

Carjacking is down

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Still hitting the books

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Borough Highlights

Fashion show

The Deerfield School Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside is hosting its 11th annual Dinner Fashion Show on March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire restaurant on Route 22 in Mountainside. The ticket price will be \$25 per person.

The committee is looking for gift donations. Proceeds from the event go to the Educational Enrichment Program at Deerfield School. This year's fashions will be sponsored by the Gap of Short Hills.

For more information, contact Donna McAdam or Susan Winter at (908) 232-8828.

Dinner scheduled

The Union County Commission on the Status of Women is looking for honorees for its fifth annual dinner honoring "Women of Excellence" in Union County. The dinner will be held March 7 at L'Affaire on Route 22 in Mountainside from 7 to 10 p.m. Applicants who either live or work in Union County should submit a resume and brief biography explaining their career and volunteer efforts to Carol Wortmann, 302 Delaware Ave., Union, 07083 or fax to Jacqueline Carr at (908) 247-2256. For more information, call Carr at (908) 247-0900, Ext. 5882.

Scholarships available

The Harold and Dorothy Snyder Foundation has announced the availability of scholarships to aid Union County students in college or 1997 high school seniors pursuing careers in nursing or construction.

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Applications may be obtained by calling (609) 273-9745. The deadline for submission of applications and all supporting materials is March 14.

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

The deadlines for the Feb. 20 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
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Holiday leftovers



The Barbara L. Gladysiewicz Memorial Fund sponsored a holiday party for the young patients of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside in December. The fund raised money in memory of the late Barbara Gladysiewicz, a former assistant vice president at Union Center National Bank in Union. The children are treated to a holiday party complete with cookies, a gift of their choosing, and a visit from Santa Claus. Marlyn Botero of Irvington receives a gift from Santa.

Changes will affect new school budget

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

When deregionalization and the new legislation regarding public school funding are factored, the process of formulating school budgets has become harder than usual for many of the school districts in the area including Mountainside's. Not only will Mountainside have to come up with a kindergarten through 12th-grade budget, which is different from its usual kindergarten through eighth-grade budget, but it will also have to follow new state guidelines regarding school budgets.

"The problem is the new budget format sent by the state. That is the nightmare. We are slowly getting the hang of the new budget. It is rather confusing and complex," said Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro.

The new process is entirely different than the way most districts are used to compiling their budgets, according to Baccaro. "What we have to do is actually change some of where we budgeted money in 1996-97, to the point where in the 1997-98 budget, you are not going to see any money in certain categories,

and other areas are going to seem very inflated. When the public sees this, they are going to have a lot of questions about where their money is being spent," said Baccaro.

Some districts involved in the deregionalization process said they do not even have all of the working information that they need to even complete a budget at this point, but this does not appear to be the case in Mountainside. "We believe we have all the information we need. There are some things missing; for instance, the tuition figure from Berkeley Heights, but in the meantime, we have a number we are using. However, it is not official and is being used strictly for planning purposes. We also have to 'guesstimate' what our transportation costs are going to be since we have not gone out to bid for the contract as of yet," said Baccaro.

The district has a deadline of March 4 to present a budget to the county for approval. Despite deregionalization and the new format, the district is confident it will have a budget ready in time. "All deregionalization has done for us with regards to the budget is that we have to deal with larger numbers," said Baccaro.

Library to hold readathon

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Members of the Mountainside Free Public Library and Deerfield School announced plans for the inaugural Book Readathon Friday.

"Pledge sheets are going out to the teachers Feb. 19 for distribution in the classrooms," said Friends of the Library Secretary Debbie Foster. "What we're trying to do is get children interested in reading, provide funds for the library's holdings and help the schools and the library work together."

Participating students, said Foster, will sign sponsors and read books throughout March. When the students return from spring vacation in early April, they will turn in their sheets and the number of books read. The records will be tallied and the backers will pay between 50 cents and \$1 per book.

"The proceeds will be used by the library to purchase or replace books and tapes in the children's and young adult sections," said Foster. "We're holding it in March because of the vacation and so it won't compete against the baseball season. There will be a maximum sponsorship of 15 books because we're not here to soak them."

The idea has been approved by Deerfield Principal Audrey Zavetz and Library Director Miriam Bein.

Non-Mountainside students may register at the library. Call the library at 908-233-0115 for details.

Police chief to get new car

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Police Department and firefighter matters highlighted the agenda of the Borough Council during its work session meeting on Tuesday.

The council voted unanimously to approve the authorization for notice-of bid for a new police car. The new car would be for Chief of Police William Alder and is the second car the Police Department will purchase in 1997, which puts them at their car limit for the year. The council also voted to approve some budget reserve transfers so the borough's books will remain in order.

The council then discussed items for the next regular meeting. The first pending item was the appointment of Karl S. Kelber to the borough's Volunteer Fire Department. Council members said they were happy to see that a much needed new member would be joining the department. The council also revisited the topic of commuter parking at the fire house, and decided that it did not make sense to pass an ordinance banning parking from the fire

house. It was stated that the problem will most likely be eliminated once renovations to Borough Hall are completed and normal parking is restored to the Borough Hall lot. They did say that if the problem continued after the Borough Hall lot was reopened, they would revisit the problem.

The council then had a discussion focusing on changing the spending limits of various borough departments prior to obtaining budgetary approval from the appropriate committee or the council itself. Currently, a department in the borough can spend up to \$1,000 without approval, which has some concerned that the amount is too high and should be lowered to avoid any misspending. The mayor proposed that the figure be lowered to \$500, and asked the council to consider this for the next meeting.

The council's next meeting will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the borough's temporary meeting quarters, and the board may take action on some or all of the items discussed during the work session.

Group home in violation of Zoning Board policy

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

At Monday's Zoning Board meeting, the attorney for the Social Clubhouse, a facility for mentally challenged adults with drug and alcohol problems, was present to try to fight summonses that were given to the facility because of they did not properly attain a certificate of occupancy for the building. According to the borough's Zoning Board, the Social Clubhouse was not forthcoming about its true intent for the space they were to occupy, and then expanded into another area without a proper certificate of occupancy.

"The Social Clubhouse came into the borough to occupy 3,000 square feet with administrative offices, but they didn't do that. They took the 3,000 square feet and they also went into another section of the building that did not have a certificate of occupancy, and that is where this daycare center is for the mentally challenged," said Valerie Saunders of the Mountainside Zoning Board.

The daycare center, which was not part of the original agreement with the borough, is the cause of the sum-

monses the Social Clubhouse received from the borough. "We began to issue summonses first of all because they were not doing what they said they were going to do, and secondly, they were occupying a space without a certificate of occupancy. We were going back and forth and they finally said they wanted a certificate of occupancy for the space they were already occupying wrongfully, and I denied it," said Saunders.

Instead of applying for a variance before the Zoning Board, the Social Clubhouse sent its attorney before the board for an interpretation as to whether or not Saunders' decision was correct. The board unanimously supported Saunders' decision and agreed that its use is not permitted in that zone.

It is unclear at this point if the Social Clubhouse will return to the board and try to obtain a variance, or if they will not operate the daycare center in that particular space and use it for its intended purpose as administrative offices. "I have no idea what they are going to do next. I really don't," said Saunders.

The Social Clubhouse will continue

to receive summonses until it rectifies the situation with the borough by either obtaining the proper variance, removing the daycare center, or moving out of the borough. "As long as they continue not to comply, they continue to be in violation," said Saunders.

According to the borough, the entire situation could have been avoided if the Social Clubhouse was more forthcoming about its intended operations at the site. "I want to make it clear that if they came in up front with me and said this is what we do, I would have guided them through the proper channels and have them go before the Board of Adjustment. And if the Board of Adjustment had approved it, they would have been in there without any problem. The borough is not taking the attitude of not in my backyard. If they were up front and went through the proper channels, they probably would have been in there without any problems," said Saunders.

Representatives from the Social Clubhouse refused to comment on the situation.

District goals needed, says expert

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Board of Education held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon to hear a presentation from Joann Borin of the New Jersey School Boards Association. Borin gave the board the results of its self-evaluations which they completed earlier in the year and to give them some information on administrative restructuring.

Borin first covered the board's self-evaluation, stating the board scored high, and that it needed to focus on a few areas to improve the board's overall performance. She continued to say that individually, the board members felt they were doing a good job, but based on scores and comments, the members were not confident about the performance of the other members of the board. "Some of the comments seemed to say I'm doing all right, but I'm not sure about the rest of you," said Borin.

Borin suggested that the board needs to focus more on goal setting for the district and then try to work together to achieve those goals. She said she thought the board would benefit from a goal-setting workshop to get them on the right track toward working together to improve the district.

Borin also gave the board some information on administrative restructuring, and what options the board has as far as how it would like the administrators in the district to be placed and what the job descriptions would be for the different positions.

She began by pointing out that Mountainside already has an unusual

Larger than life



James Hughes and Molly Schmidt, students in Nancy Roche's fourth-grade class at Deerfield School, construct life-sized body puzzles to learn about body systems in science.

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**Medical account bill
clears state assembly**

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, that would give individuals and employers another way to obtain affordable health coverage through the use of Medical Savings Accounts, won assembly approval this week.

"New Jersey has made progress in providing health insurance coverage for individuals and businesses, but there are other promising alternatives that should be explored," noted Bagger, who serves as Assembly Majority Conference leader. "Medical Savings Accounts are one such option. MSAs are governed by rules similar to those for IRAs, except they are designed to pay medical bills for employees and their dependents."

The bill would permit employers and employees to deduct from their gross income every dollar deposited in an MSA as well as all income derived from such accounts. "To make MSAs an attractive and viable health care alternative, this bill would allow all deposits, dividends and interest to be subtracted from gross income, which means a tax savings that will grow as the account grows," said Bagger.

Bagger said MSAs would help bring the cost of health coverage down by allowing people to take care of their medical needs as they see fit. "The holder of an MSA has more control over how the money is spent since it is deposited directly into the individual account," he explained. "MSA holders also have the ability to shop around for a health care provider who offers the best medical service at a competitive price."

According to Bagger, other advantages of an MSA include:

- Having funds on hand for medical coverage when you are temporarily unemployed.
- Having money available for long-term care as funds in the MSA accumulate.
- Having the ability to pay for any medical service, even those not covered by insurance plans.

The rules for an MSA would be similar to those for an Individual Retirement Account. There would be maximum annual deposits and penalties for withdrawals for a purpose that is not health related, including the loss of the tax deduction.

The measure conforms with the parameters of the recently enacted federal MSA demonstration program. If the measure becomes law, New Jersey would become the 19th state to allow MSAs.

The bill cleared the assembly by a 78-0 vote and now heads to the senate for consideration.

Red Cross serves seniors

The Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the Red Cross will broaden its senior citizen activities with the formal opening of "Volunteer" on Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St. in Westfield. "Volunteer" will offer a varied program of services for veterans.

production, hospital assignments, instruction in knitting, crocheting and sewing. The group will also hold occasional luncheons, schedule speakers and enjoy performances at the Garden State Arts Center.

Another Red Cross service provided is the "Help Is There" program which started in December 1996. In this program, high school students provide basic needs of food and medicine for the elderly and house-bound residents during inclement weather.

For further information regarding these programs call (908) 232-7090 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Attention social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Kevin Singer, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader and Mountainside Echo to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, please mail your schedule to Managing Editor Kevin Singer, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083

Wednesday

• Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will hold an open board meeting today at the Springfield Public Library at 12:15 p.m. A mini-lunch will be served. Members and guests are welcome.

