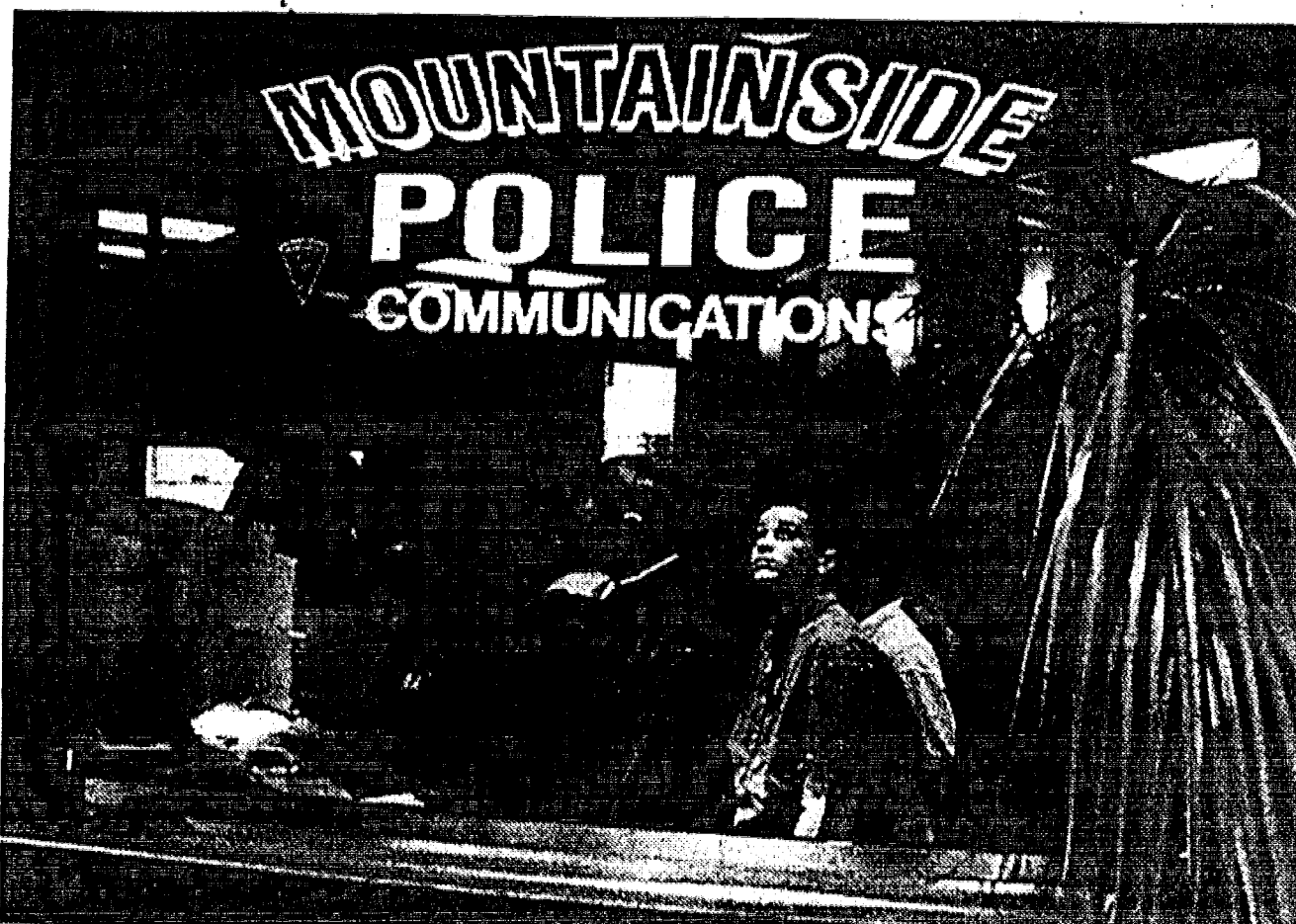
"This is to pick up and transport a suspected bomb — we use the robot upstairs to do this if possible, and it can be safely enclosed inside this machine," said Klaus. It looked like a blue globe with electronic materials inside.

Another large truck marked "emergency vehicle" was opened to reveal all kinds of ropes, and large metal equipment; one piece looked like a giant pair of scissors. One of the officers said, "That is our Jaws of Life tool; where we rescue people trapped in a motor vehicle in a bad accident situation; it can cut through metal."

One boy asked, "What else do you have here?" and one of the officers summed up, "Everything for an emergency; we have SCUBA equipment for water rescues and tools for all of it."

Patrolman Ray Berry was pulling out some of the rope gear to show some of the children who wanted to see it all. When asked what they thought about it, Jeremy Henik said, "Cool, it is real cool." Michael and Michael Saldida both said the bomb truck and the emergency vehicle were "awesome."

But with all this viewing of the lat-



Students get an inside view of the dispatch room of the Mountainside Police Department during Law Enforcement Day on May 2. Sixth-graders from the borough's Deerfield School were treated to a complete tour of police headquarters at Borough Hill, as well as a visit to Municipal Court and a demonstration by the Union County Bomb Squad.

Photos By Jeff Grant

Borough gets first cycle

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

For the first time in 62 years, the Mountainside Police Department has a motorcycle as part of its squad of vehicles.

"Our main reason for getting the motorcycle is more from a community standpoint," said Lt. Todd Turner. "A patrol car, although it attracts certain children, a motorcycle is a people magnet. It gives the officer an opportunity to really mingle with the public, to get off the bike. The people come to you when you're on a motorcycle."

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— Lt. Todd Turner

Mountainside acquired the Harley-Davidson Road King last week from William's Harley Davidson in Lebanon. A police motorcycle, compared to a pedestrian motorcycle, has a variety of emergency lights, an adjustable air-shock seat, a heavier suspension, different seating and handlebars, a bigger windshield for officer safety, as well as inclement weather riding additions.

"There's a special deal with Harley that we took advantage of where they charge \$2,400 a year for the bike," said Borough Administrator and Police Chief James Debbie. "It's a leased bike."

The motorcycle will be used for special events in fair weather.

"We thought we'd give it a try and see how it works for parades and different events around and throughout the borough, maybe funerals," said Debbie. "We're just trying to break it in right now. We're not going to use it for general patrol."

The motorcycle will not be used for pursuits or anything like that.

"It's a good focal point for the kids, for the grown-ups, for the officer to be out and mingle with the community," said Turner.

William's Harley-Davidson leases the motorcycles to Police Departments. Currently, they have leases with four different townships.

"From a maneuverability standpoint, you can get certain places that a car certainly can't. It's really a conversation piece," said Turner.

The motorcycle will be used for some radar enforcement once the borough acquires a handheld radar unit.

"It's a magnet for the kids at the school," said Debbie. "The kids all come around to the guy on the bike."

Up to six borough officers are receiving special training from the motorcycle squad of the Newark Police Department to ride the bike.

