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Springfield christens new policing option

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Springfield's Reverse 9-1-1 system is in place and in the event of an emergency, the interactive community policing system can call residents whose phone numbers are listed. However, the township is going to address residents whose phone numbers are not listed, urging them to provide the township with their numbers.

"We're going to be putting a mailing out within the next couple of weeks looking for all unlisted numbers," said Township Administrator Richard Sheola. "It is absolutely critical that we get as many unlisted numbers as we can as soon as possible. It's going to enable us to expand our base and the number of people we can notify at any given time."

Residents and business owners will receive a form, briefly explaining Reverse 9-1-1 and asking them to provide the township with their telephone number.

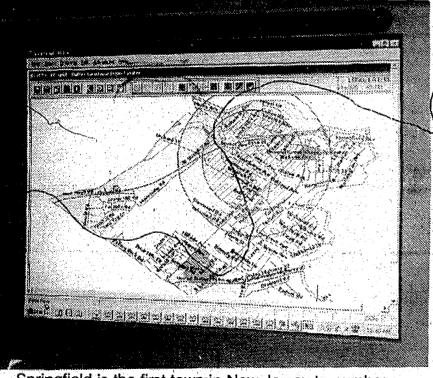
"We thought about having a call-in but the disadvantage of having a callin is there could be a breakdown in the communication between the caller and the call-taker," said Sheola. "This way it's in writing. It's a record we can go back to in case there's an error. We can verify the information and make sure it is correct."

Reverse 9-1-1 was developed by Sigma/Micro Corporation in 1993 to give public safety agencies and other service groups the technology to quickly contact citizens in a very specific geographic area and communicate urgent information to them.

A basic system is capable of activating an auto-dial mechanism that calls residents and business owners while a recorded message provides emergency information along with safety precautions.

Reverse 9-1-1 is a Microsoft Windows-based system program that uses a combination of database and computer mapping technology, allowing the user to quickly target a precise geographic area and saturate it with thousands of calls per hour. Or the system can create a list of individuals with common characteristics and contact them quickly whenever necessary.

The system automatically selects all phone numbers within the map area specified on screen and allows users to include or exclude any num-



Standing by Springfield's Reverse 9-1-1 interactive community policing system are from left, Scott Seidel, emergency management deputy coordinator, Firefighter and 9-1-1 Coordinator Tom Ernst and Kevin McCarthy, vice president of Sigma Communications Inc.

ber in the selected map area in the call session.

"If you get a massive incident or something like that, they tell you to listen to your local TV or radio station," said 9-1-1 Coordinator and Firefighter Tom Ernst. "Unfortunately, if you're not listening to the radio or watching TV at that time, you're not going to know about it."

In the event that a resident is nothome while the system is making the ,calls, Reverse 9-1-1 lets the user know that it left a message on an answering machine.

Reverse 9-1-1 was installed in June and the funding came from a state grant. The grant paid for the equipment; software, training and installation. The ongoing annual maintenance of the system will come out of Springfield's operating budget each year, which is minimal compared to all the residents in the evacuation area, a second message can be recorded and then sent, telling residents in the outer vicinity of that area that a hazardous spill has occurred and what they should do.

The Haz-Mat feature takes into consideration wind factors and the time of day the spill occurred. Springfield is the first township in

New Jersey to purchase the Haz-Mat option.

Reverse 9-1-1 makes calls to residents using simultaneous phone lines. In the event of an emergency, Springfield has set aside 16 phone lines for the machine to use. A 15- to 20-second message will be recorded on the machine and sent to residences in the "danger" area.

"If we had a 15- or 20-second phone message, we anticipate with hang-ups and answering machines, in extra people to start going door to door."

Reverse 9-1-1 would help to expedite the initial phase of an emergency.

The system will not just be used to inform citizens about an emergency. A message can be set-up to inform residents what the holiday garbage pick-up schedule is, when the next trash day is or when to put items out for recycling. Also, citizens will receive a directory in the mail, listing four-digit extensions they can dial to learn about other township functions, such as library hours or if schools are closed because of snow.

By next year, township officials hope to have a wellness checkup system in place on Reverse 9-1-1, where senior citizens can be called at a certain time of the day to make sure everything is OK.

If a senior answers the phone there is a pre-recorded message saying this

Voud may no impact

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By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Officials in the Springfield School District say it is very unlikely that the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on a school voucher program will have a significant effect on the township.

The voucher program can allow sparents to transfer tax money from the public schools where their children would normally be educated to a private school.

"It will have no impact on us for several reasons," said Springfield Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "For one, we're not identified as a Title 1 school in need of improvement and two, we would really only have, with most situations, only one school for the child to attend, with the exception being Sandmeier and Caldwell."

Thelma L. Sandmeier School and James Caldwell School house students in grades first through fourth. The determination of which school a child will attend is based on where the child lives in Springfield.

"I can't ever imagine either one of those schools not being able to meet the regulations," said Mahler.

But, Mahler said, although the regulations do not require school districts of limited size to offer a choice of schools to attend, the regulations do encourage districts to establish cooperative grievances in those cases or to consider supplemental education services or other choices within the curriculum.

Mahler said one scenario where this might play out is when a school system only has one school at a particular grade level.

Springfield Board of Education President Linda Duke gave her opinion, speaking as a Springfield resident rather than a representative of the board.

Springfield is the first town in New Jersey to purchase the Reverse 9-1-1 system's Haz-Mat option, which can be used to zero in on residential areas affected by hazardous chemical spills.

the value it provides, Sheola said. "They have a new optional feature that they just purchased called Haz-Mat," said Kevin McCarthy, vice president of Signa. "It's a module that will allow them to identify an area on a map that they want to call. Based on the origin of a particular chemical spill, it will model an evacuation area. It will start calling closest to the origin of the evacuation area."

While the Reverse 9-1-1 is calling

again this is based on our list which is a list of all the public phone numbers, we can do this entire town in about 3 1½ hours," said Ernst, "which is pretty good because we couldn't evacuate people that fast."

An initial evacuation would use police, fire and first aid resources, who would be at the incident trying to contain it, Ernst said. "To start the evacuation we would need to be calling in other towns and then bringing is your daily check-up call. press 1 if everything is fine. If the senior does not answer, Reverse 9-1-1 can flag dispatch, telling them to send a patrol car to the senior's home to check on them.

"We hope that we don't have an emergency where we have to use this," said Ernst. "I hope this thing goes for 20 years and we never have to use it to call out an emergency. But it's an insurance policy if we do." "I don't particularly like the idea," she said. "I don't think it will have a great deal of impact in Springfield because of the excellence in curriculum, activities and programs available to our students."

Duke said there may be some people outside of Springfield who try to come to this school district on a voucher but she does not think there will be too many cases.

For Trimmer, it's time for some tragedies

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

"I have that Jim Carrey face," said Greg Trimmer. "Watching me sing is like watching Jim Carrey sing. That's what I've been told by everyone. But I'm slowly moving towards more dramatic roles."

Greg Trimmer is a 16-year-old Mountainside resident who started acting when he was 5 years old.

"I've always loved doing comedic roles but now I'm ready — I want to start doing dramatic roles. It's time for me to stop doing comedic roles. It's time for me to move on," he said.

This summer Trimmer is participating in the Paper Mill Playhouse's Summer Conservatory Program. More than 400 students auditioned for this year's conservatory. Trimmer was one of only 115 students, from more than 70 towns throughout the state, to make the cut list.

Classes are five days a week from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and students range in age from 10 to 18.

"It's a five-week intensive where here they are taking classes, taking voice lessons, dance classes, working with professional directors and choreographers," said Charlie Siedenburg, press representative for Paper Mill Playhouse. "They get a private voice lesson each we week. We have guest artists come in to teach the kids."

Trimmer said when he comes on stage, says something funny, and the audience laughs — the audience actually laughs — the feeling in undescribable. This fall he is going to be a junior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

Every year GL usually presents three plays, two dramas and one musical. Trimmer tries to participate in all of them.

"This year I only did the fall play and the musical," he said. "This spring, I was 'actually in 'South Pacific' in the Cranford Dramatic Club."

Trimmer said he does not really come from a performance-driven family. He has two older sisters and a younger brother. His sisters used to take dance lessons and his brother is into sports.

"My Mom can carry a tune," Trimmer said. "But my Dad on the other hand, he's just a lost cause."

Students have been participating in the Paper Mill's summer conservatory for seven years. Classes used to culminate with a one-night performance. "Now it's grown to three performances," said Siedenburg.

Trimmer will be one of the featured soloists in "Paint Your Wagon," a play that runs July 26-28.

"It's like school only the hours you go during the day are longer," said Trimmer. "You go there and you study dance and acting and singing. There's a new class this year, improv."

Trimmer said he loves the improv class because it teaches you to stay on your toes, to be prepared for anything.

"If something goes wrong at an audition or when you're on stage, it teaches you how to work around it," said Trimmer.

Auditions for the conservatory took place in February. "Phone calls started coming in to book appointments," said Siedenburg. "The auditions were only supposed to be one day. It was supposed to be a Saturday. Well, they had to spread the auditions over three or four days because of the overwhelming response.

"They came in singing a ballad or an uptempo and then we made our selections and everything," said Siedenburg. "They also did dance. It was a fullfledged audition for the conservatory."

Some of the past participants in the summer conservatory have gone on to appear in shows on Broadway.

"It's through the generous support of American Express and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation that we're able to do this with the kids," said Siedenburg.



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

After years of tackling comic roles, Greg Trimmer of Mountainside is ready to delve into something more dramatic. This summer, the young actor will get the chance to do just that by participating in Paper Mill Playhouse's Summer Conservatory Program.

"To pay for the teachers. To pay for the rent and keep, because that isn't donated. We have to pay for the space that we rent."

Trimmer is torn between participating in GL's fall play or partaking in Cranford's fall play, 'You're A Good Man Charlie Brown.'

He said his favorite role that he ever played was last year, in high school, in GL's production of "Children of Eden," as Adam.

Township Committee agrees to be designated as hiring authority

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee introduced an ordinance clarifying the hiring authority; meaning the committee itself must approve the hiring of all township employees. Current Township Administrator Richard Sheola, and all future township administrators, must first ask the Township Committee for permission to fill a vacant township employee position and then, once prospective contributes are interviewed, the Township Commission to show the two ship

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committee meeting Tuesday night. In the event that all five Township Committee members are not present when voting occurs, the majority of those who are present is needed to approve the hiring.

The ordinance is similar to the way the state's school systems works, where staff members are hired only after the Board of Education votes to approve their hiring.

Discussion at a Township Committee workshop meeting last month focused on the pros and cons of the ordinance.

The advantage that I see to this is that we have five people who sit on the Township Committee and if Mr. Sheola puts forth a list

of names for potential hires it may be that Mr. Sheola doesn't necessarily know some things that the other five of us may know in terms of background information," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

Committeeman Sy Mullman said that if the Township Committee members do not conduct the interview then they would not be able to make an accurate decision on the hiring.

"I think that the real crux of this should be that we know when a pool manager is being hired, if a new secreting, is being looked at, whatever," said Harehies "I'm not as concerned about whether or not I get intricately involved." The Township Committee sets the range of a salary for a given position within the township. It is up to the administrator to decide what the employee will receive as a salary based on that range.