Coming events

Feb. 20

• The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Feb. 23

• Congregation Israel of Springfield will present Danish rescuer Preben Munch-Nielsen at 7:30 p.m. Munch-Nielsen was a member of the Danish Resistance in 1943 when the Gestapo rounded up Danish Jews, and the resistance helped save 95 percent of the Jewish population. For more information on the lecture, call (201) 467-9666.

Feb. 24

• The Springfield Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the education conference room at the Gaudineer School.

Feb. 25

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Feb. 26

• The Suburban Chamber of Commerce will host their fifth annual Bridal Show at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave. in Summit, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact the chamber at (908) 522-1700.

Feb. 27

• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold their luncheon meeting at noon at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Following the regular meeting, Evelyn Panish will present a program "Exercises for Seniors." Panish first started teaching senior exercise classes for the Township of Springfield; then went on to teach at the J.C.C. of Central N.J. in Scotch Plains.

Feb. 28

• The Newcomers Club is sponsoring a "Mommy and Me" field trip to Discovery House, a hands-on museum in East Brunswick. For more information, call (908) 654-7853.

March 5

• The Sisterhood of Congregation Israel of Springfield will hold a Spring fashion show presented by Nordstroms at 8 p.m. The show will take place at Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., with a fee of \$20 annual membership dues payable at the door, \$10 for guests. Reservations are required by Feb. 26. For more information, call (201) 467-9666.

Friday

• The Summit Folk Dancers will meet at the Summit YWCA, corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Participants can learn dances of England, Greece, Israel, Romania, the Balkans, Western Europe, and more. No partners are needed. The fee is \$2 for the evening. The beginners class starts at 7:30 p.m., the regular class at 8 p.m. For more information call (201) 467-8278.

• Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues van will appear at the Mountainside Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The van dispenses information about stress, parenting, cancer prevention and treatment, respiratory problems, health screenings, and other health related topics. The services are provided free, and are open to the public. The library is located at Constitution Plaza.

Sunday

• Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will feature an exploration of winter constellations at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, and each family will receive a winter star map. This program will continue throughout February. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

Also at 2 p.m., Trailside's family program will include a discussion on sea creatures and shells. The fee is \$1.

Monday

• At 1 p.m., Trailside Nature and Science Center's family program will explore different printing methods, including spatter, stencil, and more, using natural objects, sponges, and other materials. The fee is \$7 per family. Pre registration is required. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Trailside will present a slideshow and owl pellet display followed by a walk to listen for resident owls in the Watchung Reservation. Pre registration is required. The fee is \$3.50 per person.

Tuesday

• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• Overlook Hospital will sponsor an early morning walk inside the Mall at Short Hills at 8 a.m. A presentation on "Exercise and the Heart" will be given by Joseph Rempson, M.D. For more information call (908) 522-5353.

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Answers still sought by regional school board

By Tomiann Antonelli
Staff Writer

The Union County Regional High School District Board of Education recently announced that it will be asking the Commissioner of Education for a declaratory judgement regarding three important issues relating to the dissolution of the school district that will accelerate the final stages of the dissolution process.

In preparation for the dissolution process which is scheduled to occur June 30 at midnight, the questions posed by the district require immediate decisions from Education Commissioner Leo Klugholz, said regional Superintendent of Schools, Donald Merachnik.

"I believe that there must be an answer by the commissioner for the dissolution process to come to its rightful conclusion," said Merachnik.

In order to determine what the responsibilities will be for the regional district as well as the member districts after dissolution occurs, the answers to the district's questions are essential, said Merachnik.

The questions are mainly legal issues. They are not uncommon, but are nonetheless taking some time to be resolved. The first question deals with the vacation time earned by 12-month employees of the regional district. The time which employees earn this year will actually be taken next year. The district now needs to know if the vacation time will be the responsibility of the new school districts next school year or remain with the regional district.

The next question deals with the pupil and employee personnel records of present and former pupils. There is no question that these records must be kept, however, it still remains to be seen who will maintain these files, and who will accept them for safekeeping next school year.

The third issue that the district seeks is declaratory judgement for deals with the responsibility of completing all non-financial duties and mandated reports following dissolution. These reports are required for purposes of reporting on the 1996-97 school year.

The Regional Board of Education has authorized attorneys working on the subject, including Jeffrey Bennet who is the lawyer coordinating the effort. School board officials hope to have answers to these questions in the near future from the Commissioner of Education.

When the commissioner gives a response to the district's request for a declaratory judgement, transition planning for the school system can finally be implemented.

Contributions of community leader remembered

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Area temples and Jewish educational institutions observed the memory of Benjamin Margolis who died at his Springfield home last Thursday.

Margolis, 80, was buried at a cemetery in Woodbridge Friday afternoon. The former executive director of the Jewish Educators Assembly in New York City, Margolis was eulogized by Rabbi Emeritus Moshe Samber during services held earlier that day at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield.

"I tried to convey how Benjamin Margolis was a blend of two worlds on two different fronts," said Samber. "One front, he was able to balance being an educator with being a businessman. On another front, he

was a combination of the Eastern European Zionist tradition and the American culture."

Benjamin Margolis' story began in Lumbdzia, Poland, where he studied Talmudic and Hebrew traditions at the nearby Warsaw Free University in the 1930s. His family saw the increasing aggression of Nazi Germany, however, and emigrated to New York in 1936.

Margolis subsequently wore two hats while establishing himself. He ran the family egg farm in Warren Township while helping to found Temple Beth El in Plainfield and Temple Har Shalom in town.

"Egg farming was an interest for several Central New Jersey Jewish families in the early 20th century,"

said Samber. "The area was also something of a frontier for setting up congregations in the 1950s and 60s."

"He earned a Doctorate of Pedagogy from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York," said Rabbi Perry Rank of Temple Beth Ahm, "and soon began to work as a religious educator in area schools."

Margolis started as a teacher in the Plainfield Hebrew Institute for 38 years before becoming religious principal of Temple Neve Shalom of Plainfield for seven years and Temple Israel in Scotch Plains for four. He organized the Regional Tri-County

Hebrew High School and was chairman of the Principals Council of Metropolitan New Jersey.

"He was always involved with the youth programs here at Temple Beth Ahm," said Rank. "Margolis was a favorite of the kids."

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Other school spokespersons, in asking for special events, tended to return to either the Caldwell diversity exchange assembly or the JDHS King Birthday Observance last month.

"Not all school systems put in an equal effort, there are limited resources and learning African American history should be year-round," said James Credle, Assistant Dean of Multicultural Activities at Rutgers-Newark. "I can only speak for my school system that we take African American History Month seriously and we provide a comprehensive program with the cooperation of NJIT and other schools."

School board candidates sought by superintendent

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Mountainside Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, Superintendent Leonard J. Baccaro announced. The election is scheduled for April 15.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school

board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates is also included in the kit.

"I urge citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their schools to consider board of education membership," said Beulah M. Wornack, NJSBA president. "You don't have to be an educator or have a college degree to serve on your local school board. What you need most is a sincere interest in children and their education."

Sagan remembered at Trailside program

According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, on March 2 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Trailside Nature & Science Center will present "Remembering Carl Sagan," 1934-1997. The show will highlight the accomplishments of one of the most popular astronomers, Carl Sagan. A former Rahway native, Sagan was most noted for his PBS-TV series and book, "Cosmos," aired in 1980.

Sagan was the director of the

Laboratory for Planetary Studies and was awarded the title of the David Duncan Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. He played vital roles in the Viking, Voyager, Mariner and Galileo missions, as well as the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. He published more than 400 scientific and popular articles and authored over a dozen books including "Cosmos," "The Dragons of Eden," "Intelligent Life in the

verse," "Comet," and "Murmurs of Earth." In 1978, Sagan won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature.

Included in this voyage in Carl Sagan's "Spaceship of the Imagination" will be a visit to the current night sky and excerpts from the "Sounds of Earth," a recording which was sent into space with the Voyager spacecraft. Admission to "Remembering Carl Sagan" will be \$3/person or \$2.55 seniors, payable at the door.

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Medical account bill clears state assembly

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, that would give individuals and employers another way to obtain affordable health coverage through the use of Medical Savings Accounts, won assembly approval this week.

"New Jersey has made progress in providing health insurance coverage for individuals and businesses, but there are other promising alternatives that should be explored," noted Bagger, who serves as Assembly Majority Conference leader. "Medical Savings Accounts are one such option. MSAs are governed by rules similar to those for IRAs, except they are designed to pay medical bills for employees and their dependents."

The bill would permit employers and employees to deduct from their gross income every dollar deposited in an MSA as well as all income derived from such accounts. "To make MSAs an attractive and viable health care alternative, this bill would allow all deposits, dividends and interest to be subtracted from gross income, which means a tax savings that will grow as the account grows," said Bagger.

Bagger said MSAs would help bring the cost of health coverage down by allowing people to take care of their medical needs as they see fit. "The holder of an MSA has more control over how the money is spent since it is deposited directly into the individual account," he explained. "MSA holders also have the ability to shop around for a health care provider who offers the best medical service at a competitive price."

According to Bagger, other advantages of an MSA include:

- Having funds on hand for medical coverage when you are temporarily unemployed.
- Having money available for long-term care as funds in the MSA accumulate.
- Having the ability to pay for any medical service, even those not covered by insurance plans.

The rules for an MSA would be similar to those for an Individual Retirement Account. There would be maximum annual deposits and penalties for withdrawals for a purpose that is not health related, including the loss of the tax deduction.

The measure conforms with the parameters of the recently enacted federal MSA demonstration program. If the measure becomes law, New Jersey would become the 19th state to allow MSAs.

The bill cleared the assembly by a 78-0 vote and now heads to the senate for consideration.

Red Cross serves seniors

The Westfield/Mountainside chapter of the Red Cross will broaden its senior citizen activities with the formal opening of "Volunteer" on Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House, 321 Elm St. in Westfield. "Volunteer" will offer a varied program of services for veterans-

production, hospital assignments, instruction in knitting, crocheting and sewing. The group will also hold occasional luncheons, schedule speakers and enjoy performances at the Garden State Arts Center.

Another Red Cross service provided is the "Help Is There" program which started in December 1996. In this program, high school students provide basic needs of food and medicine for the elderly and house-bound residents during inclement weather.

For further information regarding these programs call (908) 232-7090 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Attention social clubs

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Wednesday

- Jewish Women Intenational of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will hold an open board meeting today at the Springfield Public Library at 12:15 p.m. A mini-lunch will be served. Members and guests are welcome.

Coming events

Feb. 20

- The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Feb. 23

- Congregation Israel of Springfield will present Danish rescuer Preben Munch-Nielsen at 7:30 p.m. Munch-Nielsen was a member of the Danish Resistance in 1943 when the Gestapo rounded up Danish Jews, and the resistance helped save 95 percent of the Jewish population. For more information on the lecture, call (201) 467-9666.

Feb. 24

- The Springfield Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the education conference room at the Gaudineer School.

Feb. 25

- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Feb. 26

- The Suburban Chamber of Commerce will host their fifth annual Bridal Show at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave. in Summit, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact the chamber at (908) 522-1700.