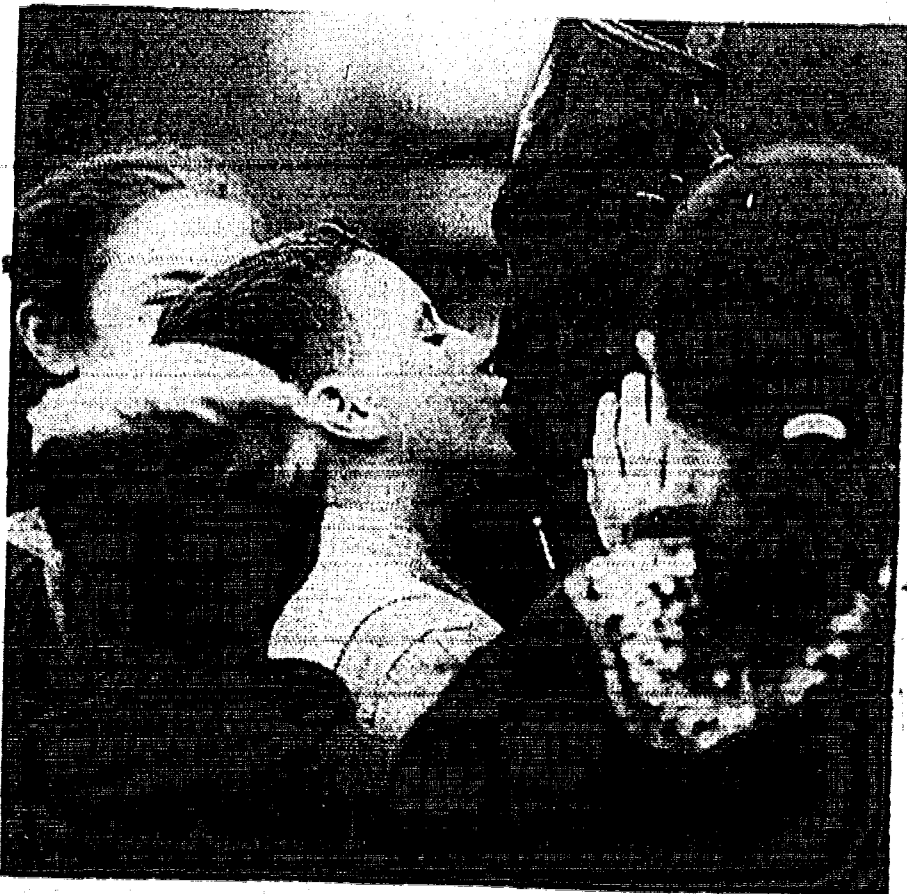
"It's a pretty comprehensive course from what I understand," said Turner.

There are no plans in the immediate future to acquire another motorcycle.

"You couldn't beat the price," said Turner. "Our officers are presently outfitting themselves, myself included, with the proper riding apparel."

The Police Department has been trying to acquire the motorcycle for a little over a year. Harley-Davidson has been making police vehicles since 1908.

"The reason they used bikes back then was because cars were too much money," said Turner.



Ryan Murphy, 12, bonds with Justice, one of the horses used in the borough's mounted police patrol units.

est in technological rescue and service, it was heartwarming to see the children really get excited about something in use long before they were born; it was the mounted patrol and its two horses.

Officer Frank Catena brought out the two horses. One is a chestnut with a white nose streak called "Justice" and he is 6 years old and very friendly. The other, "Miller," is a dark black horse of 15 years, also friendly.

Catena explained his routine as a mounted patrolman and the care of the horses, who also were trained. As he spoke, he let children take turns stroking Justice on his nose; Miller was busy eating hay out of the back of his police truck. "Both horses live at Watchung Stables. They do traffic and parades, and many other police functions; they are valuable members of the Mountainside Police Department," he told the children. Catena said he and the other members of the mounted patrol bond with the horses.

There was no fear in the crowd of eager children, and all quietly waited a chance to touch the beautiful animal, who seemed to know it was OK; one little boy actually gave Justice a kiss. The horse was gentle and stood quietly the whole time, but Catena was holding the reins and talking in a

quiet tone, which no doubt reassured the animal.

The next stop was to meet the robot upstairs in the multi-purpose room of police headquarters. Lt. Jeff Foulks did the demonstrations and fielded many questions from the eager children about the robot, which looked like something out of "Star Wars." It had a long arm, a mounted camera and other state-of-the-art equipment.

"We can communicate through the robot as it has a microphone," said Foulks, "and there are many tools that can be attached to the robot arm. It weighs about 300 pounds, and we can walk it around as well."

When asked what it was called, he said, "It is a Hazardous Duty Robot," which means it can go into a very dangerous situation that would take the place of a police officer. Hands went up all over the room and the questions flew fast and furious at the patient officer. "Can it be broken?" "Does it carry a gun?" and so on, were a few of the interesting questions.

Foulks said, "Yes, it can be broken — nothing is indestructible, but the camera helps us focus it. It can pick up a hand grenade, for example, and put it into that compact truck you just saw outside. It can be mounted with a shotgun and we can fire it remotely." The children got a big kick when he

walked it around the room, so he walked like a dog on a leash, except he steered the large robotic equipment in front of him as they observed it at close hand. After that, the officers had laid out their bomb suits, helmets and vests on a long table.

"They look like life jackets, and in fact they are, because we always carry these for water situations. The helmets are the same ones firefighters use and the vests are all bullet-proof," said Foulks.

The students were allowed to come up and look at them, and some of the boys couldn't wait to try them on. Foulks then pulled out a machine which resembled a hand vacuum. "This is our X-Ray machine, which is handheld and which is easy to transport. We use this first to look inside suspicious packages that might contain bombs. We can use this without touching the package."

Watching the spellbound children were the four sixth-grade teachers, Carol Deets, Peggy Best, Joe Ricca and Bruce Bing.

"This is the first year we have observed Law Enforcement Day in this manner, and they obviously love it," said Deets.

Best agreed. "They learned more in one day by seeing all these things than we can ever teach them; it is just wonderful," she said.

Board to decide on site for Mt. Laurel housing requirement

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield only needs nine more units to fulfill its Mt. Laurel obligation of providing 134 new construction units of low-income housing within the township. The Planning Board, after hearing testimony from Pinnacle Communities and Mountainview Gardens, has begun discussing which site to recommend to the Township Committee to fulfill that requirement.

The state-mandated Mt. Laurel obligation requires Springfield to provide 157 low-income units in total, 23 of which are rehabilitation units, where money is given to upgrade existing housing within the township to those who are financially eligible.

Mountainview Gardens is looking to construct a building of 30 units on its property, located on the corner of Route 22 and South Springfield Avenue. Pinnacle is looking to build 30 proposed units

nine are to be used as affordable housing.

Pinnacle Communities has been involved in a longstanding application, which resulted in a lawsuit, to build 96 luxury condominiums in four buildings on Wilson Road, the site of the former Baltusrol Swim Club.

"We've already rezoned enough properties to cover it," said Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea. "These people are making a claim that they can satisfy our needs if they build these buildings. Either one of these properties is zoned for that. They're making a request to do so."

The Planning Board is weighing both applications and making a recommendation to the Township Committee for either or both. The Township Committee has the ultimate decision as to which properties will be used.

"On April 24, we had a hearing where both applicants came before

the board asking that they be granted the right to put in affordable housing, either the Mountainview Gardens site or the site where Pinnacle wants to build," said Planning Board attorney Kathleen Estabrooks. "It's what's called a builder's remedy suit. They each want that recommendation from the Planning Board. The decision is actually made by the Township Committee."

The Planning Board is evaluating their testimony. In accordance with the law, the board must make its recommendation within 45 days of hearing the testimony.

"The Planning Board will write a plan or recommendation to the Township Committee about which one or both of those applicants to recommend to for the affordable housing, to fulfill the remaining units," said Estabrooks.

Further discussion will take place at the June 5 meeting of the Planning

Board, the recommendation to the Township Committee will probably be made a day or so after that.

