Star soprano

Internationally known opera star Linda Heimall will perform next month in Union. See Page B3.



From the felons files

County prosecutors list the 10 felons most wanted by local and state authorities. See Page B1.

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Borough Highlights

Tee time

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross announced its 1997 Golf Tour, sponsored by GlenGate Apparel Inc., of Mountainside. Golfers who participate will play in four events during the course of the season.

The tour opens May 8 at Metedaconk National Golf Club. The tour costs \$1,000 which includes lunch and an award reception after the finale in September. There are 12 places left, Call (908) 232-7090 for further information or mail a deposit of \$250 to reserve a place to the American Red Cross, Westfield/ Mountainside Chapter 321 Elm St., Westfield, 07090-3103.

Democratic club

The first 1997 meeting of the Mountainside Democratic Club will be held at 7:30 p.m., Toesday, April 1 at the Children's Specialized Hospital on New Providence Road. There will be a discussion of issues facing the borough, and officers will be elected for the coming year. Refreshments will be served.

Interested residents are invited to attend. Enter through the rear and ask for the Democratic Club meeting in Auditorium A. For further information, call

Volunteers needed

Trailside Nature and Science Center is looking for volunteers to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. The project date is scheduled for April 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and participants will meet at the center

Road in Mountainside.

Bring lunch, a mug for a beverage, shovel, pick axe and gloves if possible. Call (908) 789-3670 to register.

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The Mountainside School District recognized the contributions of their volunteers during a reception prior to Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. Volunteer Marie Scofield, second from left, is congratulated by Board of Education candidate John Perrin, Board President Frank Geiger, and Deerfield School Principal Audrey Zavetz.

County police investigate possible hunt violations

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer

Acting on complaints from redents, the Union County Police is examining the Watchung Deer Management Program, which has just ended.

The concerns centered on claims that the hunters were operating outside of the guidelines set forth by the Union County Parks Division and the county freeholders. It is unclear at this point what action, if any, will be taken by the Union County Police.

According to Union County Police Chief Richard Mannix, there is an investigation underway. 'There were several citizens complaints, and we are investigating those citizens complaints. We are not investigating the parks department as a whole," said Manmix.

The complaints are being looked into on a case by case basis. "We are doing one investigation at a time. Certain citizens complained that certain hunters may have violated the ground rules of the hunt, and right now it is under investigation. But our investigation has only started several days ago. It will be a while because we have several citizens and hunters to interview in the course of the investi- freeholders delivered to our house, gation, but as of right now we haven't how can we have any faith in their

around the guidelines for the hunt, which were distributed to all of the them during the hunt." homes in the areas of the hunt, and the "I expect that I will be fact that residents said the hunters were not following the guidelines. Complaints range from hunting outside allowed hours, to hunting close to homes and roadways, and creating unsafe conditions for residents.

Patty Briden, a borough resident and opponent of the hunt, stated that the hunters were violating the prescribed guidelines, and were undermining her family's safety. "We got the guidelines in the mail and we took that as a contract with the county. We believed that if we followed those guidelines we could keep our kids safe and free from the sights and sounds of the deer kill. I tried hard to keep my kids from hearing gunshots and seeing pools of blood as I have for the past few years," said Briden. "Even though we had these guidelines, they were broken repeatedly by the hunters. If the people that are incharge of this deer kill can't even uphold the safety guidelines that the

Most of the complaints revolve hunters? The guidelines are very simple and they constantly break

> soon with regard to the hunt but I have not heard anything yet," said Dan Bernier of the Union County Parks Division. 'The investigators have not put the questions to me yet, so I can't comment on what exactly they are looking for."

> However Bernier does not feel that there were any violations of the guidelines and is not at all nervous about the investigation. "I know what the rules of the program are. We wrote the rules and we are familiar with the laws of the State of New Jersey regarding hunting and the use of firearms. I have no doubt that we operated within the confines of the law and the rules of the hunt. I am confident that the investigation will reveal the truth," said Bernier.

> At the last meeting of the Union County freeholders, citizens who oppose the hunt presented photographs that they said showed violations of the rules of the hunt.

School board votes for 1997-98 budget By Blaine Diliport

Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, the Board of Education held its budget hearing at the Decrfield School Media Center, where a crowd gathered to discuss the budget before the board voted on the final budget to send to the state for approval. However, items causing last minute confusion were Governor Whitman's new state education funding legislation and figures associated with the dissolution of the regional high school district.

At the opening of the meeting, board President Frank Geiger explained that as late as 3:30 p.m. that day, the state was still sending the district the final numbers for the budget, and that some of the numbers that were already in place and would have to be changed as the night's explanation of the budget progressed. Superintendent Leonard Baccaro then presented the budget before the board.

The total for the new kindergarten through grade 12 district was \$8,561,265. Out of that total number, \$7,774,877 is the amount of money that will have to be raised by the local tax levy.

The residents in attendance were quick to point out that the sum of last year's local school budget and regional school budget was only \$70,000 higher than this year's proposed budget, prompting questions over the worth of dissolving the regional district. Geiger explained that the regional district, in an effort to keep their tax burden down last year, used about \$5 million in surplus in their budget. He added that this translates to an additional \$741,000 of Mountainside's tax dollars spent, placing the actual savings from dissolution closer to

Also brought up by the residents was the send-receive contract that the district entered into with Berkeley Heights. Many stated that they expect the district will see a major increase in the amount of tuition that will have to be paid once the per pupil cost is converted to actual numbers. Also raised was the fact that Garwood negotiated a price of \$8,500 per pupil for 10 years with a 5 percent maximum increase after the first five years. Board members explained that they got the best deal that Berkeley Heights would give them, and in fact Berkeley Heights could have asked for the actual cost right up front instead of the \$12,500 figure that they did give. Geiger added his belief that when it comes time for Garwood to pay the actual cost, they will bankrupt their K-8 district, a problem that Mountainside will not face.

After public discussion, the budget was passed unanimously. Residents will on April 15.