Feb. 27

- The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold their luncheon meeting at noon at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Following the regular meeting, Evelyn Panish will present a program "Exercises for Seniors." Panish first started teaching senior exercise classes for the Township of Springfield; then went on to teach at the J.C.C. of Central N.J. in Scotch Plains.

Feb. 28

- The Newcomers Club is sponsoring a "Mommy and Me" field trip to Discovery House, a hands-on museum in East Brunswick. For more information, call (908) 654-7853.

March 5

- The Sisterhood of Congregation Israel of Springfield will hold a Spring fashion show presented by Nordstroms at 8 p.m. The show will take place at Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., with a fee of \$20 annual membership dues payable at the door. \$10 for guests. Reservations are required by Feb. 26. For more information, call (201) 467-9666.

Friday

- The Summit Folk Dancers will meet at the Summit YWCA, corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Participants can learn dances of England, Greece, Israel, Romania, the Balkans, Western Europe, and more. No partners are needed. The fee is \$2 for the evening. The beginners class starts at 7:30 p.m., the regular class at 8 p.m. For more information call (201) 467-8278.
- Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues van will appear at the Mountainside Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The van dispenses information about stress, parenting, cancer prevention and treatment, respiratory problems, health screenings, and other health related topics. The services are provided free, and are open to the public. The library is located at Constitution Plaza.

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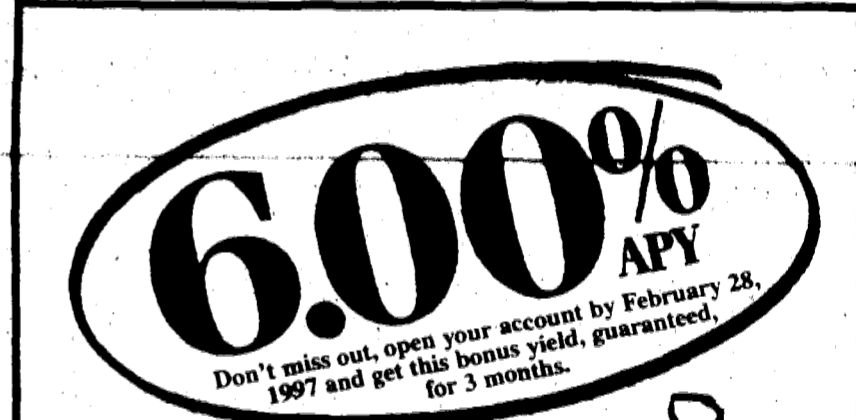
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- Also at 2 p.m., Trailside's family program will include a discussion on sea creatures and shells. The fee is \$1.

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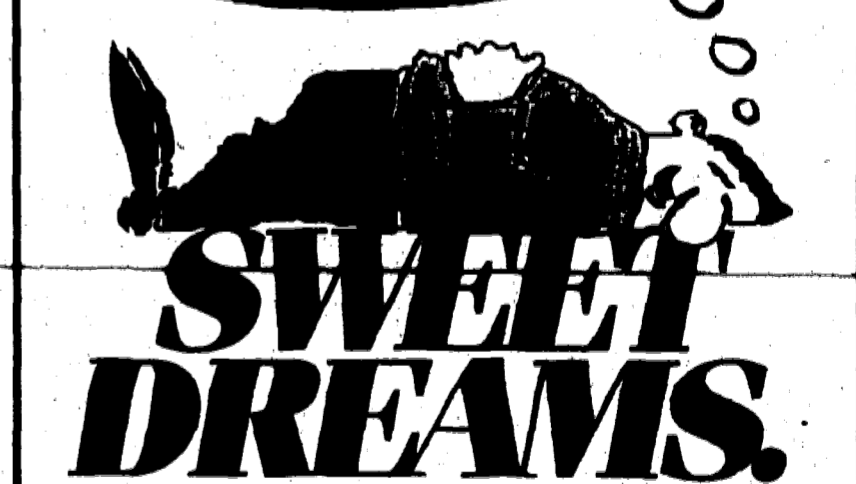
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- From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Trailside will present a slideshow and owl pellet display followed by a walk to listen for resident owls in the Watchung Reservation. Pre registration is required. The fee is \$3.50 per person.

Tuesday

- The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
- The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.
- Overlook Hospital will sponsor an early morning walk inside the Mall at Short Hills at 8 a.m. A presentation on "Exercise and the Heart" will be given by Joseph Rempon, M.D. For more information call (908) 522-5353.



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Answers still sought by regional school board

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

The Union County Regional High School District Board of Education recently announced that it will be asking the Commissioner of Education for a declaratory judgement regarding three important issues relating to the dissolution of the school district that will accelerate the final stages of the dissolution process.

In preparation for the dissolution process which is scheduled to occur June 30 at midnight, the questions posed by the district require immediate decisions from Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz, said regional Superintendent of Schools, Donald Merachnik.

"I believe that there must be an answer by the commissioner for the dissolution process to come to its rightful conclusion," said Merachnik.

In order to determine what the responsibilities will be for the regional district as well as the member districts after dissolution occurs, the answers to the district's questions are essential, said Merachnik.

The questions are mainly legal issues. They are not uncommon, but are nonetheless taking some time to be resolved. The first question deals with the vacation time earned by 12-month employees of the regional district. The time which employees earn this year will actually be taken next year. The district now needs to know if the vacation time will be the responsibility of the new school districts next school year or remain with the regional district.

The next question deals with the pupil and employee personnel records of present and former pupils. There is no question that these records must be kept, however, it still remains to be seen who will maintain these files, and who will accept them for safekeeping next school year.

The third issue that the district seeks is declaratory judgement for deals with the responsibility of completing all non-financial duties and mandated reports following dissolution. These reports are required for purposes of reporting on the 1996-97 school year.

The Regional Board of Education has authorized attorneys working on the subject, including Jeffrey Bennet who is the lawyer coordinating the effort. School board officials hope to have answers to these questions in the near future from the Commissioner of Education.

When the commissioner gives a response to the district's request for a declaratory judgement, transition planning for the school system can finally be implemented.

Contributions of community leader remembered

By Walter Elliott
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Area temples and Jewish educational institutions observed the memory of Benjamin Margolis who died at his Springfield home last Thursday.

Margolis, 80, was buried at a cemetery in Woodbridge Friday afternoon. The former executive director of the Jewish Educators Assembly in New York City, Margolis was eulogized by Rabbi Emeritus Moshe Samber during services held earlier that day at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield.

"I tried to convey how Benjamin Margolis was a blend of two worlds on two different fronts," said Samber. "One front, he was able to balance being an educator with being a businessman. On another front, he

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Benjamin Margolis' story began in Lumdzia, Poland, where he studied Talmudic and Hebrew traditions at the nearby Warsaw Free University in the 1930s. His family saw the increasing aggression of Nazi Germany, however, and emigrated to New York in 1936.

Margolis subsequently wore two hats while establishing himself. He ran the family egg farm in Warren Township while helping to found Temple Beth El in Plainfield and Temple Har Shalom in town.

"Egg farming was an interest for several Central New Jersey Jewish families in the early 20th century,"

said Samber. "The area was also something of a frontier for setting up congregations in the 1950s and 60s."

"He earned a Doctorate of Pedagogy from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York," said Rabbi Perry Rank of Temple Beth Ahm, "and soon began to work as a religious educator in area schools."

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"We're happy to have Fried and her dolls return," said Caldwell Principal

Ken Bernabe. "Her presentation of African American and Presidential dolls works with the two themes which our teachers have been teaching this month."

Other school spokespersons, in asking for special events, tended to return to either the Caldwell diversity exchange assembly or the JDHS King Birthday Observance last month.

"Not all school systems put in an equal effort, there are limited resources and learning African American history should be year-round," said James Credle, Assistant Dean of Multicultural Activities at Rutgers-Newark. "I can only speak for my school system that we take African American History Month seriously and we provide a comprehensive program with the cooperation of NJIT and other schools."

School board candidates sought by superintendent

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Mountainside Board of Education is 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, Superintendent Leonard J. Baccaro announced. The election is scheduled for April 15.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, campaign procedures, and the role of the school

board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates is also included in the kit.

"I urge citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their schools to consider board of education membership," said Beulah M. Womack, NJSBA president. "You don't have to be an educator or have a college degree to serve on your local school board. What you need most is a sincere interest in children and their education."

Sagan remembered at Trailside program

According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, on March 2 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Trailside Nature & Science Center will present "Remembering Carl Sagan," 1934-1997. The show will highlight the accomplishments of one of the most popular astronomers, Carl Sagan. A former Rahway native, Sagan was most noted for his PBS-TV series and book, "Cosmos," aired in 1980.

Sagan was the director of the

Laboratory for Planetary Studies and was awarded the title of the David Duncan Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. He played vital roles in the Viking, Voyager, Mariner and Galileo missions, as well as the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. He published more than 400 scientific and popular articles and authored over a dozen books including "Cosmos," "The Dragons of Eden," "Intelligent Life in the Uni-

verse," "Comet," and "Murmurs of Earth." In 1978, Sagan won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature.

Included in this voyage in Carl Sagan's "Spaceship of the Imagination" will be a visit to the current night sky and excerpts from the "Sounds of Earth," a recording which was sent into space with the Voyager spacecraft. Admission to "Remembering Carl Sagan" will be \$3/person or \$2.55 seniors, payable at the door.

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Not just a token

There are many who would like to write off Black History Month as a liberally motivated, politically correct attempt to appease a minority group. But the month shouldn't be seen as an example of a token; it has greater significance.

We live in a culturally diverse area of the country. While many of New Jersey's Asian and European-Americans have roots in this country that extend only one or two generations back, most African Americans can trace their genealogies to the earliest days of America's history.

Although African Americans have not had a major role in this country's political history, they have contributed to the building of the economic and cultural base of our nation. The history of black society in America is part of the history of America itself, and the month should not be viewed as merely a way to make African Americans feel better about their racial heritage, but should be seen as a way for all Americans to better appreciate their national heritage.

Even better, lessons learned during Black History Month should be integrated throughout the entire school year. Segregation in the schools is largely a thing of the past. The history of African Americans should no longer be segregated either.

What History Month?

Has anyone notified Mountainside's Deerfield School that February is Black History Month?

Last week we attempted to contact the school several times to find out what activities were planned. We weren't expecting the school to be staging any large scale events; after all, the school is small, and Mountainside is not one of the county's more racially diverse communities.

Instead, we wanted to highlight any observances, whether they be displays or reports on famous African Americans. But we received no response, which leads us to two possible conclusions. Either our messages are not being delivered past the receptionist, or the school is treating February as if it was an ordinary month.

No response

During last week's Mountainside Board of Education meeting, the results of the 1996 Community Survey were made public.

The survey, which was sent to all parents of children who attend Deerfield School, will be used by the district during the next few years as a guideline for how to better improve the district.

When we saw an actual copy of the report, we were not impressed. We wonder how the board can make any substantial improvement based on the limited information supplied by what amounted to a skimpy looking handout.

We can't lay blame at the feet of the board, although it is possible that the board could have formulated a survey that would have facilitated a greater response from parents. But the survey did solicit comments.

Instead, it seems as if many parents simply checked off the appropriate boxes and returned the survey without comment, or perhaps, supplied a comment that wasn't constructive.

The bottom line is that the purpose of this survey is to benefit and improve the school. The only ones who will be hurt by a poorly conducted and/or completed survey will be the students.