"If you're going to put forth a recommendation and we're going to go as far as to say based on this person's credentials that we think you should go ahead and hire him, then it only stands to reason that if there's a salary range and you're deciding that it should be at the top of the range — if we're going to go this far we may as well give the OK whether to go to the top of the range or bottom of the range based on credentials," said Harelik. Currently, the heads of each of Springfield's departments interview the various positions that need to be filled and then the administrator approves the hiring based on the department heads' recommendations. For example, the police chief would conduct interviews pertaining to Police Department hirings.

Harelik posed the question that if Township Committee members are going to approve the hiring of township employees, then, maybe, they also should approve the firing. "If we're going to go through a committee

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(Continued from Page 1) approval for termination, we could be waiting a week and a half before we can get everyone together," said Sheola.

Harelik said they could call an emergency meeting.

Sheola asked if he is to seek Township Committee approval after he has found someone he thinks would make a good hire or before he even starts the process of looking for someone to

"A discussion should take place before hand," said Committeeman Gregory Clarke. "Are we hiring more cops or aren't we? What are we doing here with our personnel?"

Mayor Steven Goldstein was opposed to the ordinance. He said that keeping the decision of hiring personnel away from the committee maybe takes pressure off the administrator to hire favorites of the Township Committee.

"My theory of management is that if we hire someone to take care of our business then we let him do it," said Goldstein. "If we don't think he's doing it properly then there's an evaluation. I understand the other side of the argument but there's a reason we're paying this man what we're paying him and it's so we don't have to get involved."

"Rich is still taking everything from A to Z," said Harelik. "The only thing that's being added here is that the Township Committee is having the courtesy of knowing what the final results of what he's done is, and being apprised of those results before it's already a done deal."

Sheola said he can see the reasons behind the Township Committee wanting this ordinance. "I'm not disputing it because there is an advantage to more people looking at it. I'm looking at it from the perspective that sometimes we come across a candidate that is good, we want to make a decision to get him on board, and if I have to wait two weeks, a week and a half, then we might lose that person." Harelik said if it's that urgent then

an emergency meeting can be held. "We were elected by the people to oversee the workings of the town and I think this is just an ordinance that will allow us to do that," said Harelik.

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• Volunteers are needed to help with trail maintenance projects in the

Watchung Reservation. Interested participants can meet at Trailside

9:30 a.m. Bring a lunch, beverage, shovel, pickaxe and gloves if possible.

Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, at

. "Summer Skies," a planetarium show centering on the summer trian-

gle, takes place at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Provi-

dence Road, Mountainside. Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.80 for

• The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield hosts the Springfield

Emanuel United Methodist Church at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at

210 Morris Ave. in preparation for the joint Vacation Bible Camp. All are

• The Sisterhood of Congregation Israel of Springfield, 339 Mountain

Ave., hosts a brunch at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10 per adults, \$8 for seniors

and students over bar mitzvah age and \$3 for younger children.

seniors. The event is for children ages 6 and older.

No advance registration needed.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Call 908-789-3670 to pre-register.

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• "The Mother Goose Group" at the Springfield Free Public Library,

On July 24 at 1:30 p.m., "Eco-Rock with the Waldeck Family" --- Glen. focus on ways to preserve habitats and wildlife.

The event takes place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

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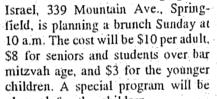
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Admission is \$4 per person.

field, is planning a brunch Sunday at 10 a.m. The cost will be \$10 per adult. \$8 for seniors and students over bar mitzvah age, and \$3 for the younger children. A special program will be planned for the children.

who will speak on Israel today and in the future. Levinson, a resident of Israel, was born in Newark. A citizen of both Israel and the United States, a concert of footstompin' songs that he has lectured throughout the world on forensic science and law enforcement while working for the Israeli National Police.

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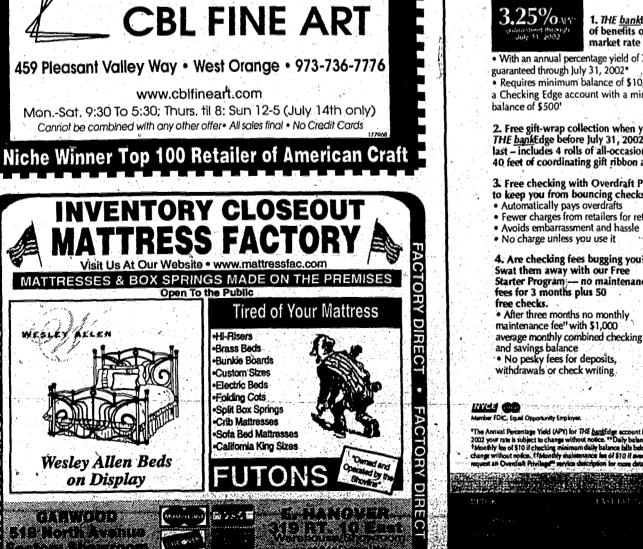
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Sisterhood plans a Sunday brunch

973-467-9666.

Foothill Club pool party The Foothill Club of Mountainside community service group, will conduct its annual pool party July 18 at home of Mary Ann Anderson. The club meets monthly between September and May for lunch, socializing and special programs. Anyone interested in joining the Mountainside Foothill Club can call

Ruth Goense at 908-233-5253.

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For reservations, call 973-467-9666. All are welcome. • The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular session at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. • The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

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• The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside sponsors a bus trip to a show called "Ragtime Grannies" in Lake Hopatcong. The trip includes a sit-down luncheon and a boatride cruise. The fee is \$69, plus \$5 for non-

• The comedy magic of Brian Richards comes to Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, at 1:30 p.m.

• Learn how to make folded paper sea creatures in an Origami demonstration with Mary Kao at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., 7:30 to 8 p.m. The event is for grades third through fifth. Register by calling 973-376-4930, Ext. 232.

• "Fiction Writing 101: Synopses and Query Letters" will be presented by Amanda Harte at 7:30 p.m. in Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West,

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Springfield's Fourth of July celebration spelled hours of family fun on the grounds of Thelma L. Sandmeier School. One of the highlights was the petting zoo, which let visitors get a closer look at some farm animals. Here, Joan Taub climbs aboard Vanity, with a helping hand from Perry of Cloverland.

Committee still seeks old photos

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

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past 1945.

Daniels. "We haven't had a great close when it comes to that." response so far. It's just tough to get people to go through their old boxes is going to be mailed to residents in of stuff and pull out pictures."

The borough does have a book of its history, however, "The History of photos. the Borough of Mountainside Union borough more than tripled its popula- the pictures." tion in those years.

The original date that the borough wanted a completed version of the book was for the borough's 100th to write the book but they all backed

through Arcadia Press," said Daniels. Daniels. "If we go with these people, The Mountainside Historic Preser- "They're the ones who do the sort of the up-front money from us is convation Committee is still seeking sepia-covered town history books that photos of historic Mountainside to use are available through the stores. for a book they plan on funding, com- They're probably the way we're pleting the borough's written history going to go but they require you to have a minimum number of pictures. "We have solicited photos from even before you start, the projectpeople in town to add to our collec- You're looking between 160 and 240 tion," said Committee Chairman Scott pictures and so far we're not even.

> The committee's annual newsletter September and it is going to request

"Right now the time frame is pretty. County, NJ: 1895-1945," only goes to open ended for us," said Daniels. "If 1945. Some of Mountainside's most we can get the materials for the book years following World War II. The nice to begin to write it based around 908-232-2400. Ext. 590.

> Historic Preservation Committee sold they can be mailed to the Mountainbricks, inscribed with a family or side Historic Preservation Committee, company name, that have been placed Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Moun-

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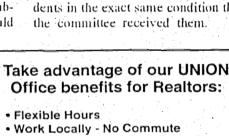
> The bricks cost \$100 each and went toward the cost of restoring the walkway, as well as the completion of the borough's written history.

"We're collecting names for the next buy on bricks, to add more bricks to the front walk," said Daniels, "That will probably happen around the end of this year. We're going to add about that residents send additional historic 50 bricks to the walk. We're going to keep going on that project in case the Arcadia thing doesn't work out." Residents interested in purchasing

a brick can call the Mountainside Hissubstantial growth occurred in the together this fall, it would be at least toric Preservation Committee at

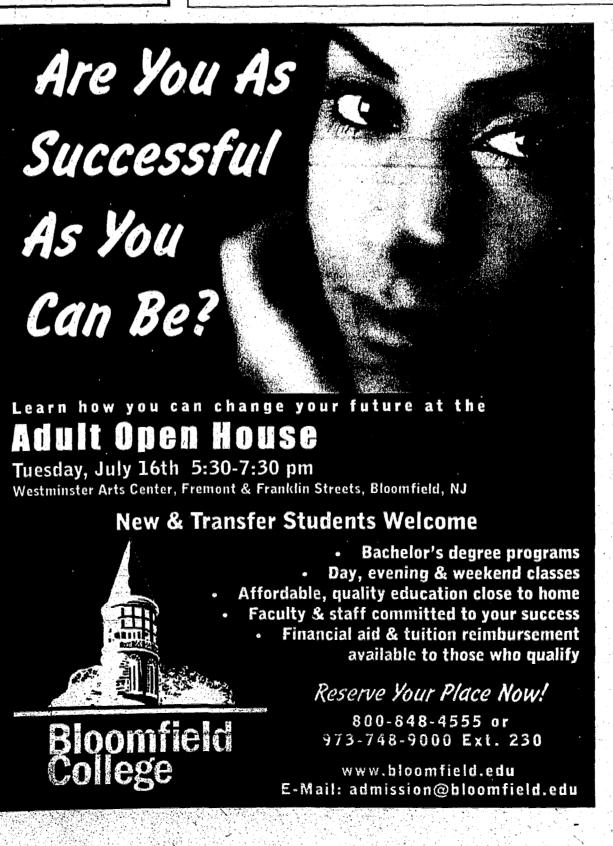
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By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

update to the Mountainside Board of more time, which I rejected. I felt he Education meeting Monday night, could do the work in the time agreed which gave the impression that the to, and it is moving along, but not as honeymoon was over with the con- fast as I wanted it," said the architect. struction people, Randazzo Construction Company.

in the library of Deerfield School, which was stocked with boxes and other moving materials, as Musial start of school in September; the schesaid. "It is obvious that no work has dule which we agreed to shows comstarted yet here at Deerfield, but at pletion of both schools by the start of Beechwood School it is nicely under the school year," said Musial. way and the work has taken shape." He noted that steel was erected in the Schaller asked. "As far as the asbestos gym, bricks cleaned and washed

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Many organizational problems are ooming with the forthcoming school year for the Mountainside Board of Education, with two new schools opening instead of one. Both Deerfield School and Beechwood School will be ready to go, but consolidation

s taking place in several areas. At the June 25 Mountainside Board of Education meeting, the board voted to approve Chief School Administrator. Gerard Schaller's recommendation to accept the bid of the Vogel Bus Company Inc., to transport pupils within Mountainside to and from Union County Vocational Technical Schools and Magnet school programs. At least five other bus companies

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Ann Tonko

Ann Tonko, 81, of Springfield died June 27 in Overlook Hospital,

Summi Born in Newark, Mrs. Tonko lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield 50 years ago. She was a secretary from 1945 to 1998, where he retired. with the Springfield Board of Education. Department of Special Services, for 30 years and retired 26 years ago. Mrs. Tonko was secretary and treasurer at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Union, and she also was a Sunday school teacher and member of the choir, Altar Guild, Trinity Fellowship and Lutheran Church Women. She was a member of the Senior Citizens in Springfield

Lawrence Jacobsen

Lawrence A. Jacobsen, 64, of Mountainside died June 29 at home. Born in the Bronx, Mr. Jacobsen lived in Mountainside for 40 years. He was a parts manager for Landpower Equipment Co., Green Brook, for many years and retired in 1988. Earlier. Mr. Jacobsen worked in the same capacity for Industrial Rubber Co., Elizabeth. He served in the Marine Corps for 12 years including during the Korean War. Mr. Jacobsen was a member of The Crane's Fords Camping Club, Cranford Chapter, Family Campers and RVers, FCRV, and the Volkswagen Club. Surviving is his wife of 31 years.

