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Borough Highlights

Offices to close

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of Presidents Day. We will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The deadlines for the Feb. 23 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news — Feb. 16 at noon.
- Letters to the editor — Feb. 17 at noon.
- What's Going On — Feb. 17 at 3 p.m.
- Display ads — Feb. 17 at noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Feb. 17 at 9 a.m.
- General news — Feb. 21 at 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising — Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Mended Hearts

The Union-Essex Chapter of the Mended Hearts, the largest heart support group on the United States, will meet Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad building on Trivett Avenue. Speakers will include cardiac rehabilitation specialist Sheryl Will and exercise physiologist Beth Linder; both will address issues facing those with past and present heart conditions. Call (201) 376-0582 for more details.

Tuesday tax time

Beginning Feb. 14, every Tuesday until April 11 will be income tax assistance day at the Springfield Public Library. The counseling, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will be by appointment only. Call (201) 376-4930 for more information.

Plan way ahead

The Barnes & Noble bookstore on Route 22 West in Springfield will host a seminar on planning estates, wills and trusts today at 7:30. Topics of discussion will include investing in securities and mutual funds and seeking tax-exempt and tax-deferred investments. The speakers will be Renee Golush of Dean Witter and attorney Carol Indursky Cohen.

Stars come out

Each Sunday in February, the Union County Department of Operational Services will host planetarium shows. A stellar journey into the winter skies will take viewers past the Pegasus, Pisces, Perseus, Cassiopea and Orion constellations, as well as Saturn and Mars. All participants will receive a star chart to take home.

Collectors' show

The Holiday Inn on Route 22 West in Springfield will host the fourth annual Record and Music Collectors' Show on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vinyl records, compact discs, tapes, memorabilia, hobby supplies and much more will be made available by 75 of the Northeast's finest dealers. Items will be bought, sold, traded or appraised by the vendors. Music from the 1930s to the '90s will be represented. Rarities are a specialty. Admission will cost \$4; senior citizens and students will be admitted at half price and children under 12 will be admitted free. Call (201) 761-7760 for more information.

Don't try this at home



Photo By Milton Mills

Mountainside resident Al DiGiovanni takes to the hills on his sled in Echo Lake Park over the weekend. Many local residents went to the park to make the most of the approximately 12 inches of snow that hit the area.

National debate on wages hits home

By Cynthia Gordon
Staff Writer

The current political debate regarding the 90-cent increase in the minimum wage that was proposed by President Clinton in his State of the Union address last month reflects the economic reality many local businesses face today.

While the president argued for the hike to help poor families, conservatives in Congress claimed that as many as 75 percent of minimum wage earners are teen-agers, who do not head households.

According to Paul Mascia, owner of Dunkin' Donuts in Springfield, the fast food industry works on close margins because of competition.

"In order to keep up the pace and keep our prices competitive, we'd expect to have some layoffs," Mascia said. "As an owner and a boss, I feel people are entitled to fair wages. We're in a very tough spot: If we raise prices to substantiate raises, it might affect our business."

"We have everyone across the board," he added in regard to the demographics of his employees. "All walks of life work in Dunkin' Donuts, or typical fast food. People who support families to high school students." Mascia added that people earning more than the minimum wage would also expect commensurate salary raises. Otherwise it will not be a "happy house."

Lechter's Housewares manager Leonard Lapoma said he wouldn't have to compensate for the additional overhead.

"I wouldn't have to cut costs. Maybe I'd be able to get mothers or older people, who could handle more responsibilities," he added. "You only get school kids with minimum wage. I think it might help if anything."

Wendy's general manager Joann Balasi echoed that thought.

"I start (wages) higher. If the minimum wage was raised it wouldn't affect me, it would affect our average rate," she said, adding that it may help in finding better employees.

According to Balasi, minors earn \$5.25 and, depending on the shift, can earn \$5.50 in the daytime and \$5.75 for closing.

Balasi said approximately half of their employees are high school students and some are supporting families, but she added that it is a second job for a lot of the employees who work the day and evening shifts.

According to Lapoma, 50 percent of his employees are high school students working for minimum wage.

J.J., the assistant manager of the Roy Rogers in Springfield, said, "for the small business people it's terrible. A lot of times they don't make much money as it is. If the minimum wage goes up every 4 to 6 months, they'll be out of business." Between 20-30 percent of his staff earns minimum wage.

"A variety of people work here, not just high school students," he added.

Most of the daytime staffers support families, he said. In the nighttime it's mostly high school and college students.

He stated that approximately 25 percent of his employees are supporting families, and one-fifth of those supporting families are earning minimum wage.

Commenting on the role of the free market, Phillip Hollingsworth, manager of the McDonald's on Route 22, said, "We start people off differently, depending on experience."

"If they have no experience, then they earn the minimum wage, but raises come every six months."

According to Hollingsworth, the restaurant has 60 employees, 15 of whom are earning minimum wage, and they are mostly teen-agers.

Shakina Woodard, a swing manager-in-training at the McDonald's, said that "\$5.05 is good for some people. It doesn't pay the bills, not when you have a child too."

Woodard, who said she is supporting herself and her son, added that she felt that only "the better employees should have raises."

"We've always paid more than the minimum wage. Our lowest paid employees earn \$5.50 an hour. They're usually college students and that's for a cashier position," said Jersey Camera manager Sam Calello. "It's hard to find a good employee for minimum wage. At anything below \$5.50 I can't even attract anyone to come in." Calello added that he thought the wage increase isn't really meant for those who live in the Northeast, where wages are higher than the national average.

Dissolution's effects will be scrutinized

By Andrew J. Stewart
Staff Writer

While a referendum of the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District may be held this summer, the state Department of Education's assistant commissioner said the department will carefully scrutinize both the financial impact to the six constituent districts, and the quality of education available to the students, before allowing the referendum.

Assistant Commissioner Peter Contini explained the deregionalization process at a special meeting of the Garwood Board of Education last week. He said the impact of possible deregionalization would be considered by a four-member panel which would ultimately decide whether or not the question would go to the voters or if an actual petition for dissolution is submitted.

That decision would be based on the feasibility studies conducted by the six sending districts and the regional district, as well as a report that is currently being prepared by Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitts, he said. Three of the four members have to agree that deregionalization is feasible for the issue to be placed on a referendum, he added.

Theresa LaCausi, one of Springfield's representatives on the regional board, said all information on deregionalization should be included in any referendum question to assure informed voting.

"I want to know that all the facts are going to be in that referendum," LaCausi said. "As a taxpayer I want to be able to vote on fact."

"All we can do is be fair and equitable in the way we review that information," Contini said. "It's not a rush to vote. It's a methodical process."

The education available to students in the six sending districts in the event of deregionalization must be effective, cost-efficient and not less than what they have now in the regional system, he added.

"I'm on the side of the children and the taxpayers of New Jersey," Contini continued.

At this time, Fitts has received feasibility reports from Garwood, the regional district, and a combined effort by Springfield, Mountainside, Kenilworth, Berkeley Heights and Clark.

According to state law governing the dissolution of limited-purpose regional school systems, Fitts now has until March 1 to submit his report, which will contain the advantages and disadvantages of deregionalization and also his recommendation on the situation.

"I'm in the process of review, and I'd like to finish that process," Fitts said. He added that his recommenda-

tion will be based on the financial and educational impact of deregionalization as well as other factors such as the educational programs that are offered and the ethnic balance of deregionalized high schools. He would not say whether any of those criteria take precedence over others.

Fitts' report will be submitted to the six sending districts as well as the Department of Education. The districts then have 15 days to decide whether or not to petition the department for deregionalization. If they do petition, then Commissioner Leo Klagholz has 15 days to respond. He will then have another 15 days to forward the petition to the state panel.

That panel will then have 60 days to review all pertinent information and gather any additional data they believe is missing from the reports, Contini said.

Public hearings will be held by the panel as well, and all pertinent information will be public record and available to voters in the event of a referendum, he said.

At that time, the panel will vote on whether to allow a public referendum on the issue or not and will be based on all potential advantages and disadvantages, he said. That decision could be made in June.

If the panel decides to allow a referendum, two requirements have to be satisfied to allow deregionalization. The majority of the voters in four of the municipalities must approve of dissolution, and the majority of all voters in the six districts combined must vote yes as well.

The deregionalization process is designed to provide checks and balances to ensure the issue is addressed properly and fairly, Contini said.

"The checks and balances in the system are designed to protect everyone's rights," he said. "There are checks and balances, and I believe they are very strong in our democratic process."

The Garwood Board of Education invited the regional board, other local boards and governing bodies and citizens to attend the meeting and ask questions.

Clark Board of Education member Dennis Linken asked Contini if administrators in the regional district would have the same tenure rights as the teachers in the event of dissolution. Contini said he was not sure but that would be addressed by the state.

Dennis Schultz of Kenilworth said many concerns about regional teachers with tenure bumping local teachers from positions are unfounded because elementary and high school teachers have different certifications and do not compete for the same jobs.

"Really, bumping elementary education teachers is not a factor," he said.

Borough organizes its first fire department

With the help of the Mountainside Historical Preservation Society, the Echo continues its recounting of the borough's memorable past. Using historic documents, antique photographs, personal recollections, and this week, pages from Jean Hershey's "History of Mountainside 1895-1945," the Echo presents another chapter in Mountainside's 100-year history.

Mountainside's oldest, continuous volunteer group — the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department — was established in 1910 and incorporated in 1915.

In addition to fire-fighting duties, "Money raising has always been one of the extracurricular duties of the fireman," according to the book. "Dances were held from 1910 until quite recently; yearly chicken dinners — with all the food donated and prepared by borough women — at \$1 a plate; an occasional tag day; and in 1945, card parties and amateur plays produced by Henry Sevcovic and

acted in by firemen and other borough residents, have all brought in money for fire equipment."

"In November 1944, the Fire Department purchased a used Ford chassis, and beginning in December, designed the body into a piece of equipment which compares favorably with any custom-built job," the book continues. The project cost "considerably more than the \$1,500 spent...of which the borough appropriated \$900."

"The truck is estimated to be valued at \$4,500. Several garages were used from time to time in the rebuilding of the Ford, and the men worked 80 days, for a total of 865 hours, making up 107 full working days," according to the history book.

In 1915 the Borough of Garwood donated a fire gong to Mountainside — an old type railroad fire which was sounded by striking it with a sledge hammer. This gong was used until a siren was installed around 1933.



Photo courtesy of the Mountainside Historical Preservation Society

Members of the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department gather outside their station to pose for this photograph in 1917. Behind the men is the fire truck the team used until it was replaced in 1940 by a Mack fire engine.

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Color coordinator



In a Walton School prekindergarten class, budding scientist Thomas Walsh experiments with colors. His trusty assistant Jo Ann Goffreda helps record his findings.

Courtesy of Walton School

Trailside aims to keep kids busy during vacation

Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside will be offering a series of programs during school vacation days in February, a spokesman announced.

Students of all ages can chase away the mid-winter blues by participating in programs scheduled for Feb. 17, 20 and 23 about snow, astronomy, pets, crafts, owls, maple sugaring and more.

Playful origami on Feb. 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will teach first and second-graders the art of Japanese paper folding. Students will learn how to make a box, an animal, a house or a toy. There will be a fee of \$7 per person.

Also offered on Feb. 17 will be the Sky Inside, a planetarium show for 4- to 6-year-olds accompanied by an adult. The show will explore the day and evening skies. The show is from 10 to 10:45 a.m. There will be a fee of

\$2.75 per person payable at the door.