Borough resident dies Summit car crash

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer

A borough resident was killed in a traffic accident in Summit Friday. Police said Robert Trumbower, 78, was involved in the accident on Hobart Avenue near Route 124 at about 3:05 p.m. Within the hour he was pronounced dead at Overlook Hospital.

Police responded to a call of a traffic accident on Hobart Avenue and found Trumbower slumped over in his vehicle. He was removed and CPR was performed. Trumbower was transported to Overlook by the Summit First Aid

The driver of the second vehicle. Robert Kobielka, 31, of Berkeley Heights. suffered minor injuries and was also transported to Overlook Hospital where he was treated and released.

"The accident was pretty much a head-on collision. What happened was Trumbower was heading south on Hobart Avenue and appeared to have some type of heart incident which caused him to cross the center line and strike the other vehicle which was headed north. We are assuming at this point that Trumbower had heart trouble right before the accident which was the underlying cause. There is one person that we are looking for that works at a local garage or car dealership who witnessed the accident and called for help. We would like to talk to him to get an idea of what he saw," said Lt. Robert D'Ambola of the Summit Police. Any witnesses to the accident are asked to contact D'Ambola at

curriculum Perrin stresses revamped

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer

John Standish Perrin is the newcomer of the four candidates vying for the Board of Education who will be looking forward to serving the community on the board if elected in April. Perrin has resided in Mountainside for 19 years. Since 1992, Perrin with his wife Elizabeth, has been raising three children in town - Tess a third-grader, Gwendolyn a firstgrader and a toddler Isabelle. Although probably the least known of the four candidates, Perrin has become very involved with the activities at Deerfield School as well as taking an active role at many Board of Education meetings.

Perrin studied architecture at Pasadena City College and the University of California at Berkeley where he earned his bachelor's degree in architecture with high honors. He is a licensed professional in several states and is a design principal with the Henderson Design Group in

Although some may have not met Perrin, they'd be familiar with the memorandums which he sent to residents as the parent representative from Mountainside for the Garden



John Standish Perrin Wants math overhaul

State Coalition of Schools. In the memoranda, he asked for community involvement in state-wide support of revisions to the governor's Comprehensive Educational Funding Plan.

As far as what Perrin would like to see the board concentrate on in the future, the math curriculum is important to him. "Since last May I have been an advocate for a mathematics curriculum that meets the diverse

needs of all of our students at Decrfield. I participated in a parental effort that researched math curricula in our surrounding communities that we offered the Board of Education as a means of comparison for what is going on around us. I have been requesting progress reports on the curriculum and seeking board goals since September of this school year," said Perrin.

Perrin is also concerned with the school's role in technology. "Technology is essential today. I support teacher encouragement and literacy. Over \$100,000 is budgeted for hardware and software for next year. I think an oversight group of the Technology Committee must be created to ensure that correct purchases are made, and although technology is terrific, reading a favorite book will never be replaced by a computer," said

Overall Perrin is willing to put in the time to make the board the best that it can be. "I can state to the voter that I know that being on the board is a demanding job, and I have been volunteering for quite some time in various areas and I would continue that volunteer work on the Board of Education," he said.

Soup's on



Borough resident Margarete Grimm shows how to make a variety of soups in a cooking demonstration held recently in the designer kitchen of a private home in Westfield to benefit the New Jersey State Opera Guild.

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Mountainside named tree city

Mountainside has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation, it is the third year Mountainaide has received this national

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day this year, it is especially appropriate to recognize the value of trees in our communities," John Rosenow, the National Arbor Day Foundation's president, said. "Trees beautify and lend value to our homes, neighborhoods, parks and business areas. At the same time, those trees conserve energy, help clean the air, protect rivers and streams and provide a home for wildlife.

"An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement - a program of tree planting and care that continues through the years," Rosenow said. "The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement."

AT THE LIBRARY

Springfield Library goes on-line

The Springfield Free Public Library has announced the implementation of a new library service from the comfort of one's own home. Patrons may now search the library catalog, place reserves and check their own library account without ever leaving home.

Access to the On-Line Public Access Catalog is available 22-hoursa-day, from 5 to 3 a.m. The OPAC lists all items except magazines and newspapers owned by the library: books, CDs, records, videos and books-on-tape.

A patron must have one of the new automated Springfield Library cards issued since the summer of 1995. The user should also have a Library Personal Indentification Number, or PIN, selected at the time of registration.

Potential users will need a personal computer, a modern and telecommunications software that will emulate a Digital VT terminal, preferably a VT420 if one wishes to participate in

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, doublespaced, 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.

all available options. If one only wants to search the data base, most communications software will work. Set the modern for eight data bits; no parity, one stop bit, a baud rate of 2400 or 9600.

Dial (201) 376-2257. When connected, press enter until the Welcome screen and menu appear. Follow the screen directions.

If a patron wishes to access an account, the patron will be asked for an account number — the barcode number on the back of the library card. Type it in leaving no spaces and press enter. The patron will then be asked for a PIN number. This is the four digit number that was previously added to one's library record. Type in the number and press enter. If a patron does not have a PIN, have a librarian add it to his or her account the next time one visits the library.

Patrons will use the same procedure to initiate a reserve. When finished with the session with the library data base, press return until one is back at the Welcome screen. Press X to exit from the OPAC to free the library's modem for other patrons.

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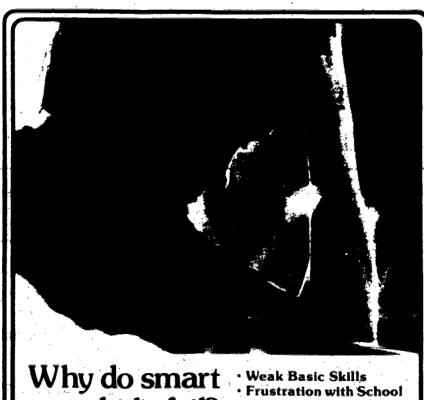
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Today

• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold its luncheon meeting today at noon at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Pollowing the regular meeting, Rabbi Alan Yuter, religious leader at Congregation Israel, will review "The Soloveitchik Memoirs." Yuter received his doctorate in Hebrew-Literature from New York University and is a teacher of Judaic Studies at Touro College in Brooklyn, NY.