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Edward F. Kaczka

Edward F. Kaczka, 86, of Mountainside died June 29 at home. Born in Bayonne, Mr. Kaczka moved to Mountainside 36 years ago. - He owned Hobart Press, Bayonne,

Mr. Kaczka served in the Army during World War II as a captain and retired as a captain from the office of Strategic Services. He was head usher at Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Mountainside, for 36 years. Surviving is his wife of 50 years, Genevieve

Rosa A. Pereira

Rosa A. Pereira, 84, of Springfield died July 1 in the Genesis ElderCare Center, Westfield

Born in Portugal, Mrs. Pereira lived in New York City, Elizabeth and Toms River before moving to Springfield five years ago. She was a seamstress for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, New York City, for many years and retired many years

Surviving are two sons, Damiao A. and Anthony A.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sidney Grassgreen

Sidney S. Grassgreen of Springfield died July 3 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Grassgreen moved to Springfield more than 30

years ago. He owned M.D. Whitman in Irvington until 1939 when she Co., In/ington, and, during the sum- moved to Springfield. She was a mer, he sold produce on a wagon in Lavallette before retiring. Mr. Grassgreen served in the Navy during World War II

Surviving are his wife, Josephine; two daughters. Hope Pascal and Barbara Long; a brother. Jack Gray; eight grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Edith G. Sikorski

Edith G. Sikorski, 79, of Fort Worth. Texas, formerly of Mountainside, died July 1 in Renaissance Park, Forth Worth. Born in New York City, Mrs.

Sikorski lived in Mountainside and Toms River before moving to Fort Worth last year. She was the subscription manager for the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, for 28 years and retired in 1963. As a teen-ager, Mrs. Sikorski was a model and was named Miss Noxema at the World's Fair of 1939 in New York City.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Nottingham and Nancy Connolly; two sons, Edmund Jr. and Robert; a brother, Frederick Johnson, and four grandchildren.

Elizabeth M. Mueller

Elizabeth Mary Muller, 90, of Springfield died July 4 in the Holly Manor Nursing Home, Mendham. Born in Linden, Mrs. Mueller lived

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member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 2 and a member of the choir at St. James Church, Springfield.

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Surviving are two daughters, Joan Mac Donald and Carol Mortensen; a sister, Rose Friedel: Vive grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Elvera Baldacchini

Elvera T. Baldacchini. 75, of Millington, formerly of Summit, died June 30 'in Overlook Hospital. Summit

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Baldacchini lived in South Orange and Summit before moving to Millington two years ago. She was a fabricator with Sillcocks and Miller, Berkeley Heights, for 40 years.

Surviving are her husband. Ralph F.; a son₄ Richard Paul, and a daughtger, Mary Ann K. Pratola.

Rose C. Wieneke

Rose C. Wieneke of Lakewood. Formerly of Springfield, died June 23 in the Meridian Hospice, Brick.

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Born in Orange, Mrs. Wieneke lived in Millburn and Springfield before moving to Lakewood in 1985. She was a dental assistant for Earle Furman, East Orange, for 38 years and retired in 1985.

Surviving are her husband, Henry Sr., and two sisters, Anita Cardillo and Doris Franchino.

Peter J. Carlini

Peter J. Carlini, 47, of Cocoa Beach. Fla., formerly of Summit, died June 17 at home. Born in Summit, Mr. Carlini moved to Cocoa Beach 14 years ago. he was a guitarist, performer, teacher and instrument repair technician in the New York City, Summit and Florida areas for many years. Surviving are his wife, Lynn; a son, Nicholas, and a brother, John L.

Nathan Goldberg

Nathan Goldberg, 82, of Summit died June 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit Born in Everett, Mass., Mr. Gold-

berg lived in Boston before moving to New Jersey 45 years ago. He was an associate professor of history at grandchildren

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Kean University, Union, for 34 years and retired in 1991.

Mr. Goldberg was an Army veteran of World War II. He received a Purple Heart and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon. He was a member of the 703rd Tank Destroyer Battalion Annual Reunion, Mr. Goldberg was editor of the group's newsletter. "Roadblock."

Surviving are his wife, Florence; a son, Jonathan; a daughter, Laura Brody; a sister, Ruth Goldberg, and three grandchildren.

Abraham S. Dworkin Abraham S. Dworkin of Springfield died June 26 at home. Born in Newark, Mr. Dworkin lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield in 1967. He owned and operated Dworkin Realtors, Irvington, or more than 58 years. Mr. Dworkin also owned and operated Wide Awake Angels Stables, Hunterdon County, where he bred race horses, Surviving are his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Neil and Lonnie; a brother, Aaron; a sister, Doris Koplik, and five

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The Women Resource Center's annual Board Dinner showcased the naming of new board members, including, from left, Ann Marie Finn of Westfield, Maureen Kritzer-Lange of Millburn and Sarah Sangre of Summit. Finn served this past year as the volunteer coordinator for the center



Eeth Gramigna of Summit is a new WRC board member while Nora Holley of Summit is the center's new chairwoman for the Board of Trustees.

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Dinner honors members

The Women's Resource Center of Summit had its annual Board Dinner last month to honor retiring board members and to install new board members. Nora Holley of Summit is the new chairwoman for the Board of Trustees succeeding the retiring Terri Tauber, also a Summit resident.

Located in the parish house of the Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues in downtown Summit, the Women's Resource Center is a nonsectarian, non-profit organization celebrating 18 years of programs and services designed for and by women in North Central New Jersey.

For directions, registration information and a complete program guide, call the center at 908-273-7253 or go to www.womensource.org. Scholarships are always available for

Springfield Emanuel to host Bible Camp

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church in conjunction with the Springfield Presbyterian Church will host the "Smile! Jesus Loves You!" Vacation Bible Camp at 40 Church Mall Tuesdays and Thursdays, including Tuesday and July 18. 23, 25 and 30 - from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a closing picnic scheduled for Aug. 1.

Each day, stories of Jesus' unconditional love will be reinforced using related crafts, games, drama and musc. Children should come in bathing suits, and dinner will be served each evening.

This will be the place to be for friendly family fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome with special events for children age 3 through sixth grade

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

First Presbyterian hosts joint service

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will host the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church at

Summit residents honored for service

Several Summit area residents were honored for their community service at Family & Children's Services' recent annual meeting in Elizabeth.

Nancy King of Summit was elected to a second term as president of the Board of Trustees and recognized for senior board service. King also chairs the agency's Development Committee and is a long-time member of the Children's Service Committee, an all volunteer group that raises funds for Family & Children's Services.

Margaret Corbet of Summit was elected to a second term as treasurer of the board and also recognized for senior board service. Corbet has previously chaired the agency's Finance Committee

Other Summit residents recognized advanced training y were Willis King, for senior service, 9 new family of intui and H. Taylor Layne, who was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees. Both King and Layne have played key health fair.

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the Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. at 210 Morris Ave., in preparation for the jointly run Vacation Bible Camp which begins Tuesday and continues on July 18, 23, 25, 30, and Aug.

This continues a tradition of Christian Unity events with these two congregations. Fellowship Hour will be observed on the side lawn of the church, weather permitting. All are welcome to attend this or

any service of worship. Everyone is invited to sign up for the Vacation Bible Camp, named "Smile. God Loves You! Call 973-379-4220 for more infor-

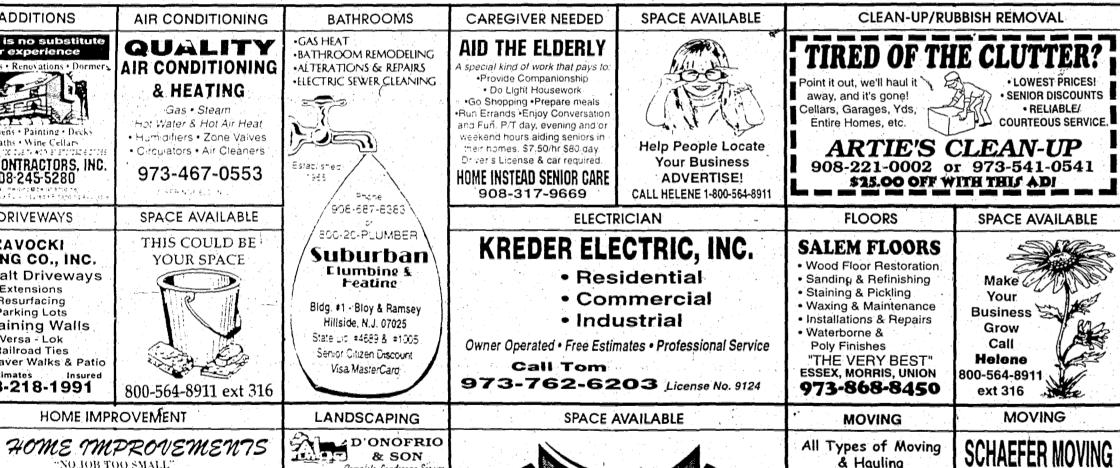
mation and to sign-up. Dress is casual, bathing suits are suggested.

Temple installs new officers and trustees

Springfield's Temple Beth Ahm conducted a joint installation of officers' and trustees of the Temple's Men's Club, and Women's League on June 21. The installation ceremony followed Friday night's religious services. Rabbi Mark Mallach installed the officers and trustees of each arm

of the temple. Lawrence Horwitz, a resident of

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Springfield, was installed as temple president. The other temple officers installed were Linda Lieb, Selig Adler, Marilyn Garlen, David Biebelberg, and Richard Falkin, vice president: Jonathon Hirst, treasurer; Bruce Fish, financial secretary; Mitchell Bookbinder, recording secretary; and Helen Jenys, corresponding secretary. The temple trustees installed were Steven Dorsky, Peter Herzberg, Howard Gerber, Karen Kernstein, Lynn Haliczer and April Modlinger.

