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Sex offender warned by judge over contacts

Status hearing for X-Ramsey fireman

BY CHRIS HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

HACKENSACK — A former volunteer in Ramsey and Mahwah who was convicted on child sex charges in 2009 was back in court Monday.

Kevin Spence, 36, who is two years into serving a 10-year sentence at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Avenel, appeared before Superior Court Judge Patrick J. Roma for a status hearing on a charge. Monday's court appearance follows Spence's indictment in late December on an obstruction of government operations charge.

In 2009, Spence pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault and child endangerment — two charges in a 35-count indictment alleging he had sex with one victim for nine years, while she was 12 to 15 years old, and molested another while she also was underage. Spence was arrested in 2008 after 600 calls had been made by Spence to his fiancée's home between May 5, 2010, and March 7, 2011.

Danielle Hunter, a spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections, said Monday the agency was made aware of the calls and has since blocked Spence's fiancée's number from his call list.



KEVIN R. WEXLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Kevin Spence, who in 2009 pleaded guilty in a child sex case, in court Monday for a status hearing on obstruction charges.

Spence's mother and father were present for the proceedings, as was Mitchell Greenblatt of Rockland County, N.Y. Greenblatt, the former husband of Spence's current fiancée, made claims Monday that Spence has, on more than 600 occasions, violated a protective order issued by a family court judge in 2010. That order bars Spence from having contact with Greenblatt's former wife or 8-year-old daughter while incarcerated.

While it could not be ascertained whether his claims were valid, Greenblatt did obtain phone records showing that more than 600 calls had been made by Spence to his fiancée's home between May 5, 2010, and March 7, 2011.

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Man accused of bashing 2 with bat in \$40 dispute

By JAKE HYMAN
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WYCKOFF — Two men were sent to the hospital early Monday morning with serious injuries after being attacked by another man with a baseball bat, police said.

The suspect, Ralph Zocco III, 18, of Wyckoff, was arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated assault, criminal mischief and two counts of possession of a weapon with intent to use it unlawfully, according to Police Chief Benjamin Fox. Bail was set at \$25,000, and as of Monday afternoon Zocco was still in custody at the Bergen County Jail.

Police declined to disclose the names of the injured men. They said one is an 18-year-old Oakland resident who was hit on



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the head, requiring 10 stitches, and the other is an 18-year-old Wyckoff resident who was struck on the head and elbow, which will require surgery.

Fox said the incident involved an argument over a \$40 debt that Zocco had owed someone. The two men had gone to Zocco's home and tried to collect the money, but Zocco's mother had told them to leave, Fox said.

Zocco then went looking for the two men and found them at the parking lot of the Boulder Run Shopping Center, Fox said. Armed with a small baseball bat, Zocco first hit a vehicle that belonged

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Funeral: Soldier laid to rest

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reds on Kinnelon Road as a hearse carried his remains to the church for a wake Sunday.

"He's one of the 1 percent who signed up to protect the country," said Kinnelon police Lt. John Schwartz, one of a dozen Kinnelon officers who attended the funeral Monday. "It's important for us to show support."

The entrance of the church was lined with American and military flags held by the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle group that honors fallen soldiers. Inside, newspaper clippings about Ba-

tista's military service were on display, alongside dozens of photos showing Batista as a boy on the soccer field, in a baseball uniform and playing saxophone, and as a young man sharing fun times with friends and family.

Monsignor John Carroll told the mourners that Batista's life always will exist in their memories and now exists with God as well. "Death is not an end. It's a beginning of a new life," he said. "Life changes, but it never ends." As the funeral service ended, six members of a special New Jersey National Guard honor guard unit carried the flag-draped casket out of the church. Kinnelon police officers and the Patriot Guard Riders saluted Batista when the white-gloved guardsmen gently placed the casket inside the hearse.

A church bell tolled as the mourners walked silently under a sun-drenched sky behind Batista's parents and young siblings as they followed the hearse into the church's cemetery next door. A 21-gun salute pierced the silence, followed by the sounds of taps with from a silver bugle in the distance. A light breeze rustled the church's

Jon. Castorena said Batista was unflappable, someone who would walk around with his hands in his pockets uttering his favorite phrase: "It's whatever." "He only cared about what mattered in life," he said. "I got lucky to spend my whole Army career with him. Every time I put my hands in my pockets I'll think of him."