Sunday

• Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will feature a planetarium show on the Hale-Bopp Comet at 2 p.m. The comet is a mega comet with a nucleus about 15 kilometers wide and a million kilometer long tail. Each family will receive a comet chart. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

Tuesday

• The Union County Regional High School District Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the instructional media center in Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, Westfield Avenue, Clark.

> Coming events April 6

• Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will hold a special planetarium show at 2 and 3:30 p.m. about animal constellations and real animals that have been in space abound orbiting space craft. Admission is \$3 per person. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

From 1 to 5 p.m., Trailside will feature Wildlife Sunday, with live animals, speakers, children's crafts, face painting, vendors and exhibits. There is a suggested donation of \$1.

April 7

• The Springfield Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m., followed by a conference meeting, in the Gaudineer School.

April 8

• The Mountainside Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center. • The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a

work session meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall. • The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

April 11

The Springfield Teachers will play the basketball coaches in a charity basketball game at 7 p.m. in the Gaudineer Gym. The game will raise money for a new score board for Gaudineer Gym. Tickets at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students will be sold at Gaudineer School. Teachers scheduled to play include Michael Malgieri. Glen Brown, Eric Demel, Becca Gutwith, Dave Rennie. Ken Bernate, Steve Digangi and Chris Judge. The coaches playing are Tom ."Whisky" Wisniewski, Robert Fusco, Tony Tomasino, Jen Mineri, Bob Florindi, Mike Grady, Ryan Huber, Andy Huber, Bob Sabol and Jason Mullman. April 14

• The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

April 15 • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

April 17 • The Mountainside Recreation Committee will meet

at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall. April 19

 The Sandmeier School PTA is sponsoring their first annual Spring Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. w Sandmeier School, 666 South Springfield Ave., Springfield. Vendors will offer a variety of crafts, books and accessories. The Union County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to fingerprint children. Other attractions include animals form the 4-H Club, the Fire Department, the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad, and McGruff, the crime dog. Food and beverages will be available. Admission is free.

April 22

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

• The Mountainside Board of Recreation will hold an organization meeting at 8 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow. The meeting will be held in the Deerfield School media center.

• The Springfield Lodge of B'nai B'rith will sponsor a bus trip to the Sands Hotel Casino in Atlantic City. The \$22 package includes refreshments and cash back. The bus will depart from the Echo Plaza Mall in Springfield at 10 a.m. Registration deadline is April 21. For more information, call (908) 687-9120 or (908)

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Union sees Clark as test for Springfield

By Sean Daily Staff Writer

The union for the regional high school teachers has taken its first step in replacing the local teachers' union in Clark.

The American Federation of Teachers, the regional teachers' union, recently handed out cards to Clark's K-8 teachers, 102 of which are represented for collective bargaining by the Clark Education Association, a local of the New Jersey Educational Association. The CEA also represents the non-certified staff in Clark's schools.

These cards were to ascertain whether the K-8 teachers wanted to join the AFT and make it the collective bargaining unit for Clark's teachers after the regional high school district dissolves on July 1. Clark will take over Arthur L. Johnson High School and 75 regional high school teachers at that time.

Mel Driban, national representative for the AFT, said on Monday that

"considerably more" than 30 percent of the teachers were interested in switching over from the CEA to the AFT

With at least 30 percent of the K-8 teachers answering in the affirmative, the AFT will now be asking the state Public Employee Relations Committee to schedule a vote among the

According to Driban, PERC will call a conference on the matter and then hold a secret ballot among the K-8 and Arthur L. Johnson School teachers. Driban pointed out that the regional teachers at the high school number "just about half" of the K-8 teachers in Clark.

"My only comment is that he has to go through the next step and he'll have to pursue the next step," said Barbara Pollackoff, CEA president and a teacher at Frank K. Hehnly School in Clark. "I'm surprised he got more than the minimum and he has to petition PERC and my only comment is that we'll with that."

independent chamber, they said,

would require a dedicated office staff

and a six-month chartering lead time

with the state. About 100 county

chamber members are residents of or

"I sent out 200 letters to businesses

and seeing you here is encouraging,"

said Hirschfeld, "In the past, you've

been ignored by the Township Com-

have businesses in Springfield.

was a no-raid agreement between AFT and NJEA, so I'm surprised that they would do this," she added.

This is a process that the AFT will attempt in at least three of the six school districts in the regional school system.

The AFT has said in the past that the six municipal school boards in the regional district — Clark, Kenilworth, Springfield, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights and Garwood — are creating a new system by absorbing the regional district's four high schools. The NJEA has locals representing the K-8 teachers in each of these districts.

A similar process has already begun in Berkely Heights. Driban said that the AFT will also try to become the teachers' bargaining unit in Springfield.

"Of the six municipal school systems of the regional district, we're doing Clark because it's the first out of the gate," said sate AFT Director of Field Services John Fallan.

mittee but we want to change that

with the current one. We've started

with a speed enforcement program

along Morris Avenue and we're per-

mitting sidewalk cafes on Mountain

Avenue. We hope to continue with a

possible street fair or expanded celeb-

chamber of commerce of some sort,'

"Springfield desperately needs a

ration on July 4."

Arthur Krupp, the president of the regional AFT local and a teacher at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, has said that the regional teachers feel that they have no representation in the municipal districts. He added that members of the NJEA locals in Clark and Berkeley Heights are dissatisfied with the representation that have gotten.

Driban pointed out that the regional high school teachers left the NJEA for the AFT

But Pollackoff responded by saying, "I would be surprised in that aspect because the CEA negotiated many successful contracts and I'm sure that in any organization there are NJEA and AFT members who are displeased at the leadership. I'm sure that I could find that in the AFT."

She added that the CEA is over 40 years old and is a "strong and unified union," as opposed to the AFT, which she said has been up and running for 15 years and has the lowest percentage of raises in the county.