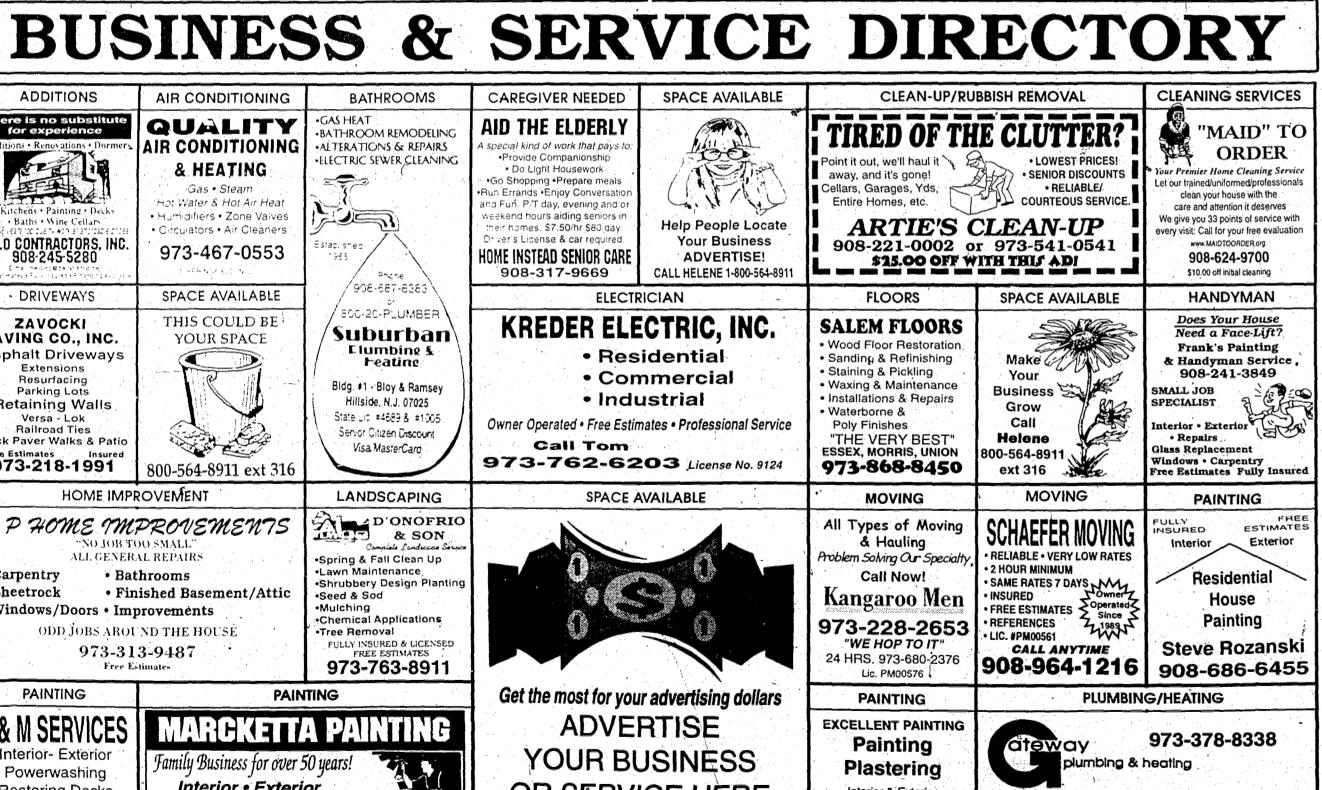
The Men's Club co-presidents installed were Bernard Flashberg and Richard Yablonsky, both residents of Union. Other Men's Club officers installed were Robert Modlinger. good and welfare; Kenneth Melman. membership; Gerald Weiss, programming: Warren Frank, special projects; Lee Lichter, treasurer, and Maurice Carchman, recording secretary.

The Men's Club trustees installed were David Appel, Al Bornstein, Leo Goldberg. Joe Gruenberg, Morton Parish, Robert Roth, Ray Schaffer, Leslie Schulman and Joe Todres. Installed as fund-raising vice presidents for Women's League were Karen Cohen and Caren Manders. Howard Gerber was chairman of the evening.



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Lawrence student before athlete

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer A student before an athlete. That's what David Lawrence of

Summit considers himself. The Pingry School graduate was honored at the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset as one of the Somerset

County Scholar Athletes by the Somerset County High School Principals' Association. The award was given out among 31 of the county's finest athletes and scholars, who have excelled in the

classroom and on the playing fields and represent their school in exemplary fashion. "It's quite an honor," Lawrence

said. "I was surprised that I was selected." After looking at his resume, one

Springfield 14s baseball excelling

The Springfield Minutemen age 14 baseball team won three consecutive games to start the month of July with a 3-1 record.

Coached by Drew Stern-Charles and assisted by David Floyd, Stan Parman and Stephen Yasinski, the team consists of Paul Belliveau, Brian Burdulia, Matt Canfield, John Cox, Jeff Feder, Jake Floyd, Jesse Galinkin, Randy Hering, Adam Hirst, Joe Palitto, Marco Pannella, Matt Parman, Greg Stefanelli, Brandon Stern-Charles, Kenneth Suarez and Andrew Yasinski.

After falling at Westfield, the Minutemen came back to beat Millburn East 5-2 as the road team at Springfield's Ruby Field

The Minutemen then defeated Millburn West 9-5 and

came back to beat Summit 4-3 in 10 innings. In the win against Millburn East, Springfield scored three runs in the top of the seventh to erase a 3-2 deficit. Cox singled in a run and Burdulia drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Stefanelli pitched well for the first four innings, while Yasinski did a good job in the last three to earn the mound victory.

In the bottom of the fifth against Millburn West, Yasinski and Burdulia walked back-to-back with the bases loaded. Stefanelli, Tettamanti and Pannella also drove in runs, while Cox stole his way to third in the second and Stern-Charles stole home in the third. Stern-Charles pitched four strong innings to get the win. Yasinski pitched well in relief.

Hering connected on a single that brought home Burdulia with the winning run in the bottom of the 10th against Summit, snapping a 3-3 deadlock. Summit took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second before Springfield scored three times in the bottom of the third for a 3-2 advantage. Summit tied the game at 3-3 with a run in the top of the fourth. Stefanelli pitched well for the first six innings, while Stern-Charles tossed four shutout innings to earn the victory.

Mathematics and Science Award and him All-Conference honors in both. the Whitlock Prize for Mathematics. "Ice hockey and lacrosse are very "I like math," Lawrence said, "But, similiar to each other," Lawrence I will probably major in economics in said. "It was nice because I was surcollege."

Lawrence will be attending Princeton University in the fall.

A member of Pingry's Cum Laude Society, Lawrence was also named an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar and a National Merit Finalist.

is the Nick Gusz Award," Lawrence said. "It's given by the NJSIAA to the best student-athlete from an independent school."

Lawrence was a four-year varsity award-winner and team captain for win as part of a team in the Ivy both the boys' ice hockey and lacrosse League.

Lawrence earned the Rensselaer teams. These achievements earned

rounded by the same core of players." A right winger in hockey, Lawrence led his team in scoring in his junior and senior seasons.

In lacrosse, Lawrence set the school's all-time record for groundballs with 490. A midfielder, Lawrence tallied for seven goals and five assists in his junior year and 18 "What I'm most proud of winning goals and five assists as a senior.

> "The reason' I've been successful is because I've worked hard," Lawrence said. "It was a great experience for me and I learned to win as part of a team."

Lawrence will now learn how to

out at home in the top of the ninth.

Home games start at 6 p.m. at Ruby Field.

Evan Ring driving in the lone Springfield run.

Minutemen 13s back over .500

Springfield's age 13 Minutemen baseball team was 2-3

as of last week before it won two in a row to move back

over .500. The Minutemen lost at Cranford 11-8 after tak-

ing a 6-0 lead. They were then defeated at Union 7-1, with

After beating Cedar Grove 9-8 at Sandmeier last Satur-

The Minutemen were scheduled to play at Verona Tues-

day and today have a game scheduled at North Caldwell.

Springfield is set to host Cranford tomorrow at 5:45 p.m. at

Stephen Suarez scored the winning run against Cedar

Grove in the bottom of the seventh after stealing second

and then advancing to third on a ball hit by Elliot

Ryan O'Reilly pitched well for four innings and then

Springfield scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth as

O'Reilly, Adam Moss, Teddy Hopkins, Nicky Delviscovo,

Evan Ring and Kyle Seeley drove in runs.

lay, Springfield began this week with a 4-3 record.

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Suarez in relief.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2002 - PAGE 11 SPORTS Sports copy fax numbers Union County: 973-763-2557 Essex County: 973-674-2038 **Campers enjoy instruction** First baseman Suarez threw to Tettamanti to get a runner Springfield defeated host Union 11-4 on July 1 as Yasinski earned the mound victory and Stefanelli, Stern-Photos by Jeff Wolfrun Charles, Hering, Burdulia and Canfield drove in runs. Rachel Mandel, right, gives instruction to Blair Godfrey at the Dayton High School Tennis Camp. "Everyone came away with something," said Dayton coach Bill Prisco After seven innings, Springfield tied Caldwell 13-13 who, along with Mandel, served as a camp instructor. "We try to make it a positive July 3 at Ruby Field. Stefanelli drove home three runs with experience for the kids." a triple and then Cox drove in a run to tie the game. Stern-Charles tossed a complete game in leading Springfield past host Glen Ridge 13-8 last Friday. Springfield stood at 5-1-1 as of Monday's scheduled home game against Westfield. The Minutemen were scheduled to play at Caldwell Tuesday and at Mountainside Springfield is scheduled to play at Millburn West



Minutemen football alive and kicking

The Springfield Minutemen Foot- The Minutemen have an estabthe Springfield Recreation Depart- grades 2 and 3, a new developmental ment, is ready to begin a new season tackle team for 4th graders and comwith a new attitude The sole purpose of this program is The program stresses good sports-

to promote youth football. The prog- manship, safety and fun for all those ram is designed to teach the funda- who participate and guarantees that mentals of football to children in everyone will play. Residency is not a grades 2-8.

Davton skaters open with victory Members of the Dayton High School ice hockey team opened their sixth High School Varsity Summer League campaign with a 3-1 win over Morris-

town last Sunday night at Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater. While Dayton improved to 1-0, Morristown fell to 0-2. The league is made up of teams from Dayton, Governor Livingston, Cran-

ford, Morristown, Westfield, Chatham and Morris Knolls. League play continues to the end of August.

Comprised of all the players from last year's team, along with several incoming freshmen, the Springfield team dominated play against a tough Morristown squad and was backed by the stellar play of senior goaltender Michael Rodrigues.

Sophomore Cory Berger opened the scoring midway through the first period, breaking in all alone and firing the puck past the Morristown goalie. Shortly thereafter, incoming Brearley freshman Rob Carroll fired a slapshot from the left point that found the net to make the score 2-0.

Before the first period ended, incoming Dayton freshman Greg Stefanelli lifted his own rebound over the Morristown netminder to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead.

The goals held up thanks to Springfield's solid defense and strong goaltending.

Dayton's next scheduled game is against Cranford on July 21 at 4 p.m. at BSA in Bridgewater

Springfield's 2002 schedule feaball program, under the direction of lished Flag program for youngsters in tures Westfield, Scotch Plains, Perth Amboy, Summit, Staten Island, East Hanover, Millburn and Berkeley petitive tackle for those in grades 5-8. Heights.