On Feb. 20, first and second-graders will recreate a magical snow scene in their own snow globe during Snow Fun from 10 to 11:30 a.m. If there is snow cover, a short hike to look for animal tracks will be included.

Rock 'N Roll Rocket, to be held on Feb. 20 from 10 to 10:45 a.m., will include music and sing-alongs with "Rodney," starring as a cartoon character who tours the planets and beyond. The program is for 4- to 6-year-olds accompanied by an adult.

At 1:30 p.m. Paws, Claws, Feathers & Fins, a video from St. Huberts Giraldia Animal Welfare & Education Center, will be shown. It will be followed by a discussion about choosing a pet and the cost and care involved. Live mascots also will be on hand. This show is for families with child-

ren, aged five and up. There will be a fee of \$1.50 per person.

At Make & Take Crafts on Feb. 21, children aged six years and up accompanied by an adult may choose from an assortment of crafts to make. Possibilities include a leather coin purse, mini-grapevine wreath, a potpourri heart, a wooden frame to decorate, refrigerator magnets and a mini-shaker box to personalize. There will be a fee of \$6 per person good for three crafts, and additional tickets for \$2 per craft will be available for purchase. Session times are 10 to 11 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Preschoolers aged 4-6 accompanied by an adult can find out which New Jersey owl is often considered the "Bengal Tiger" of the forest; which is the smallest owl in the Watchung Reservation and more as they take part in an evening Preschool Owl Prowl on Feb. 21 at 6:15 p.m. A

Trailside Center will host annual astronomy events

Trailside Nature & Science Center will host its annual Astronomy Sunday on Feb. 26 from 1 to 5 p.m. The center, located in Mountainside, will provide a lineup of events on ongoing astronomy activities.

Scheduled events will include planetarium shows, a keynote speaker, model rocket launches and children's activities.

At 2 p.m., Lonny Buis of Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium, will present a program titled "3-D Animation Magic" and will show visitors how astronomical subjects are animated in 3-D for use in planetariums and even movies. Buis will demonstrate and show a video of animations he created.

In addition, for children grades

K-2, Astronomy Sunday will offer planet workshops where each child will create an astronomy project to take home. Astronomy discovery stations will allow children in the 3-5 grades to make projects between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. and take a crack at hands-on activities relating to astronomy.

In addition to scheduled events, ongoing activities will include space face painting for kids and sunspot viewing, weather permitting. Refreshments will be sold and admission is a recommended donation of \$1 per person. Planetarium shows, however, are \$2.75 per person and are for ages 6 and up.

For more information call (908) 789-3670. Trailside Nature & Science Center is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Trailside adds Winter Weeds program

The Trailside Nature and Science Center announced a new Sunday program for its winter line-up.

The Winter Weeds program allows participants to identify summer

bloomers in their winter garden. Many can be recognized by differences in the circle of leaves or rosettes that mark their location in the winter. Admission will cost \$1 per person.

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Springfield girl wins contest

The Union County Narcotic Advisory Board, sponsors of the Annual Drug Poster Contest for fifth-graders held their awards ceremony recently.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Ed Force welcomed the winners' family and friends, who filled the room to overflowing during the event.

Colby Tiss of Gaudineer School in Springfield, took top honors for best overall poster.

"Public, private and parochial school students enter this important contest, which had as its theme this year, 'No Time for Drugs,'" said Force. "I was pleased to attend and see the amazing quality of the posters and meet some of the youngsters who are dedicated to being drug free. May these lessons stay with them throughout their lives."

Said Freeholder Chairwoman Linda Di Giovanni: "The contest is much more than an art project. It's meant to encourage these young people to think about the problems that drug abuse can cause. On behalf of the entire freeholder board, I congratulate everyone who took part in this competition. No matter what prize they won, or even if they didn't win a prize, if they learned that there's no time for drugs in a 'real winners' life, they're winners to me."

Speakers featured during the ceremony included Judge Rudolph N. Hawkins, Jr. and First Assistant Union County Prosecutor Michael J. Lapolla.

"I'd like to thank all of the Narcotic Advisory Board members who made this contest possible including their chairperson, Anita Novy. I'd also like to commend Anita Pescoe, director of the Youth Services Bureau in the Department of Human Services for all her time and effort," stated Freeholder Linda-Lee Kelly, liaison to the NAB. "The value of what these young people are learning is priceless."

Other winners were as follows: Andrea Yarroworth of St. Joseph the Carpenter School in Plainfield; Union resident Clare Trelease of St. Joseph the Carpenter School of Roselle, and Teja Mahadeshwar of St Joseph the Carpenter School.



Courtesy of Freeholder Ed Force's office

Gaudineer School fifth-grader Colby Tiss displays her winning submission to the Union County Narcotic Advisory Board's annual drug poster contest. Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Ed Force and Freeholder Chairwoman Linda Di Giovanni congratulate Colby on her poster being selected as the contest's best overall.

The most artistic first prize went to Maura Gallagher of St. Michael's School in Cranford. Second prize was won by Vance Barnes of Gaudineer School in Springfield. Third prize was awarded to Lindsey Butker of Gaudineer School.

Best slogan first prize was won by Samantha Dawn Herman of Elmora School No. 12 in Elizabeth; second prize went to Roselyn Jan Wuthrich Clemente of St. Joseph the Carpenter School, and for third prize, there was a tie between Desiree Quirk of William Woodruff School in Berkeley Heights and Megan Junice of Holy Spirit School in Union.

The most meaningful first prize was awarded to Victoria Walter of Holy Spirit School in Union. Second prize was won by Robert Americk of St. Joseph the Carpenter School. Third prize was taken by Zoraida Rios of School No. 13 in Elizabeth.

Most unusual first prize went to Rachel Benko of Valley Road School in Clark. Second prize was awarded to Tina Fernandez of William Woodruff School in Berkeley Heights and third prize went to Nicole Montgomery of Orange Avenue School in Cranford.

Honorable mention was awarded to 51 students.

39-year veteran makes last mail call

By Cynthia Gordon
Staff Writer

Pop Pop is retiring! David Macdonald, a mailman for the Springfield Post Office for 39 years, known as Pop Pop to his five grandchildren retired on Friday.

"I drove over 70,000 miles, walked over 100,000 miles and delivered over 25 million pieces of mail," said Macdonald.

"I remember coming to the Springfield Post Office in March of 1956. Stamps were 3 cents. We had no jeeps and I was the first person to use a push cart. It was the beginning of mechanization in the post office."

Macdonald was the first letter carrier for half of the people in Garden Oval, Wood Side Homes, Twin Oaks, Arch Bridge Lane and many other areas that were built at that time.

Many people are sad to see Macdonald retire. "Both men and women were crying. They told me it's an end of an era," said Macdonald. There are no other mail carriers from that time period for Springfield. "It's going to be different for all of them," he added.

"I know it's a menial job," said Macdonald, "but I've done this job to my best ability. The people have been so good to me and appreciative. It gives me a great feeling. I worked with a wonderful group of employees at the Springfield office too."

Macdonald sent a personal note to everyone on his route with a picture of his five grandchildren on the cover. "One of my fondest memories," said Macdonald, "is when my kids were young, they used to help deliver the mail with me. My grandchildren heard about it and wanted to go. So this past Christmas break, the five grandchildren went with me and helped deliver the mail."

Macdonald served in the Army from 1953 — during the Korean War — through May 1955. "Fortunately I didn't have to go to Korea. I was glad to get out," he said. "I swore to my company commander that after all the walking, marching and running I'd never walk again."

Macdonald didn't keep that promise as he's been walking for the past 39 years for the U.S. Postal Service.

The same month after he got out of the military he married Joan, his wife of 40 years.

As far as future plans, Macdonald said he will spend time in Florida with Joan, a resident of Springfield for most of her life. "I also want to spend more time with my children, Beverly, Diane and Edward; and my grandchildren, Eric, Morgan, Brittany, Alexandra and David."

Macdonald also plans to continue working as a financial advisor at Family Investors in Fanwood, where he has been working part-time for 26 years. "I would also like to get involved in genealogy. I can trace my mother's side back to 1759," he added.

Macdonald left the Postal Service in style Friday; driving down his route one last time, with his mailtruck decorated appropriately with colorful balloons, the veteran mail carrier ended not only a career, but likely an era.



Photo By Jay Hochberg

With one last delivery to 18 Sycamore Terrace at 4:30 p.m. Friday, mail carrier Dave Macdonald ends his 39 years in the U.S. Postal Service. Since 1956, Macdonald, a lifelong Springfield resident, has driven about 70,000 miles, walked more than 100,000 miles and sorted and delivered 25,200,000 letters and periodicals in the township. He doesn't plan to retire, though; Macdonald has put in 20 years as a part-time stockbroker with a small firm in Fanwood and will continue on a full-time basis.

Volunteers answer hundreds of calls

During 1994, the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad responded to a total of 1,133 calls for aid.

The squad provided emergency first aid at 170 automobile accidents, responded to township schools 12 times and provided mutual aid in surrounding towns 54 times.

By far the greatest number of emergencies the squad responded to were at peoples homes, 588, and included almost every conceivable emergency from falls to strokes, from difficulty breathing to cardiac arrests and from cut fingers to babies with high fevers.

At least 21 percent of the total emergency responses, and more than 35 percent of daytime calls for help were to local businesses. The large number of daytime emergency responses means that the squads' need for volunteers has never been greater than it is now.

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The Building, Finance and Audit Committee will meet in public session on Thursday, February 9, 1995 at 4:30 p.m., Dornier Hall, Room A. Tentative agenda items will include: Second Quarter Fiscal 1995 Report, Proposed Enrollment Target 1995-96 AY, and Proposed Changes in College Fees 1995-96.

Academic Policy & Personnel Committee
The Academic Policy and Personnel Committee will meet in executive session on Thursday, February 23, 1995 to discuss personnel matters.

Regular February Board Meeting
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Five children from Northern Ireland sit outside a host family's home during the summer. From left are Janine Magee, 14, of Belfast; Marcella McCallion, 12, of Derry; Denise McIlhorne, 10, of Belfast; Cathal McGlinchey, 14, of Belfast, and Mark McDonnell, 13, of Lame.

Project Children shows another side of life to Northern Ireland's youth

By Sean P. Carr
Staff Writer

Despite the cease-fire between the Irish Republican Army and the British government, the streets of Belfast, Northern Ireland, remain a dangerous place for a child to grow up.

"They're living in a war zone," said Barbara Mahon of Hillside. Army barricades are still up and armed men on all sides still carry their weapons, said Nancy Beach of Spotswood, formerly of Hillside and Irvington.

That's why Project Children is continuing to bring Catholic and Protestant children from the "troubled" cities of Northern Ireland to the United States for six-week summer vacations away from their civil-war-torn land.

"It started with six children and now it's up to 1,000," Beach said. She said about 60 children find summer homes in the Union County area.

Denis Mulchay, the New York City police officer who founded Project Children in 1975, was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize last year, Mahon said.

A benefit dance for Project Children will be held on Saturday at St. Catherine's School Hall on North Broad Street in Elizabeth. Mahon and Beach, corresponding secretaries for the Union County Irish-American Association, are chairpersons of the fund-raiser.

All proceeds from the dance will go toward travel and insurance expenses, which cost \$700 for each child.