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The breakfast meeting is set at the

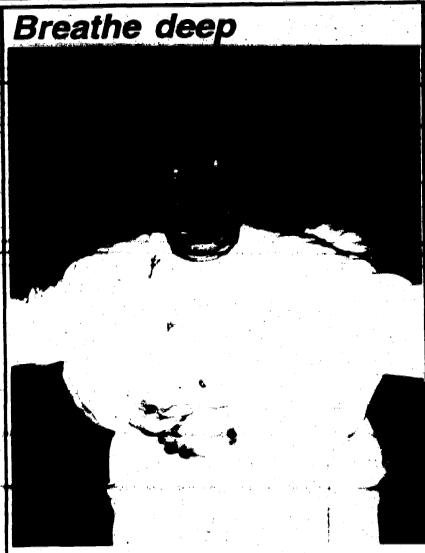
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go a lot, for the towns."



Springfield's Walton School teaching assistants Regina Burns and Sharon Corigliano learn proper hand placement for the Heimlich Maneuver, which is used in the event of a choking emergency. They participated in a Pediatric/Infant CPR Course sponsored by the Springfield Community Conference Group.

Merchants discuss forming chamber of commerce

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

About 25 Springfield businessmen explored forming a township chamber of commerce with Mayor Roy Hirschfeld at the Municipal Building Tuesday morning.

Hirschfeld and company listened to a presentation by the Union County Chamber of Commerce about forming a group under its wing. County chamber officials Susan Jacobson and Charles Bertsch stressed the advantages of the affiliation over an independent chamber.

"We've formed groups in Clark and Elizabeth and are talking with Kenilworth, Roselle Park and Hillside," said Jacobson. "By coming under our umbrella, members can have a regular meeting with the mayor to air common concerns at times when the merchants are unable to attend committee hearings."

"I've been with the Clark group since its formation about eight years ago and I've seen it grow to 35 members," said Bertsch. "Clark, like Springfield, has no downtown. Three merchants started the group over improved street lighting and now they have regular meetings with their may, or and chief of police."

Jacobson and Bertsch cited their monthly newsletter, an inter member discount plan and networking oppotunities among group advantages. An



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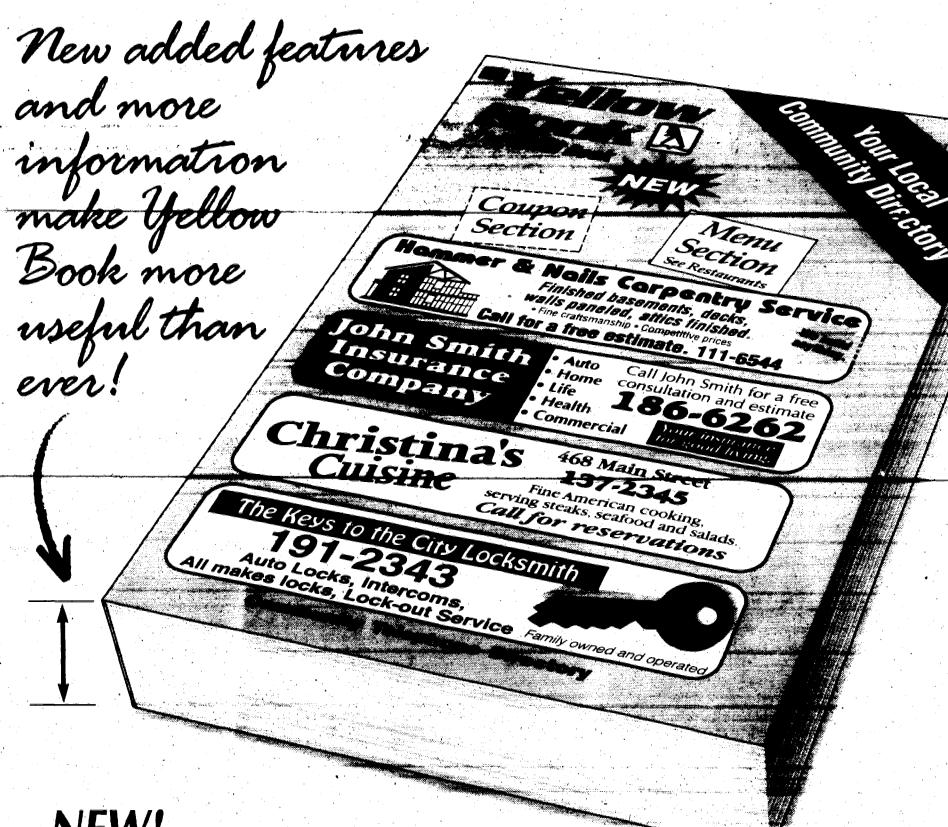
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Tremendous confusion

Mayor Robert Viglianti was prepared to introduce the 1997 municipal budget to the council during the March 18 meeting, but an unforeseen glitch has delayed the budget and caused the borough an unexpected headache.

Although the entire scenario is not completely clear at this point, apparently there is some question as to what the final numbers will be, based on a mystery surrounding the newly dissolved regional high school district.

The question might not only cause a change in the proceedings, but may require an increase in the budget that will cause a rise in taxes, which was not the case with the budget originally planned to be submitted.

According to Viglianti, there is "tremendous confusion with the auditors" in regard to this issue.

This is understandable. We are not entirely clear how a school-related item will impact a municipal budget. Neither does the mayor who stated, "Truthfully I don't know what the hell is going on. Common sense says our costs are the same, so why should I have to raise taxes?"

This is an excellent question, which we hope will be clearly answered as soon as possible.

The deregionalization process has not been a particularly smooth path for the entire district, although Mountainside and Berkeley Heights have not had to deal with the student body shuffle that many of the other communities have had to deal with. But with this confusion, the borough has hit a bump in the road.

The school budget was basically good news for the borough — an approximate savings of \$150 per household as a result of the deregionalization process and tuition rates to be paid to Berkeley Heights. However, the news was not music to the ears of most residents who voted for deregionalization under the assumption that the savings would be closer to the \$500 mark. In a way, it is a shortfall, but a savings is still a savings.