"This town had the foresight, and the ambition, and the doing, to put a complex in to take care of senior citizens in this town and neighboring community, which is our senior citizen housing," said Colandrea. "We already have 137 units that are there. We're not allowed to count those because we did it before the law came into effect."

The Mt. Laurel obligation had a cut-off date of 1980. All buildings constructed before that could not be counted toward the obligation. The senior complex was opened in 1979.

"It's certainly my personal opinion; I'm not fighting with the law or the people who make the laws, but I have a personal feeling that at least some consideration should be given to a part of that, a percentage of that," said Colandrea. "We did it and we're

being penalized for it. We have to look to another plan to make up for requirements that we need, when we already did that."

Colandrea said he believes the Pinnacle plan is poorly designed for low-income housing.

"Of the four buildings that were going to be put up there, the one with the most problems is the one they were going to put these types of housing in," he said.

The plan proposed a recreation center or gym, as well as a meeting room, in the one building where low-income housing is planned.

"The entire other three buildings, which are supposed to be on the upper-end of condominiums, are all going into this building, whenever the time is appropriate, to do exercises and have parties and things like that," said Colandrea. "I take exception to it. I think it's very poor planning. I think it's very inconsiderate."

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Multiple thefts reported by store

Springfield On April 27 at 6:14 p.m., Sam Goody, Route 22 East, reported that four sets of "The Sopranos: Season Two" DVD box sets with a total estimated value of \$800 were stolen. "Training Day" DVDs with a total approximate value of \$200 were stolen. Five "Spy Game" DVDs with an approximate total value of \$100 were stolen, and two Playstation 2 games with a total approximate value of \$100 were stolen.

On April 28 at 8:35 p.m., a Dunellen resident reported that two CDs and a cell phone were stolen from his vehicle parked in the Bennigan's parking lot on Route 22 West. A New Brunswick resident reported that his radio/TV was also stolen from the Bennigan's parking lot April 28 at 10:15 p.m. On April 28 at 10:45 p.m., a

Fireworks set to go off at Sandmeier

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Although it's only spring, preparations are under way for Springfield's annual 4th of July celebration, which will take place at Theona L. Sandmeier Elementary School this year. For more than 25 years, the event has been conducted at Meisel Avenue Park. However, the county-owned property remains closed due to contamination. Therefore, the Chamber of Commerce, one of the sponsors of the celebration, has had to look into using other sites.

Chamber of Commerce, chairman Scott Seidel explained that the committees involved with the celebration have to make a decision as to where to hold the event so that they can hire vendors and arrange where all the activities will take place. "While that's easy to do for Meisel Field because we've done it there so many years, we just don't know if it's going to be open," he said. "So we need to plan a place to have it and once we set that up it'll be difficult to go back at a moment's notice to do it at Meisel Field. We're going to move ahead with the Sandmeier and Walton properties." There was discussion about hosting the celebration at Jonathan Dayton High School. "The Fire Department came out

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Roselle resident reported that the driver's side door lock of his vehicle was broken in an attempted motor vehicle burglary in the Olive Garden parking lot on Route 22 East. On April 29 at 4 p.m., Timothy Dimondi Jr., 31, of Brook Street, was arrested on Springfield Avenue for leaving the scene of an accident, driving with a suspended license, obstruction, making false reports to the police, and on outstanding warrants. A Fanwood resident reported that the driver's side door lock and ignition were damaged on his vehicle in an attempted motor vehicle theft April 29 at 7:55 p.m. on Route 22 West. On April 30 at 4:40 p.m., Olesandr Melnychuk, 18, of Union, and Andriy Brukh, 19, of Whippany, were arrested on fourth degree shoplifting

and looked at that," said Seidel. "There were a lot of residences and buildings in the immediate area. The Fire Department asked us to take a look at Sandmeier because there's a bigger field in the back and we'll have a lot more isolation room if we set the fireworks up in the back of Walton." Temporarily, the plan is to set the fireworks off from the field behind Walton, with the crowd sitting in the back of Sandmeier.

Seidel said they measured the area behind Sandmeier and it's approximately the same size as the sitting area used at Meisel Field, excluding the track area, where people didn't sit anyway. "It's going to be better than ever," said Committee Chairman S. Mullman. "There's going to be a carnival and food and games." In next years, the track area contained rides and games for children as well as a petting zoo. This year's celebration will have the same festivities. However, where they will be placed on Sandmeier property is still in the planning stages. "Right now, we're in the process of deciding what's going to be where," said Seidel. "Where we're going to put the food, where we're going to put the rides. We want to utilize the entire site."

Regional Health Department hosts fair

The Westfield Regional Health Department, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, offers a community health fair Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The fair will include blood work by Medical Lab Diagnostics; pulmonary function testing by Dr. Peter Benincosa; body mass index testing by Dr. Connie Delo; breast and testicular cancer screening by Dr. Jamie Reddy; hearing testing by Marvin A. Klein-

man, and glaucoma screening by Suzanne Offen. Also provided are screenings for colon-rectal cancer, anemia, blood

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- Today • The Mountainside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
Saturday • Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, host the temple's 20th annual Sustaining Fund dinner dated at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. The theme this year is "An Evening of Tropical Elegance."
For information and reservations, call 973-379-5387.
• An artists' reception for the Fabric Fiends, a group of quilters from Springfield and surrounding towns, is hosted at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 12 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through June 13 in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the library. For information, call 973-376-4930.
Monday • The Springfield Township Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. for a workshop session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.
Tuesday • The Mountainside Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a work session at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Springfield Township Committee meets at 8 p.m. for a regular meeting in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
• The Mountainside Board of Education convene at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave.
Wednesday • The Borough Council of Mountainside and the Board of Education conduct a second special meeting and public hearing to discuss the board's 2002-03 school budget. The meeting is 8 p.m. at the Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside.
Upcoming May 18 • The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host one of two Babysitter's Training courses for youth ages 11 to 15 years old, from 9 to 5 p.m. at the chapter house, 321 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call 908-232-7190.
May 19 • The Rotary Club of Springfield will sponsor a used bicycle collection for Pedals for Progress to ship to needy working adults for self-sustaining projects in Latin America, Africa and the Pacific Islands. Anyone with a used bicycle in repairable condition can donate it from 11 to 4 p.m. at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield. A suggested donation of \$10 toward shipping costs is requested. For information, call 973-467-4422.
• The Hetfield House on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside will conduct a dedication ceremony for the memorial brick program of the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee at 1 p.m. The 2002 raffle drawing will follow at 2 p.m., and the historic house will be open for tours from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call 908-232-7570.
May 21 • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. for a regular session in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
June 12 • The Springfield Recreation Department will conduct blood-pressure screenings, the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. All residents of Springfield are invited to be screened. For more information, call 973-912-2227.

Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids, the same prices as last year. With the price of admission, patrons also receive a complimentary sandwich and drink from Outback Steakhouse as well as free rides and games for the kids. Also, the purchased ticket gets entered into a raffle, where patrons can win a BMG bicycle, a 36-inch television, a camcorder and 19-inch television, and a Lazy-Boy recliner.

A firework tribute to the heroes of Sept. 11 is also planned. "This year it's going to be the best," said Mullman. "Every year we try to expand it and make it better." In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, Emergency Management and the Take Pride in Springfield Committee, as well as other organizations, help sponsor and run the event. "It's a lot of people," said Seidel. "It's not one group or one individual." An advantage to using Sandmeier is that patrons can use the bathrooms inside the building, instead of relying on portable bathrooms and the restrooms inside the field house at Meisel. "Also, it's school-board property, not county property. So we don't need to go to the county to ask permission," said Seidel.