Costs of the dance are between \$1,500 to \$1,700, said Mahon. She said Project Children also solicits contributions through letters and receives a small donation from the county Irish-American Association.

The children will arrive in the U.S. in June. Host families are responsible for all other expenses after travel and insurance.

Beach and Mahon host children each year and welcome some of the same children back into their homes year after year. For them, it is an even greater labor of love. Project Children does not pick up the travel and insur-

ance costs for children who return to the same summer home.

Mahon said paying for the children's visit herself is worth the cost. "They're like my own," she said.

Beach, a Catholic whose husband is a Protestant — and of English ancestry to boot — said Project Children hopes to show their visitors "that there's a better world out there."

While their families and neighbors are enemies back home, the Protestant and Catholic children mostly stay free of the rancor, at least while they're here, Mahon said.

"Here it's different. They'll talk here," Beach said.

Both said they hope the children take lessons of peace and tolerance back with them.

"They're the ones that'll keep the peace talks going," Mahon said. "They'll be the ones to build a future."

The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets, a \$15 donation, are available from Mahon, (201) 926-5391, and Beach, (908) 251-7263.

Local teen artists to showcase talents

The 1995 Local Teen Arts Festival of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit, which serves as an artistic showcase for area teen-agers, will be held on March 3 and 4 at the Governor Livingston Regional High School, Watchung Boulevard in Berkeley Heights.

The festival will begin with an hour-long reception on March 3 at 7 p.m. Performances and displays by this year's participants will be held

from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on March 3 and from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 4. About 600 students, who either reside or attend school in Berkeley Heights, New Providence or Summit, are expected to participate in this year's event.

Also participating for the first time will be students from the Deerfield School in Mountainside.

The festival will feature creative writing, poems, short stories and essays; video productions; dances;

musical works; theater; and visual arts — drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and crafts — all created by local students in grades 6 through 12.

All are invited to attend all performances and displays of the festival at Governor Livingston. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, contact 1995 Festival Chairperson Mary Tully at (908) 464-2592 or Governor Livingston at (908) 464-3100.

Federal deadline passes for ADA mandated change

Jan. 26 was the deadline for municipal and county governments to comply with the ADA mandate to make public buildings and facilities accessible to the disabled.

Justice Department spokesperson Liz Savage said public entities — municipal and local governments, school board, sewer authorities, etc. — must make their programs accessible to the disabled, not necessarily each facility or part of a facility.

Where applicable, entities may choose to move an office to a ground floor, make a first-floor meeting room available for employees to help disabled persons or use other, similar means.

Although the ADA has no reporting requirements, "We do respond to complaints and do evaluate complaints," Savage said.

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"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."

—Abraham Lincoln

A promise to Thomas

When Mountainside Democratic Club President Lou Thomas addressed the Borough Council during its last meeting, he said he didn't want to relive last year's campaign; he merely wanted Councilman Ronald Romak to explain the campaign claim that the municipal portion of borough property taxes increased only 1 percent. The Democrats maintained that the taxes increased 41 percent from 1991-94.

The campaigning last November included passionate disputes between the Republicans and Democrats, resulting in, among other things, the Democratic candidates being called liars.

During the last Borough Council meeting on Jan. 17, Romak went on record to promise Thomas that the two would meet in Borough Hall to settle the issue and determine whose campaign propaganda was truthful.

Thomas stipulated and Romak agreed that the meeting would also be attended by a reporter from this newspaper.

To refresh Romak's memory, Thomas mailed him a letter summarizing their agreement. A copy of that letter, dated Jan. 19, was forwarded to Worrall Newspapers.

We are still waiting for a response. After all, a promise is a promise, and a promise made on the record during a Borough Council meeting is a pledge to the residents of Mountainside.

Even if Romak feels he spoke too soon about any alleged tax discrepancy, and regrets it, he should still meet with Thomas and discuss the matter as gentlemen and as mutually respectful political rivals.

Anything less would be beneath him or any member of the Borough Council.

Dissolve arguments

As the announcement of a decision on the future of the regional high school district nears, residents of Mountainside and Springfield should express their thoughts.

The argument about deregionalization wouldn't even exist if not for the grassroots movement started in Kenilworth several years ago following the closing of David Brearley Regional High School. That momentum must be continued by Mountainside and Springfield residents to show Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Fitts that real people have vested interests in the matter.

After Fitts makes his decision, the constituent municipalities will be able to petition state Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz to authorize holding a referendum on whether or not to keep the district intact.

Right now, it may appear to Fitts that the matter is a stack of papers and involves little more than choosing the report that generates the least trouble.

But everyone in these communities has a big stake in the final outcome.

Springfield and Mountainside pay well above the state average of per-student costs, according to the Deloitte & Touche report commissioned by those and other municipalities.

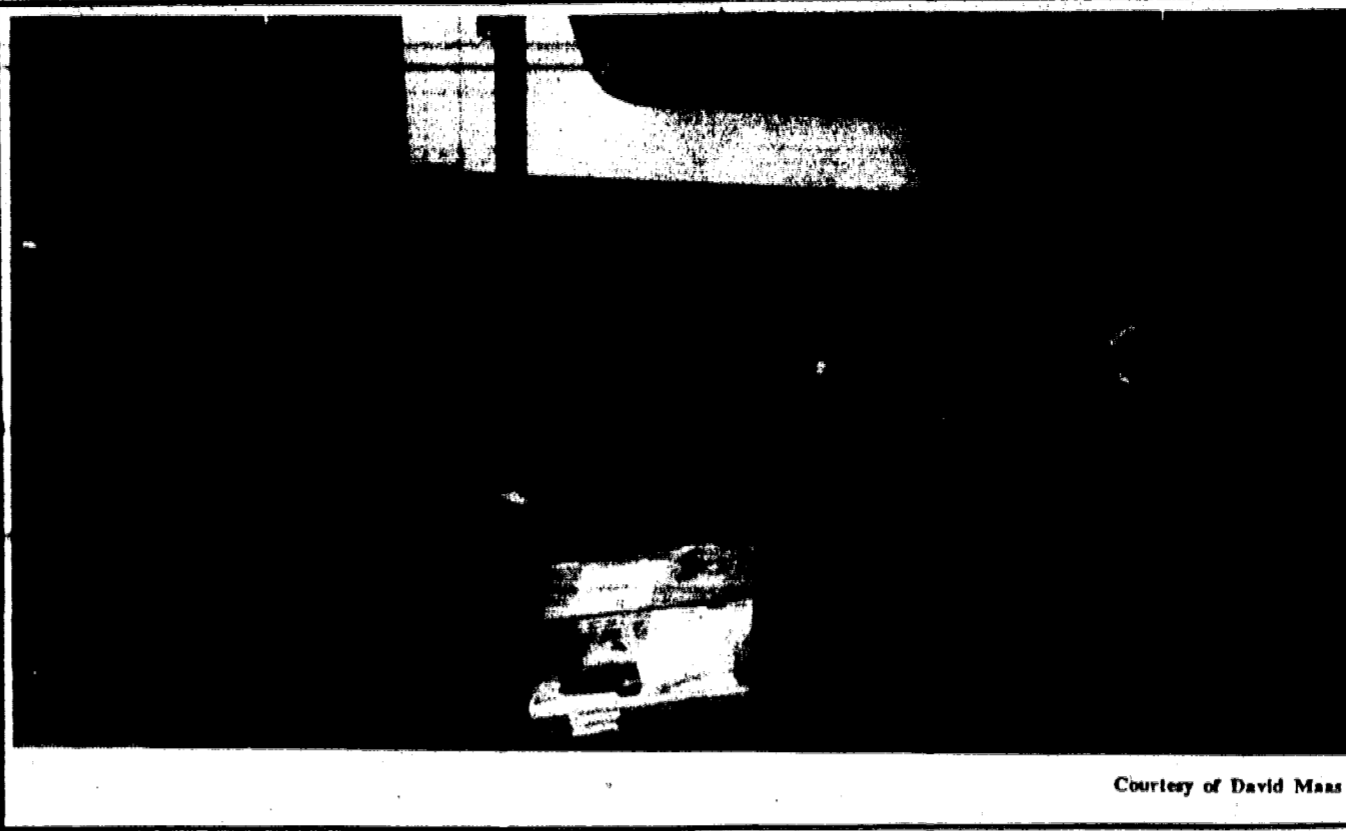
Mountainside residents pay the most per pupil — more than \$20,000. For that kind of money, it may be cost efficient for high school juniors to earn a diploma equivalency and proceed to the Ivy League.

But the matter isn't only about money, of course. Local control of education is also an important factor. Instead of having one or two votes on a Regional Board of Education, the township of Springfield's Board of Education, for example, would have authority over what is taught in Jonathan Dayton High School.

That is worth serious consideration. It would allow for continuity of curricula and programs among the schools in Springfield. Presently, hundreds of middle school students enjoy the option of playing their instruments in a school organized band. No such music program exists in Dayton.

Fitts would be the first to point out that he doesn't operate in a vacuum. Since his decision will affect the children, finances and futures of thousands of citizens, the input of the public is vital in the decision-making process.

His office is located at 300 North Ave. in Westfield. Or call him at (908) 654-9860 and tell him how you feel.



Courtesy of David Maas

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A BUNDLE OF JOY — Firefighter Joe Pepe presents a smoke alarm to Springfield resident Robble Usdin at the fire house recently. Usdin, shown here with her sons, Jordan and Jason, gave birth on Jan. 4 to Rachel, Springfield's first baby of 1995. The Fire Department distributes the smoke alarms to families with infants, for placement in children's bedrooms, as one of their many child safety programs.

Just who is minding the store anyway?

Springfield residents have to understand that something is very wrong at the highest level of our township government, or at the very least something stinks.

When Township Attorney Bruce Bergen barks and everyone jumps, we all start to look at ourselves in the mirror. I believe Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld when he tells me that he will do the right thing for Springfield. Jo Ann Holmes has Bergen's number and she told him so. The jury is still out on Committeeman Greg Clarke. He is very quiet, however, I'm told he is the most political of the bunch and jumps the highest when Bergen barks.

Marcia and Herb just don't get it; they have no idea what leadership in government is all about. When they think it is a game, when you point out that Springfield is a \$14-million public corporation representing 14,000 residents, it is frightening at best.

The taxpayers are opening their eyes simply because it has now become very costly to live in our community. Not only because our taxes are going through the roof, but because there is no leadership.

Springfield is at a stop sign and there is no single person in charge to handle the driving.

If Bruce Bergen worked for himself, his secretary would have fired him. He should resign as township attorney for the good of Springfield. When everyone was demanding that he resign as chairman of the local Democratic Party, it took him weeks

to make up his mind to do the correct thing.

Now that he has made a mockery of his position, he must go. Either the

Be Our Guest

By Harry Pappas

township must do it, or he must. There are no other options left to him. His staying on will, without question, cause the house of Democrats to tumble; those incumbents, who refuse to wake up, will also tumble with him.

What I am most worried about is his bringing Springfield down with him because of his factually inaccurate certified list of campaign contributors. He was required to submit it as a result of a Springfield ordinance — one that he called illegal — that a Superior Court judge found no problem with.

If any taxpayer ran his affairs the way Springfield is being managed by "The Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight," what would he do to correct things?

Wake up taxpayer and think about what I have said over the past several months!

While the Democrat-controlled Township Committee grapples with a lawsuit filed by their own party, other

vital issues in Springfield go unattended.