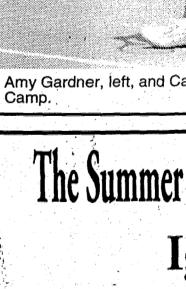
A new coaching staff which includes commissioner Bob Conte. Dino DiCocco, Frank DiProfio, Frank Fryer, Charles Roberson, Bob Yannazzone and Jordan Gerber - the junior coach — is prepared and excited to teach football. Those interested in coaching are encouraged to apply at the Springfield Recreation Center

Applications for all levels of football are available at the Springfield Recreation Department, Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. Springfield, NJ.

More information may be obtained by calling 973-912-2227. Clinic turnout impressive

The third annual Minutemen Football Clinic was held June 15. Despite the rain, the turnout was impressive. Approximately 45 youngsters between the ages of 7-13 shoowcased their skills on the field.

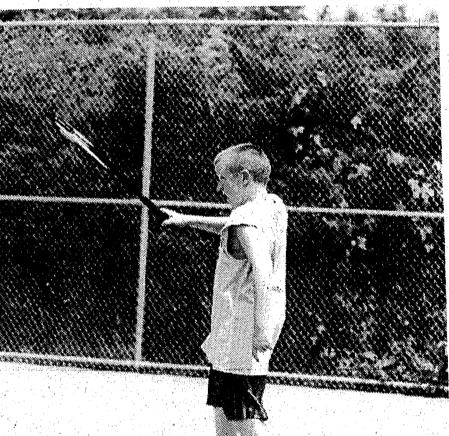
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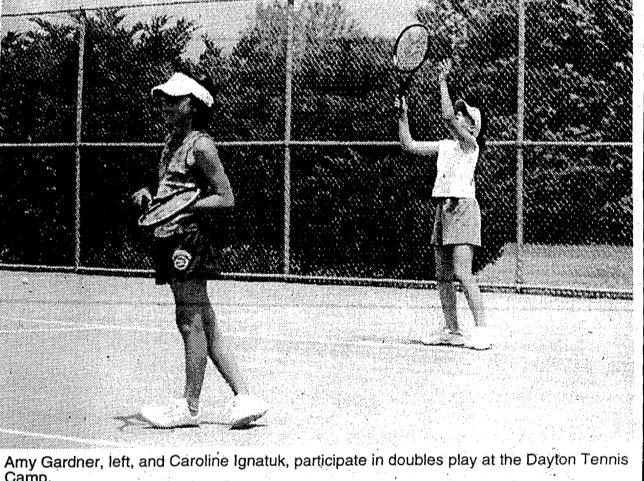
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June at the Davton tennis courts



Colin Dreten returns a serve at the Dayton Tennis Camp. The camp ran the last week



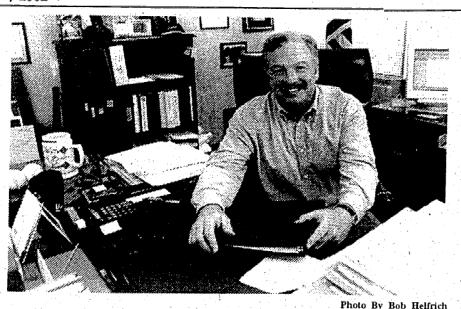
Prosecutor looks back on his term

(Continued from Page B1) trom his home several doors away to protect her. Burdge was in a drunken stupor after a shift party spent barhopping with tellow officers in December 1997. Defense attorneys told the judge someone slipped Burdge a mickey.

The case involved preferential treatment when officers who responded to the break-in took Burdge to a treatment center where he signed himself out the following day, rather than arresting him and administering an alcohol test.

Burdge was convicted of thirddegree aggravated assault and two disorderly offenses and recieved a sentence that included 90 days house arrest, three years probation and an automatic forfeiture of his position. Since then Manahan made sure

each officer in the county undergo ethics training, which resulted in tuting a mandatory policy for all "His vision and leadership qualities everything being handled by the book county police departments to record are unmatched."



Thomas Manahan of Scotch Plains completed his fiveyear term as Union County prosecutor earlier this. month

in the 1999 case of an Elizabeth offic- data on traffic stops to detect racial er accused of participating in the homicide of a city man.

Breaking the so-called Blue Wall of Silence, helping solve the 1959 mystery murder of Rahway Police Officer Charles Bernoskie and instiprofiling were all in a day's work, coworkers said.

"Tom will be missed both professionally and personally, especially his legendary wit," said Executive Assis-

tant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary said.

Election board will seek new administrator

(Continued from Page B1) Republican Commissioner John DeSimone told Kobitz and Moussallem moments after the decision was attention

April 16 Hillside Board of Education, position. 2000

"Dennis Kobitz knew or should proved in a subsequent investigation." has essentially been demoted. And

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thought he would become the chief of

the Union County Police and reach

the zenith in local law enforcement.

The Linden native and father of three

did not begin his career with hopes of

someday leaving a legacy behind, but

as he embarks on a new chapter in his

professional life he hopes that when

his days of policing are over he can be

remembered as helping propel the

Union County Police, Department

The Division of Police, which has

70 officers and 10 civilian employees.

falls under the auspices of the Depart-

ment of Public Safety and provides

down the road to better policing.

necessity to reduce crime;

lands." Naniska said.

Schuhmann said. Reached at his office Monday afternoon. Kobitz refused comment. Even some of Kobitz's colleagues. announced. "If that's not possible including his former boss, opposed administrator

Although the election board meet- In a telephone interview. Brown, ing was open to all, only one citizen the former deputy administrator who attended as a member of the public. learned about the election board's Alan Schuhmann of Hillside was decision that afternoon, said she is there in opposition to the candidacy of very concerned the board's decision. Kobitz: He was adamant in his brief would further fuel the rift within the statement, accusing Kobitz of allow- rank and file of the Board of Elecing his brother Steven to sign a nomi- tions. She also said rather frankly that nating petition for a candidate in the Kobitz is not qualified to hold his new

even though his brother resides in For the past several years, Brown East Hanover. Kobitz currently is said, employees allied with Kobitz Philip Campo as acting chief investipresident of the Hillside Board of have been hesitant to take orders from gator and special projects at an annual Education, having been elected in Moussallem, even though he is a salary of \$60,000. Campo will replace notch aboye Kobitz.

cy in East Hanover; something the first," Brown said: "It's going to mately \$38,000 annually, Union County Prosecutor's Office worsen the situation because Michael

Kobitz thinks he is above everybody. Brown, who started as a clerk at the Board of Elections in 1976, said having Kobitz and Moussallem share the same title and authority will increase

of Elections in 1974, was not as critical, but she had mixed opinions on the election board's decision

an outsider, however, very few people know the mechanical reality of an election. Anyone can be familiar with Title 19, but putting the law into application requires hands-on. You need the experience."

The election board also appointed Charlotte Hicks, when she officially "Many times when Michael gives a retires Aug. 7. Hicks had been have known that his brother Steven directive, some employees will tell employed by the Board of Elections was ineligible because of his residen- him Dennis has to know about it since 1955 and was earning approxi-Formato earned \$86,000 as

administrator,

Union County police get new leader

facilities. County police also assist ment weigh team that patrols for "Our core responsibility is to pro- sheriff and law enforcement agencies. as a traffic enforcement unit that convide security for those who use park. The division also has a traffic enforce- ducts child safety seat inspections.

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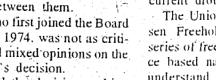
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• July 20, Elizabeth River Park, North Avenue and Riverside Drive,

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Union. • July 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Waterson St.,

Westfield. • July 22, 3 to 7 p.m., Gran Centu- offering the New Jersey Boating Saferions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark. ty Certification on its Cranford cam-• July 23, 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic pus at 1033 Springfield Ave. Atlas Pythagoras Lodge, 101 Central Ave., Westfield.

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Road, Clark. For more information, call

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Free watershed walks

Ever wonder why there has been so much talk about watersheds in the news today? Want to know how it affects you or how it's related to the current drought and water quality?

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, has announced a series of free watershed/water resource based nature walks to help you understand this important issue. Hosted by AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Mike Aita, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Schering-Plough Corp. in partnership with the Greater Newark Conservancy, Middlesex County, the Weequahic Park Association, and the state Department of Environmental Protection, a threedimensional watershed model will be presented followed by a short nature. walk along a river or lake in the area. These educational walks will take

Woodbridge.

Hillside

• July 27, Weequahic Park, Newark. Open to all, but children must be accompanied by an adult, and proper

outdoor hiking attire is needed. Call Mike for registration, direc-

Boating safety course

The Union County College Division of Continuing Education and Community Services is once again

The course is required for those who are 16 years old and over who • July 26. 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospi- wish to operate personal watercraft tal, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union. and for those 13 years or more to • July 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., operate power boats. The course will Knights of Columbus. 1034 Jeanette cover the following topics: boat handling, rules of the road, safety regula-• July 31, 6 to 9 p.m., Clark Fire tions, necessary equipment, and legal Department, Broadway and Valley, responsibilities. Upon successful completion a state approved for issuing for a New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate will be issued. The certification is NASBLA approved.

The certification program begins July 23. For more information on this certification or any other program offered by the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services, call 908-709-7600.

Passport fees to rise

Federally-mandated fee increases for passport services will go into effect nationwide on Aug. 19. The changes are a result of an independent fee study conducted on behalf of the U.S. State Department.

Passport applications for adults will rise from \$60 to \$85. Passport appolications for those younger than 16 years of age will rise

from \$40 to \$70. Passport renewal fees will increase from \$40 to \$55.

The fee for emergency or expedited services will rise from \$35 to \$60. Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the annex at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield. The

main office in Elizabeth is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 908-527-4966.



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Volunteers needed to be rape crisis advocates

Caring, supportive and committed individuals are wanted to volunteer to assist rape survivors during day, evening and weekend shifts at the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

There is especially a need for bilingual and multilingual individuals Training will prepare advocates to espond with support and information on the 24-hour hotline, provide emotional support and accompaniment at the hospital, police department, Prosecutor's Office and/or court.

The 40 hours of specialized training to become a rape crisis advocate. which is mandated throughout the state, will be scheduled twice a week from Sept. 24 to Nov. 21. Training addresses the different types of sexual assault, the trauma experienced by sexual assault survivors, their family members and related issues.

In addition to serving as a rape crisis advocate, volunteers may become involved in making educational presentations to schools or to groups in the community on sexual assault

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. The center is a program in the Department of Human Services, Division of Planning that is designed for comprehensive work with survivors of all areas of sexual assault. Some people may believe that only young women would need its services, but they are offered to adult males, females, teen-agers, children and their families whether the sexual assault/abuse took place recently or in years past.

The center also offers crisis intervention, short-term counseling and therapy with referral for longterm services as needed, which are provided free of charge by qualified professionals.

Dates for the volunteer training are as follows: Sept. 24 and 26; Oct. 1, 3, 8. 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and 31; Nov. 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21.

Training is from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

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Styles, talent fuse in Persun

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

Webster's defines "fusion" as "a fusing or melting together" and "the state ... of being united."

Thus it is with Persun, the Maplewood-based band that will appear at The Crossroads in Garwood July 18. In musical parlance, primarily rock, fusion describes that form of music that melds other genres, a hybrid of

Persun's most recent album, "Empty Rooms," is such a hybrid — the listener is able to perceive a vast array of influences in musical styles, the result of the band members' diverse tastes in music.