Army career was Batista's demeanor as he was ordered to do push-ups.

"He just smiled," he said. "The drill sergeants couldn't break him. He was one of the most popular guys in the unit."

Army Spec. Robert Castorena who attended the funeral, said he met Batista on the first day of basic training. One of his favorite memories of their early Army career was Batista's de-

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Hebrew-immersion charter rejected

State rules academy isn't ready to open in fall

LESLIE BRODY
AFF WRITER

The state Department of Education said Monday that Shalom Academy, a Hebrew-immersion charter school, is not allowed to open this fall because its organizers failed to show they are ready.

The school faced opposition from critics who said it would serve boutique interests rather than a real need, and it was led to win final approval a year ago because it lacked a certificate of occupancy.

Its founder hung up on a reporter Monday and did not respond to further calls for comment.

On Monday, the state also gave two full-time virtual charter schools a "planning" year to refine their academic programs and operations. One of them, the Monmouth County-based New Jersey Virtual Charter School, would serve students from Paterson and three other districts. Its founder said Monday he needed more time to recruit students. The other cyber-charter would be based in Newark.

The state's periodic announcements of charter approvals have long been fraught with suspense. The Christie administration is a vocal booster of charters as important options for families, especially in cities with poorly performing schools.

On Monday, it announced that nine new

charters would open in September, bringing the total statewide to 86. Critics of charters, which are taxpayer-funded but independently run, say they drain dollars from traditional public schools.

Earlier this month, eight education groups sent a joint letter to acting Education Commissioner Chris Cerf asking him to deny final approval to any virtual charters. They said he lacked authority to open them because the state's 1995 charter law covers only bricks-and-mortar schools, and any expansion of Cerf's power had to come from the Legislature. The signatories included the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Education Association and the Education Law Center.

Critics of virtual charters say many are run by private operators that put profit above learning, it is hard to monitor attendance, and children who take all their courses online need at least some face-to-face instruction and socialization. Supporters counter that online schools offer flexibility to students who don't thrive in conventional settings, such as teens at risk of dropping out.

In Teaneck, school board President Ardie Walser expressed relief that the district could use the \$1.4 million it had been obligated to set aside for Shalom Academy. Walser said he wished the approval process could be truncated — or the funding mechanism modified — so districts could shape their budgets without such uncertainty. "We're happy we're able to take our funding and do what we need to do," Walser said, but the charter approval process was "not a

good business model." Last month a consultant for Shalom Academy said families had signed up to fill all of the school's 160 seats in K-5. Those students must be welcomed back to their districts' traditional public schools next year if they choose to attend.

With charters expanding, the state's largest teachers union says it is stepping up efforts to organize employees. The New Jersey Education Association currently represents teachers in 11 charters.

"When you see the explosion in numbers of charters, it brings to the forefront the importance of making sure that employees in those schools have access to the same rights and opportunities as employees in every other public school," said Steve Baker, a union spokesman.

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10 schools in region in healthy food push

icked for fresh fruit, vegetable funding

MICHAEL LINHORST
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Nine Passaic County schools and one in Bergen County will get a piece of nearly \$3.9 million in federal funds allocated to New Jersey Department of Agriculture has announced.

A total of 155 New Jersey schools were selected for the program, which aims to improve students' nutrition and teach children about healthy foods. That's added to the program while others were dropped.

"The schools have to apply, so maybe some didn't apply to be part of it again," Richmond said in an email. "Some might no longer qualify, as well."

According to the state Agriculture

Department, student need was one consideration in deciding which schools would receive funding. But whether a school said it would buy locally grown fruits and vegetables was another factor.

The nine Passaic County schools that received funding for the 2012-13 school year are School 12 and School 4 in Clifton; Grant School 7, Pulaski School 8 and School 5 in Passaic; and New Roberto Clemente School 9, Community Charter School of Paterson and Paterson Charter School for Science and Technology in Paterson.

Dropped from the program this year were Daniel F. Ryan School 19 and William Cruise 11 in Passaic; and School 26 and School 5 in Paterson. Students in the participating schools will receive fresh fruits and vegetables as snacks during the day.

The program has changed the school environment for the better, with children at one school we visited referring to the fresh produce as "treats," New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher said in a statement. "It is a hands-on way of teaching students about good nutrition and creating good food habits that will last them a lifetime."