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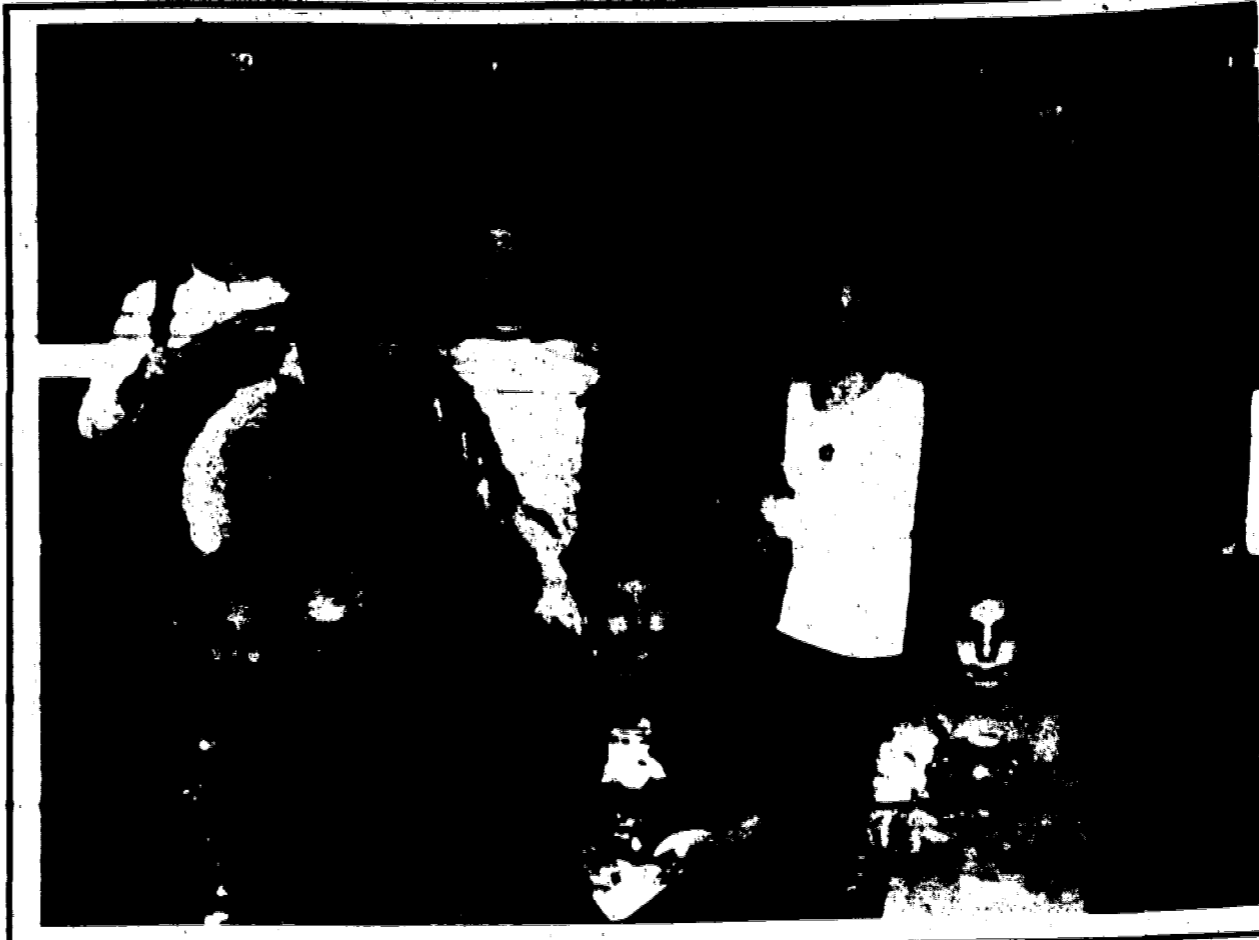
Last Monday, Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment member Ralph DeVino was arrested on charges of bribery and official misconduct. Charged with allegedly soliciting \$15,000 from a local company which had business pending before the board, his arrest comes at a difficult time for the township.

One of the most contentious issues facing the township is affordable housing — how much total development, and where. Recently, a proposed master plan was approved by the Planning Board, and while it is important to make the distinction between the two bodies, the Zoning Board also plays an integral part in any new construction projects. The last thing the residents need is for there to be significant doubt that any action taken by the Zoning Board on this issue is conducted with the utmost honesty.

However, in America, there is a public document called the Constitution, which guarantees due process for those charged with criminal wrongdoing. According to the law, DeVino is considered innocent until proven guilty. That is the rule that this newspaper will follow until we hear otherwise.

But people are liable to think otherwise of DeVino, and subsequently, the Zoning Board.

At this time, the Zoning Board, as well as the Township Committee, should make every effort to dispel this notion. DeVino's arrest will only fuel those who already distrust township officials, and with the whole affordable housing issue looming on the horizon, the township and the Zoning Board appear to have a rough road ahead of them.



DANCES WITH WOLVES

Sandy Einhorn, enrichment teacher at Springfield's James Caldwell School, delivered a lecture to fourth-graders involved in an American-Indian interdisciplinary study project. Students from left in the back are Catherine Andrasko holding a dream catcher, Morgan Applegate, Jacqueline Saul holding a talking stick, and Jacqueline Weiss. In front are Kyle Winter and Boris Khovitch, both holding Kachina dolls, and Patrick Circelli holding a piece of American-Indian pottery.

Celebrity, not race, was factor in O.J. case

Don't turn off your television yet, there's still more to come of the O.J. Simpson affair.

With more than \$8.5 million in compensation due the Goldmans in their wrongful death suit against the ex-football player, there naturally will be appeals. If another court overturns the result of the civil trial, there will be an appeal by the Goldmans, and so forth.

You better stay tuned; because the case is far from over.

The case has been a part of America for nearly three years and it wouldn't surprise me if it went another three years. By that time, O.J.'s legal bills will probably exceed the national debt.

Unfortunately, the case has divided the nation over race and sex, and raised very troubling questions about the influence of celebrity and the nature of justice in America.

We are certain if Simpson were an unknown African-American caught up in a spidery web of a double murder, the case would not have attracted such world-wide attention or pitted blacks against whites and vice versa. Although Simpson is technically an innocent man from the standpoint of

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

criminal law and guilty in civil law, it shows our justice procedure seems to be in disarray.

There's no doubt that many people thought Simpson guilty of the murders from the beginning. Unfortunately, the Los Angeles Police Department did a fine job of messing up evidence, botching the investigation and the prosecution could not convince a jury that Simpson was guilty. In the civil trial, the jurors unanimously found him guilty.

If the verdict holds up, O.J. will still remain free but his wallet will take a major hit. The possibility of ever seeing Simpson running through an airport and jumping over gates, etc., in a paid commercial is remote. We don't think advertisers would risk the wrath of consumers by placing a man who many think is a double murderer in a

position to rake in money by urging consumers to buy his product.

Whether those who stood by him during the criminal trial and the civil trial will still stand by him in the light of recent events is hard to say. People like to be associated with a winner. At present, Simpson is not a winner and whatever friends he has, may fall by the wayside and ask "O.J. who?"

On Super Bowl Sunday, O.J. hosted his annual Super Bowl party and although there was no count as to how many attended, there were hints that there was a medium size crowd but a lot of familiar faces were missing.

The case brings together the pros and cons of celebrity. Many of us think O.J. was handled with kid gloves during his criminal trial and given the works during the civil trial. In the first trial and the acquittal brought cries that O.J. was a celebrity and celebrities generally get a slap on the wrist or charges are dropped. The second trial seemed to contradict that. But it is true that celebrities always get the benefit of the doubt. Dennis Rodman's 11 game suspension was shortened and Roberto Alomar, who spit in an umpire's face, will be pun-

ished at the beginning of the coming season, although he should have been punished at the time he committed the disgusting act.

Rock stars and rappers generally are released on their own recognizance if they are found to have driven while drunk and had an accident or punched out a waiter in some restaurant for the fun of it. I agree, celebrities are treated somewhat differently from us, and that can be a possible source of trouble in the future if our judicial departments don't get their acts together and realize Joe Little Guy is just as important. All should be equal in the disposition of justice, but in many cases, we are not.

The O.J. Simpson case is a perfect example of a wealthy celebrity who did whatever he wanted when he wanted seemingly without fear of retribution. His loss in civil court seems to change that, and we might say that O.J. has been put in his place. We are happy when wayward celebrities get their comeuppance a la O.J. It's refreshing.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and a columnist for this newspaper.

Jury duty has become not quite so painful

I went to jury duty for the first time in 15 years — and lived to talk about it.

The summons to the Essex County Court House came in the mail after Thanksgiving. The questionnaire was accurate except for my name being misspelled, and I deliberated answering it for a long 15 minutes.

The first time I was called I wanted to do my part as a citizen. That willingness was tempered by a three-week Easter lynch, a general gray routine and a day lost due to a labor action by county workers. By the time I ended up on a panel hearing a murder trial, my enthusiasm was sapped.

My attitude since was "Thanks, but I had my tour of duty." Since I was living with my father of the same name at the time, we'd write "Which Walter?" on each succeeding black and white summons envelope and mailed them back.

But this was a multi-colored, bar-coded envelope in my hand. Inside was an official juror tearoff number tag should I decide not to attempt an excuse. Maybe things have changed.

I arrived at the courthouse on time as Petit Juror No. 994. While I expected to park memories of "Law & Order" reruns at the door, I forgot about the metal detector. I'm out one pocket knife.

I reported to Room 410 by getting my tag scanned and parking lot ticket validated. About 150 fellow citizens and I settle into not quite comfortable seats to face a large television set and a blinding sunrise. Just as it looks like I'm back in 1982, a man in a black robe appeared to eclipse the sunbeams and greet us.

"Good morning, I'm Assignment Judge Alvin J. Weiss," said the greeter. "I'm sorry about some of you get-

While I'm Here

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

ting the sun in your eyes. I've been trying to get some blinds in the window behind me for a year and a half."

Weiss, in a pleasant tone, explained how we were selected and what would be expected of us. He said the pool was recently enlarged by using motor vehicle records. Serving exemptions were restricted: Weiss himself, who answers directly to Chief Justice Deborah Poititz, said he served this time last year.

After the judge swore us in, we sat through a 15-minute videotape of juror and trial procedure — and then figured what to do until we were called. A few of us had cell phones and laptop computers, but most of us were left to jigsaw puzzles, soap operas or conversations.

I scrounged for reading material. Last time, I found a copy of "Playboy" which carried an interview of actor James Garner. The best I could do this time was "American Health" with a cover article on sleep.

I was starting to nod off on the sleep article when my name was called. About 10 minutes later, I was part of a 75-member courtroom empanelment pool for an assault case. My stomach was knotting as if I was about to go on a roller coaster. But this was no thrill ride — we're going to decide on a peer beyond a reasonable doubt.

Sitting ahead of me were three jurors who chuckled about how the

lawyers challenged each other's juror selection. The ill-disguised laughter continued when the first of their party was empaneled. When the second member was seated and the panel was set with 10 jurors remaining, the joking stopped.

It was back to testing the sleep article, only to be awakened by a 90-minute lunch call. It turned out one needs the time at the second floor food court to order, find a seat and eat. A Nathan's and Taco Bell are planned but there's not enough cooking staff or tables now.

While eating cold French fries and a salty Caesar's salad, I saw one of the three laughing ladies at a window table. She ate slowly with a serious look on her face.