And that's fine with the band, according to drummer Anthony Vanacore of Maplewood, "That's what really sets it apart in many ways," he said of the fusion genre. "When we travel in each other's cars, we listen to completely different things.

"I'm really into very technical music. That's what really inspires me to play," Vanacore continued. He also mentioned progressive influences such as Dream Theater and Rush, and added that his inspiration for individual songs mance style. can come from such disparate sources as a movie, video game or book.

His bandmates — lead guitarist Nick Menza and vocalist/guitarist Brett Tabano, both of Maplewood, and bassist Adam Winik of South Brunswick - each bring their own tastes to the table.

Menza's influences began in the '80s with Poison, Bon Jovi and glam rock bands. "Then as I got older," he said, "I started listening to more classic rock for writing purposes." Winik cited Phish, jam bands and classic rock, while Tabano said, "I just listen to everything there is out there. Basically, the entire umbrella of music." The lead singer specified classic rock, music from the '70s and '80s, and rap.

The fusion continues into the collaborative process, with no one person credited on "Empty Rooms" as songwriter. Just as they fuse styles, the members of Persun fuse their composing skills.

"Usually what happens is one of the two of us — me and Brett --- will come up with a riff," Menza said, adding that it's then fleshed out and arranged by the entire band. "When we're writing songs, we like to please ourselves," Vanacore said. "You have to please yourself

first before you can go out and please an audience. It's a personal thing --- you have to enjoy what you're doing."

This collaboration goes back to Columbia High School in Maplewood where Menza and Tabano were friends with Charlie Vanacore, the drummer's older brother who now manages the band. With a lead singer/guitarist, lead guitarist, drummer and manager in place, the band lacked its fourth musician. Their search led them to Winik. "We found him on the Internet," said Tabano. "That's

really when the band began." From there, Persun slowly built up momentum, playing local venues until their reputation took them as far as Massachusetts and Delaware.

"It's really a snowball effect," Vanacore said of the band's growth in popularity. "You start playing small venues like bars. You build up a reputation, you start building a fan base. We totally started from scratch. It's been a long process.

"We're still in the process," added Tabano. "I'd say about the past six months, the gigs have started

coming to us more often," Vanacore said. With Winik came not only the much-needed fourth band member: through him, Persun also polished its perfor-

Winik's father, Jeff, is a professional barbershop-quartet singer and has coached the four in harmonies, which are usually tight, three-part arrangements.

Vanacore said, "One thing his dad really focused us on was the phrasing," both lyrical and musical.

Added Winik, "Not just the actual pitches. That's really helped us because we had no idea." In their concert gigs, there are 25 original songs in Persun's repertoire. In addition, the four enjoy "rethinking"

previously recorded material. "We tend to do covers our own kind of way," said Winik. Tabano added that among the songs to which they

bring a new feel is The Bangles' "Walk Like an Egyptian." The band also shares a disappointment in the current state of affairs in the music industry, a behemoth the four hope to conquer

"Ever since MTV came out, it kind of changed music for the wrong reasons," Tabano commented. He feels the industry went from writing music to manufacturing a "look." "If you really look at the bands from the '70s, look at how they've stood the test of time."

Vanacore readily agreed. "Ten years from now, is anyone gonna know who The Strokes are? "Look at the paradox involved," he continued, citing

such things as TV's "Making of a Band." " 'We're gonna

manufacture this band, and you're gonna like it.' " The non-manufactured Persun will be going back into the studio in August to record four more tracks. "We love it," Tabano said of the process. "We can't stop

recording. They're gonna be totally different than what's on 'Empty Rooms.'

ings, the four will be melding their differing tastes in music, which affords them the chance to resist being pigeonholed, thus becoming stagnant - or worse, "selling out." "David Gilmour once said, 'As soon as you accept a changing label people give you, you limit yourself," Vanacore

said, quoting the lead singer and guitarist of Pink Floyd. "We're not restricted." "When we write songs, we don't throw it out because it

'doesn't sound like us.' If it sounds good, it sounds good." added Winik

Non-fiction narrative reads like a novel

One of the challenges of writing any narrative account of a real event is keeping the story alive. Often, the writer's need to present Shelf the details of the setting and clear

facts of what occurred can threaten to bog the story down entirely. Luckily, Robert Frump's "Until the Staff Writer Sea Shall Free Them: Life, Death and Survival in the Merchant Marine" is one tale that avoids this fate. ship's chief mate, Bob Cusick, Throughout his rendering of the becomes the story's hero, battling for events that unfolded and led up to the his life as the cold sea begins to shipwreck of the SS Marine Electric devour the ship and his mates. His off the coast of Virginia in 1983, the will to survive is extraordinary and storytelling thread of Frump's tale inspiring as he fights the approaching remains intact.

run carrying coal from Virginia to an men were all in the water now, electric utility at Brayton Point in chilled, splashing, swimming, crying, Massachusetts, but it's soon discov- dying. That part was simple. It was ered this trip will be anything but the rescue that would be complex." routine

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ters scramble to save themselves as tragedy. the pulsing urgency of the event shat- With a description of the sinking of ters their illusions of safety. The similar ships, such as the Theodora

On the

By Brian Pedersen

specter of death to stay alive.

The Marine Electric is on a routine One chilling section reads, "The

As a reporter for the Philadelphia The story unfolds when the charac- Inquirer at the time, Frump uses his ters begin their voyage and start to investigative skills as a journalist to talk about the uncertainty of life not only tell the story, but show how aboard the ship. We get the chance to these people reacted to the tragedy in meet and see these people interact, the aftermath. He shows men deterknowing that not all of them will be mined to tell the truth behind the sinkalive when their voyage comes to a ing, people who are bent on fixing a bureaucratic system struggling to cov-As the disaster strikes, the charac- er up their responsibility for the

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and the Golden Dolphin, Frump prepares us for the tragedy to come, without distracting the reader with extra storylines. Once the tale of the SS Marine Electric's sinking is told, he sprinkles separate historical accounts of previous shipwrecks and rescue missions in separate chapters to show the mechanics of each event

But rather than distract the reader from the story being told, Frump's technique enhances his narrative with these separate storylines that reveal tiny anecdotes and facts. He succeeds in letting us know such things as how difficult it is to rescue a man out of a lifeboat only inches from safety or the proper way to spread steam coal into the holds of the ship without stepping up to a lectern and spouting dry facts. It's a technique that's engaging, offering a break from the action, yet

keeping the pace moving as the narrative of the shipwreck and the rescue mission comes to a close. The second part of the book shows

the legal action that ensues once the true origin of the shipwreck is revealed. Playing a major role in finding out the facts is the Philadelphia Inquirer, which mounts an investigation into the sinking and discovers the drastic statistics of former Merchant Marine ships. Even though the ships were falling apart and in poor condi-

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tion, they find these ships were still sent out to sea with crews on board, resulting in countless casualties. As the courtroom drama unfolds,

the American Bureau of Shipping, the Marine Board of Investigation, the Coast Guard and the lawyers all enter the legal tangle with shifting degrees of success.

As a former reporter, Frump is clever at putting the human face on the legal battle and showing all sides of the action

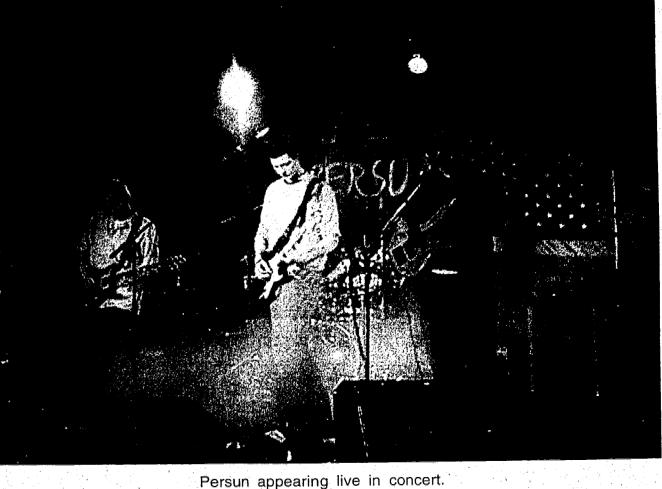
We get to see the motivations behind "the tiger in the tall grass," Thomas Rohrer, one of the attorneys driven to shift the true origin of the shipwreck onto someone else. We also get to see the ambitious

drive of Jesse Calhoun, the whistle, blower and head of the maritime union who fights for an end to the use of the old ships. Although the author wrote the book

as a non-fiction account, the story itself reads like a novel, with colorful, unique characters that come to breathing life, revealing how much of a hold the sea has upon them. The sea itself becomes an imposing

character, alternately deadly yet endearing, taking nearly all the men, regardless of age, class or stature. "The wind moaned through the waves. Not like a moan. It was a

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Taking their sound in a new direction on the new record-

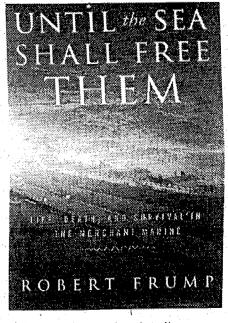
Not surprisingly, the band members all embrace the freedom and flexibility of the "fusion" genre, welcoming the chance to continually expand their repertoire - a topic on which each is eager to comment.

"It's constantly changing," Tabano pointed out. "We don't want to have too many songs that sound the same." Added Menza, "We're slowly molding our sound." "Right now, we're writing more hard rock." said Winik.

Vanacore concurred. "We're definitely getting harder, but that could change." he said. "We like to keep evolving.

"The most important thing a band can feel is to believe in the music.'

For information on Persun's July 18 appearance at The Crossroads, see the "Variety" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B8.



moan. A sad, singing, howling moan. It had a pitch, timber and tremolo that were almost human."

Those who survive and bear witness to the disaster find they can never ompletely be free of the sea.

The author has a real knack for storytelling, letting the story take on a life of its own while steering clear of any unnecessary detours.

Those who are looking for an intriguing and intellectually entertaining summer read can find themselves in good, steady hands with Robert Frump at the wheel.

Robert Frump is a resident of Summit.

Concerts liven up parks in Linden The Linden Department of Recrea-

tion, Community Services and Public Property is sponsoring a free six-week summer concert series.

All concerts begin at 7:15 p.m. The rain location for the performances is the Linden High School gymnasium. West St. Georges Avenue.

Dates and performers are: • Tuesday - Magic Touch at James Jozzi Peach Orchard Park, Dill

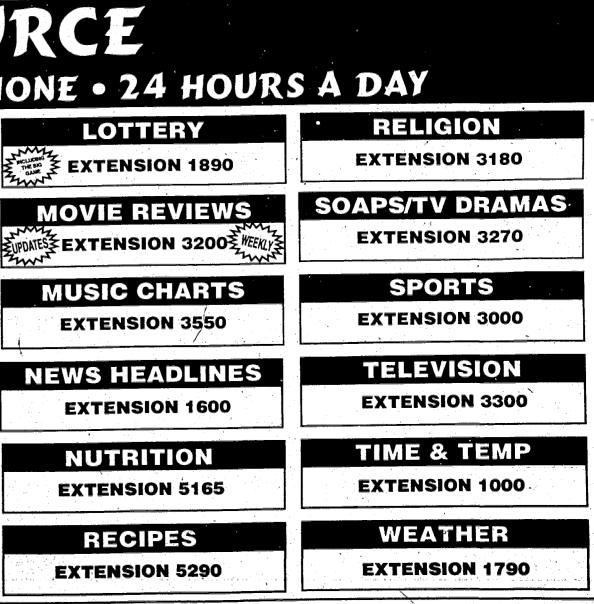
• July 23 - Total Soul at Wilson Park. Summit Terrace. • July 30 - Jobonanno and the

Godsons of Soul at Wilson Park. Summit Terrace. • Aug. 6 - The Nice 'n' Easy Orchestra at Wilson Park, Summit

• Aug. 13 - Jimmy Sturr Orchestra at Wilson Park, Summit

Call the Gregorio Recreation Center at 908-474-8627 or the Recreation Hotline at 908-474-8604 for more information.