But this new change to the municipal budget — if it will indeed affect the budget — will surely raise the ire of those who were against deregionalization from the start.

We urge the mayor and the Borough Council to clear up this matter as soon as possible, and not allow this issue to cause taxes to rise as a result.

Political priorities

We're always fascinated when politicians tell the public what it is they consider important when spending the public's money. For the Democrat majority on the Board of Chosen Freeholders, taking care of their own is at the top of the list.

For more than a year, taxpayers in the county had to endure the Democrats' cries of injustice regarding the salary of the county clerk. They said the paltry \$77,000 a year was not enough and that it was unfair that other county officers made more money.

Usually, liberal politicians resort to class envy to divide their constituency. This case is bizarre because the politicians are using their senior employees in their game of divide and conquer.

Because they purport to be responsible managers of the county's money, we have to ask why is it all right to hand

Wasn't it only five months ago when the Democrats said funding for the county vocational school and assorted capital needs - like rock salt - would have to wait until the UCUA mess was sorted out?

We said at the time that such hyperbole, intended to scare the daylights out of county taxpayers, made for effective campaign rhetoric, but little else.

Last month, the six Democratic freeholders gave the county clerk an \$18,000 raise made retroactive to April of last year. Joanne Rajoppi, a very senior county Democrat, now makes almost \$95,000.

Those in favor of the raise say it is needed because the offices of the register and county clerk were merged, leaving Rajoppi doing both. The problem is Rajoppi knew what the salary for that new post was when she campaigned for it. There was no trick played on her; that's just the way it was.

Those in favor of the raise also say it is needed because the clerk should earn the same pay as the sheriff and the surrogate, who earn \$94,919.

We respect Rajoppi and the work she has done for the county, which is one of the reasons we endorsed her candidacy in 1995, but there is a difference in the type of work her office handles and the law enforcement and judicial work performed by the sheriff and surrogate.

Thanks to her "generous" friends, Rajoppi now earns almost \$25,000 a year above the average county clerk in New Jersey.

Only months ago, the county couldn't afford rock salt for the upcoming winter, but now can bestow lavish raises on those lucky enough to be in the ruling class' inner circle. Isn't that ironic?

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of the fool Land of the free can be home

I am always intrigued by those people who enjoy living on the edge.

Surfing in very high seas during a hurricane, swimming where there are known undertows, automobile racing, climbing dangerously high mountains and walking tightropes 200 feet in the air are activities that put your life on the line. In any of those "hobbies." one false step or misjudgment can end in tragedy. But there are many who are drawn to the danger.

Some years ago there were those daredevils who would go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Some came through unscathed while many others were swept out to sea. The practice is now illegal.

And there are those inexperienced skiers who insist on starting on the dangerous slopes and wind up breaking a leg or two - or worse. There are also the mountain climbers who have not been trained in the art of climbing mountains and fall either to their deaths or severly injure themselves. Automobile racing seems to me to be indulging in a death wish. Sometimes when I watch some of these high profile races, I think that one little error could be the last. At one time autombile racing was considered a form of

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

perfecting road safety because the cars involved tested new and innovative equipment and the drivers put their lives on the line to test the cars for consumers. In those days, cars could not go as fast as they do today. And drivers of years ago did not take the risks they do today. I am always amazed when I see a major accident on a racetrack and some of the drivers involved walk away unscathed.

The same holds true with surfers who ply their hobby in waves the height of skyscrapers and become angry when told by beach officials to knock it off. These bird-brains claim their rights are being violated if told to desist in their foolish game of who can get killed first. Rights have nothing to do with it. Common sense

And those who get involved in high wire acrobatics are genuine candi-

dates for instant death. A few years ago there was this daredevil called Evel Knievel who would do anything to get his photo in the newspapers by driving a car across a wide mountain crevice or trying to get his motorcycles to leap over a dozen or so barrels. Of course, these tricks bring the desired gasps from the audience, but actually these so-called stunts are a form of egoism.

Why do some want to circle the globe in a hot-air balloon, or want to climb Mount Everest, or swim the English Channel? Is it to get into the "Guinness Book of World Records" or do they think they are performing an activity to help society per se?

I have the feeling that it's an ego trip that says, "I'm braver than you."

All well and good. If these socalled dare-devils wish to risk life and limb on some irrelevent activity, let them. But if whatever they do constitutes a danger to others, they should be stopped.

An inexperienced skier runs the risk of crashing into another skier who is minding his own business. And there's the "hero" who climbs on a ledge of a 50-story skyscraper in a socalled suicide leap to talk the jerk off the ledge. In 99 percent of the cases, the so-called "victims" have no intention of doing themselves in and when they are safe, sit back and watch the incident on the 6 o'clock news. These people should be put away.

But it's the person or persons who go out and do stunts that bring them needed attention. Of course, you've all heard of the mountaineer who was asked why he wanted to climb Mount Everest and he answered, "because it's there." That's what I call sound reasoning.

In this world of ours, death — a car accident, a fall, a heart attack, a drowning, etc. — can come at a moment's notice and I can't understand why some would want to rush their deaths by indulging in serving the ego.

I would think that if one wanted to do something to obtain recognition, there are many ways: helping to feed the hungry and house the homeless, etc. But that's too tame for the "brave."

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dissolution savings were minimized

To the Editor:

On March 18, I had the privilege of addressing the residents of Mountainside during Candidates' Night sponsored by the League of Women Voters. There was an issue which was not covered which I wish to address here.

During the public meeting preceding the vote to determine deregionalization, equity in the regional system was a great concern: In fact, I believe it was one of the greatest determinants to the "yes" vote. At that time residents were told by the Board of Education to minimize their concerns for equity, because the savings that would be incurred with deregionalization would far outweigh Mountainside obtaining its fair share. A figure of approximately \$600 was determined to be the savings on each resident's property tax.