The day half done, I went back to the magazine and a third attempt at sound sleeping. I was again awakened at the threshold — but to news that we were dismissed and would not be recalled.

"I think that the bigger jury pool has something to do with our getting let out early," said a lady named Bertha from East Orange as we left the court house. "They have more people to pick from and can then cycle us through sooner."

"We obtain data from lists provided

by the state treasury, DMV and board of election records," Weiss said. "That gives us a greater cross-section of peers and cuts an unpicked juror's time from a week to two days."

Weiss said the computer sends summonses and picks jurors for the empanelment pool at random. The process eliminates the pool being subdivided by judges and is hands-on only when correcting database errors.

"I'd like to cut a juror's time from two days to one, like in most other counties," Weiss said. "Part of the problem is that Essex County has one-seventh of the state's judges and one-sixth of the cases. Still, if you've served, you won't be recalled for three years; write back to us if you get a summons in the meantime."

Weiss points out some earlier changes, like the parking lot and ticket validator. But there are some lasting problems.

"The overwhelming majority of the letters I get from former jurors say they found the process at least painless," Weiss said. "When I do get a rare complaint, I try to straighten it out right away."

But some things never seem to change. Greeting me in my mailbox when I got home was a perfectly spelled jury duty summons.

—Michael Gartner
news executive
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To the Editor:
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Heidi and Larry Goldfarb
Springfield

Residents need to speak out

To the Editor:
I would like residents to be aware of an issue facing our town which requires a strong unified community response. Last year Stop & Shop tried to turn an area of our quiet residential community into a high traffic, high density shopping market. The Colonial Association and other residents, including myself, joined as a team to fight this large corporation.

Now, another large conglomerate wants to do what Stop & Shop couldn't. CVS is planning to open a superstore on Mountain Avenue near Oakland Avenue. This store is the mother of all stores, expecting 700 potential shoppers daily, selling everything from medications to milk and newspapers. The plan is to have tractor trailers deliver through a residential street and potentially have the right to remain open all hours to the day and night.

A main ingredient why people move to this town is the small shops and businesses where everyone knows one another and real personal service exists.

CVS will effectively ruin the Springfield Pharmacy, the new ice cream parlor and other businesses. Residents will have to put up with increased traffic flow at such a high level that children walking to and from school may be in danger. No traffic studies have ever been done on this issue. Local residents will have CVS shoppers parking in front of their homes. Tractor trailers making deliveries will be coming and going all night.

We must let the Board of Adjustment know that all of Springfield does not want CVS on Mountain Avenue. There are other building sites on Morris Avenue more appropriate for such a store and if placed there, will help revitalize the downtown area. Please sign a petition found in stores on Mountain Avenue or one being circulated to your home. Send these to the Board of Adjustment and the Township Committee. Attend the Board of Adjustment hearing on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and let your voice be heard.

Mayor Roy Hirschfeld
Springfield

'Pothole farm' is doing well

To the Editor:
From the Jan. 30 article with the headline "New speed limit to hit Deer Path," you stated, "there are several new homes that are being built along that road." Where? On what part of Deer Path? I don't see any construction anywhere. But all this is unnecessary — you can't do 45 m.p.h. on Deer Path thanks to the pothole farm being cultivated by the Department of Public Works.

Frank D. Marchese
Mountainside

Springfield marketing firm expands to Paris

Euro Marketing Associates of Paris, announced its entrance into North America by appointing Faber Associates International Marketing to be its representative in the United States and Canada.

Global Reach is a service of EMA which provides a network of country specific Web promotion experts, knowledgeable not only in local languages, but in local cultures and sales

practices. "English speaking companies must promote their websites in the manner that specific countries search for them," said Bill Dunlap, founder of EMA and the Global Reach Program.

Faber Associates, the Springfield-based international marketing company, has operated in the international arena for 17 years. "At last someone has understood the need to localize

promotion and combine the soundest marketing elements in one package," said Joan Faber, president of Faber Associates. "U.S. and Canadian firms must learn to approach companies in foreign markets not only in their languages, but according to the cultural dictates of that country. It is the only way to move from 'spot sales' to ongoing business."

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The Global Reach Program started with 11 European countries and has now added South America and Japan. The program is available through Faber Associates International Marketing and through a network of resellers being established.

STUDENT UPDATE

Farrington named to dean's list

Colby College in Waterville, Me., has announced that J. Reid Farrington of Mountainside was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 1996-97 academic year.

To be named to the dean's list, first year students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.0, while sophomores, juniors, and seniors must earn at least a 3.2 GPA.

Colby is a college with 1,700 students and more than 150 faculty members. Founded in 1813, Colby is the 12th oldest independent liberal arts college in America.

Pingry students receive honors

Joyce Y. Hanrahan, principal of the Pingry School, Short Hills Campus, has announced the second quarter Honor Roll for the sixth grade. The following residents received honors:

Springfield
Nicholas DeAngelis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence DeAngelis.
Mountainside
Jason Kurz, son of Ms. Judith L. B. Kurz.

Gardella achieves honors in fall

Matthew Gardella of Mountainside has been named to Quinnipiac College's dean's honor list for the 1996 fall semester.

Quinnipiac, a coeducational and nonsectarian institution, offers more than 47 undergraduate and graduate level degree programs leading to careers in health sciences, business, liberal arts, education, communications, and law. The college currently enrolls more than 5,000 undergraduate, graduate and law students.

Oratory announces honor roll

The following Oratory students have been named to the Headmaster's Honor Roll for the First Semester of the 1996/97 school year.

Springfield
First Honors: Stephen Malcolm, grade 8.
Second Honors: Andrew Brodyn, grade 9.

Regional board seeks member

The Union County Regional Board of Education accepted Ned Sambur's letter of resignation at its Feb. 4 board meeting. With one of the board's two Springfield seats now vacant, the board seeks a replacement to serve until dissolution occurs on June 30. Applications from residents of Springfield will be sought.

Residents of Springfield who are at least 18 years of age and have resided in the township for one year or longer may apply to fill this vacancy. Those interested should submit a letter of application and a resume of background information to Peter J. Lanzi, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Union County High School District, c/o Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

To be considered, applications must be received by the board secretary no later than Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. Interviewing of applicants will be scheduled in late February. It is anticipated that the board will make an appointment at the March 4 meeting. Specific questions may be directed to Lanzi at (201) 376-6300, extension 268.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Weston named volunteer director

Janet A. Weston has been appointed director of Volunteer Services at Children's Specialized Hospital.

In her new position, Weston oversees more than 600 volunteers and serves as a liaison for the hospital's service organizations which include the Auxiliary, Twig, and Junior Twig groups. In addition she will recruit and provide hospital orientation training. Weston also performs community outreach and is responsible for the hospital's annual toy drive.

Weston has been employed at CSH for 16 years, first as a recreational therapist and for the past 10 years as associate director of Recreation Therapy. In her position as associate director, Weston worked with volunteers in providing recreational activities for the patients.

Weston is a graduate of the Therapeutic Recreation Management School of Maryville College, Tennessee. She is a member of the



Janet Weston
16-year veteran of CSH

Association of New Jersey Directors of Volunteer Services and the American Therapeutic Recreation Association.

Chang performs war requiem with choir

Christine Chang, daughter of Young and OK Chang of Springfield, recently performed the Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" with the Westminster Symphonic Choir and the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Kurt Masur.

Chang is a senior piano performance and pedagogy major at Westminster College of Rider University in Princeton. She is a 1993 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

The Westminster Symphonic Choir is composed of students at Westminster and is directed by Joseph Flummerfelt. In addition to this performance, the Westminster Symphonic Choir will perform Debussy's "Le Martyre de Saint Sebastien" with the New York Philharmonic conducted by Kurt Masur, which will be broadcast on public television's "Live from Lincoln Center" program April 3.

The Westminster Symphonic Choir has performed with internationally known conductors, including Bernstein, Muti, Mehta, Ormandy, Swalisch and Macal.

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Legislators will seek re-election

Senator C. Louis Bassano, and Assemblymen Kevin O'Toole and Joel Weingarten, R-Union, submitted letters to the Essex and Union Republican County Chairs declaring their intention to run for re-election, citing a wide range of legislative accomplishments that have positively impacted the people of the 21st Legislative District.

The letters discussed Bassano's, O'Toole's and Weingarten's success as a legislative team that authored portions of the "Work First New Jersey" welfare reform legislation, passed into law legislation designating \$11.5 million for Green Acres Projects in the district and fought for small business and middle class tax cuts.

"We have worked hard to fight for the ideas and values of the people of the 21st district while serving in Trenton. We have voted to cut taxes for small and growing businesses while joining the fight for property tax relief," said Bassano. O'Toole and Weingarten in the letter. "We ran for office and pledged that we would treat taxpayer's money as if it were our own. We kept that pledge by voting for legislation that created a property tax deduction on income taxes and reduced the corporate business tax for small businesses."

Bassano said, "Kevin, Joel and I have worked as an effective team to champion the interests of the 21st district in Trenton. It is vitally important that we keep this legislative team together so that we can continue our fight to crack down on criminals, cut taxes and reduce spending. I look forward to working with Kevin and Joel in the next Legislature."

Bassano, chairman of the Senate Human Services Committee, is finishing his fifth term in the legislature. As the chairman of this committee, Bassano has spearheaded the efforts to reform welfare and create the "Work First New Jersey" legislation.

Both O'Toole and Weingarten are finishing their first term in the New Jersey Legislature. While in the legislature, O'Toole has served on the Labor Committee and the Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee, where he has worked to cut red tape and make government agencies more business-friendly. Weingarten has served on the Housing Committee and the Financial Institutions Committees. Weingarten has focused on budgetary tax cuts, mandate relief for municipalities and strengthening penalties for criminals.