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Spirits soar high with Model Airplane Club

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer The Union Model Airplane Club of Springfield has been in existence for more than 40 years. Recently, 10 township children participated in a six-week workshop, building model planes and learning how to fly them. "What's been happening with the hobby all the way around, it's all older people, middle-aged people," said chairman Michael Luciano. "It's hard to get kids interested in anything outside. So we figured, let's try this. At least we can get kids interested in trying to do something and maybe get them out there." Luciano said he became involved in the hobby because of his father, and Luciano's son is into the hobby because of him. "If you didn't have somebody already involved in the hobby, it's hard to get them into it," said Luciano.

"It was something different, something unique that we don't normally do, like the normal sports programs," said Springfield Recreation Director Michael Tennaro. "I thought it was an interesting thing to try." Ten students between the ages of 8 and 11 entered the workshop with their parents. It takes a new builder anywhere from one month to six months to construct a plane from scratch. However, Barone worked with model airplane importer Kangle USA to get special prices for "Almost Ready to Fly" Plane kits for them to use. "The structure is essentially built, and covered with a heat-resistant material, the wings are covered, the rudder, etc. They come covered, sections are built. However, they have to be assembled properly. We work with them at the workshop."



May Fishkin, 12, of Springfield works on his trainer plane as part of the flying activities for the Union Model Airplane Club. Sunday's warm sunshine offered the perfect day for model airplane flying.

Committee seeks photos

Hidden in countless cardboard boxes or yellowing away on dusty shelves, lies a virtual pictorial history of Mountainside. The Historic Preservation Committee is making a plea to longtime residents to come up with these priceless, irreplaceable images in anticipation of publishing a book on the community. "We have an opportunity, through a publisher of regional and local interest books, to put Mountainside on the national map," Scott Daniels, committee chairman, said. "But to qualify, we must come up with enough pictures to justify writing and publishing a book of interest. Therefore, I'm appealing to the citizens of Mountainside to dig deep for local pictures and lend them to us. We'll need identification for each so that captions can be prepared."

Earlier this year, Mountainside was approached by Arcadia, a South Carolina publisher of regional books, with an offer to feature this town as one of its 2002 list of new titles. Forward pictures, identified and marked with name, to the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee, Attn: Don Leka, publicity chairman, 1385 U.S. Highway 22, Mountainside, 07902, for review, consideration, and cataloging. All images will be returned. "Photos and documents can cover a wide range of subjects, including the early years, transportation, parks, sports and recreation, neighbors and neighborhoods, and schools. We're looking for photos of scout activities, municipal swimming team shots, old houses and grounds, group and individual pictures of local office holders, etc. While we can't promise to use everything submitted, we will review

anything you have that might qualify." Daniels added. Arcadia has published thousands of titles and it has the background and experience to assure safe return of photographs and other visual images. Photographs and documents should be submitted by June 30, at the latest, so the publishing schedule can be met. "We find that the kids in the club are so busy learning that they don't take the time to get into the drinking, or hang out at the corner convenience store," said Barone.

People interested in joining the club can call Stuart Barone at 973-376-6258 or Michael Luciano at 973-376-1692. "We find that the kids in the club are so busy learning that they don't take the time to get into the drinking, or hang out at the corner convenience store," said Barone.



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Club Chairman Michael Luciano co-pilots as the trainer of John Turcott, 9, of Springfield. The club practices flying at the Houdaille Quarry in Springfield. "We teach the youngsters how to control the aircraft with a receiver," said Barone. "The club flies their planes, twice a week, at the Houdaille Quarry, off Mountainview Road. In the rear of the transmitter there's a plug, with a cord that links the instructor's transmitter to the student's. The instructor gets the plane off," said Barone. "He gets it to whatever height he wants. Then he pushes forward on the toggle switch which then turns the control over to the student. The instructor then tells the student how to fly. If the student needs help, all the instructor does is pop back the toggle switch and the instructor gains control again," said Barone. Different people take a different amount of time to be able to consistently fly an airplane successfully. "It takes anywhere from three months to six months, depending on the individual," said Luciano. "Everybody's different, but of course the younger kids, they pick up on everything very quickly."

A similar workshop will probably be offered again in a year. "Right now, my time is devoted to teaching the kids how to fly," said Luciano. "There's no time if I had to do another workshop right away. It's a good winter project. It's hard to get people to do stuff inside now because of the summertime." "It's a fun hobby," said Barone. "It's a rewarding hobby. You meet a lot of nice people who have a common interest."

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Summer schedule set

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer With less than two months to go in the school year, the Springfield school district introduced its preliminary summer school schedule and course bulletin to the Board of Education. "We are excited this year. We have a new director, Barbara Trueger, she's worked very hard to get some new courses together and some new staff," said Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman. The proposed summer school is for students in pre-K through eighth grade. It will begin June 24 and run until July 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. School will be closed July 4 and 5. The courses run in one-hour and two-hour sessions.

"This year, we have two drama courses that we did not have in the past," said Zimmerman. "We also have a puppetry course we have not offered before and a quilting course. We've always had a quilting course and we're offering that again." Music courses will be offered for beginners and courses will also be offered for students who are more advanced when it comes to their particular instrument. Recreation courses offered this year include the usual basketball and tennis programs, but offered for the first time is Tae Bo for Kids. "Our refresher courses are ESL again and Keeping Skills Fit, which is for the very young children," said Zimmerman. Computer lab courses will also be offered again this year. "For some children it will be a refresher course, but for other students who sign up for the computer lab it will be an enrichment. They will move forward with some of the skills that they learn," said Zimmerman.

The course bulletins will be sent home with students next week. Parents can also pick up a copy at their child's school office. In June, the Board of Education will receive the final list of what courses are going to run based on enrollment. "We're very excited," said Zimmerman. "We have something for everyone."

Some new Language Arts courses offered this year include Create Your Own Comic Strip, Creative Writing 101, Fairytales—The Creation of an Original Fairy Tale Magazine, and the

CPR classes now offered

CPR for the Professional Rescuer classes are being offered at the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross. The life-saving course is intended for individuals who have the duty to respond to emergencies such as lifeguards, medical personnel, health club staff, camp directors and emergency workers. It covers caring for and recognizing breathing and cardiac emergencies (CPR for infants, child, adult and non-person rescuer). The course also includes certification in automated external defibrillation use. Two classes will be offered. The first will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the second June 5 and 6 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Interested individuals can call the chapter at 908-232-7090 or e-mails can be sent to johnson@crossnet.org.

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OBITUARIES

Susan R. Deland

Susan Reeves Deland, 86, of Massachusetts, formerly of Summit, whose family was one of the three to live in Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit, died on March 30 in Massachusetts.

Born in Summit, where she lived until the 1960s, Mrs. Deland grew up as a member of one of the three families to live in "The Clearing," now known as Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit. As a child, she helped her mother, Susie Graham Reeves, plant daffodils every fall and gave tours of the garden to visitors. She was married in the flower gardens.

Even after Reeves-Reed Arboretum was bought by Summit residents and by the city of Summit, Mrs. Deland remained one of its truest friends. Her first gift to the arboretum was a donation toward an endowment of a children's education program. Other gifts often arrived to the gardens.

Mrs. Deland contributed personal reminiscences about the gardens at the arboretum and their design. Her photographs of the Reeves family from 1916 to 1968 and the gardens were instrumental in planning the restoration of the gardens. And she donated a framed illustrated drawing of a design for "The Clearing," prepared by Ellen Biddle Shipman, a noted landscape designer in the 20th century.