And so the vote was taken, and deregionalization of the district began. Several months ago, Garwood, the only other town to not have a high school building, contracted with Clark to send its students to Arthur L. Johnson High School at a per pupil cost of \$8,500, guaranteed for five years. Thereafter, for the next five years, a rise in tuition would be capped at 5 percent. Garwood then went on to file suit for equity, based on the fact that it paid millions of dollars into the regional system over the years, but would now be without a multi-million dollar high school. Garwood will now receive only a small amount of the remaining funds in the regional system. To everyone's surprise, Garwood was not successful in the courts, but is now in the process of appeal.

Mountainside, on the other hand, is at this time finalizing a contract with Berkeley Heights to educate our students at Governor Livingston High School at a per pupil cost of approximately \$12,500, guaranteed for two years. Not yet revealed are whether or not special education, busing, or other additional costs might be included in this figure. Neither has it been as yet stated what lies ahead for Mountainside in this contract after two years. Although the capital wealth of the regional district was estimated in a recent study to be approximately \$120 million, Mountainside sought to recoup none, except a small amount left in the now dwindling funds. No action has been taken on the part of Mountainside to join with Garwood in a legal fight to regain equity, a move which might have strengthened their case. Meanwhile, taxpayers will receive a mere \$150, not \$600, reduction on their property taxes.

The people spoke, but the Board of Education did not respond to the citizens' appeal for equity. L as Mountainside's representative to the Union County Regional High School Board of Education for the last six years, participated in votes on actions which led not only to the lowering of per pupil costs for Mountainside students, but also to a lowering of the school budget approximately 25 percent from \$39.6 million in 1992-93 to \$30.1 million in 1995-96. But most importantly, the high quality of education remained intact.

I am still willing to listen to the concerns of the Mountainside residents and their desire for quality education at a reasonable cost. The \$12,500 per pupil cost is guaranteed for only two years. What will happen then? I again will be looking, listening and ready to take action. Carmine Venes

Board of Education candidate Mountainside

Sony Theater is not affecting taxes

To the Editor:

No tax increase is better than a tax increase, but a tax reduction is the best. Do the budget requirements get returned every year with a 5 percent ordered reduction? Why only 5 percent?

Last year, the majority of my annual tax increase came from the borough. In a special mailing to each resident, we were told at that time that when projects like the Sony Theater came into the tax base, we could see a reduction. What happened to that concept? Besides parking lot problems, we do not hear about the theater's contribution to the town.

> Frank D. Marchese Mountainside

Bring the New Jersey home

To the Editor.

On this year's state income tax form, there is a voluntary check-off for the Battleship New Jersey. Funds collected will be applied directly to bring the ship to our state and open it as a museum. The USS New Jersey is our country's most decorated warship, boasting 16

battle stars and 13 ribbons. It served through World War II, the Vietnan War, the Korean War, and the Beirut crisis of 1983. As chairman of the Battleship Commission, I believe the USS New Jersey's

rich history will provide citizens young and old with an educational opportunity unlike anything else in the state.

Future plans for the ship include allowing youth groups to have overnight stays, to provide guided tours which will explain the various eras the ship served through, and to open the ship for weddings and fundraising events. I ask all New Jersey citizens to help bring the USS New Jersey back where

she belongs. Your contribution through this year's tax check-off will help provide the financial means to complete this project. If you want more information about the project or would prefer to mail a

donation, please contact Ellen Amato, director of the Battleship Foundation, at 1715 Highway 35, Suite 103, Middletown, NJ 07748, or call (908) 671-6488. Let's all work together to bring home the USS New Jersey.

Joe Azzolina Chairman, Battleship Commission Assemblyman, District 13

"The problem, if there is a problem in this country, is because we have a free press, people have no idea what it's like to live in a country that doesn't." -Art Buchwald

Columnist

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Whenever I think of our New Jersey cities, I think of the many courageous men and women determined to restore their neighborhoods to what they once were. I think of the people who live, work, and raise families there — people who deserve economic opportunity, good schools and safe streets.

I have seen how centralized government has disenfranchised neighborhoods and families by giving them no voice in how billions of dollars are spent on their behalf. That is why my administration has taken a different approach to rebuilding our cities. Our approach puts neighborhoods and people in charge of their own destiny.

Our approach unifies community residents, government and the private sector in partnerships to revitalize cities, create jobs, promote home ownership and improve schools.

At the beginning of my term, we established an Urban Coordinating Council to help people in cities develop and implement neighborhood revitalization plans. Along with the new Office of Neighborhood Empowerment in the Department of Community Affairs, the UCC is assisting residents in places like Elizabeth. As long as there are concerned people in our cities, we'll be there to work with them.

We've also started the Fund for Community Economic Development. Over the next five years, the fund will make \$30 million in state and private resources available for economic development in urban centers. The fund will be used by community economic development organizations for

From the Governor's Desk

By Gov. Christine Whitman

loans to micro-enterprises and small businesses that don't qualify for bank financing. It also will finance real estate development projects, like community centers.

Last year, we created the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority. The NJRA will focus exclusively on economic development in cities. The authority has \$9 million available for small business loans, and it can issue up to \$100 million in bonds for eligible projects.

In 1996, we expanded the state's award-winning Urban Enterprize Zone program, adding seven zones for a total of 27 statewide. In total, UEZs have generated more than 39,000 jobs and 30 billion in private investment:

Our Business Employment Incentive Program, which also began last year, provides grants to businesses expanding or relocating in New Jersey based on the amount of personal income tax their new employees are expected to pay the state. Businesses that create at least 25 new full-time jobs in urban areas are eligible to participate in this program. At the same time that we have expanded economic opportunity for urban citizens, we also have improved access to safe,

affordable housing for buyers and renters. My \$70 million housing program has helped thousands of families become homeowners or renters in good, affordable housing.

Every time we help another hardworking family realize the American dream in a city home, we add to our urban strength and the long-term prosperity of our state.

Through our Urban Home Ownership Program, we have provided \$425 million for new construction financing and, by the end of the year, will have created over 2,250 new homes. In addition, another 200 families will become homeowners because of our 'Too Good, But It's True' mortgage program, which provides no-money down, 5 percent interest mortgages for first-time homebuyers in 11 urban areas.