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Worker hurt as gunman robs pharmacy in Clifton

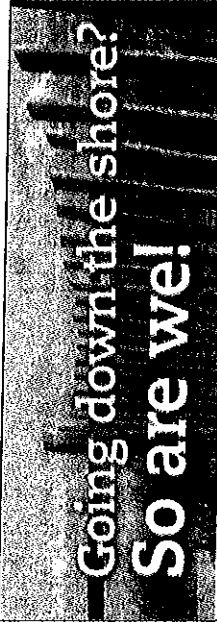
CLIFTON — An employee was injured in a robbery at a Main Avenue pharmacy on Monday, authorities said.

Police said "proceeds" were stolen but did not offer specifics. They released few details about the incident.

The robbery occurred around 11 a.m. when several men armed with handguns entered the pharmacy, in the 1100 block of Main Avenue, said Detective Sgt. Robert Bracken.

The injured employee was not identified. Police did not say how the employee was injured.

— Justo Bautista



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Talk of the Town



NOTES ON SCHOOL NAMES: *Catherine Errichtello* graduated with a bachelor's degree in Nursing from La Salle University in May. Congratulations!

Police Blotter

ARRESTS: On Thursday, July 5, Officer Donatello conducted a motor vehicle stop, which led to the arrest of the driver, Tarasia Stover of Hackensack, for possession of marijuana...On Friday, July 6, Officer Wuhl conducted a motor vehicle stop, which led to the arrest of the driver Edward Austeri of Saddle Brook for possession of drug paraphernalia...On Saturday, July 7, Officer Mulawka conducted a motor vehicle stop, which led to the arrest of the driver Wesley Fosubene of Teaneck for possession of marijuana...On Monday, July 9, Officer Wuhl arrested a Maywood resident on an active warrant out of the Bergen County Sheriff's Department. He was also charged with possession of a prescription legend drug and drug paraphernalia...On Tuesday, July 10, Officer Phayre conducted a motor vehicle stop which led to the arrest of the driver, Avery Moses of Clifton, for an active warrant out of Lodi. He was taken into custody and turned over to the Lodi Police Department...On Wednesday, July 11, Liaban conducted a motor vehicle stop, which led to the arrest of the driver, Argeny Bautista of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for an active warrant out of the Bergen County Police Department, who took custody of him at the scene...On Friday, July 14, Officer Wuhl conducted a motor vehicle stop, which led to the arrest of the driver, Moonasia Turbow of Hackensack, for an active warrant out of West Orange. She was taken into custody and turned over to the West Orange Police Department.

BURGLARY: On Thursday, July 5, at approximately 11 am, a Prospect Avenue resident reported a burglary to their home that occurred sometime in the past. If anyone has any information related to this incident, they are asked to contact the Maywood Police Department.

Annual Picnic/Pig Roast

Summer's not over until Post 142 says it is! Before you send the kids back to school and cover up your pools, come on down to the Maywood American Legion for their annual Picnic/Pig Roast on Saturday, September 1 starting at 2 p.m.

The event has been a summer finale tradition in Maywood for 37 years and is as fun as ever. Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, beer, soda, clams, DJ Karaoke, games for the kids and much more.

The cost is \$25 per adult and kids 12 and under are free. For more information or to order tickets, call 201-845-8226.

Clean Up After Your Dog

Maywood's Board of Health reminds residents that dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Dog feces must be collected at the time of deposit and disposed of in the proper manner (not down the storm drains). For more information, call the Board of Health at (201)845-2900.

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Dolphins to Host Dining Out Fundraiser

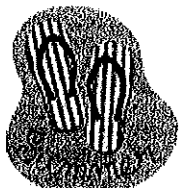
The Maywood Dolphins Swim Team is hosting a "dining for dollars" fundraiser at the Chili's restaurant on Route 17 South in front of the Garden State Plaza on Monday, July 23 from 12 noon to 10 pm.

The Dolphins will receive ten percent of all receipts from participating diners. In order to participate, diners must bring a copy of a special Chili's flyer and place it in the designated box with their receipt prior to leaving.

Copies of the flier are available in the office at the Maywood Pool or can be downloaded from the team website (maywooddolphins.homestead.com).

For more information or to have a copy of the flyer emailed to you, email Eric Koenig at koenig301@optonline.net.

This is a great community event! Bring family and friends to Chili's on July 23 for a great meal and to support the team!