Mrs. Deland's youthful memories about growing up with horses, a cow and a pet monkey are captured in a video called "The Clearing." Her first-hand information helped the Reeves-Reed family for its listing on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and the National Register. Even though Mrs. Deland lived outside the represented area, she won a Historic Preservation Award from Zone IV in New Jersey of the Garden Club of America in 1998. Lu W. Rose, Reeves-Reed Arboretum's executive director emeritus, stated,

Kathleen G. Hazucka

Kathleen G. Hazucka, 81, of Morristown, formerly of Summit, died April 21 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Montreal, Canada, Mrs. Hazucka lived in Summit and Union before moving to Morristown two years ago. She was a home health care worker with SAGE in Summit for 10 years and retired 30 years ago. Previously, Mrs. Hazucka had been a cafeteria worker at Summit Junior High School and Bloomingdale's, Short Hills.

Surviving are a son, Joseph, a daughter, Kathleen Porter, a sister, Irene Colson, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Clifford F. Will

Clifford F. Will, 93, of Summit died April 18 in the Garden Terrace Nursing Home, Chatham.

Born in New York City, Mr. Will lived in Summit since 1953. He was the national vice president of sales in the New York City office of the Boston-based Oxford Drapery Co. for 20 years and retired in 1965. He was a vice president and trustee with SAGE, Summit Association for Gerontological Endeavor, and a life member of the Old Guard of Summit.

Surviving is his wife, Clara H.

Kathleen E. Mallon

Kathleen E. Mallon, 82, of Chatham Township, formerly of Summit, died April 17 in Kessler Village, Chatham Township.

Born in Summit, Miss Mallon lived in Maplewood, Short Hills and Sum-

mit before moving to Chatham Township. She was editor of Ciba-Geigy's newspaper, *Sidelites*, from 1950 to 1968.

Miss Mallon also had been a writer for the *Summit Herald* and the *Madison Eagle* and an editor at the Hoffman-La Roche company newspaper in Clifton. In 1942, she received a bachelor of arts degree from St. Elizabeth's College, Convent Station.

Sheridan R. Smith

Sheridan Rome Smith, 81, a lifelong resident of Summit, died April 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. Smith was an economist at the economic forecasting department and also an administrator in the medical department at Exxon Corp., New York City, where he worked for 30 years and retired in 1982. He was a 1943 graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity there.

Mr. Smith served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart. He was a volunteer at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Summit, president of the Exxon Annuitants Club in New York, a board member of the Rock Spring Country Club in West Orange and a member of the Downtown Association in Summit.

Mr. Smith was a deacon, elder and grounds committee member at the Central Presbyterian Church, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, David Kenneth, and a sister, Elizabeth S. Russell.

Christine McArdle

Christine McArdle, 52, of Springfield died April 21 at home.

Born in Utica, N.Y., Miss McArdle lived in Forts for seven years before moving to Springfield a month ago. She was the compliance department manager for Actua US Health Care Corp., Roseland, for six years before leaving two years ago.

Surviving are her parents, John E. and Joyce McArdle; six sisters, Kathleen, Mary Blume, Moira Hampson, Cara, Kerly Pender and Erin Ziegler, and four brothers, Patrick, Timothy, Terence and John.

Margaret J. Matteo

Margaret J. Matteo, 95, of Lakewood, formerly of Summit, died April 28 in the Fountainview Care Center, Lakewood.

Born in Madison, Mrs. Matteo lived in Summit for 50 years before moving to Lakewood four years ago. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Columbiettes Council 5560, Springfield. Mrs. Matteo also was a member of the 60-Plus Club of St. Teresa of Avila Church, SAGE and the Golden Age Club, all of Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Richard Montgomery

Richard E. Montgomery, 76, of Mendham, formerly of Springfield, died April 21 at home.

Born in Winterset, Iowa, Mr. Montgomery lived in Springfield before moving to Mendham 50 years ago. He was an internal auditor for Chubb & Son, Warren, for 31 years and retired in 1988. Mr. Montgomery served in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marie; two sons, Robert and Thomas; two daughters, Kathleen Shann and Barbara Schnatter, and six grandchildren.

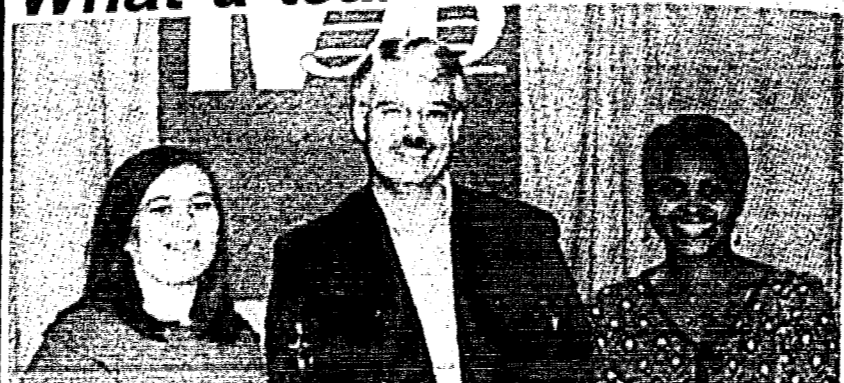
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What a team



TV-36 Communities on Cable in Summit recently won a Telly Award for a video they did in conjunction with the Clan Currie Society. Displaying their Telly statues for the Pipes of Christmas video are, from left, TV-36 Station Manager Caroline Shelby, Clan Currie Society President Robert Currie and TV-36 President Hyacinth Esson.

Former baseball hero to appear

Bobby Thomson, the former New York Giant baseball hero, will speak to The Summit Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave., on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Thomson, a New Jersey resident, is known for hitting a home run that beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in a playoff game for the National League Championship on Oct. 3, 1951. The home run was called "the shot heard around the world" and put Thomson and his teammates in the World Series against the New York Yankees.

Thomson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, the youngest of six children. His family moved to Staten Island when Bobby was 2. After graduating from high school, he signed with the New York Giants in 1942. His baseball career was interrupted when he enlisted in the Air Corps where he served as a bombardier. He joined the Giants in 1946 and played for them until 1953. His career included stints with the Braves, Cubs, Red Sox, and Orioles, before retiring in 1960.

Following the meeting, there will be a Timely Topics discussion group. Old Guard member John Luckstone will lead the group on a highly controversial subject, the separation of church and state.

All retired men are invited to attend the meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard. Meetings feature timely, thought-provoking talks. Old Guard members participate in many activities that include sports, bridge and trips to various cultural events in the area.

For more information, call Bob Regan at 908-464-5329 or log on the web site, www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

Wide range of WRC services offer self-help, advice and insight

The Women's Resource Center in Summit has a full schedule of programs and workshops to help parents and children meet a variety of challenges.

Call as soon possible to register for any of the programs. To register, or get more information about these programs or other programs, call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253 or go to www.womensource.org.

The Women's Resource Center and the Connection for Women & Families sponsor Wendy Kolmar, Drew University professor, as the final speaker for the "Lunch & More" series on Monday at noon.

In addition to teaching, Kolmar directs the Drew University Women Studies Program. This is a very new field and has been taught in colleges and universities for only the last 30 years. She will discuss the development of women's studies and then illustrate the ways it recovers women's lost stories and rethinks some of the traditional myths of Western culture by using contemporary poetry by women writers such as Margaret Atwood, Adrienne Rich and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

There is a suggested \$15 donation for the lecture and light lunch. As space is limited, and to avoid being turned away at the door, call and register as soon as possible.