This program has enabled people like Frances Brookes, a single working mother who had been renting a small two bedroom apartment with her three children, to secure a mortgage payment that is less than what she used to pay for rent.

It's not enough, of course, to give families a safe place to live if their children don't go to school in an environment that encourages learning. So we're no longer going to measure education by how many dollars we spend; we're going to measure it by how much our children learn.

We've developed core-curriculum standards that are rigorous and demanding. We're going to test children periodically on what they've learned, and we're going to force school districts to change how they

spend your money if the students aren't learning.

What's more, we are pursuing an exciting experiment with 17 charter schools, the majority in urban centers, which allow parents, teachers and other community members to design innovative approaches to teaching the core curriculum.

Since the beginning of my administration, the state's 30 urban districts have received \$5.6 billion, and my new funding plan will provide an increase of \$136 million in the 1997-98 school year.

And, so that every student has access to the best and brightest teachers and programs, we're investing \$50 million in what we call a new distance-learning network. This investment will let students in Paterson see how a farm operates in Warren County and students in Atlantic City take part in an experiment at the Liberty Science Center without leaving their classrooms.

Last, but not least, we've recognized that children in some communities often need a head start before entering school. So, our new funding formula provides funding for important programs like pre-school and full-day kindergarten.

Our urban policy is giving neighborhoods and families a new sense of optimism. I an determined and committed to make state government a partner in helping families in our cities reclaim their neighborhoods and their schools for their children.

From the Governor's Desk is a column submitted by Gov. Christine Whitman.

Orchestra concert to benefit counseling

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea will perform on April 19 in Youth And Family Counseling Service's Seventh Annual Benefit Concert. Now in its eighth season under the direction of its founder and music director, Father Alphonse Stephenson, the 42-member professional symphonic orchestra will present an all new program in this event for the non-profit, professional counseling agency that serves Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Cranford, Mountain-

Library museum cafe seeks new, diverse talent

The Music Box Cafe of the Donald P. Palmer Museum, located in the Springfield Pree Public Library, is seeking to showcase free talent. The Music Box Cafe is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The cafe serves coffee, juice and baked goods and provides an atmosphere to read a book or relax while surrounded by the current exhibit in the Palmer Museum. The cafe has already offered a number of concerts including opera, bluegrass and a family sing-along.

The next scheduled concert will take place on April 13, at 2 p.m. when Gary Haberman and Patti Dunham will present a jazz concert.

The case is currently featuring new and upcoming talent in a showcase. The case is seeking poets and musicians to present free programs or readings on weekend afternoons. The space could provide a rehearsal opportunity for new performers seeking some recognition and audience feedback.

Those interested in performing at the Music Box Cafe should submit a resume or letter of introduction to Susan Permahos, Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081.

Phone: 908-686-7700

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side, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Church. The church is located at the corner of Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Stephenson, former conductor of Broadway's "A Chorus Line," was recently profiled by ABC-TV. He is known to New Jersey audiences for his Festival of the Atlantic, the free, outdoor summer concert series on the boardwalk at Point Pleasant. Last year he receive the "Algonquin Arts Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts" in recognition of his contribution to the cultural life of the Jersey shore. He is also chaplain of the New Jersey Air National Guard at McGuire Air Force Base.

The April 19 concert is an "All American Program for the Spring."

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Stephenson began the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea in 1986 with the intent to help charities in their fund raising endeavors. "Working with this orchestra is a double treat," said Stephenson. "Not only do I get the opportunity to conduct wonderful and interesting music with some of our state's finest musicians, but I'm given the privilege of working closely with many active and worthwhile charities." He added, "Many audiences come together because they are devotees of the particular kind of program offered by the ensemble; our audiences come together because of their altruism, generosity and willingness to be of service to others."

Money raised from the concert go directly to Youth and Family Counseling Service's programs and services in the community relating to

parenting skills, parent/teen communications and family issues. The independent non-profit agency provides counseling to individuals, families, couples and groups on an ability-to-pay basis.

Tickets to the benefit concert are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for seniors and \$15 for students 18 and younger. A reception will be held in St. Helen's Parish Hall immediately following the performance. Call Youth and Family Counseling Serive at (908) 233-2042 for tickets or information. Tickets can also be purchased at the following locations: Richard Roberts LTD - Scotch Plains, Park Avenue: Lancaster LTD - Elm St., Westfield; Don's Pharmacy - Raritan Rd., Clark; and Cranford Books. Tickets will also be available at the door based on availability.



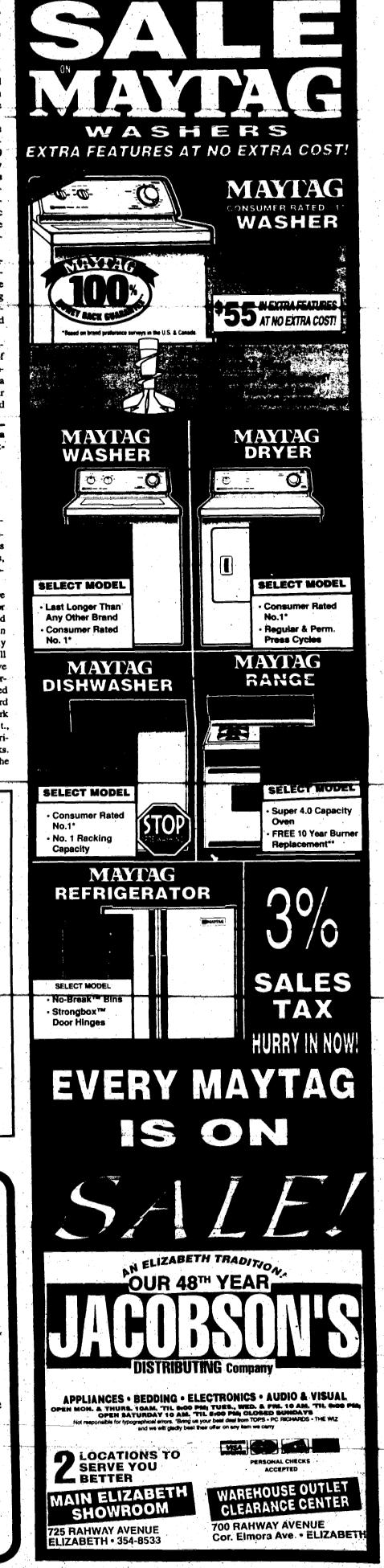
CLUB AID - The Mountainside Newcomers Club Board recently announced the recipients of the funds raised by the annual Holiday Luncheon held last November. Marianne Jennings, president of the Mountainside Newcomers Club, presents a check to Minam Bein, librarian at the Mountainside Public Library. The funds will be used to add to the children's section of the library. The Holiday Luncheon sponsored auctions, raffles, and boutique sales for the purpose of raising funds for local charities. The recipients of these funds are: The Kaitlin Marie Clark Memorial Scholar-ship Fund, the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside Library.