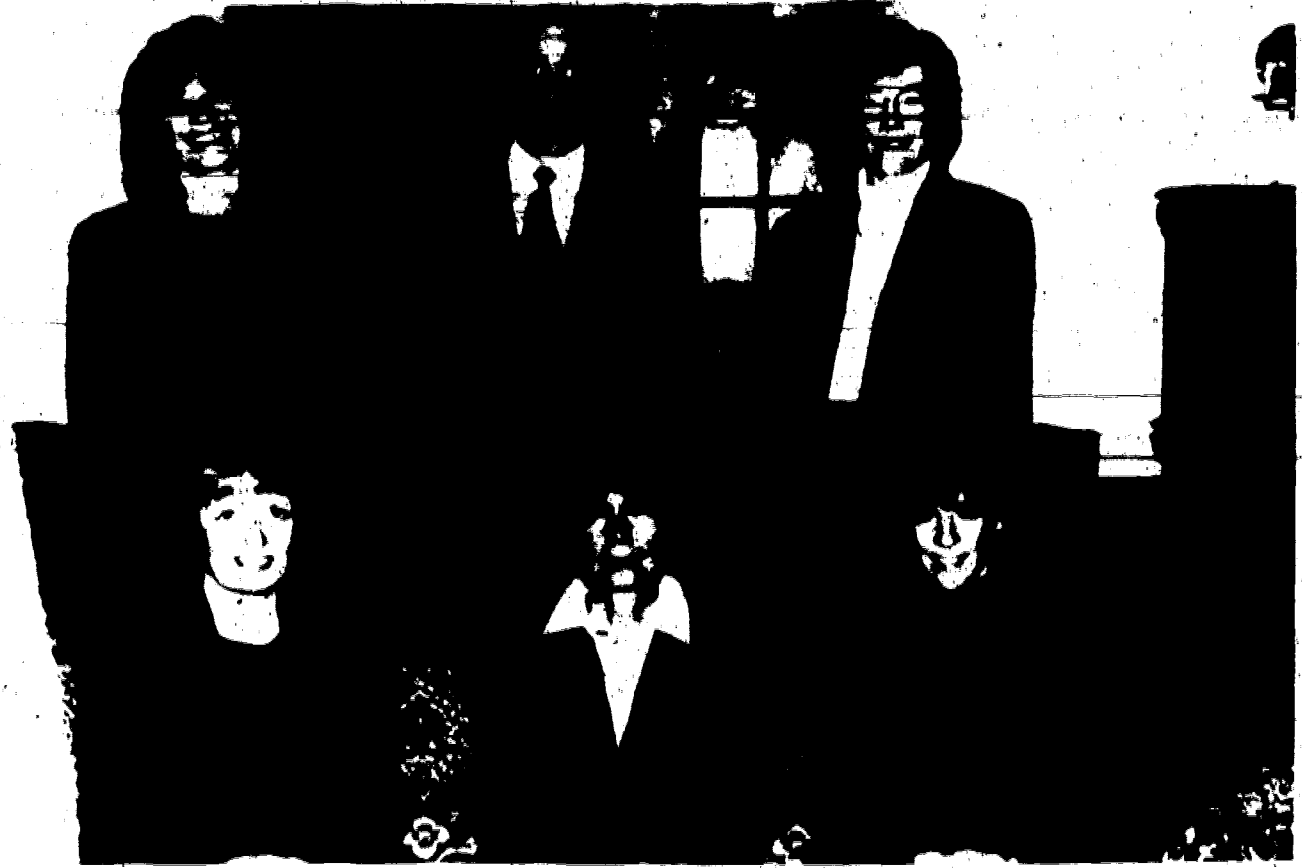
Upon receiving the letter, Union Republican Chairman Frank McDermott said, "Lou, Kevin, and Joel have

done an outstanding job representing the constituents of the 21st District. I am proud to endorse their candidacy for the Legislature again this election. I know that Lou, Kevin and Joel will maintain the same level of excellence, commitment and dedication that they have demonstrated over the last two years in their next term in office."

Mayor Walter Long of Summit, who was also notified of Bassano's, O'Toole's and Weingarten's intentions said, "Lou, Kevin and Joel are trusted friends of the community who have served us with distinction. I am confident that their re-election will ensure outstanding representation for the 21st District in the General Assembly."

Jeanne Parke, the Essex County chairwoman, echoed the sentiments of McDermott and Long by stating, "Senator Bassano, Assemblymen O'Toole and Weingarten are committed to working for their constituents' interest. They are honest and straightforward leaders who have earned another term in the legislature."

Bassano, O'Toole and Weingarten concluded the letter by saying, "We will continue our fight to hold government accountable to the people, cut taxes, and bring about positive change in both the 21 District and the State of New Jersey as we serve our next term in the New Jersey Legislature."



Among the area lawyers who donate one evening several times a year to the Resource Center for Women's Legal Consultation Program are seated: Kathryn Brock of Summit, Ann Crawshaw-Coquin and Laurie Rush-Masuret, and standing: Ivette Alvarez, Robert Dorking of Summit and Ann Sargent.

Child center receives training grant

An effort to enhance the quality and expand the availability of family day care programs for infants and toddlers in the Summit and Millburn areas is being funded by a coalition of local companies.

Ten area family day care providers who provide care for infants and toddlers and individuals interested in setting up a home-based program will receive free training and technical assistance as part of a national effort to enhance the quality of child care programs throughout the country.

The grant totaling \$44,820 will also provide mini-grants for providers to purchase toys and equipment and a resource lending program so providers can share toys and materials.

Summit Child Care Centers in Summit has been awarded the grant

by companies participating in the American Business Collaboration for Quality Dependent Care to recruit and train the local providers.

Locally, the companies funding the work of the collaboration are AT&T, Chubb & Son, Deloitte & Touche LLP, Exxon, Lucent Technologies and Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation.

Dr. Florence Nelson, acting executive director of SCCC, said the agency is seeking applications from both experienced home based child care providers and those "who love working with infants and toddlers and would like to start a program in their homes."

She said companies in the collaboration are investing in the project to meet the needs of their employees.

"Research shows the businesses which support their employees in balancing their work and family responsibilities get a strong payback in terms of commitment to the company," she said.

Nelson pointed out that while the providers who will receive the training will be located near where the employees from the collaboration companies live and work the programs themselves are open to anyone.

Employees from participating companies will receive priority enrollment and may nominate providers for the grants.

The training will include workshops on such issues as infant/toddler behavior and development, the components of creating a safe and stimulating environment for infants,

Center offers women legal aid

The Legal Consultation Program run by the Resource Center for Women in Summit is currently in its eighth year of service to the community. Local lawyers volunteer their time to provide private half-hour appointments in which they offer information and answer questions about such legal concerns as divorce, child custody, or job discrimination.

"The program was created in order to assist women in need of direction or counseling on legal matters," said Marie Jackson, the center's board member who coordinates the legal program. "The Resource Center fills a void for women who encounter uncertainties at crucial times in their lives."

Since the fall of 1988, over 900 women have taken advantage of this service of the Resource Center. About 85 percent of the consultations address issues regarding matrimonial law. Other common questions involve bankruptcy, sexual harassment, landlord/tenant and estate issues.

A consultation usually works in the

following way: A woman calls the office of the Resource Center for Women to request an appointment and is sent a brief questionnaire in order to determine the area of her concern. A half-hour consultation is then scheduled with a lawyer who has the appropriate expertise. The lawyer receives this pre-screening data in order to prepare any relevant information. The Resource Center charges an administrative fee of \$15 for a legal consultation; this fee can be waived upon request.

"Most people who come to the center for a consultation are in the very early stages of determining what they need," said Robert Dorkin, a Summit lawyer who volunteers at the center. "I help them identify issues. What many people do not think is important indeed constitutes an issue in a legal matter."

The lawyers who volunteer their time help participants understand legal procedures. According to the attorneys, many people are fearful of being

lost in a complex legal system or of hiring an unscrupulous lawyer. For women who feel that the legal system is intimidating, the Legal Consultation Program offers a non-threatening and inexpensive way to determine what a particular matter might entail, and whether it is necessary to retain a lawyer or how one might proceed on one's own.

The program is designed to accommodate women of any background and means. Ivette Alvarez, a participating attorney and member of the Resource Center's Board of Directors, has conducted consultations in Spanish. Alvarez attested to the feedback she's personally received about the role the Resource Center has played in helping women refocus their lives after an emotionally tumultuous period.

In addition to a one-time consultation, the Resource Center can also provide referrals to local attorneys for women who wish to retain the services of a lawyer. For more information, call (908) 273-7253.

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INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR — The third grade at Summit's Lincoln School recently held an International Festival, highlighting costumes, food, and traditions from countries around the world. From left are Alexandra Vignola, Tamara Bondy, Cary Twill, Elizabeth Weisbrot, Jennifer Dang, Jessica Ludon, Alice Hodgkins, and Hillary Schlimbach.

Lenape Indian culture featured at museum

Lenape Indian Culture in New Jersey will be featured at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield on Feb. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. In early America, the Lenape Indians were local to New Jersey, Southern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. Since there is very little history about New Jersey Indians, information about the Lenape Indians has been obtained from archaeological digs. Sherry Lane and Janet Murphy will explain various aspects of the everyday life of the Lenape Indians such as folklore, village structure, types of dwellings, the division of labor between males and females, games children played, and herbal medicines. Tours of the restored farmhouse will be available throughout the afternoon by costumed docents. The last tour begins at 3:30 p.m. Visitors can step back into time with a tour of the 18th century farmhouse. The Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum. It has been certified as an historic site and has been entered on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The gift shop is filled with colonial reproductions, hand crafts, educational items and cookbooks just to name a few. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students six years of age and older. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the museum, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn a variety of new skills and meet people. No experience is necessary.

World Day of Prayer set

World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, is celebrated throughout the world on the first Friday of March. The Summit unit of Church Women United will hold two celebrations — one on March 7 at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Baptist Church on Morris Avenue in Summit. Written annually by Christian women from one of the 170 participating countries, the 1997 World Day of Prayer was prepared by South Korean women on the theme, "Like a Seed Which Grows into a Tree." World Day of Prayer was established in Korea in 1922. Christians in Korea comprise approximately 25 percent of the population. World Day of Prayer is an international event that unites Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in countries and regions of the world in "informed prayer and prayerful action" — the motto of World Day of Prayer.

Members of the Summit unit will take part in the service. Music will be under the direction of Capitola Dickerson and the choir will be composed of members of the various churches in Summit. Members of Pilgrim Baptist Church will be hostesses of the fellowship hour which will follow the services. No reservations are necessary and the public is invited to attend.

Food mood link explored

The relationship between nutrition and emotional well-being will be the focus of "The Food Mood Link: Nourishment for that Good Feeling," a one-evening workshop to be held at the Resource Center for Women in Summit on March 6, from 7-9 p.m. The registration deadline is Feb. 28. This workshop will help participants understand and implement ways of eating that provide sustained energy throughout the day, alleviate depression and anxiety and support coping and resilience in times of stress. The group will look at the role nourishment plays in how one feels and will share ways to make judicious use of the most powerful source of healing — food. The discussion will be facilitated by Margaret Rosan, MSW, LCSW, an experienced group leader and therapist whose work focuses on integrating body/mind approach to living well. The fee for the evening is \$15. \$12 for center members, and all women are welcome. Program scholarships are available on request. Those interested in attending are asked to register by calling the center's office at (908) 273-7253. The Resource Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization offering programs and services to all area women and is located in Calvary Episcopal Church at the corner of Woodland and DeForest Avenues in Summit.

Overlook offers CPR course

Overlook Hospital and the American Heart Association are joining to help area residents learn how to save lives with the Second Annual Citizen CPR '97. Citizen CPR '97 is a special CPR training event being held by the American Heart Association Feb. 21 and 23. Courses are three hours long and will cost \$5 per person. There is no testing during the training and all participants will receive AHA CPR cards. "Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation is one of the most important skills that a person can learn," said Judy Healy of the Overlook CPR Training Office. "Every day, hundreds of cardiac victims across the country are kept alive by friends, neighbors, or even strangers, who have learned CPR." The courses are designed to teach the general public the basic lifesaving skills of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation — a technique involving mouth-to-breathing and external chest compressions. When used properly, CPR can increase the survival chances of a heart attack victim. Classes will be held at Overlook on Feb. 21 from 7-10 p.m., Feb. 22 from 9 a.m.-noon and Feb. 23 from noon-3 p.m. To register for classes, call the Overlook CPR Office at (908) 522-2365.

Lifeguard training offered

A Lifeguard Training course, sponsored by the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, is to be held at the Berkeley Swim School and the Summit Chapter House, starting Feb. 22, and continuing through March 16. Candidates are to report to the pool at 2 p.m. on Feb. 22, ready for the swimming skills testing. Additional times may be scheduled because of weather conditions. All of the water sessions will be held at the pool which is located at 649-Rear Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. Registration forms are available at both the Berkeley Swim School, which can be contacted at (908) 464-1995, and at the Summit Area Chapter, which can be reached at (908) 273-2076, and is located at 695 Springfield Ave., Summit. Class size is limited. The deadline for returning registration form and course fee of \$165 is Feb. 17. Prerequisites for certification are: minimum age of 15 by last scheduled class date, March 16th; and successful completion of swimming skills testing. For information, call (908) 273-2076 or (908) 273-0647.