Leaving home for college is a goal that parents work hard to attain for their children. This process can create tensions within the family that require understanding and care.

Bredren McGlynn will lead "Leaving Home/Letting Go" June 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$12 for center members and \$15 for non-members.

"Taking the Bull by the Horns," a workshop led by Joanne Spea, is designed to empower children in grades two to five with the skills to handle bullies on their own.

Participants will learn how to stand up for themselves, how to confront the bully appropriately, and how to keep themselves balanced while under attack by a bully. Grades

two and three will meet Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades four and five will meet May 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The fee for each workshop is \$22.

Being bullied can be very discouraging for children. They often do not ask adults for help because they believe that adults will not really be able to help.

A new workshop will apply the principles of self-defense to teenage girls ages 13 to 17, enhance their ability to handle themselves and thus give them a crucial advantage. Myths and facts about sexual assault will be discussed and participants will practice psychological strategies and assertiveness skills as a means of prevention.

The focus will include body language, street safety, defending against weapons, acquaintances vs. stranger assault and de-escalating threatening situations. This is a fantastic program for all teenage girls, especially those leaving home for college. Ruth Goldsmith, a social worker and certified Chimera trainer, who lives and practices in Manville, will lead the group on May 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is \$22.

"Standing Up for Yourself: Self-Defense for Girls Ages 9 to 11" will deal with issues such as teasing or bullying on the playground to a questionnaire encounter with a stranger to make girls feel confident in their ability to handle themselves and thus give them a crucial advantage.

Self-defense skills can minimize risk and bolster confidence in physical abilities that are an important factor in maintaining high self-esteem. The workshop will focus on principles and techniques that are easy to learn with an emphasis on having fun while acquiring these new skills. Goldsmith will lead the program on May 18 from 10 to 1 p.m. The fee is \$22.

With "Heart & Soul—What's the Connection?," the Women's Resource Center is happy to welcome poets/therapists Peggy Penn and Joan Cusack Handler for an

evening of poetry that taps into the language of the heart and soul.

They will explore the relationship between poetry and mental health and how writing prose can affect the psyche. Penn is at The Ackerman Institute for the Family where she directs a project on the use of writing in chronic illness and trauma. Cusack Handler is the publisher of the non-

profit and independent Cavan Kerry Press and a psychologist in clinical practice.

This program will be offered on June 6 at 7 p.m. and the fee is \$5. Funding for all poetry programs has been made possible in part by the New Jersey Council on the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

Annual plant auction, dinner benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum

This year's plant auction and buffet dinner will support the Reeves-Reed Arboretum horticultural and educational programs. There will be a live auction, led by Summit resident Andy Lark. There will be also a silent auction con-

taining groupings of perennials, annuals and smaller shrubs.

The auction is scheduled for May 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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BIDDING ON BEAUTY — Summit residents, above, from left, May Liz Lewis, Diane Swett, Carol Anderson and Kay and Andy Lark admire an Asian Kirengdomina plant to be auctioned at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum plant auction and buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. on May 17. Silent and live auctions will feature garden shrubs, plants, and trees, including historic plants, native plants and drought-tolerant plants. Left, dallidias that Jock and Judy Newbold bid on at the plant auction last year. The Newbolds donated them to senior citizen housing in Summit, where they bloomed at the end of April. For more information, call the arboretum at 908-273-8787. All proceeds from the auction benefit the arboretum.

RELIGION

Our Lady of Lourdes hosts service May 19

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaintopside conducts a service May 19 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Living Rosary. All are invited for this special event. Each person will recite only one single bead of the Blessed Rosary until completion of the rosary prayers. For information, call 908-232-1162.

Sha'arey Shalom to host dinner/dance

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct the temple's 20th annual Sustaining Fund dinner/dance on Saturday at 7 p.m. This year, Temple President Murray Bell will be the honoree. Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. At the dinner/dance the Temple's sovereign advertisement journal dedicated to the honoree will be distributed. The theme for this year's event is "An Evening of Tropical Elegance." Cantor Amy Daniels and friends will perform "Calypso Cabaret" in honor of Bell.

Bell has been temple president for the last two years. He has been a devoted and active member of Sha'arey Shalom. He has been a

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Introduction to Judaism is a 16-session course that will cover the fundamentals of Judaism. The course will be Saturdays at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, through June 15, meeting once a week from 2 to 4 p.m. It is open to temple members and non-members. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or couple.

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Mountainside's Geiger captures UCT first singles tennis crown

By Jeff Wolfrom
Staff Writer



Celebrating their silver medal winning performance at the New Jersey Junior Olympics is the Summit YMCA Seals girls 10-and-under freestyle relay team of, from left, Meg Beirnfahr and Charlotte Sethness of Short Hills, Amanda Grywalski of Springfield and Katie Cummins of Summit. The Summit Area YMCA Seals sent a team of 37 swimmers to the New Jersey Short Course Junior Olympics held at Rutgers University March 15-17. Athletes from 57 New Jersey swim clubs participated, with many events including more than 100 swimmers.

PLAINFIELD — Summit High School won the boys' tennis team title for the fourth consecutive season, but the day belonged to Governor Livingston's Frank Geiger, who captured the first singles title in the finals of the Union County Tournament played Monday at the Donald Van Blake Tennis Courts.

The Mountainside resident upset top-seeded Steen Sehner of Summit 6-1, 6-2 in the final.

"I just wanted to play my hardest because I knew if I didn't give it my all, he would've beaten me," Geiger said. "I knew I could attack his weak shots in the middle of the court, I could win it."

Geiger, the third seed, advanced to the final by upsetting second-seeded Griffin Maloney of Westfield 7-5, 6-3 in the semifinals.

"Going in as an underdog helped because I used that adrenaline to do it," Geiger said. "This has been my goal since 8th grade to win in the county final."

Summit, which won the team title with 88 points, was bolstered by its doubles play.

The Hilltoppers first doubles team of Alex Uly and Roshan Varma defeated Shaun Simone and Ryan Miller of Westfield 6-1, 7-6 (7-2), but the second doubles team of Neel Gehani and Rafael Roberti defeated the Westfield duo of Devin Power and Doug Shinneman 6-1, 6-4.

"We saw in their earlier matches that they were tough in their volleys," Roberti said. "Neel and I played great by passing them on the alleys by making great shots."

Summit also had a champion in singles play as Don Richards took the third singles crown with a 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) victory over Dave Eisenberg of Westfield.

"I was out there since 9 a.m. and it's hard to remember that I played a match earlier in the day," Richards said. "My serve started out real slow, but towards the end I was able to start moving the ball around and get it on a consistent basis."

Richards now adds the UCT third singles title to the second doubles crown he won last year.

"I've had a tough year, but I've worked hard and faced good competition," Richards said. "Playing on a very competitive team has been a huge advantage because it has

people you can hit with all the time. It keeps you real sharp."

Following Summit in the team standings was Westfield with 76 points, while Johnson was third with 50. Johnson was pushed by the incredible play of sophomore Mike Klimchak, who took the second singles crown with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Rich Moran of Westfield.

"I just kept the ball in play and got everything back and made him make the mistakes," Klimchak said. "I've played him (Moran) before and won, so that gave me a lot of confidence going in."

Klimchak lost in the final at second singles last year to Steen Sehner.