What about Elizabethtown Water Company closing wells? What happened to overhauling decaying parks and playgrounds? Isn't paving our streets important anymore?

Equally as important is the Township Committee allowing every resident to speak on the affordable housing plan.

This issue will effect our community for many years to come. I take solace that the Township Committee will have to vote on the final plan, and only then will they truly understand how involved the residents of our township can be.

When that time comes, no resident will accept one of Mayor Forman's Daffy Duck impressions as an answer to any question.

How will the Township Committee deal with Stop & Shop and all the problems that will go with that operation?

What about the five acres of land that was in the hands of the Democrats over the past two years? What is being done to recoup those acres?

Ask Marcia or Herb. They have had the ball for the past two years. Let's talk about our Public Works garage that is a slum and is unsafe for our employees to work in.

Marcia wants to spend thousands of dollars on trees for Morris Avenue, but turns her head while hundreds of thousands of tax dollars invested in township vehicles sit outside 365 days

a year because there is no roof to put them under.

Has everyone forgotten how hard Marcia, Herb and company campaigned on how they wanted to repair the Chisholm School overnight. I suggest everyone take a ride by the township property and see for yourself. Since Marcia and "The Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight" have been in charge, nothing has been accomplished.

Their motto has been and will always be, hurry up and stop.

Marcia even went so far as to vote against the creation of an advisory board to study the feasibility of Springfield running its own department of health to save tax dollars.

They wouldn't hear of it, and even voted against those who were appointed.

Why? Because the political hacks they put on the Board of Health didn't want it.

Roslie Berger, chairman of the Board of Health and vice chair of the Democratic Party, was against it. Berger doesn't care about your tax dollars.

The Springfield Leader mocked both Marcia and Herb in their sarcastic editorial two weeks ago, when they gave them credit for a good move they opposed — and everyone knows it.

Hold on tight everybody. We're being governed by the "Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight."

Harry Pappas, a Republican, is a former Springfield Township committeeman.

Move to gut pollution act proceeds apace

When we counted up about a dozen cases of cancer in our current or recently active congregation versus about four cases of serious cardiovascular disease, an alarm went off. In the United States as a whole there is an average of only about six cases of cancer for every four cases of cardiovascular disease. It's one thing to talk about Cancer Alley but quite something else when the alley has written on it the names of the people you know and love.

A piece of industry-supported legislation adopted by New Jersey in 1991 called the Pollution Control Act was to help bring down the amount of toxic substances present in our environment — greater than in any other state. However, when the 1994 deadline for the act's implementation came, some companies found their costs for compliance ranged from up to \$100,000 for smaller companies to \$1 million for the largest companies, generally only a small fraction of profits, the costs being mainly in the formation of plans for the voluntary

reduction of the use of toxic substances.

Over 90 percent of New Jersey companies had complied as of the June 1994 cutoff date, with plans sub-

The Air We Breathe

By Rev. Joseph R. Parrish

mitted which would reduce the amount of toxic substances by a heart-warming 66 percent. However, lobbyists for industry arrived on the scene and began pressuring the State Legislature to repeal or "gut" the act. Assembly bill A-903, which was to do just that, was introduced. When the Assembly vote came on Jan. 23, 15 industry lobbyists, a massive effort by state standards, went all out to get a positive vote on A-903, and succeeded. The vote was 50 to 28, not really the total and slide that had been predicted a week earlier.

Thirty-seven of the Republican majority of 51 voted "yes" on Republican-sponsored A-903, but interestingly enough three abstained and 11 voted "no." Reports indicated that the industry lobbyists let the legislators become very aware that campaign donations from industry in this re-election year would hinge on this particular vote, quite some pressure it would seem.

Democrats split 13 "yes," 15 "no," and one abstention. Industry donations are not party-specific, apparently. Fortunately for us locally, both Assembly members from our area, Joseph Suliga and Neil Cohen, voted "no."

Now the efforts focus on the state Senate where S-308 has been introduced to do the same as A-903 did in the Assembly.

Both bills seem to throw out the baby with the bathwater. The original intent — to encourage companies to review processes which would cut their use and transfers of toxics by getting them to look at cost-effective ways of operation — seems to have

been met in a surprisingly encouraging way.

Yet, just when a bit of light appeared, the close-off of the Pollution Control Act seems imminent. The revised version only requires the report of toxic chemicals when less than 90 percent of a toxic is used up. Profitable companies would generally be able not to overstock toxics beyond what they intend to use. So the real use of toxics will again become largely invisible, except to the linings of our lungs and stomachs, which then present our bodies with new challenges of trying to metabolize some very poisonous substances.

We should let our local state senators know our feelings on the pending S-308 bill, and tell the governor our opinion as well. Somehow there will be a good answer to our prayers for a cleaner and healthier environment.

Rev. Joseph R. Parrish is rector of St. John's Episcopal Church on Broad Street in Elizabeth. He has a Ph.D. in biological chemistry from Harvard University.

letter to the editor

Let's reinvent our local government

To the Editor:

I join with Marilyn Garlen in her well-written and thoughtful letter of Jan. 25. I will go even further. As a former mayor of Springfield, not only am I tired of reading of the actions, or lack of action, of individual committee members and former committee members, I am tired of politics instead of government!

Our form of local government is antiquated and has been for many years. We have a local government system that allows for no leadership and no direction. This system of government allows five egos to run rampant for about the first three or four months of any calendar year. Thereafter the elected officials and "wannabe" elected officials square off and begin their campaigns.

These campaigns are notable for their lack of projected programs and are equally notable for their attacks.

The local politicians are only concerned with maintaining a two party system. However, be they Democrats or Republicans, only the names change.

What we need in Springfield is a form of government that allows a full slate of elected officials to be elected for a fixed term of years. We do not need a revolving door where we choose only a part of our local government every year.

We do not need any politicians that are so concerned with being re-elected in November, every November, that governing takes a distant second place to politicking.

What we need is a new form of government. The law of New Jersey anticipates such a situation and provides for changes in the form of local government.

Forms of government that were effective when budgets were in the thousands of dollars are not effective when we have budgets in the millions of dollars. Each homeowner has a very valuable piece of property to protect. Each tenant has an interest seeing to it that he/she lives in the healthiest political environment that is possible.

We have in New Jersey legislation known as "Optional Municipal Charters." This legislation is also known as N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1. All we need is for our governing body to authorize, by ordinance, an election to be held "to study the charter of Springfield and to consider a new charter of improvements in the present charter and to make recommendations thereon."

Alternatively, and if the governing body does not wish to give us the opportunity to engage in this study, we can do it ourselves. All we need is a petition signed by 20 percent of the registered voters of Springfield.

Philip Feintuch
Springfield

Who's afraid of big bad wolf? We are.

Last week I introduced the term ambiguity into the debate about the deer problem. Naturally, after doing so, I feel ambiguous as to whether or not I made my confusing opinion clear. I wondered if I should have provided more concrete proof as to my assertions about man's inability to live with things wild.

We Higher Animals

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

Luckily for me, just this week, a gray wolf was shot and killed somewhere out West. Of course, the dead wolf was not so lucky. But then again, the wolf, unlike the deer, has not exactly been coddled closely to America's heart during our nearly 500 years of supposed progress; note I've assumed that there is in fact a heart beating in there somewhere.

One thing that does not need to be assumed is the beating that wolves have taken on this continent since Europeans first came, saw and conquered. Allow me to talk a little bit about history and myth before I bring my argument up to date.

One need only pay attention to our traditional fairy tales to understand that the wolf was always considered a scary fellow. After all, it was not a rabbit that dressed in grandma's clothes and stalked Little Red Riding Hood. And the "three little pigs" were not rounded up to be butchered as bacon and sausage — only a far more devious creature could pull off such civilized slaughter. No, it was a rogue wolf with a penchant for pork and a house-shaking howl. Yes, the stuff of make believe, but European culture took such-stuff seriously.

The wolf came to typify all that was evil in the forest. Its specter permeated the small, fearful hamlets of Germany, England and Norway. For example, Grimm's tales constantly portray the wolf as a menace to human life and limb; English feudal lords were known for tossing whomever they pleased to their personal packs of hungry wolves as the most insidious form of torture, and the

lord of lords in Norse folklore, Odin, was killed in a battle with the wolf, Fenris, which became the crucial blow in Ragnarok — that mythology's end of the universe.

Thus it is not too difficult to see how the belief systems of those countries, however pagan they were, made their way over to the new world where another bunch of "pagans" were practicing their own brand of worship. By and large, North American Indian culture held the highest esteem for wolves, which diametrically opposed the anti-wolf way of thinking of the Europeans.

Certainly, the culture clash did not stop with the wolf. More significantly, European and Native American outlooks differed on the wolf's habitat, namely the forest. The former saw fear when they looked into the woods; while the latter saw fear when they looked from the woods and into what were soon to be called towns and, eventually, cities. It was at that pivotal moment of history, when the axes started swinging — the same weapon that kills the wolf in "Little Red Riding Hood," by the way — that the face of our land changed forever, and also changed were the subtle balances among the non-human animals of America; less wolves, more deer, for example.

Furthermore, to illustrate how man has skewed the balance of nature within this country, the notion of capitalism must be introduced, since it was that very notion that led to the

demise of the forests, and more specifically the predators of the forests.

Case in point, last week, as I mentioned at the outset, a gray wolf was shot out West. Big deal? Well, the killed wolf was one of the unlucky 13 that have been transported from Canada into the United States in the hopes of revitalizing the extinct gray wolf population in America. If you still think, big deal, perhaps you're reading the wrong column.

If you're still with me, then you're likely to agree that the gray wolf experiment is one of the most amazing endeavors to take place in this country. It's an attempt to allow a predator species to live where man has already stamped it out. How were the gray wolves stamped out? Mostly in the same way that the one shot last week was stamped out.

Farmers, the heart and soul of American progress, or should I say keepers of livestock, were primarily the ones who could not have wolves lurking in the woods inside and outside of their land. And, as a major provision of the gray wolf project, today's farmer is allowed to murder a gray wolf, if a gray wolf is after his livestock.

No doubt about it, last week's dead gray wolf was feasting on a sheep. An autopsy revealed enough evidence to acquit the wolf killer, yet, as of this column, the wolf killer is still at large. He fled the murder scene, which leads me to believe either it was not a farmer who pulled the trigger, or that it was a farmer, but his guilt-ridden conscience caused him to, dare I say, take it on the lamb.

Coordinators of the save the gray wolf campaign expressed shock that it — shooting the wolves that is — would happen so suddenly. That amiable bunch ought to study economics a bit more closely. A capitalist, be he banker, lawyer or farmer, is going to do all he can do to protect his money. Even if killing the wolves was not

permitted, the gray wolves would still be getting shot.

One more dead wolf means at least that many more living sheep. The sheep represent profit; the wolves represent a threat to the farmer's profit. The best of environmental intentions means nothing to a farmer who's watching his investment get gobbled up by the big bad wolf.

Arguments should arise that the farmer is only making his living, and that argument is correct. And therein lies the notion of ambiguity: A farmer simultaneously depends upon and destroys nature. It is the farmer's way of making a living, a life that is ostensibly more close to things natural than any other American profession, that brings him in direct confrontation with what he perceives to be one of his natural enemies — the gray wolf. Ironically, in the trust of ecological terms, man has only one natural enemy, himself, and it is man who is actually the natural enemy of every living organism on this planet, which certainly includes deer.