Council...

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Council to act upon the promotions as he "needs a rank and file". Mayor Gregg Padovano advised Pegg to recommend all promotions to the Council for further consideration.

Other police matters were touched upon such as the electric car. It was determined that the electric car has limited battery life and all options to improve this factor have been exhausted. The radar trailer was first put into service in 1996-97 and is now out of service because moisture has gotten into the circuit board. No repairs have been done due to monetary issues according to Pegg.

Padovano took a moment to thank Pegg and his department for their help with the recent fireworks and parade in town.

In Borough Clerk Jean Pelligra's absence, Deputy Clerk Sally Miller read the two ordinances that were up for adoption. The first ordinance regarded establishing general rules for the dog parks in the borough. Maywood resident Rudy Angeli addressed the council during the public hearing to ask that the rule closing the dog park at dusk be changed. Angeli asked why if Memorial Park is open until 9 p.m., why the dog park can't be kept open until that time. Padovano replied by saying there were no lights in the dog park.

The second ordinance was regarding solar panel systems within the borough (residential and commercial). In order to protect the emergency personnel, the borough is instituting an ordinance that set requirements for both a "disconnect device" as well as "markings" that will identify that a solar electric system is connected.

An ordinance was introduced on first reading to authorize the resurfacing of Spring Valley Road (from West Pleasant to the vicinity of Cumming Avenue) along with Felter Avenue (entire length). The ordinance will be considered for final passage on August 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Council meeting.

The Mayor and Council accepted the resignation of Thomas H. Richards as a full member of the Maywood First Aid & Emergency Squad effective July 10, 2012. Richards has served on the squad for 41 years and will remain at life member status.

The Council also gave permission to the Maywood Police Department to host the Annual National Night Out event at Memorial Park on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 6 to 10 p.m.

In Committee Reports, Councilwoman Marianne Aurienma congratulated the DPW on a job well done at the fireworks and also the July 4th Parade. Council President Adrian Febre congratulated all the emergency service personnel in town also for their participation in the July 4th festivities. Febre also

asked that Gary Kuhles be remembered. Kuhles, who was a Maywood Police Dispatcher for 15 years and EMT on the Maywood Ambulance Squad, passed away on July 7, 2012.

Febre also advised that he will be available in a few weeks on the weekend for people interested in obtaining dog park tags. The tags cost \$3 for a Maywood resident and \$7 for a non-resident.

Febre also reported that the Maywood website is in need of photos of anything Maywood related. Please send any photos you may have to pictures.maywood@gmail.com.

Padovano was happy to report that a grant from Home Depot (\$3,300) has come through and the Green Team now needs to submit the itemized list of materials that are needed for the community garden. Home Depot is also providing manpower to assist with the garden. John's Landscaping of Maywood has also made a donation.

Padovano advised that the Grant Writer is busy working on two projects for the borough. With July being Parks and Recreation Month, two possible ideas for projects were playground equipment for Coach's Park and converting two of the basketball courts at Memorial Park into tennis courts.

During the public com-

ments portion of the meeting, Jim Csaposs of Wyoming Avenue approached the Council to question Maywood's preparedness in the sewer infiltration/remediation project with the BCUA. Csaposs stated that Maywood has been recognized by the BCUA as being the highest or next to highest in the County for infiltration. Csaposs added that he had supplied the Council with suggested ordinance amendments back in May; yet has not seen any progress being made on this matter. Csaposs also suggested that Maywood invest in obtaining digitized drawings of the storm drainage system and the sewer system piping. Padovano responded to Csaposs' questions by saying that the sewer ordinances were on the Action List and the ordinances were being currently being reviewed.

Maywood Station Museum to Host Free Concert/Open House

The Maywood Station Museum will host an open house and outdoor free concert by the folk/bluegrass/rock band Blue Plate Special as part of the Maywood Station Museum Backyard Summer Concert Series sponsored by Park Ave Acura on August 15, from 7 to 9 pm. The museum is located at the historic 1872-built New York, Susquehanna & Western railroad station at 269 Maywood Avenue, Maywood.

The museum will be open and features a collection of exhibits, displays, photographs and artifacts highlighting railroad and local history. The museum also includes restored Caboose 24542 containing additional displays and an operating model train layout as well as a restored historic New York, Susquehanna & Western locomotive #206.

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