Editorial deadlines Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon.





Recipes provide s'more on marshmallows

By Jennifer Mastroianni Copley News Service

I'm sitting beside the campfire, sticky stick in hand, contemplating how many layers of skin I just scalded off the roof of my mouth, when the thought hits me: Just what the heck is a marshmallow?

And how can something that tastes so good cause such excruciating pain? So I did a background check on the mysterious marshmallow. It's classified as a confection, a candy. It's been around since ancient Egypt.

Marshmallows got their name when the pharaohs discovered that part of the mallow plant grown in marshes could be made into a confection. Nobody knows when marshmallows were first roasted, but I would bet that pharaohs ingenious enough to build mammoth quadrilateral masonry structures were smart enough to hold a marshmallow over a flame. Homemakers through the ages made marshmallows from sugar, mallow plant and other ingredients. By whip-

tion became light and airy, but had nowhere near the sponginess of today's store-bought marshmallows. It wasn't until the 1950s that food companies began commercially manufacturing marshmallows from corn

syrup, sugar, gelatin and gum derivatives. It was then that Kraft Foods introduced Jet-Puffed marshmallows, which got its name from a manufacturing process that infused air into the marshmallow, giving it the squishy texture we know and love. Roasting the puffy lumps over an open fire is surely one of the joys of summer. Whether you prefer your

marshmallows golden brown or blackened, it's the caramelized sugar that makes them taste so good. It's that same sugar, which can reach up to 350 degrees, that can scorch the bejabbers out of your roof and tongue if you forget to let the marshmallow cool off before popping it into your mouth

Did you know that it's pretty easy to make marshmallows from scratch? ping the mixture, the sugary concoc- It's true. I recently made a batch. You're wondering, why in the world and vanilla, and beat by electric mixer when a bag costs about a buck? Think how fun to show up at a darkens and the gang gathers around the campfire to pass out sticks and marshmallows, you can hold up your hand and pull the ultimate Marthaesque snobbism

"Oh, no thank you. I prefer to make my own. My family is worth it." Actually, I wanted to know what in the world a marshmallow is made of. Were they boiled? Baked? It's an interesting process, and one kids definitely will have fun with. Homemade Marshmallows

- ¹/₄ cup cornstarch
- cup confectioners' sugar
- cup water
- ¹/₂ cup light corn syrup
- Pinch of salt

Yields 38 marshmallows. Sift cornstarch and confectioners' sugar into bowl. Lightly grease 8x8-inch square baking pan and sprinkle 1 tablespoon of cornstarch and sugar mixture into it. Tilt pan to coat sides and bottom. Leave excess. in pan. Sprinkle gelatin into water in small saucepan and let soak for 5 minutes. Add granulated sugar and stir over low heat until gelatin and sugar dissolve. In large bowl, combine gelatin mixture, corn syrup, salt

would anyone want to make their own or with hand mixer for 15 minutes on high speed, until peaks form. Spread fluffy mixture in prepared

cookout with a plateful. When the sky pan and smooth top. Leave for two hours or until set. With wet knife, cut marshmallow

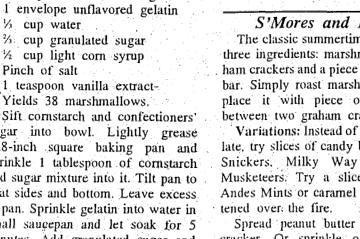
mixture into quarters and loosen around edges. Sprinkle remaining cornstarch and sugar mixture on baking sheet and invert marshmallow blocks onto it. Cut each quarter into nine pieces and roll each in starch and SUGAT

Place marshmallows on cake rack covered with paper towels and let stand overnight to air-dry surface slightly. Store airtight. Will keep for a month

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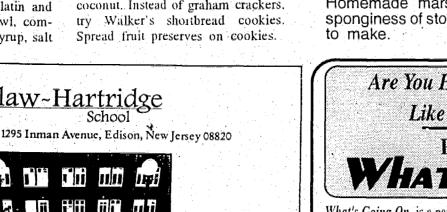
The classic summertime recipe has three ingredients: marshmallow, graham crackers and a piece of chocolate bar. Simply roast marshmallow and place it with piece of chocolate between two graham crackers. Variations: Instead of plain chocolate, try slices of candy bars such as Snickers, Milky Way or Three Musketeers. Try a slice of fudge, Andes Mints or caramel chunks sof-

Spread peanut butter on graham cracker. Or sprinkle on shredded coconut. Instead of graham crackers, try Walker's shortbread cookies. Spread fruit preserves on cookies.



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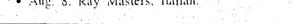
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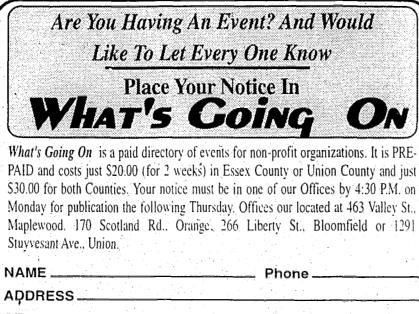
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The result? The new cardiac surgery program at The University Hospital/ New Jersey Medical School in Newark.

Officials at University Hospital and New Jersey Medical School have announced an affiliation with the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons for the establishment of a new division of cardiothoracic surgery at the hospistal and school. Columbia faculty members will assume leadership positions in the division and will join the team at University Hospital July 1.

"Through our affiliation with Columbia, we'll take an immediate leap forward in the services and quality we can bring to our patients," said Sidney E. Mitchell, president and chief executive officer of University Hospital. "As an acadmeic medical center, University Hospital has the existing talent and technology necessary to support the introduction to New Jersey of new procedures that are currently being pioneered and perfected in New York by Columbia." University Hospital is owned and operated by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

New Jersey Medical School Dean Russell T. Joffe M.D. agreed. "This innovative affiliation agreement provides enormous opportunity for the Medical School as well as the hospital. The combination of the best of both schools allows us to move quickly in broadening our clinical, education and research capabilities in the entire range of the cardiac sciences."

Columbia physician Dr. Barry Esrig will become the director of the division of cardiothoracic surgery at University Hospital/New Jersey Medical School. Dr. Esrig is a superbly skilled surgeon, with a 0.0 percent coronary bypass mortality rate as reported in the latest Cardiac Surgery Report published by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

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Each year hundreds of people are injured and an average 100 people die after being struck by lightning, a situation that could often be prevented if individuals engage in safe

behavior during thunderstorms. As part of its mission to educate the public about burn prevention and fire safety, the Education Department of The Burn Center at St. Barnabas Medical Center has compiled factual information on lightning safety.

Lightning facts

Approximately 75 percent of lightning strikes occur in he summer months, usually between 2 and 6 p.m. Those most likely to be hurt are engaged in activities involving open fields and recreation and swimming areas. Males are struck by lightning four times more often than females. Lightning safety

It is important to remember that no place outside is completely safe so always check with a reliable forecast such as the National Weather Service when planning activities. Thunder indicates one is already within the range of where the next ground flash may occur. Lightning can travel as far as 10 miles so strikes can occur "out of the clear blue sky." It is, therefore, very important to seek adequate shelter immediately. Experts recommend that individuals wait 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning

or sound of thunder before resuming outdoor activities. The Lightning Safety Group of the American Meteorological Society and others recommend the following choose a safe location during a thunderstorm:

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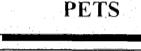
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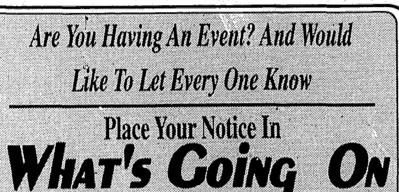
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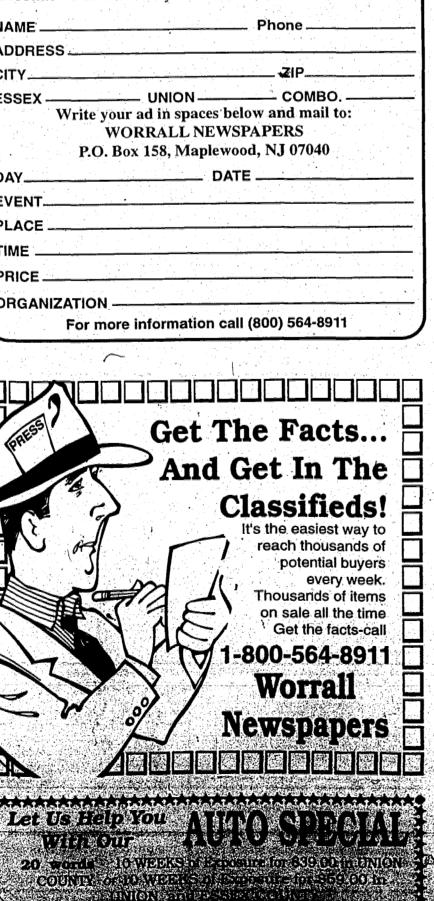
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that Valerie Corrales-Meskers has joined the company as a sales associate in its Westfield office. located at 600 North Avenue West. Before she joined Burgdorff ERA

Corrales-Meskers was a sourcing manager for NBC in New York and a regional salesperson for an audio console manufacturer. These positions gave her broad based experience in sales, purchasing and customer service, the same qualities that are important to a Realtor.

Corrales-Meskers studied communications and liberal arts at Union County College and also studied Spanish at The New School in New York City. A Union County native who lives in Fanwood, she can offer firsthand information about local school districts, housing inventory, neighborhoods, shopping, dining transportation and more.

The Burgdorff ERA Westfield office is a full-service real estate office. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at 908-233-0065.

Clynes is into council

Carolann Clynes, a top producing sales associate with the Burgdorff ERA Summit office, was recently awarded inclusion into the 2002 President's Council.

Recognizing only the top 17 sales associates of Burgdorff's more than 650-member sales force, membership in the President's Council is the company's highest and most distinguished sales honor. Clynes ranked 12th in total sales volume companywide.

Announced during the recent Burgdorff ERA annual awards luncheon. Clynes was recognized by company President Judy Reeves for outstanding company sales production for the year 2001. In addition, with more than \$13 million in total sales, Clynes was named first both in dollar volume for listing production and total listing unit production for the Summit office. "Carolann's dedication to the high-

est principles of professionalism and integrity has earned her the respect of real estate professionals around the country," said Reeves. A strong negotiator with 31 years of experience, and well known locally for her ethics and ease of style, "Carolann continues to serve the needs of her clients with uncomprising loyalty."