We are the only creatures that create a surplus of goods in order to, in turn, create markets designed to create material wealth. Such a system depends upon us taking more than we can possibly need. And we will do whatever it takes to protect our possessions whether we truly need them or not.

Our greed has caused us to become the only animal that kills for non-biological reasons. Like the wolf, we stake our territory, but unlike the wolf, we knowingly and unwittingly devastate the land and leave a ruined trail in our wake.

Wolves and all animals, and the Native American Indians for that matter, could not live on this altered, unnatural plane of existence. For them, survival dictated most of their actions; for we higher animals, our hunger has been greater, and therefore more greatly destructive.

Parties, big money ads won Super Bowl

There's no doubt about it. This year's Super Bowl between the San Francisco 49ers and the San Diego Chargers was the worst ever.

Within minutes of kickoff in the first period, the 49ers had jumped out to a 14-0 lead and it was downhill from that point on. The final score was a one-sided 49-26 route of the hapless Chargers.

In fact, I went to bed early in the fourth quarter. The game had become a farce and a waste of good sleeping time.

But what is most intriguing is the fact that Super Bowl Sunday has taken on all the trappings of a national holiday. For weeks before the game, the hype continued to mount until the day of the game when even more hype was pumped in, complete with fireworks and laser displays, jet plane flyovers, special commercials steeped in hard-sells, boorish and raucous intrusions of our privacy and a "Let's Party" atmosphere.

The Super Bowl has become a spectacle of super trash. It has been elevated to a cult day where anything goes.

We seem to be a nation that will think of a party at the drop of a hat. Take Halloween, for example. It used to be a day for the kids who went trick or treating, dunking for apples and a few innocuous pranks. Today, it has become another day for people to act boorish, get drunk and party.

It would not surprise me if the next big party day were Ground Hog Day on Feb. 2, at which time Ground Hog parties would be featured with people dressed up like a ground hog or a shadow for the ground hog to see.

It's not that we've become cynical; but we wonder what has caused this

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

"It's Party Time" atmosphere. The New Year is hardly over when we are reminded in no uncertain terms that St. Valentine's Day is only a month and a half away and we had better buy those St. Valentine's Day cards and boxes of candies. Of course, the observance is accompanied by a raft of parties with revelers costumed as Cupid.

Naturally, the next big party day is St. Patrick's Day when the traditional parades, bar hopping and parties will be all the rage. The police will be busy that day as they are every St. Patrick's Day dealing with those who have OD'd on the hard stuff. Although St. Patrick's Day celebrations have been with us for over 200 years in America, we seem to have pushed its celebration into high gear with parties, parties and more parties. Unfortunately, some of these parties can result in unhappy endings.

There's nothing wrong with parties, if they don't become too commercialized. We decry the commercialization of Christmas to the point where we are failing to understand its full meaning. To many kids, Christmas is getting all the toys available and giving grownups the excuse to over indulge, which can also result in very unhappy endings.

Although the Super Bowl started off prudently and without much fanfare in 1967, it has grown to gigantic

proportions; I am sure Congress just might pass a law declaring the Monday after Super Bowl Sunday as a national holiday to enable revelers to pull themselves together, straighten up the house after the night-before party and wonder why Super Bowl Sunday has taken on the trappings of a mixture of New Year's Eve and a July 4 cookout.

Speaking of Super Bowl parties, it would be great if many of those who attend would know something about the game. To some, football is a one-day season. They will only watch football on that day and that day only. Constant chatter, questions and more questions about what's going on can spoil the game for a true football fan. I've been to Super Bowl parties where party goers are half-loaded by kickoff time and the game becomes a blur.

Don't get me wrong. Super bowls can be thrilling and exciting. I can

remember one or two out of the 29 already played. But the rise in the festive atmosphere and the reveling have made the day for me a forgettable one since the hype and commercialism have gotten out of hand. We dwell less and less on the so-called "Big Game" and more and more on the type of pretzels, chips and beer to buy, not to mention cars to purchase, cereals to eat and airlines to fly.

Vince Lombardi, the winning coach of the Green Bay Packers, victors of the first Super Bowl in 1967, is probably rolling over in his grave. Little did he know that he had created a Frankenstein monster that has gotten out of hand and promises to get even more out of hand as the years progress.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

letters to the editor

Big numbers add up to an enigma

To the Editor:

According to the news article in the *New York Times* of Jan. 29, the treasurer for the State of New Jersey told the following to the Gov. Christine Todd Whitman:

Her pledge to cut income taxes by 30 percent in three years was based on a figure he picked out of the air.

Well that's a new way to balance a budget. — That sounds like a person buying a lottery ticket, and being so sure of winning, that he starts to spend the money. When he finds out he was not the winner, that's another story.

I am not taking anything out of context, just quoting the printed words in the article.

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Cappa promoted

Summit Bank announced that Sheryl Cappa has been promoted to manager of general accounting at its Chatham, New Jersey, headquarters at One Main Street. She is responsible for the administration of accounts payable and general ledger functions.

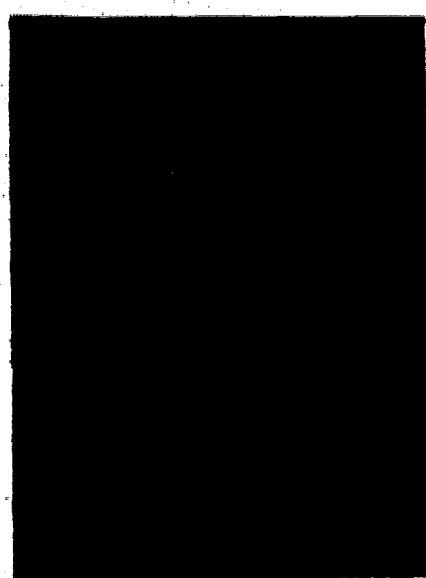
Cappa joined the bank in 1987 as a staff accountant with The Summit Bancorporation, the parent company of Summit Bank. She was promoted to assistant controller in 1989 and to financial officer in 1991.

She was earlier associated with County Trust Company in Lyndhurst, as a staff accountant.

Raised in Wayne, NJ, Cappa is a graduate of Wayne Valley High School. She received a bachelor's degree in finance from Rutgers University's New Brunswick campus.

Cappa and her husband, Joseph, are residents of Springfield, and have two children.

Summit Bank was chartered in 1891 and is headquartered in Summit. It operates 91 banking offices in 11 New Jersey counties: Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Union and Warren Counties. Summit Bank is a member of the Federal



Sheryl Cappa

Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Summit Bank provides a full range of banking services including commercial banking, retail consumer banking, private banking and asset management, and investment services. It is a member of the \$5.5 billion Summit Bancorporation, headquartered in Chatham, New Jersey. The Summit Bancorporation and Summit Bank also operate the following specialized financial services affiliates: The Summit Mortgage Company and Beechwood Insurance Agency, Inc.

Visual arts schedule

The Center for Visual Arts calendar is prepared by the *Summit Observer*. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m., and from 2 to 4 p.m. on the weekend. The center is located at 68 Elm St. For more information, call 273-9121.

Until Feb. 26

• **Heroes and Heroines: From Myth to Reality** exhibition in the Palmer Gallery. Work by living artists who, inspired and attracted to heroes and heroines in recorded myth, have chosen to interpret these subjects in original and innovative ways. The artists and their inspiration flows from African, Australian Aboriginal, Native American, Asian, Peruvian, Cuban, Greco Roman and Western European myths and legends. Admission \$1; free for NJCVA members, children through age 12 and seniors.

Feb. 21

• **Cartooning I: People — ages 6-9.** Beginner's workshop, learn caricaturing of people, in addition to some popular cartoon characters. All materials provided. From 3:45 to 5:15 p.m., \$15; materials fee \$3.

Feb. 28

• **Cartooning II: animals — ages 6-9.** Beginner's workshop will concentrate on animal cartoons — animals in action, and animals both realistic and imaginary. All materials

provided. From 3:35 to 5:15 p.m., \$15; materials fee \$3.

Mar. 4 and 5

• **Inspiration While-You-Wait: The State of the Art of Screen Printing.** Barbara Schachman will demonstrate how a photocopier and Japanese screen printer can be used in transforming drawings, photographs, and collages into silk-screen prints or original greeting cards. Request materials list when registering. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$70; materials \$10.

Mar. 4

• **Kimono Art.** Willner and Shapiro will lead attendees on a brief and knowledgeable illustrated survey of the kimono in art, then apply your own spectrum of creativity and chosen materials to hangable kimono-based works of art. Clothe the wall with your creativity and wear the art on your sleeve. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$45; materials fee \$10.

Mar. 4 and 11

• **Face Value: People Photographing People.** Helen Strummer, a celebrated leader in portraying people will address ways to approach and photograph people. Students must be familiar with their cameras and the dark-room procedures. Two Saturdays. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$50; materials fee \$10.

Nathanson exhibit held due to popular demand

Due to popular demand, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will continue the exhibition of the new work of photographer Howard Nathanson until March 1, in the members gallery.

Nathanson, a resident of Cliffside Park, is an instructor of drawing, painting and photography at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts; he also teaches at the Parsons School of Design in New York and the Morris Museum in Morristown, and is curator of photography at the Bergen Museum of Art and Science in Bergen County.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State awarded Nathanson a fellowship in photography for 1992-93. A master's of fine arts graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, Nathanson earned his bachelor's

degree from Denver University and studied at the San Francisco Art Institute. He has exhibited throughout the United States with one person shows and, his work is part of some major corporate collections in New Jersey, as well as national and international private collections.

Nathanson's recent work can be identified with the "New Objectivity" form of photography. He practices "straight" photography closely and sharply focused on objects isolated, or abstracted, from the natural and man-made worlds. George S. Bolge, executive director of NJCVA says, "His style is pure Classicism — formal serene, and timeless. He approaches his subject with unflinching candor. He has the uncanny ability to fuse fire and ice without extinguishing the one or melting the other."

Learn to be a lifeguard

An all-new lifeguarding course from the American Red Cross is being offered by the Summit YWCA for qualified participants. This course teaches skills and knowledge needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies and includes certification in first aid, CPR and lifeguard training.

Interested participants must be at least 15 years old and pass a swim test. The swim test includes treading water for two minutes using only the legs, swimming 500 yards continu-

ously using freestyle, breaststroke and sidestroke for at least 100 yards each, and submerging to a minimum depth of seven feet to retrieve a 10-pound brick and returning to the surface.

The course is being offered on Wednesday's or Thursday's from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning March 1 and running through May 18. The fee is \$100.

Those interested should register as soon as possible as space is limited. For more information, contact the YWCA at (908) 273-4242. The Y is located at 79 Maple St., two blocks from the train station.

Dates set for meditation

A four-week series on meditation will begin on Feb. 25 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Resource Center for Women, located in Summit.

Led by meditation and spiritual development teacher, Evaloon Hill, this workshop is designed to help participants reduce stress and worry, overcome harmful habits and live in greater harmony and enjoyment with others.

The fee is \$60, or \$50 for center

members, and the registration deadline is Feb. 22. Those interested in more information should call the office at 273-7253.

The Resource Center for Women, located in Calvary Episcopal Church on the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit, is a non-profit, non-denominational organization offering programs and services to area women.