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mal 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.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 273-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi. Janet Roth Kruppick, Cantor. Janice Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearby 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekly services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM; and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program, including a morning and afternoon Nursery School, Wee Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and Enrichment program for kindergarten-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 273-8130.

JEWISH -- ORTHODOX

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JEWISH - REFORM

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HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAY-TON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. We offer an 11:00 a.m. English Worship Service, with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Choirs, Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Aldora circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m., Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly #60 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), Hillside and Colonia Roads, Elizabeth, (908) 352-5487. John Warther, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study are at 9:00 A.M. Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month. Hymn sing on the 4th Sunday. Call Church Office for more information or Free Packet.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cooperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:50 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue Vauxhall, 908-1282. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m., Church Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gladwin A. Fuhrer-Pastor.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park. Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor. Phone: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in our barrier-free Sanctuary. (Church school for infants through high school at 11:00 a.m.) Coffee & Fellowship Time at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Rev. Linda Del Sardo, Pastor. Church office 276-1956, Parsonage 276-2322. Worship Service 10:00 A.M., Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Nursery available during Worship. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all-ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Christian Education Forum at 9:15 AM, and for worship at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthen in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. Know that all people are welcome here! If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markay at 201-376-1695.

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship, 10:30 a.m., Nursery provided. First Sunday every month Fellowship Hour after Worship. Prayer Group every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and first Thursday 1:30 p.m. monthly. New Jersey Chrysanthe-

mum Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Jul., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL, Corner, Lexington, Tucson, and Burnett Ave. (201) 761-6430. Sunday services: Worship and Communion, 9:00 A.M.; Coffee and fellowship 10:05 A.M.; Adult Bible Classes, 10:25 A.M.; Sunday School, 10:30 A.M. Family Bible Ministry Hour, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study, Lower meeting room. Special week-day programs for children and youth; call on Sundays, AM, and Tuesdays after 7:45 PM.

PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH established 1730, Stuyvesant Avenue and Route 22, Union. Sunday Church School for all ages; Current Issues Forum at 9:30 A.M., Sunday Worship Services at 10:45 A.M. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir. Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. Presbyterian Women's Circles meet Monthly. Bible study group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The Living Room - a Support Group for those coping with aged parents - meets 4th Thursday of the month. Quiet Place - a young women's support group - meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. September Song - a support group for "seasoned citizens" meets the 1st Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting provided. Everyone welcome. Weekday Nursery School for 2 1/2, 3, and 4 yr. olds available, 964-8544. For additional information, please call Church Office at 688-3164. **Scouting Church Community for 966 years.** Rev. R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor, 688-3164.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Morris Ave. and Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personnel growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities and fellowship. Sundays-Church School - 9:00 a.m., Worship - 10:15 a.m.-Communion first Sunday of each month; Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Charles L. Hale, Jr., Interim Pastor.

TOWNELEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Salem Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union, Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Towneley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 686-1028. Dr. Brahm Luckhoff, Minister.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 201-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, 767 Prospect Street, Maplewood (1 blk. S. of Springfield Ave.), 201-761-5933. Rev. Tom Wisniewski, Pastor. Rita Boin, Pastoral Council Chair. We invite you to join our growing faith community for worship, service opportunities, and spiritual support. Masses celebrated in our beautiful Church on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and noon; and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Children's word service at 9 a.m. Choir at 10:30 a.m. Weekly bulletin lists weekday and special schedules and activities. Please talk to a member of the parish or pastoral staff to learn about our parish school, Sunday religious education classes, youth group, and varied adult ministries.

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 272-4444. Rev. Joseph S. Begrowicz, Pastor. Sunday Masses: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 am - 12 Noon. Weekday Masses 7:00 - 9:00 am. Miraculous Medal Novena following 7:30 pm Mass. ST. JUDE PERPETUAL NOVENA - Weekdays, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His powerful intercessions.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJIAA), the New Jersey Football Coaches Association (NJFCA) and the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) have joined forces with the "Nike Coach of the Year Clinics" to sponsor the First New Jersey Nike Football Coaches Clinic.

Featured on the clinic staff are: Steve Spurrier of Florida, Terry Bowden of Auburn, Butch Davis of Miami and R.C. Slocum of Texas A&M.

This outstanding clinic will be held tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus.

Times include tomorrow from 2:30-11 p.m., Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration information can be obtained by calling Ernie Finizio at the NJIAA at 609-259-2776 or Gary Mioli at Park Ridge High School at 201-573-6000, ext. 117.

Outstanding collegiate coaches on the clinic staff include Dick Anderson of Penn State, Al Bagnoli of Pennsylvania, George DeLeone of Syracuse, Ron Dickerson of Temple, Pat Flaherty of Wake Forest, Eric Hamilton of Trenton State, K.C. Keeler of Rowan, Rod Sharpless of Rutgers and Joe Susan of Princeton.

Also on the clinic staff is Jerry Palmieri, strength and conditioning coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League.

Outstanding high school coaches serving as clinicians include Bob Taylor of Johnson Regional, Fred Stengel of Bergen Catholic, Pierce Frauenheim of Immaculata, Jim Horner of Haddonfield and Ed Agresta, speaker/trainer/coach from Wayne.

Attendees will be provided an opportunity to visit and Exhibit Area filled with items of interest to all football coaches. A Nike gift package will be included in the registration fee along with giveaways and social activities.

Special hotel rates have been established for this premier clinic. The Meadowlands Hilton can be contacted at 201-348-6900 and ask for the special room rates for the New Jersey Nike Football Coaches Clinic.

There are a number of New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Coaches Clinics upcoming.

Here's a look at a few:

Football: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 14-16 at the Meadowlands Hilton in Secaucus. Registration begins on Friday, Feb. 14 at 3 a.m.

Tennis: Saturday, March 1 at the College of New Jersey from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Track/Field: Saturday, March 1 at the College of New Jersey from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Golf: Sunday, March 9 at NJIAA Headquarters in Robbinsville from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soccer: Saturday, April 12 at Toms River North High School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wrestling: Friday, May 9 at the College of New Jersey from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These clinics are designed to meet the needs of varsity coaches, assistant coaches, recreational coaches and ASA coaches.

The fees include clinic packets, all sessions and lunch.

Call Ernie Finizio at 609-259-2776.

Competing against the best



Photo by Ted Matthews

Dayton Regional High School senior wrestler Vince DeCicco and his teammates will be participating in this weekend's 22nd annual Union County Tournament, scheduled for tomorrow night and Saturday at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth. DeCicco, who won here by pin over Roselle Park's Albert Munoz, earned another pin when he stopped J.R. Henderson of New Providence last week in just 32 seconds, the match taking place at New Providence Feb. 5.

Mountainside residents spark GL squad to successive wins

Legiec scores 21 in all three victories

If Mountainside resident Michelle Legiec had a lucky number last week it would have to be 21.

The Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball standout scored 21 points in three consecutive Highlander Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division victories.

First came a 21-point effort in GL's 57-22 triumph over Johnson Regional Feb. 4 in Clark.

Next came a game-high 21 points in GL's 47-45 overtime win over Immaculata Thursday in Somerville.

Finally, Legiec took her magic number with her to Roselle where she poured in another 21 points in leading GL to a decisive 56-28 win Friday over the Rams.

Sparked by the play of Mountainside residents Legiec, Lauren Kobel, Alison Kobel and Jesse Orenczak, GL improved to 6-9 overall with the three conference road victories.

Legiec, a senior, scored 21 points for the first time this

season against Johnson, repeating the feat in the next two games.

Lauren Kobel, a sophomore, was second in scoring for the Highlanders with 11 points in the win against Immaculata.

Kobel scored nine points and Orenczak two in the victory over Johnson.

H.S. Girls' Basketball

Alison Kobel scored four points and Lauren Kobel six in the triumph over Roselle.

GL will be participating in an upcoming Union County Tournament first-round contest as the seeding meeting was scheduled to take place this week.

The UCT title games will take place Saturday, March 1 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth, the girls' tilt first at 1 p.m. followed by the boys' contest at 3.

Dayton grapplers in UCT this weekend

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Dayton Regional High School grapplers will get a chance to compete against the best in the county this weekend as The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, serving Union County student-athletes for more than 50 years, is sponsoring the 22nd annual Union County Wrestling Tournament.

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

High School Wrestling

Dayton, which lost a close 42-37 match at once-beaten New Providence last week, is sparked by the likes of Joe Miceli at 130, Rick Miceli at 140, Jon Zika at 152, Mark Dempsey at 160, Vince DeCicco at 171, Joe Rizzo at 215 and Scott Reino at heavyweight, all winners in the match against New Providence.

Both Miceli's, Dempsey, DeCicco and Rizzo won by pin — Dempsey pinning Don Alvarez in just 30 seconds and DeCicco pinning J.R. Henderson in 32 seconds.

The seeding meeting will take place tonight at Dunn. The favorites include Roselle Park, Rahway and Elizabeth — the three best teams in Union County this year and the top three finishers in last year's tournament.

Rahway has won the championship the past two years and Roselle Park last won in 1993. Roselle Park was second last year and Elizabeth third. Dayton finished 11th.

The schedule of rounds is as follows:

Friday

5 p.m. — Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary

7:30 p.m. — Quarterfinals

9 p.m. Consolation Preliminary

Saturday

10 a.m. — Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals

11:30 a.m. — Consolation Semifinals

2 p.m. — Consolation Finals (3rd, 5th, 7th places)

3:30 p.m. — Awards Presentation

3:45 p.m. — Finals

Participating teams include (in alphabetical order): Cranford, Dayton Regional, Elizabeth, Governor Livingston, Johnson Regional, Linden, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Catholic, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Union, Wardlaw-Hartridge and Westfield.

All 14 weight classes went up two pounds as of Feb. 1, thus the slots will look like this: 105, 114, 121, 127, 132, 137, 142, 147, 154, 162, 173, 191, 217, 277.

Dayton basketball qualifies for states

Teams earn Group 2 berths

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

As many as 11 high school boys' basketball teams and seven girls' squads qualified for state tournament action among schools that participate within the Worrall Community Newspapers' readership area.

Both Dayton Regional hoop teams qualified. The Dayton boys' had a four-game winning streak snapped by Roselle Park 57-43 in Springfield last Friday. Chris Loeffler scored 18 and Ryan Nelson 10. Loeffler had 20, Chris Salvato 15 and Nelson 12 in the team's 50-40 win at Oratory Prep Feb. 4.

Dayton began the week at 14-4 and was 10-2 and in second place in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

The Dayton girls' team dropped games to Oak Knoll and Roselle Park last week to begin this week at 10-7 and 9-5 in the Valley Division.

Dawn Woodruff scored 14 in a 55-26 setback at home to Oak Knoll Feb. 4. Melynda Egenberg and Woodruff scored nine in the team's 43-32 loss at Roselle Park Friday.

BOYS'

Here's a look at which boys' teams qualified, what sections they qualified in and their records as of Monday, two days after last Saturday's cutoff date:

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4: Elizabeth (17-0), Union (17-1), Linden (10-7).