Among her many professional accomplishments, Clynes has qualified for top producer awards consistently during the last 25 years and is among a select group of sales associates named to the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Distinguished Sales Club. A real estate broker since 1978.

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Valerie Corrales-Meskers been a National Residential Appraisers Institute certified apprais-

er since 1987. A consistent achiever ranked in the top 1 percent of 28,000 ERA agents worldwide, Clynes can be reached by phone at 908-522-3003, by e-mail at carolann-clynes@burgdorff.com, or the Burgdorff ERA Summit office in the historic Roots Building located at 401 Springfield Ave., in Summit.

Hernandez joins CMN

Jairo Hernandez, sales associate with RE/MAX Action Group Realty in Roselle Park, has joined the national RE/MAX Children's Miracle Network Miracle Home Program. Under this program, Hernandez will donate a specified amount of money to the Children's Miracle Network per sales transaction.

Hernandez will display the colorful 'Miracle Home" riders on top of his RE/MAX yard signs and both the nome seller and buyer can feel good knowing that their transaction has made a positive change in the lives of children in New Jersey.

"It's an incredible feeling to know that my donation could help save a young life," said Hernandez. "Participating in the Miracle Home Program is a great way to give back to the community. Incorporating the Children's Miracle Network into my business has been an honor.'

Hernandez can be reached by calling RE/MAX Action Group Realty in Roselle Park at 908-245-9300. To search the office listings and view a Grand Tour, visit the RE/MAX of New Jersey web site at www.remax-ni-com.

RE/MAX is the exclusive real estate sponsor for CMN, a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for children's hospitals. This year RE/MAX associates made a

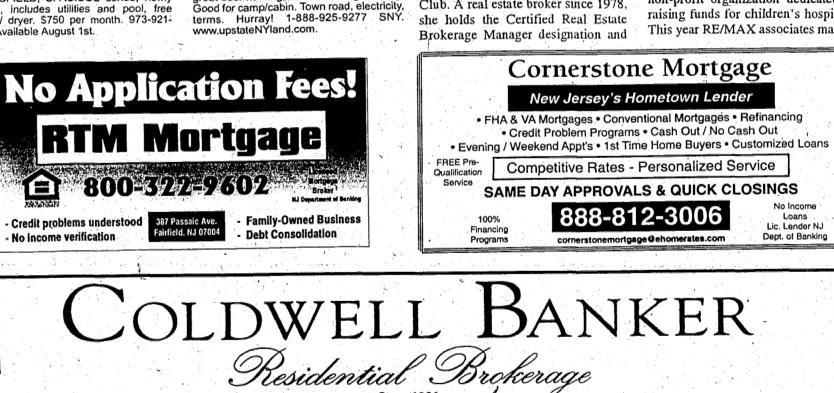
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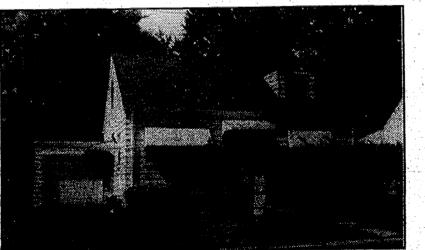
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the Business Academy, the educational arm of Weichert. "Lou is a perfect fit for this position," said Giugliano. "His previous experience provides him with an expertise in the development and mplementation of new programs and

materials." Gardella will lead a corporate divi sion at the Business Academy, downsizing companies by offering employ ees the chance to learn about lucrative opportunities within the Weichert Family of Companies as well as offering technology application training and career training to those employees through the Business Academy

In addition, Gardella will work with major corporations, assisting them to host career fairs, meeting and seminars at Weichert's state-of-theart corporate meeting facility.





Tedesco-Kloud, Summit Mayor Walter Long and ERA Senior Vice President Pat Hoferkamp cut the ribbon marking the grand opening of Burgdorff's offices in the historic Roots. building.



Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves greets one of the youngest guests

Open house celebrates beginning in Summit's historic Roots building

Burgdorff Realtors ERA hosted a gala open house celebration for 400 guests on the evening of June 26 to celebrate its new office in the historic Roots Building. located at 401 Springfield Ave., in Summit. Summit Mayor Walter Long participated in the festivities, leading off the event with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony with Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves, Burgdorff Summit Office Manager and Vice President Joanne Tedesco-Kloud and Burgdorff Senior Vice President Pat Hoferkamp.

Reeves said, "We are thrilled with our new location here in Summit and are so pleased to be a part of this building's rich heritage. Our goal was to maintain the historical integrity of the Roots building while offering the staff and clients an elegant, comfortable setting in which to conduct business. We've also implemented the newest in technology advances, as in the other Burgdorff offices, to enhance service to our clients."

Long remarked, "The Roots Building is special to this town. Burgdorff's renovation and remodeling efforts are magnificent. I am very, very impressed." The new Burgdorff offices occupy 40 percent of the Renaissance Revivalist structure, with a heavily ornamented brass door marking the entrance on Springfield Avenue. Christopher Welsh, local architect, designed the renovation.

The Summit Historic Preservation Commission explains that it designated the site as a landmark building. Long-term area residents may remember bygone days when the site hosted the Roots clothier, a bank or even when the property lay dormant for many years.

Regarding this newest Burgdorff location. Joanne Tedesco-Kloud, Summit office manager, said, "This centrally located office allows our sales team to provide their expertise to a wider variety of locales. We're honored to be here and looking forward to serving a broader territory."



Folks enjoy the atmosphere of the historia Roots building.

Consulting with professional results in happy home buyers

has been made, a homeowner should sional who can provide expert advice about what improvements will appeal to more buyers and help a home sell faster and for a higher price.

According to Joe Gulino, broker/ owner of ERA Princeton Corridor Realty, "Today, most buyers are looking for homes in move-in condition. Our experience shows that a small

ments of \$700 for a handyman gennext consult with a real estate profes- erate a \$5,000-plus increase in the selling price, and larger investments have yielded higher selling prices, depending on the location and price of the home

Simple things such as changing the colors, new carpet and updated lighting can make a tremendous difference. One of the most noticeable improvements a homeseller can make investment by the seller in their home is to paint the interior and exterior of can yield a significant increase in the the home, giving it a fresh, updated

Taxpayer Relief Act can help keep more profits

Steady growth in real estate sales across the nation is one of the major catalysts moving homeonwners to sell their current houses and purchase dwellings that better suit their needs.

Not all homeowners want to upgrade. Some are seeking smaller houses that require less effort to maintain and are much easier on their budgets. The challenge with downgrading to a smaller home is that a large profit made from the sale of the existing home brings a whopping capital gains tax that eats up most

of the profit. To relieve this situation. Uncle Sam has come to ther rescue. Anyone who is considering selling their home but is concerned about paying a high capital gains tax may benefit from the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Created to permit most homeowners to sell free of taxpayer repercussions, single homeowners may be able to exclude up to \$250,000 from federal capital gains tax on their primary residence and married couples up to \$500,000 with certain restrictions.

Once the decision to sell a home selling price. We have seen invest- look. Interior colors should be kept neutral to help buyers imagine their

> furniture fitting into your home. Also, consider replacing worn carpeting with new neutral-colored carpeting and, if you have hardwood floors, have them refinished unless they are in excellent condition. Agents also recommend replacing old, dated light fixtures with newer

> The first impression potential buyers have of a property occurs as they drive to the house and walk to the front door. In the case of landscaping, less is more. A home that is too crowded with shrubs and trees can give buyers a negative impression. The same philosophy applies to a home's interior. According to a national survey of real estate professionals, 90 percent of agents surveyed ecommend cleaning and decluttering a home, including the gar-

While the aforementioned recommendations concern a home's aesthestics, it is equally important to take care of minor maintenance needs, such as fixing leaky faucets, grouting

"Buyers are comforted when they see a well maintained home, trusting that what they cannot see has also been well maintained," said Gulino.

Before investing time and money in preparing your home for sale, talk to your local real estate professional who is familiar with both your neighborhood and the expectations of huvers.

For more information about selling your home, contact your local ERA office, which can be found by visiting the ERA Brokers of New Jersey web site at www.ERANJ.com.

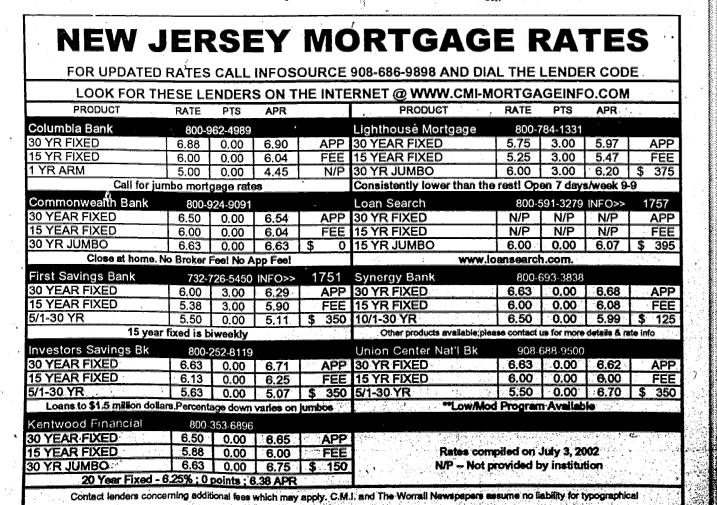
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RE/MAX firms again lead the recently published 2002 REAL Trends 500, a survey of the largest real estate firms in the United States by leading industry publisher, REAL Trends, Inc. The 170 independently owned RE/MAX firms named make up 30 percent of the elite "500" list. As in past surveys, the 12-office operations of RE/MAX Greater Atlanta under the direction of broker/owner, Lee Finch was the highestranking RE/MAX operation, finishing this year at number 14, a notch higher than its 15th place ranking last year. RE/MAX Equity Group, with 17 offices in the Portland area led by Jim Homolka went from 34th last year to 26th in 2002. The 14-office operations of Church Ochsner's RE/

MAX Alliance based in Arvada, Colo., captured the 29th slot.

"As the industry has grown more diverse, we are presenting the ranking information in several ways," state the introductory comments from co-editors Stephen H. Murray and Laurie Moore-Moore. "The Real Trends 500 Report is the only repsort of its kind that requires verification from outside sources. We believe this creates a true picture of the results of the leading firms in the United States."

Among the variety of presentations of information, 40 RE/MAX firms were identified in the list of 114 "Up-and-Comers." RE/MAX firms filled half of the positions in the "Top 10 Firms by Productivity per Office by Sides," and half of the "Top 10 Firms by Productivity per Office by Sales Volume." Seven of the "25 Fastest Growing Firms in 2001" are RE/ MAX operations as are 77 of the 116 "Single-office Companies Which Closed 1,000+ Sides in 2001"



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Today, the Burgdorff space is appointed with granite. brass and mahogany and was professionally decorated to highlight the building's unique architectural detail. Carriage lights adorn the building's facade, and burgundy awnings shade the windows, making it easily identifiable. The office includes three reception areas and two private conference rooms, in addition to private workspaces with computers and high-speed Internet connectivity for instant communications. Passersby can view up-to-the-minute real estate offerings on flat-panel monitors positioned by the office windows.

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