Moms and popcorn



Courtesy of Christine Episcopo

Mothers of Jefferson School first-graders, from left, Kathy Carbone, Debbie Daugherty, Linda Demetro, and Mary Gene DelleDonne, had fun popping 325 bags of popcorn for a fund-raiser. The money made will be used for two trips. In March, students will go to Montclair State College to see the play, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears,' and, in the spring, they will take a trip to Trailside Museum and Science Center.

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It's winter now



Courtesy of Walton School

Walton School students, flanked by students from Kean College, stand in front of the Winter Fun mural they recently completed. Using crayons and cotton balls to illustrate snow and other trademarks of February, the children show what it's like when 'Old Man Winter' visits. The students from Kean are members of the Crisis Intervention Hotline and Circle K International, which are service and support organizations that work with civic groups.

St. Barnabas sponsors winter walk program

SeniorHealth, a free membership program of the St. Barnabas Health Care System designed for people age 50 and older, reminds area residents that winter is no excuse to stop walking.

So to help members keep in shape, SeniorHealth is inviting everyone to participate in its mall-walking program. The program offers a warm, smoke-free environment for those who would like to stay in shape while staying out of the cold. The Menlo Park Mall Walkers will be walking on Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will include a lecture entitled "Vitamins

and You." Walkers should meet at Menlo Park Mall's upper level food court.

SeniorHealth is also asking all to learn to eat healthier at a free program it is sponsoring. Proper nutrition is a major factor in the prevention of heart disease. A registered dietician from Union Hospital will present an information-packed health talk designed to help cut down on excess fat, cholesterol and sugar intake. The lecture will be held Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Union Hospital's Community Services Center, 2343 Morris Ave. A seven-day vacation getaway is

also being sponsored by SeniorHealth. A Caribbean Cruise is planned with SeniorHealth members, friends and family aboard the luxury liner Zenith from April 29 to May 6. The ship will visit St. Thomas, San Juan and St. Maarten. A representative from Uniglobe Prestige Travel will be available to answer questions about the trip during an informational meeting on Feb. 22 at noon at Union Hospital's Community Services Center.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Union Hospital SeniorHealth office at 964-0444.

Winter blood supplies drop to low level

The blood supply for the New York metropolitan area is reported to be at a low level.

Those who are eligible to donate blood are being asked to call the New York Blood Center at 1 (800) 933-2566 for information about locations to give blood, or to make an appointment to donate blood during the next few weeks while the shortage is expected to continue.

A continued shortage will curtail the center's ability to provide blood for the needs of all the patients in the

260 hospitals served by the blood center. The blood center is asking members of the public to make immediate donations to boost blood supply.

The major cause for the sudden drop in the blood supply was a large post-holiday season increase in surgeries and other procedures that often require blood transfusions, according to the center. In addition, the flu has caused regular blood donors to temporarily stop donating. Alternative sources of blood that are usually available from other blood centers are

not available at this time due to blood shortages throughout the country.

The New York Blood Center maintains the largest community blood supply in the country, providing nearly 10 percent of the nation's blood. Its blood supply is collected and distributed throughout the New York/New Jersey metro area including the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, northern and central New Jersey and the Hudson Valley region of upstate New York.

No wheel drive



Photo By Milton Mills

On her sled, seven-year-old Nicole Fredericks does just fine handling the season's first snowfall. Many local children came to Echo Lake Park during the weekend to take advantage of the season's first snow.

worship calendar

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CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 953 W. Chestnut St., Union, 964-1133. Pastor: Rev. John W. Bechtel. Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Sunday Evening Service 6:30 PM, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7:30 PM.

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and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-religious school aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education Program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

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LUTHERAN

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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SPORTS

20th UCT Wrestling affair set for tomorrow, Saturday

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, serving Union County student-athletes for 50 years, is sponsoring the 20th annual Union County Wrestling Tournament.

The Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth will be the site for this highly competitive tournament scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday.

Rahway, unbeaten at 11-0 entering this week's competition, Union, Governor Livingston and Westfield are among the favorites for this year's crown. Roselle Park is a four-time county champion.

GL finished second last year, despite not having a champion. Westfield was third and Rahway fourth. Rahway had three second-place finishes.

Rahway wrestlers Tom Wysocki (128) and Chuck Ott (144) placed second last year at 125 and 135 respectively.

Union junior Dave Bubnowski, who began the week 10-3 at 121, won the 103-pound title his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Dayton's best bet for a championship may come from senior Chris Reino at 217.

Because of inclement weather (a ton of snow) last year's tournament had to take place all in one day. More snow is forecast for this weekend, so the possibility of the tournament taking place all in one day on either Saturday or Sunday is a possibility.

Put it this way — let's hope it doesn't snow.

The schedule of rounds is as follows:

TOMORROW: 5 p.m. — Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary rounds. 7 p.m. — Quarterfinals. 9 p.m. — Consolation Preliminary.

SATURDAY: 10 a.m. — Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinal rounds. 11:30 a.m. — Consolation Semifinals. 2 p.m. — Consolation

Finals (3rd, 5th, 7th places). 3:30 p.m. Awards Presentation. 3:30 p.m. Finals.

PARTICIPATING TEAMS: Union (defending champion), Roselle Park (1993 champion), Dayton Regional, Elizabeth, Rahway, Johnson Regional, Linden, Roselle Catholic, Cranford, New Providence, Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

H.S. Wrestling

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS: 103 — Dave Bubnowski, Union, 112 — Kimo Geter, Elizabeth, 145 — Cory Posey, Westfield, 160 — Frank Giordano, Union, Hwt — Sam Richardson, Cranford. Bubnowski and Posey are juniors and Giordano and Richardson are seniors.

AWARDS: Team — First and Second Place. Individual Medals — First, Second and Third Places. Individual Ribbons — Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Places. Outstanding Wrestler Award — To tournament's top wrestler. T. Ralph "Pug" Williams Award — Contributions to Union County Wrestling.

SEEDING MEETING: Tonight at Elizabeth High School at 5:30.

NEW WEIGHT CLASSES: 102, 108, 114, 121, 128, 136, 144, 153, 162, 174, 187, 217, Hwt.

FORMAT OF TOURNAMENT

A. Form of Wrestling: 1st and 2nd Place winners will have four matches, while all other place-winners could have 5-to-6 matches with an additional match (7) if they draw a pre-preliminary match. B.

B. A loss in the pre-preliminary round (the out bracket) will eliminate a contestant from further competition. C. A wrestler who loses in the preliminary round will only be eligible for the consolations if his opponent makes it to the semifinal round.

D. All matches in the consolations (wrestlebacks) will be 1 minute, 2 minutes, 2 minutes.

E. Team scoring will continue throughout the wrestlebacks.

F. Team scoring will be to 8th place.

In case of inclement weather or postponement, similar to last year, a one-day tournament will be held Saturday.

1994 UCT Final Results

Teams: 1-Union 182. 2-Gov. Livingston 168. 3-Westfield 134. 4-Rahway 132. 5-New Providence 128.5. 6-Elizabeth 122.5. 7-Cranford 104.8. 8-Johnson Regional 88. 9-Roselle Park 79. 10-Scotch Plains 78.5. 11-Summit 55.5. 12-Linden 33. 13-Dayton Regional 20. 14-Roselle Catholic 17.5. 15-Plainfield 14.

103 — Dave Bubnowski, Union, pinned Chris Blank, Gov. Livingston, 3:16.

112 — Kimo Geter, Elizabeth, dec. Kevin Sullivan, Westfield, 7-3.

119 — John Cuccolo, Cranford, dec. Frank Tarantino, Roselle Park, 3-2.

125 — Tom Warnke, New Providence, dec. Tom Wysocki, Rahway, 5-0.

130 — Jose Muerfano, New Providence, dec. Vic Reinoso, Elizabeth, 9-2.

135 — Jon Sachsel, New Providence, dec. Chuck Ott, Rahway, 6-1.

140 — Cory Posey, Westfield, dec. Greg Francesca, Union, 9-2.

145 — Ron Bubnowski, Union, dec. Eric Wnuck, Rahway, 9-1.

152 — Anthony Barra, Roselle Park, dec. Dave Shaffer, Elizabeth 5-3 (OT).

160 — Frank Giordano, Union, pinned Bjorn Eklof, Scotch Plains, 1:19.

171 — Paul Baly, Westfield, pinned Nick Chonko, Johnson Regional, 3:54.

189 — Bob Bickel, Summit, dec. Jason Alatorre, Union, 9-7.

HWT — Sam Richardson, Cranford, dec. Jose Negron, Elizabeth, 9-7.



Photo By Joe Long

Dayton Regional senior Michelle Saunders scored a season-high 33 points to help the Bulldogs defeat Johnson Regional 52-40 last week (Jan. 31) in a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division contest in Clark. Saunders' season-high last year was a 47-point effort at home vs. Roselle Catholic.

Both Dayton basketball teams post victories over Johnson

Both Dayton Regional High School basketball teams were victorious last Tuesday (Jan. 31), posting wins over Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division foe Johnson Regional.

The girls' improved to 8-6 with a 52-40 win in Clark and the boys' upped their record to 4-10 with a 52-30 win in Springfield.

Senior point guard Michelle Saunders scored a season-high 33 points to lead all scorers in the girls' game.

She put in 13 of her points in the fourth quarter to help Dayton along a 17-10 run.

Senior Linda Rapczynski added 13 points for the Bulldogs.

Saunders was held to a season-

low 13 points during the teams first meeting, a 45-44 overtime Dayton victory back on Jan. 6.

Sophomore forward Ryan Nelson led all scorers with a 20-point effort to lead the Dayton boys' to a sweep of the season series against Johnson.

Dayton had previously defeated Johnson 37-30 in Clark Jan. 6.

Senior point guard Roberto Tarantino scored 10 of his 15 points in the second quarter to help Dayton outscore Johnson 19-4 to take a commanding 25-12 halftime lead.

Senior guard Brad Mullman added eight points for the Bulldogs.

Last Friday the boys' were scheduled to host Newark Central and the girls' were scheduled to play

Newark Central in Newark in conference play.

The Dayton boys' have beaten Roselle Catholic and Johnson twice.

The Dayton girls' have beaten Roselle Catholic, Johnson and Roselle twice, Roselle Park and Hillside.

The Union County Tournament boys' and girls' basketball seeding meeting took place yesterday, with the tournaments scheduled to commence this weekend.

The girls' final should take place Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Dunn Center at 7 p.m. and the boys' final should take place Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Dunn Center at 3 p.m.

Dayton track standouts Jones, Keleher, Bruder star in Group 1

Dayton Regional High School winter track standouts Rashad Jones, Mike Keleher and Jodi Bruder all qualified for the state Meet of Champions by virtue of their performances at last Sunday's NJSIAA Group 1 indoor track and field championships held at Princeton University's Jadwin Gym.

The Meet of Champions competition will also take place at Jadwin Gym on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Jones, the county high jump champion with a jump of 6-2, finished second in the high jump with another mark of 6-2. Winning the event was Victory Mallory of Penns Grove with a jump of 6-7.

Keleher, fourth in the county in the shot put at 44-0, finished fourth again, this time with a throw of 46-6½. Corey Evans of Marist won with a throw of 48-1¼.

Bruder, a junior who qualified for her third consecutive Meet of Champions competition, finished fourth in both the 55-meter high hurdles and the high jump.

Her time in the 55-meter high hurdles was 9:29. Winning the event was Vanessa Lewis of Morris Catholic in 8:40.