"After losing in the finals last year, I wanted to prepare and get ready for this year," Klimchak said. "What also helped was that we competed in the Westfield Tournament and I got to see him play and take some mental notes."

Klimchak improved to 12-0 with the victory.

"I've been playing my best tennis and getting a new racket to start the season really helped," Klimchak said. "I've also been playing a little taller by growing four inches since last season."

Governor Livingston placed fourth with 41 points, followed by Dayton with 39.

Although the Bulldogs' second doubles team of Brad Shortall and Jonathan Au took a fifth-place finish, they were pleased by their performance.

"It was the first time me and Jonathan were together in two weeks," Shortall said. "To get fifth place here means a lot to me because I was on the verge of losing my spot. It being my first UCT, it was fun and I enjoyed myself."

Scott Plains placed sixth with 24 points, followed by Plainfield with eight, New Providence with seven and Oratory Prep and Union with five each.

"I'm pleased with the way my doubles teams played in making it back to the second day," Union head coach Ben Kloc said. "They're the biggest strength of our team this season."

Cranford, which finished 11th with four points, had one player present Monday in first singles standout Scott Zucker.

"I played my best and tried to be aggressive," Zucker said. "It was a nice experience because the past two years I've lost in the first round."

Springfield and Mountainside residents spark swim squad

The Summit Area YMCA Seals, including swimmers from Springfield and Mountainside, sent a national team of 44 athletes to the YWCA Junior/Senior Swimming Championships held in Charlotte, N.C. April 4-7.

As many as 21 teams from around the nation, including Georgia, South Dakota, Illinois, Maine and Massachusetts, competed at the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center for the four-day event.

Most events included more than 80 swimmers, with finishes up to 16th place in individual events and relays scoring points.

In the Junior Division, which included swimmers ages 13-and-under, the following Seals qualified and traveled to Charlotte: Priscilla Barletta, Dennis Burke, Emily Cahm, Charlotte Dillon, Raul Flores, Amanda Grywalski of Springfield, Irene Hukkelhoven, Hilary Lohmann, Pamela Loria, Justin Louie, Michael McGretick, Troy Mullan, Mary Jane Pjanowski of Mountainside, Christine Reilly, Emily Tato, Brian Wilson, Kevin Wilson and Katie Zach.

In the Senior Division, which included swimmers ages 14-and-over, the following Seals qualified and traveled to Charlotte: Laura Aalto, Catherine Andracko, Emily Birkitt, Angie Buren, Christine Burke, Emma Chapman, Susan Dreifuss, Christine Grywalski, Laura Hefferan, Ellen Hukkelhoven, Alexis Kalevich, Victoria Kaul, Ryan Kennedy, Anneliese Lohmann, Carolyn Maul, Ryan Mullan, Matt Petersen, Angela Pflug, Margaret Tato, Amy Thiele, Allie Weissberg, Ashley Wojtowicz, Justin Zelenka, Caitlin Zimmerman, Jaci Zocca and Jenni Zocca.

In addition, nine other Senior Seals qualified for this meet, but attended the YMCA National Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. April 1-4.

Wilson sets four meet records

The record-breaking performance of Brian Wilson, 13, was the talk of the YWCA Championships. In the 13-and-under boys' Junior Division, Wilson captured gold medals in four individual events, setting four meet records.

In the 100-yard butterfly, an event in which Wilson was the returning champion, he clocked in at 54.38, breaking the record of 54.69. Wilson placed first in the 200-yard individual medley, breaking the meet record of 2:03.17 with his time of 2:02.31.

In the 100-yard IM, this versatile swimmer sprinted to a first place in 57.15, breaking the old record of 57.29. Wilson set a 100-yard backstroke record of 55.41, surpassing the existing record time of 56.37.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Wilson was touched out at the finish and claimed a silver medal in a time of 1:50.66. Wilson's four meet records also set Summit Seals marks for the 13-14 age group.

Gov. Livingston softball squad gets out of funk with UCT win

By Jeff Wolfrom
Staff Writer

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — A psychological funk.

That's what the Governor Livingston High School softball team had been in.

The Highlanders lost three straight before rebounding in the Union County Tournament.

GL's third straight loss was a 5-1 setback to visiting Union last Friday afternoon. Their record stood at 9-6 as of Tuesday.

GL's previous two losses were at home to Ridge 3-2 and at Roselle Catholic 4-3 last week in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division play.

GL snapped out of it last Saturday by defeating visiting Scotch Plains 9-4 in first-round UCT play.

The defending champions, seeded third, will now host sixth-seeded Cranford Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in one of four quarterfinal contests.

"Hopefully the win over Scotch Plains will get us going and carry over during the week," GL head coach Jerry Britz said.

That would prove to be costly as catcher Lindsay Dann followed with a single down the left field line.

runners at first and second. GL was not able to score as Maloney fired another strikeout.

Union made it 3-0 in the top of the third on an RBI-single by catcher Sandy Samora.

The Farmers then tacked on their final two runs in the top of the fifth to make it 5-0.

Maloney opened the inning with a single to right and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by centerfielder Vicky Mendez.

Shortstop Laura Blumetti then followed with a walk and stolen base to put runners at second and third.

After a single by third baseman Danielle Manno, Maloney scored on a passed ball.

With Mammon advancing to third on a groundout, she then scored on a wild pitch.

In the meantime, Maloney got into a groove by stirring the side in order in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

"We're in a situation where we aren't scoring runs," Britz said. "We're also not playing well in the field."

GL had a better effort against 14th-seeded Scotch Plains, the team it defeated in the UCT final last year for its third UCT crown in five years.

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Installation of officers. On May 21, the Union County Legal Secretaries Association, the association for legal professionals, will have its annual installation of officers banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, off Garden State Parkway Exit 135.

UCLSA is a non-partisan, non-profit organization of legal professionals that is part of a tri-level association. It is affiliated with NJALS, the association for legal professionals and NALS, the association for legal professionals.

Always at the forefront of presenting not-so-produced material, the Theater Project at Union County College has once again delivered an obscure — and delightful — piece of theater.

On the Boards. By Steve Reilly Staff Writer. The Cranford Dramatic Club will be performing the Rodgers and Hammerstein Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "South Pacific" for this year's spring production.



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Sextet of comedies is well-'Time'ed

Always at the forefront of presenting not-so-produced material, the Theater Project at Union County College has once again delivered an obscure — and delightful — piece of theater. "All in the Timing" by David Ives is comprised of six short comedies which nicely showcase the considerable talents of the five-person cast.

On the Boards

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

audience to "moment in time" glimpses of some truly bizarre — yet accessible — slices of life. In "Words, Words, Words," three chimps lament their plight of being study subjects while trying to figure out what this "Hamlet" thing they're supposed to write is.

CDC delivers 'quality production'

The Cranford Dramatic Club will be performing the Rodgers and Hammerstein Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "South Pacific" for this year's spring production, and theatergoers will have the chance to enjoy this fine production over the next two weekends.

On the Boards

By Steve Reilly Staff Writer

a strong stage presence and a delightful voice that shines in her rendition of "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair." The supporting cast provides a high level of energy to the production that can be seen in their many musical numbers.

On the Boards

By Steve Reilly Staff Writer

promises everything from riches to love, something the men can't seem to resist. Tornberg's character conspires with Rich McNanna's character, Lt. Joseph Cable, to get a boat to the mystical island. It is here that McNanna's character falls in love with a native girl, Liat, the daughter of Bloody Mary, played by Debra Bassin.