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3: Rahway (13-4).

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2: Roselle (17-0), Dayton Regional (14-4), Summit (7-7).

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1: Roselle Park (15-2).

North Jersey, Parochial A: Roselle Catholic (14-3).

North Jersey, Parochial B: St. Patrick's (16-2), St. Mary's (9-9).

Roselle last won the sectional title in 1989, but last year reached the title game against Mendham, which was the second consecutive Morris County team to win the championship, Boonton winning the year before. Hillside won the crown five consecutive seasons from 1990-1994.

GIRLS'

Here's a look at which girls' teams qualified, what sections they qualified in and their records as of Monday, two days after last Saturday's cutoff date:

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4: Elizabeth (14-2), Union (10-8), Linden (7-7).

North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2: Hillside (17-1), Dayton Regional (10-7), North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1: Roselle Park (10-7).

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OBITUARIES

Benjamin Margolis

Benjamin Margolis, 80, of Springfield, executive director of the Jewish Educators Assembly in New York City and an educator and religious community leader in New Jersey, died Feb. 6 in his home.

Born in Lumdzia, Poland, Mr. Margolis lived in New York City, Baltimore, Brooklyn and Warren Township before moving to Springfield. He served as the executive director of the Jewish Educators Assembly in New York City from 1985 to 1991. Previously, Mr. Margolis had been the education director at Temple Beth Ahm from 1967 to 1985. He was the principal of the religious school of Temple Israel, Scotch Plains, from 1981 to 1985 and the school at Temple Neve Shalom of Metuchen from 1960 to 1967. Mr. Margolis also had been a teacher at the Plainfield Hebrew Institute from 1942 to 1960 and an instructor at the Midrasa of Essex County for nine years.

He served on the National Board of Teachers Licenses of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Mr. Margolis organized the Regional Tri-County Council of Principals and Rabbis and was chairman of the Principal Council of Metropolitan New

Jersey. He was vice president of the Jewish Educators assembly, its membership chairman and served as convention chairman on several occasions.

Mr. Margolis was a member of the Commission of Jewish Education of the United Synagogues of America and the executive director of the Chalmers Organization of America, which trained young chazutim. He was educated in Poland at the Tarbut-Bet Midrash Morin and the Free University of Warsaw. Mr. Margolis was awarded a doctor of pedagogy from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He was honored by the Jewish National Fund of Union County, the Plainfield Hebrew Institute and Temple Beth Ahm of Springfield. Mr. Margolis was a founder of Temple Beth El in Plainfield and Temple Har Shalom in Warren.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; a daughter, Tova Shull Gershen; a son, Paul; two sisters, Anna Guthartz and Jean Wishner, and five grandchildren.

Frank Goldman

Frank Goldman, 91, of Springfield died Feb. 5 in the Inglemoor Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Russia, Mr. Goldman lived

in Newark, Hallandale, Fla., and Las Vegas, Nev., before moving to Springfield seven years ago. He was employed by the New Leaf Market, Newark, as a clerk for 20 years. Previously, Mr. Goldman had worked for Cooperative Cleaning, Irvington, as a spotter for 30 years and retired 26 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Joel; two daughters, Ann Kaufman and Linda Drucks; a brother, Louis; a sister, Ann Crumb; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Carole Littenberg

Carole Littenberg, 57, of Warren, formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 4 in her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Littenberg lived in Bradley Beach and in Springfield before moving to Warren eight years ago. She was a 1961 graduate of Monmouth College, West Long Branch. Mrs. Littenberg was a member of the Jewish Federation of Central Jersey, the American Contract Bridge League, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Hemlock Society and the Temple Sha'arey Shalom Sisterhood, Springfield. She also was an ex-president and officer of the Women's Association of the Shackamoon Golf and Country Club, Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; two sons, Stephen and David; her mother, Sylvia Shertzer; a sister, Lois Surry; a brother, Sidney Shertzer, and a grandchild.

Jean Fiore

Jean Fiore, 76, of Mountaintop died Feb. 7 in the Morris Hills Nursing Home, Morristown.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Fiore lived in Irvington before moving to Mountaintop 30 years ago. She was an executive secretary at Morristown Memorial Hospital for 11 years and retired four years ago. Mrs. Fiore was

president of the board of deaconesses of the First Congregational Christian United Church, Irvington.

Surviving are her husband, Leonard; a daughter, Ellen Feinberg; two sons, Steven and Peter Mueller; a brother, Fulton Mason; a sister, Harriet Schlader; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donato Petrilli

Donato Petrilli, 74, of Springfield died Feb. 9 in his home.

Born in Italy, Mr. Petrilli lived in Orange before moving to Springfield 30 years ago. He was the owner of Donato Petrilli Landscaping Co., Springfield, for 34 years and retired in 1995. Mr. Petrilli was a member of Casa Colombo, Millburn.

Surviving are his wife, Assunta; two sons, Michael and Anthony; a daughter, Grace DiMuro; three brothers, Salvatore, Giuseppe and Guido; a sister, Rosina Palumbo, and six grandchildren.

William Dabrowski

William T. Dabrowski, 77, of Mountaintop died Feb. 10 in his home.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Dabrowski lived in Mountaintop since 1948. He was president of the Diamond Auto Electric Service, Newark, where he worked for 50 years. Mr. Dabrowski served in the Army during World War II in the European Theater. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountaintop.

Surviving are his wife, Margie; two sons, Peter and Jim; a daughter, Sue; a sister, Adele Kuryzna and three grandchildren.

False application nets arrest

Springfield

Springfield police arrested a man at the State Division of Motor Vehicles office Thursday morning. DMV personnel called the department when they determined that a customer was using false information on a driver's license application. The suspect, identified as Jorge F. Puerto-Acosta, 36, of Elizabeth, was charged with obtaining a license by fraud. He was released on his own recognizance and is to reappear for a municipal court hearing March 3.

Two parking lot incidents involving backing up highlighted the township police blotter. The first incident occurred on the Bally's/Jack LaLanne lot Friday when a GMC vending supply van reversed into a stationary Pontiac two-door sedan at about 1:15 p.m. The next one occurred between a revolving United States Postal Service Grumman vehicle and a Volvo parked in front of Apex Cleaners at the General Greene Shopping Center Monday. In both cases, all vehicles were drivable, no one was hurt and no summonses were issued.

Police were called on behalf of the Bally's/LaLanne at about 12:15 p.m. Sunday regarding an individual who was allegedly possessing stolen property on premises. The suspect, identified as Jose Christian Campos, 30, of Elizabeth, was arrested by Patrolman William Wisley and charged with receiving stolen property.

A two-car accident at the intersection of So. Springfield and

POLICE BLOTTER

Hillside avenues Friday resulted in an injury. A northbound black Ford had signalled a left turn and was proceeding onto westbound Hillside Avenue when a northbound red Ford entered the intersection and struck the first car at about 4:30 p.m. One of the three passengers of the first Ford said the second car had passed another vehicle via the right hand lane at a high rate of speed.

The driver of the second Ford, who claimed he was in pain, said the first car had turned without signalling. Police cited the second driver and sent him to Overlook Hospital for a physical exam. The intersection has a 35 mph speed limit, conditions permitting.

A week doesn't seem to pass without at least one accident at a Route 22 u-turn. The latest occurrence involved an Audi driver who was going from Route 22 East and was using the u-turn to merge west at about 4:30 p.m. Monday. The driver of a gold Toyota behind him thought the Audi had merged, however, and accelerated into the first car's rear end. Both cars were deemed drivable.

A second accident at So. Springfield and Hillside avenues in three days occurred when the southbound driver of a red Dodge ran into the back of a stopped blue Dodge at about 5:15 p.m. Monday. Both drivers on So. Springfield Avenue reported no injuries nor discernable damages to their Dodges.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENT

The following sections of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Springfield, are hereby amended or established, as appropriate, as follows:

(A) 401.6 Affordable Housing

A. AH-23.5 Zone Affordable Housing (B) 402.1 Amendment of Zoning Map The Zoning Map of the Township of Springfield shall be amended to reflect that the AH-23.5 Zone is established on the following property located on Lots 26 to 31 on the Tax Map of the Township of Springfield.

(C) 502.7 Affordable Housing (AH) Zoning District

A. Purpose. It is the intent and purpose of the AH Zone to allow the construction to in part fulfill the obligation of Springfield to provide a realistic opportunity for construction of low and moderate income housing, as allowed by the January 24, 1997 Order of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

B. Compliance. All development within the AH Zone must comply with all general provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as the provisions of the Special Order, applicable requirements of the Council on Affordable Housing, and all provisions applicable hereto as more fully set forth in an Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance entitled "The Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Springfield" to Provide Regulations Concerning Low and Moderate Income Housing in the Township of Springfield, as introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield on February 25, 1997, including specifically, but not limited to, Section 1.1, Affordable Housing Standards.

C. Principal Use. The permitted principal uses in the AH-23.5 Zone is apartment buildings.

D. Accessory Uses. The permitted accessory uses shall be: any use of structure customarily incidental to the principal permitted use; private garages and carports; signs.

E. Development Criteria. 1. A minimum of twenty (20) percent of the total units provided shall be low and moderate income housing units, unless the low and moderate income units are rental units, in which case a minimum of fifteen (15) percent of the total units provided shall be low and moderate units, provided the Township rental obligation is identified in the Housing Plan of the Township of Springfield has not previously been met.

2. The density of housing in this zone shall not exceed 23.5 units per acre.

3. The maximum height of the principal building shall be 3 stories or 40 feet.

4. Minimum front yard setback shall be thirty (30) feet.

5. Minimum rear yard setback shall be fifty (50) feet.

6. Minimum side yard setback shall be thirty (30) feet.

7. Maximum Building Coverage shall be thirty (30) percent.

8. Maximum Lot Coverage shall be sixty (60) percent.

9. A buffer strip shall be required as described in Section 603.5 where the development abuts a residential zone or use.

10. Unless otherwise regulated in this Section, the provisions of Section 502.2 shall apply.

SECTION II - SEVERABILITY. In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION III - EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

1. Helen E. Keyworth, do hereby certify

PUBLIC NOTICE

that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, February 11, 1997, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on February 25, 1997 in the Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 P.M. at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH, Township Clerk

U3351 SLR Feb. 13, 1997 (\$48.00)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BIDDERS

TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountaintop for:

ONE 1996 AND/OR 1997 FULL SIZE POLICE VEHICLE

Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountaintop, New Jersey on February 24, 1997 at 10:00 AM, prevailing time.

Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountaintop, 1385 Route 22, Mountaintop, New Jersey 07092 and mailed or hand delivered at that place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address of bidder and

BID FOR ONE (1) 1996 and/or 1997 POLICE VEHICLE

Each proposal must be accompanied by certified check, cashier's check or cash equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00, and made payable to the Borough of Mountaintop as a Proposal Guaranty.

Sealed bids comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

The Borough of Mountaintop hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interests.

By order of the Mayor and Council, Judith E. Osty, Borough Clerk

U3372 MEC Feb. 13, 1997 (\$16.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of the Township Committee on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at 5:30 p.m., Planning Board Room, Municipal Building.

September 15, 1997

October 20, 1997

November 17, 1997

December 15, 1997

January 19, 1998


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.

Clara T. Harelik, Commissioner

U3367 SLR Feb. 13, 1997 (\$10.25)

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