Bruder's high jump mark was 5-0. Winning that event was Lesley Hodgson of Glen Rock with a jump of 5-4.

Bruder won the county high jump event at an even 5-0. Dayton finished tied for 11th on the boys' side with Westwood with 11 points each. New Providence and Science shared the team crown with 31 points each.

Dayton's girls' team also finished tied for 11th, sharing that spot with Pitman, Dwight-Englewood, Manchester Regional and Roselle — each having eight points. Morris Catholic easily won the title again with 51 points.

Springfield Minutemen wrestlers excel

The Springfield Department of Parks & Recreation's Minutemen wrestling team began its season by losing one match and winning the other.

The Minutemen opened against Kenilworth Jan. 19 and

lost a close match. Winning by pin for the Minutemen were Anthony Stivalo, Josh Adirim and Dan Carbone. Others who won matches for Springfield included Malcolm Gordon, Mohamed Abdelaziz, Justin Hunter and Mark Poveromo.

Springfield bounced back by defeating North Plainfield on the road Jan. 21. Atillia Vigilante, Justin Harris, Mike Puorro, Sean Bubb, Hunter, Gordon and Poveromo won by pin for the Minutemen. Vigilante and Gordon won two matches each by pin and Stivalo won his second match by pin after losing his first one by a close score.

Tidal Wave swim team wins two meets

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union Tidal Wave swimming team continued its winning ways by defeating both the Orange YMCA and the Newark Boys & Girls Club Jan. 28. The Tidal Wave improved to 7-2 with the two victories.

Chris Clarke pulled a hat-trick by winning the 14-and-up 200 individual medley, the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly events in the competition against Orange.

Dual-winners included Michelle Newton, Lauren Kopecki, Thomas Vsarek-Witek, Tracy Cwiakala, Kelly Ford, Gerard Lozauskas, Megan Madera, Dan McGrath, Timmy Ford, Jonathan Hamtil and Laura Fabiano.

Fabiano's time of 35.5 broke the Tidal Wave, age 8-9 50-yard backstroke record. She also placed fourth the following day in a USS meet, swimming an A time that places her among USS top competitors.

Hamtil also broke a record in the Bayonne USS meet, going 1:12.2 in the 100 backstroke and breaking his own mark for 11/12 boys.

Other firsts in the dual meet were scored by Justin Was, Maddallena Mustillo, Cara Galante, Venessa Lang, Debbie Sinclair, Matt Hearn, Laurel Rosenblatt, Kristen Fabiano, Doug Finken, Vadim Shoykhet, Brian Shanahan, Tracy Dimond, Timmy Hillman, Gary Goldman and Megan Shanahan.

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For trees in Summit, a stay in execution

By Mark Devaney
Staff Writer

On Summit's Ashwood Avenue, X marks the spot.

Six large trees currently have red X's spray painted on their trunks, to signify their days may be numbered.

James Harr, the resident of one home that sits behind the biggest of the big trees, is distraught by the prospect of losing the tree that provides shade in the summer and blocks wind in the winter.

"Last Tuesday afternoon I came home around 4:30 and there they were, red X's. We received no notification. You'd think they'd send at least a flier around to let us know about the upcoming inconvenience," said Harr.

According to city officials, the trees had been slated for removal. City Engineer John McCann indicated that City Forester Joseph Zuromski has judged the Ashwood Avenue trees as either dead or too weak to withstand the impending street improvements on that block, but the city will take a second look at the situation.

Belgian block curbing and new sidewalks are slated to be installed on Ashwood, and as a result of the road work, which could involve cutting tree roots, the trees could become too unsteady to remain, said Michael Townley, director of Community Services.

"Generally speaking, we don't advocate the removal of trees. We've looked at the trees a year ago and recently and determined (we should) take down as few trees as possible to accomplish our goal — uniform curbs and sidewalks," explained Townley.

Harr is also concerned about road improvements.

"Fixing the streets is fine. But the Jefferson School is right up the street. There is only one 25-mile-per-hour sign. People drive up and down this street at 50-miles-per-hour and that's with the road in the condition it is now. If it's repaired and smooth, they'll probably go 70 miles per hour, given the way motorists drive in New Jersey!" exclaimed Harr.

Still, Harr insisted his main concern are the trees.

"The whole point of this is the trees. It's one of the major reasons my fiancée, Lorine McGowan, and I chose to move to Summit. Once they start taking the trees, it's going to look like any other suburban wasteland and we don't want to see that happen," stated Harr, who pointed out that

other tenants within his house, his neighbors and landlords feel the same way he does.

"Some selective pruning and trimming would help, but the wholesale removal of the trees, we can't understand," Harr added.

The curb and sidewalk program, which has been met with more praise than criticism in Summit, has spread steadily throughout the city. Officials saw the opportunity to combine the street improvements with the tree

removal.

"Plans have been in the works to do the road improvements for a long time. The fact that we are doing the road improvement, with a state grant, allows us to do them together," explained McCann, who repeated that it was Zuromski who decided that the six trees ought to go. Zuromski could not be reached for comment.

When asked if the trees had been diagnosed as ill before the city focused on Ashwood Avenue's renovations, Townley was unsure.

"I can't say that that was the case or whether we got complaints about the trees. In setting up the project, they were the trees that couldn't survive," said Townley, who confirmed that replacement trees would be planted.

"Afterward, we will try to go back with suitable replacements," said Townley, who added that even that aspect of the project would be problematic because the ground between the street and sidewalk is "tight."

Harr was not overjoyed at the prospect of replacement trees.

"Replacements are fine, but it'll be 40 to 50 years before they approach the size of the trees that are here now. You should plant replacement trees now for future generations, but what about us here now," Harr said.

Townley confirmed that the replacement trees would not match the size of the current trees, but they would, however, resemble the species of trees presently on Ashwood. The largest size replacement trees the city can plant are 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 calipers in diameter, according to Townley. Planting anything larger than that would be difficult to manage and would incur a much larger expense, he added.

Harr also questioned why trees further north on Ashwood were not removed when new curbing and sidewalks were recently installed.

"We've worked around trees in certain cases. We're trying to salvage as many as we can salvage, but with some, we just can't," Townley said.

Such explanations have done little to assuage Harr, who has spoken to the mayor and plans to address the Common Council on the issue. Harr contends that the six trees are healthy and that in the winter all trees tend to look sickly.

"Sometimes what looks like a healthy tree may not be," Townley said.

McCann spoke of the danger involved should such trees topple over before and after the curb and sidewalk project is completed.

"A resident has a right to be concerned, but if the trees are dead or hazardous, then he should be concerned that the trees might fall on his house, a car or somebody walking along the sidewalk," McCann said.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

obituaries

Mary M. Curtin

Mary M. Curtin, 64, of Springfield died Feb. 1 in her home.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Curtin lived in Newark for many years before moving to Springfield five years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Eileen Ferdinadi and Colleen Bray, and four grandchildren.

Theresa Molinaro

Theresa Molinaro, 74, of West Reading, Pa., formerly of Mountaintide, died Jan. 30 in the Reading Nursing Center, West Reading.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Molinaro lived in Mountaintide before moving to West Reading 10 years ago. She was a seamstress before retiring. Mrs. Molinaro was a volunteer for the Reading Nursing Center.

Surviving are her husband, Nicholas L. Sr.; a daughter, Rachel Jensen; two sons, Nicholas L. Jr. and Neil; two brothers, Ralph and Otto Vernacchio, and four grandchildren.

Lois Rosenberg

Lois Rosenberg of Springfield died Feb. 4 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Rosenberg moved to Springfield in 1967. She had been a sales clerk with Bloomingdale's in Short Hills for 14 years before retiring in 1992. Mrs. Rosenberg was a member of Hadassah, the Deborah and the Flo Okin Cancer Relief of Springfield.

Surviving are her husband, Jerome; two sons, Michael and Jeffrey; her mother, Mollie Ontell; two sisters, Vita Schwartz and Adele Goldberg, and one grandchild.

Rose Schneider

Rose Schneider of Springfield died Feb. 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Russia, Mrs. Schneider lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1980. She was a life member of the Hadassah of Springfield and a member of the Golden Chain, Newark.

Surviving is a daughter, Sylvia Cooperman; a son, Sidney, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brady-Whelan

Elizabeth M. Brady-Whelan, 83, of Springfield died Feb. 6 in her home.

religion

Cadets to perform

Temple Beth Ahm Men's Club, Springfield; and Union, Greater Millburn-Short Hills and Hillside B'nai B'rith lodges will be host to the West Point Jewish Choir at Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The choir's 30 Jewish cadets comprise more than half of the academy's 55 Jewish cadets. The repertoire includes Jewish standards and contemporary tunes in addition to selections from "Fiddler in the Roof."

clubs in the news

The Mountaintide Woman's Club Inc., a member of the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs, will hold a luncheon meeting at L'Affaire, Mountaintide, at noon on Wednesday.

Lois Allen will be host to a program, "Pampered Chef," consisting of a demonstration of kitchen gadgets and food sampling.

The club will have its first annual bowling for dollars fund-raiser on March 19 at 1 p.m. at Clark Lanes, 140 Central Ave., Clark.

Funds raised will benefit scholarships, The American Cancer Society's program "Feel the Smile of A Child," local church food pantries and Mobile Meals.

For more information on sponsoring a bowler or bowling in the event, contact Kathy Oerretti at (201) 376-2714.

A fee of \$2 per person will offset the cost of the concert and is payable at the door. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

For more information call the temple office at (201) 376-0539; Springfield Lodge, (201) 379-9306; Union Lodge, (908) 686-7903; Greater Millburn-Short Hills Lodge, (908) 522-1488, or Hillside Lodge (908) 553-2773.

Group sets meeting

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will meet Wednesday in the Parish House on at 7:30 p.m.

The work project for the evening will be making tray favors for the Presbyterian homes.

The new officers for 1995 are: chairperson, Trudy Lindenfelser; vice chairperson, Dot Anderson; treasurer, Yofanda Rueda, and secretary, Janice Bongiovanni.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Brady-Whelan lived in Fanwood before moving to Springfield seven years ago. She was a cost-accountant for Keene-Stonco Co., Union, for 20 years and retired in 1977. Mrs. Brady-Whelan was a member of St. Mary's Church Rosary Confraternity, Elizabeth.

Surviving are her husband, Edward L. Whelan; a son, James Brady; two daughters, Eileen Brady and Virginia Chmely, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

George Heitmann

George W. Heitmann, 68, of Mountaintide died Feb. 5 in Atlantic City Medical Center.

Born in North Bergen, Mr. Heit-

mann lived in Mountaintide for 42 years. He was the director of house-keeping at Rumlens Hospital, Berkeley Heights, for 15 years and retired three years ago. Earlier, Mr. Heitmann was a service manager with Flora Service, Elizabeth. He served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Heitmann was an exempt fireman with the Mountaintide Fire Department since 1954 and was a member of the Chiefs Association. He was a member of the Mountaintide Elks Lodge 1585, the American Legion Post 209 in Scotch Plains and was an honorary member of the Mountaintide Police Benevolent Association.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a daughter, Karen Brown; two sons, Roy and Russell, and five grandchildren.

death notices

COLLURA-Anna R., of Union, on Monday, Jan. 30, 1995, wife of Paul Collura, sister of Josephine Ahlgust and Mildred Venezia. Funeral was from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Interment Gracefield Mausoleum, Kenilworth, N.J.