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WCP to 'run' with British farce opening

Director Lind Correll of Winfield Park, familiar to local theatergoers for his previous work at Westfield Community Players and other area theaters, is directing Ray Cooney's British farce, "It Runs in the Family," at WCP.

The show opens Saturday at 8 p.m. and continues May 17, 18 and 31 and June 1 in the theater at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield.

Call the 24-hour ticket hot line at 908-232-1221 to reserve tickets at \$12. WCP members should note that the May 31 performance is a benefit performance, and membership cards will not be honored for tickets.

Set in a hospital, Dr. Mortimore has to fend off a paternity suit, an ex-wife, a former paramour, a punkish son and other mad characters who constantly interrupt his hospital duties. The doctor's professional life hangs in the balance as he struggles to keep his composure, his job and his sanity, while preparing a lecture for an international conference in the face of all this lunacy.

Making this production a family affair, Linda's husband and son, John Correll and Ryan Correll, both of Winfield Park, play Dr. Mortimore and his son. Husband and wife Timothy and Diane McGovern of Garwood play Hubert and Jane. Also featured are WCP veterans Rich Schello of Nutley, Ken Webb of Cranford, and Jon Heron of New Brunswick. Other featured cast members are Marina Alshaire of Dumellen, Joyce Porter of Piscataway, Steven Campbell of Bayonne, Bill Van Sant of Rahway, Cindy Schindler of Manalapan, Heather Darrow of Westfield and Kevin M. Brady Jr. of Linden.

The production staff includes assistant director Stuart Hershkowitz of Garwood, producer Kay MacRae of Westfield and stage manager Lynn Krause of Scotch Plains.

WCP continues its opening night tradition of hosting patrons for coffee and light refreshments with the cast and crew after the show May 11.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Volunteers are sought

Liberty Hall Museum, 1003 Morris Ave. in Union, in preparation for its new season that began April 3, is seeking volunteers to assist with many aspects of the museum's operation.

This 2.5-acre, National Historic site, complete with a 50-room historic house built in 1772 and lived in by the same family until 1995, offers visitors a unique travel through time.

Help is needed in many different aspects of the museum including tour guides, crafters, costume construction, publicity, afternoon tea kitchen, helper and more. People experienced in working with youngsters are especially needed on weekdays to serve as tour guides for our school programs.

Call the museum at 908-527-0400 for further information.

Garrett's jazz is not for all tastes

Saxophonist Kenny Garrett and his Quartet played the Union County Arts Center in Rahway April 28, giving a benefit concert for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County.

For the past quarter century, Garrett has been honing his craft by working with some of the greatest jazz musicians of the 20th century, among them: Miles Davis, Art Blakey, Freddie Hubbard and Woody Shaw, and has been releasing recordings under his own name since 1985. In 1996, Garrett topped the Down Beat reader's poll as "Alto Saxist of the Year." He has appeared on more than 150 records in all, and he's still only 41 years old. So there's no doubt, Garrett has impressive credentials and the "chops" to match.

There seemed to be plenty of fans of Garrett's type of modal jazz amongst the audience which only half-filled UAC. They applauded enthusiastically whenever the quartet whipped itself into howling, frenzied

And All That Jazz

By Gordon Wiener
A&E Correspondent

sound waves that pummeled those of us in the front rows. However, as the evening progressed, the audience shrank by dribs and drabs and was somewhat depleted by intermission. Now you may call me a Philistine—I don't care. I like swing, I like Latin rhythms, I like melody, chord changes, even The Kenny Garrett Quartet doesn't do swing. They do raw, emotion-packed walls of sound built of polyrhythmic percussion and dissonant yelps of the sax and clattering, pounding piano and bass.

Garrett is quoted in his promotional material: "It's always exciting to grab pieces of those melodies as they float through the air and put them together to create a song people will hum at

first and then hopefully come to treasure as time passes. As an artist, I recognize that my listeners want to be moved emotionally and be entertained, and so I put myself in their shoes when I am writing and performing, thinking to myself, "Would I like this?"

Perhaps I'm the wrong person to write this review. While I can appreciate the Quartet's accomplished musicianship, I found it impossible to enjoy myself at this concert. Garrett was indeed successful in moving me emotionally, but anxiety is not the kind of emotion I seek when attending a musical event. The music brought to my mind images of subway trains roaring over my head and street riots. I feel the same way upon hearing Ornette Coleman and some of John Coltrane.

But, as I said, there were those who obviously enjoyed it, more sophisticated souls than I.

I would be in awe of anybody who could hum those tunes.

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on the pulse of the medical community

May designated as National Hearing Month

This May, with an alarming 28 million Americans of all ages suffering from hearing loss, educating the public about the importance of hearing health becomes a focus of Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Hearing loss is not life-threatening, but the effects can be just as extreme, causing isolation, frustration and sometimes triggering depression and embarrassment.

Hepatitis to be topic of lecture at Overlook

In a free lecture at Atlantic Health System's Overlook Hospital in Summit, gastroenterologist Adam Barrison M.D. will discuss the various types of hepatitis and why senior citizens should be concerned about the disease.

"Health and Hepatitis in the New Millennium" is scheduled for June 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the Wallace Auditorium at the hospital. Free parking and light refreshments are included.

With four million Americans suffering from chronic Hepatitis C, the disease is a major health problem in the United States. Many people who have contracted Hepatitis C remain unaware of their condition for decades because there are no symptoms until the disease reaches a critical stage.

Barrison will talk about how hepatitis is transmitted, who can get it and new improvements in treatment.

A graduate of the New York University School of Medicine, Barrison has a fellowship in gastroenterology from the Boston Medical Center. He completed his residency and internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, and was chief medical resident at the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital in Massachusetts. Barrison was also clinical research training fellow at Boston Medical Center, and has taught at the Harvard Medical School.

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on the pulse of the medical community

Dr. Lin to address foot and ankle pain Tuesday

Sheldon Lin M.D., an expert in foot and ankle surgery at Overlook Hospital, will bring area residents the latest news on treating foot pain in "Aching Arches," a free lecture Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the Wallace Auditorium at Overlook. Free parking and light refreshments are included.

To pre-register, call Atlantic Health System at 800-247-9580. The event is open to members of Overlook Hospital's Senior Contact program, which is also free for all area residents age 55 and older. To become a Senior Contact member, call 888-607-3646.

Lin will provide an overview of total ankle replacement, a new treatment for debilitating pain. Overlook Hospital is among the first to introduce this procedure to the area. Used mainly to treat severe arthritis, total ankle replacement has much in common with the now-familiar replacement of knee and hip joints as a safe and effective way to regain mobility and a higher quality of life.

Lin will also discuss the latest developments for a new generation of shoe inserts, as well as other simple non-surgical steps that people can take to prevent and alleviate foot pain.

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Dr. Lin to address foot and ankle pain Tuesday

Sheldon Lin M.D., an expert in foot and ankle surgery at Overlook Hospital, will bring area residents the latest news on treating foot pain in "Aching Arches," a free lecture Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the Wallace Auditorium at Overlook. Free parking and light refreshments are included.

To pre-register, call Atlantic Health System at 800-247-9580. The event is open to members of Overlook Hospital's Senior Contact program, which is also free for all area residents age 55 and older. To become a Senior Contact member, call 888-607-3646.

Lin will provide an overview of total ankle replacement, a new treatment for debilitating pain. Overlook Hospital is among the first to introduce this procedure to the area. Used mainly to treat severe arthritis, total ankle replacement has much in common with the now-familiar replacement of knee and hip joints as a safe and effective way to regain mobility and a higher quality of life.

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