CURTIN-Mary M. (nee Reddington), of Springfield, (formerly of Newark), on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1995, beloved wife of the late Daniel J. Curtin, mother of Eileen Ferdinadi and Colleen Bray, grandmother of Richard and Denise Ferdinadi and Jamie and Kristen Bray. Funeral was from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Interment Gracefield Mausoleum, Kenilworth, N.J.

ECKERT-Dorothy Vohden, 78, of Coral Springs, Fla., formerly of Union, on Jan. 31, 1995, wife of Walter Eckert, mother of Richard Vohden, Patricia Prusack and Diane Burfield Marcia. Also survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral was from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Interment Hollywood Memorial Park.

GILO-BUSTAMANTE-Hazel, 41, of Union, N.J., on Feb. 6, 1995, beloved wife of Dr. Irineo Bustamante Jr., daughter of Presentacion Gillo, sister of Brenda Cohen, Milagros Jafré and Florencia Gillo (in the Philippines), Dr. Elmer Gillo and Dr. Alexander Gillo, sister-in-law of Helen Gillo, Amelia Gillo, Myrna Bustamante, Larry Cohen and Qalyam Jafré, M.D., also survived by her nieces, Jennifer, Janina, Jessica, Alisha and Sarah, and nephews, Stuart and Rali. The funeral will be conducted from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Ave., Union, N.J., on Friday Feb. 10, 8:15 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be offered at St. Michael's Church, Union, at 9:15 a.m. Interment Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. Visitation will be held on Thursday 7-9 p.m.

MASLOWSKI-On Jan. 30, 1995, Stephanie W. (Wills), wife of the late Walter Maslowski, devoted mother of Robert and Leonard Maslowski, sister of Florence Whitman, Agnes Cauda, Josephine Ward and Adele Krawitz. Funeral was conducted from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Funeral Mass was at Holy Spirit Church, Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.

MASON-Lillian B. (nee Farley), of Union, on Feb. 1, 1995, beloved wife of the late Harry, dear mother of Fulton W. Mason, Jean M. Flore and Harriet Schlieder, also survived by eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were at The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Interment Fairview Cemetery, Red Bank, in lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association in her name would be appreciated.

MC NULTY-On Feb. 2, 1995, Thomas V. of Summit, N.J. formerly of Union, husband of the late Eleanor (Youngquist) McNulty, devoted father of Gerry DeLuca and Thomas C. McNulty, brother of Theresa Reynolds and Josephine Sefranek, also survived by four grandchildren. The funeral was conducted from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Funeral Mass was at Holy Spirit Church, Interment Hollywood Memorial Park.

MOLINARO-Theresa (nee Vernacchio), of West Reading, Pa. (formerly of Mountaintide, N.J.), on Monday, Jan. 30, 1995, beloved wife of Nicholas J. Molinaro Sr., mother of Rachel Jensen, Nicholas L. Jr. and Neil Molinaro, sister of Ralph and Otto Vernacchio, also survived by four grandchildren. Funeral was from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Funeral Mass was offered in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountaintide, Entombment Hollywood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, Mass Cards would be preferred.

RUSSELL-Dorothy M., age 78, of Union, on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995, beloved wife of John H. Russell Jr., dear mother of John H. Russell 3d, grandmother of Joy and Todd. Services were from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Entombment Hollywood Memorial Park Mausoleum. Please make donations to Emanuel United Church of Christ, 23 Lincoln Pl., Irvington, N.J. 07111.

SUDO-Catherine M., 66, of Union, on Feb. 2, 1995, beloved wife of Thomas A. Sudo Jr., dear mother of Thomas J. Sudo, grandmother of Brian Sudo. Funeral was from The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, Union. Interment Hollywood Memorial Park.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 22, 1995 in the office of the Secretary, Florence M. Gaudinier School Board Offices, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey for the following:

PASSENGER BUS
Instructions to Bidders, Form of Proposal and Specifications may be examined at the office of the Secretary, Florence M. Gaudinier School Board Offices, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and one copy thereof may be obtained by each bidder.

Bids shall be made only on the form provided with all blanks filled in and signed by the bidder. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes giving the name of the bidder and the type of materials to be bid on. Specified bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to 10% of the bid total.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, and shall, further make awards in any way it deems advisable to the best interests of the Township of Springfield.

Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 concerning Affirmative Action and must furnish Notice of Compliance with same with their bid. Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) concerning unlawful discrimination in employment.

All successful vendors must submit within seven days of the notice of intent to award or the signing of the contract, one of the following:

1. A photo copy of their Federal Letter of Affirmative Action Plan Approval.
 - OR
 2. A photo copy of their Certificate of Employee Information Report (AA 302).
 - OR
 3. A complete Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA 302).
- The Affirmative Action Affidavit for vendors having less than fifty employees is no longer acceptable.
- By order of the Board of Education, Springfield, Union County, New Jersey.
Dated: February 2, 1995
James Flinn, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
U4326 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$24.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 1, 1995.

1. Appl. # 2-048
Applicant BLITZ FAMILY REALTY TRUST
Site Loc. 200 ROUTE 22
Block 115
For PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN AND VARIANCES
APPROVED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.

Secretary
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
U4337 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$9.50)
February 9, 1995

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by Jay L. Kloud, Esq. on behalf of Paul Gagliardi for preliminary and final site plan approval including variance relief from requirements for minimum front yard and minimum rear yard setback and variance from the requirements for maximum lot coverage and variance from the requirements of the sign ordinance pertaining to height and area of free standing pylion sign pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, Sections 905 Submission of Preliminary Major Site Plans, 906 Submission of Final Major Site Plans and 606 Signs as set to Permit Retail-Commercial Use located at 306 Route 22 East, Springfield, Block 146, Lots 1 and 2. The application is now calendar #2-958 on the Clerk's calendar and a public hearing has been ordered for February 23, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and when the calendar is called you may appear to present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 209 Thivert Street, Springfield, New Jersey.
JAY L. KLOUD, ESQ.
100 Mountain Avenue
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
Dated: 2/6/95
U4361 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$14.75)
February 9, 1995

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
TAKE NOTICE that the Springfield Environmental Commission has scheduled to meet on the following days:

February 20, 1995	September 18, 1995
March 20, 1995	October 15, 1995
April 17, 1995	November 20, 1995
June 15, 1995	December 18, 1995
July 19, 1995	January 15, 1996
July 17, 1995	

All meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Planning Board Room, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend.
Joseph T. Capra, Commissioner
U4369 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$8.75)
February 9, 1995

Township of Springfield
County of Union
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the time of the Executive Meeting of the Township Board on February 14, 1995 has been

PUBLIC NOTICE

rescheduled for 8:00 P.M. in the Caucus Room, Municipal Building.
Helen E. Keyworth
February 9, 1995 (Fee: \$4.25)

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 86 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. U4347 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$3.50)
February 9, 1995

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 1, 1995.

1. Appl. # 4-948
Applicant SPRINGFIELD - RT 22 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Site Loc. 295 RT 22 EAST
Block 143
For PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND VARIANCES
APPROVED

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.

Secretary
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
U4338 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$9.75)
February 9, 1995

PLANNING BOARD
TOWNSHIP OF MILLBURN
LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, March 1, 1995, or as soon thereafter as the Applicant may be heard, at the Millburn Municipal Building, 375 Millburn Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned, at which time and place all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Said meeting will take place at 8:00 PM.

The location of the premises in question is situated in the R-2 Zoning District, Block 1003, Lot 19, and Block 1003, Lot 20 and is more commonly known as 32-40 Mechanic Street, Millburn, New Jersey. A small section of the property crosses the municipal boundary into the Township of Springfield, Union County, Block 11.02, Lot 27, and Block 11.02, Lot 28. The Applicant seeks major subdivision approval, including site plan approval, variance for front yard and side yard setback requirements on existing structures, and waiver of two-sided sidewalk requirement; together with any other variances or waivers that the Board may deem applicable or necessary.

A copy of said application and documents is on file with the Township Engineer and Secretary of the Planning Board and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, by all interested parties prior to said meeting.

ROSE COURT BUILDING CO., INC.
By: LAWRENCE LEVITT, ESQ.
Attorney for Applicant
U4351 Springfield Leader, (Fee: \$15.00)
February 9, 1995

Connections

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Snow men



Photo By Milton Mills

Springfield resident Steven Litwornia takes his son, Mike, down a snow-covered hill in Echo Lake Park on Sunday. The storm, which began Friday evening, dumped more than a foot of snow on the area. Luckily for children, snow came on a weekend and did not disrupt the school week.

A subscription to your newspaper keeps your college student close to hometown activities. Call 908-686-7753 for a special college rate.

Correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, please write Tom Canavan, editor, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083, or call him at 686-7700 weekdays before 5 p.m.

Social Security, Medicare fraud provokes stronger federal laws

Individuals or groups who purposefully mislead the public about Social Security or Medicare services will be subject to stronger penalties than in the past come March 31. This new ammunition to fight misleading advertising is authorized in the Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994.

"Many senior citizens have been responding to misleading advertisements about Social Security and Medicare by sending money to advertisers who promise to deliver services for a fee," according to Shirley Chater, commissioner of Social Security. "They think they are helping to keep Social Security afloat or that they are protecting their own benefits. What they don't know is that they are being deceived."

Some unscrupulous companies and individuals, using what appears to be "official" letterhead, solicit money for services that the Social Security Administration provides for free. They say they will help senior citizens replace or get a new Social Security card, have their name changed on their Social Security number for their child—all for a fee. What they do not tell seniors is that these services are available free from Social Security.

The 1994 legislation makes such misrepresentations more difficult to carry out and increases potential fines. It also does the following:

- Provides that each piece of mail

in an illegal mass mailing constitutes an individual violation;

- Provides that a disclaimer on a mailing is not a defense against misleading mailing violations;

- Removes the \$100,000 annual cap on civil penalties for misleading advertising activities and provides for penalties collected to be deposited in the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund;

- Requires specific written authorization from the Social Security Administration or the Department of Health and Human Services before a person or company reproduces, reprints or distributes for a fee any SSA or HHS form, application, or other SSA or HHS publication; and

- Adds the names, letters, symbols and emblems of SSA, the Health Care Financing Administration, Supplemental Security Income and HHS to items protected by the misleading advertising prohibitions.

Within Social Security, the Office of Public Affairs responds to consumer complaints and congressional inquiries about misleading advertising. If a review of the materials indicates the mailing may violate the Social Security Act, SSA contacts the advertiser to request voluntary compliance with the law. If the advertiser does not cooperate, the case is forwarded to the inspector general's office for prosecution.

Anyone who believes they may have received this type of misleading information, may report it to: Social Security Administration, Office of Public Affairs, Misleading Advertising, P.O. Box 17740, Baltimore, Md., 21235.

The package may also be taken to a local postmaster. Another option is to send a complaint that includes the complete package, including the envelope in which it arrives, to: Chief Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, D.C., 20260-2100.

The sender should also advise the state's attorney general or Consumer Affairs Office and the Better Business Bureau in the area that the package has been received and who it was that sent it.

Women's resource center offers credit workshop

A "Credit, Credit Bureaus and You" workshop will be held Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Resource Center for Women in Summit.

Led by Evelyn Marques, a credit consultant and former TRW executive, the workshop will focus on how to apply for, establish and "repair" credit. In addition, the workshop will discuss the fine points of credit cards, credit bureaus and other issues.

For more information call the office at (908) 273-7253.

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