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Communities rally behind organ donation

Staff Writer

Springfield officially joined neighboring localities in the cause for transplant publicity when Mayor Roy Hirschfeld proclaimed April as Tissue and Organ Donor Awareness Month Tuesday night.

The proclamation, which was issued at the start of the Township Committee public meeting, joins those already issued by Mountainside and Summit Tuesday. In addition to the statement, organ donor cards and pamphlets from The Sharing Network will be on display throughout the month. Boy Scout Troop 100 is to tie green organ awareness ribbons around trees in the Morris and Mountain Avenue business district April 5.

"Whereas there are 48,000 people waiting for organs or tissue, including 900 in New Jersey and 3,000 people die each vear waiting for a transplant," said Hirschfeld, "I proclaim April as Tissue and Organ Donor Awareness Month."

In reciprocation, Overlook Hospital Auxiliary member Ellen Gabinelle gave Hirschfeld a Sharing Newtork green ribbon lapel pin to go with a gym bag, glass and pen. Gabinelle said that the scouts will take down the ribbons at month's end as per Township ordinance.

"We're happy to have Springfield on board," said Lenore Ford of the Overlook Auxiliary. "Last year, we had only Summit. We're up to 10 area communities this year, with ribbon tying campaigns in Roselle Park and a spot on Summit's Channel 36 programming.

The Springfield-based Sharing Network and the Overlook Auxiliary have been publicizing the need for more transplant donors in recent' times. The two groups distribute donor cards while stressing the need



Photo By Barbra Keldusia

The Springfield Township Committee presented a proclamation in recognition of gonor awareness during their Tuesday meeting. Marc Smith, executive director of the Sharing Network, is joined by Lorraine Schicchi, regional network manager, Springfield Mayor Roy Hirschfeld and Ellen Gabinelle of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary.

for family involvement and dispellingtransplant myths.

"One of the functions of the Sharing Network, which has been headquartered from its inception in Springfield, is to help hospitals seek out transplant recipients when a donor's death is imminent." said group Executive Director Marc Smith. "When we send out for organs and tissue, we like to think we're sending out Springfield's name and hospitality across the country.

Smith and Gabinelle can point to Governor Christine Whitman's signing of the Donor Enhancement Act of 1995 for increasing the state's donor pool. Organ and tissue demand, however, has also increased. Some parts require precise matches, causing transplant waiting times to very from a few hours to a few years.

"It isn't enough to let the doctors and surgeons know of your request they're only vehicles," said Smith. "By signing these cards in the presence of a witness, you're letting your family know of your wishes."

The Sharing Network is one of 70 groups promoting transplant donation across the country this month. The network was created from three smaller non-profit organizations to procure organs for hospitals and recipients.

"How often can one be in a position to save a life?" said Smith. "By filling out this organ donor card, you can save up to seven."

The Sharing Network, located on 150 Morris Ave., shares headquarter space with the state Transplant Recipients International Organization chapter. Donor cards and brochures will be available from the Municipal Building and particiapting merchants. For details, call the network at (800) 742-7365 or (201) 379-4535



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Lynn Rogerson of Summit practices a few steps during the Summit YWCA sponsored dance workshop held last Sunday.

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Students coordinate spring fashion show

Staff Writer

The Jonathan Dayton High School Halsey Auditorium is to belong to Dayton's Fashion Nation for the first time April 10.

This is a friendly takeover planned by the JDHS Fashion Show Committee. While the inaugural review intends to have the look and feel of a show in New York or Paris, Fashion Nation leader Shane Rahmani says it will have a local orientation.

" 'Dayton's Fashion Nation' is a fundraiser by members of JDHS's upper classes to support several student organizations and charities," said Rahmani. "Part of the proceeds, for example, will go to Project Graduation."

Rahmani said that Dayton's Fashion Nation is a student-run production. The committee is using students from the school," said Rahmani. "We have to thank Principal Charles Serson and Class Advisors Pat Darcy and Karen Rusin for their approval and support. The bulk of the work, however, from

"I have to congratulate the Fashion Show Committee," said Serson. "They've been doing a lot of hard work on the fashion show. Except for approving the idea, overseeing the project and asked for advice, it's been the students' effort."

arranging sponsorship to stage setup and modeling, is done by students."

mi said that the springtime casual and formal clothing are also coming

"We've been arranging sponsorship, services or getting samples from several stores," said Rahmani. "Some of the firms helping us are the GQ Hair Cutters in Springfield and Nordstrom and The Gap in the Short Hills Mall."

"We got involved because Shane's one of our customers," said GQ haircutter Lori Pohlman. "We've helped with fashion shows before but not one in Jonathan Dayton."

"Shane and his fashion designer father came into our section and were impressed," said Jeanine Cardella, manager of Nordstrom's The Rail for Young Men. "Normally we'd hold fashion shows within our stores. We're taking part in this one outside because I felt that young people should be aware of what Nordstrom has to offer."

Young people, indeed, is the focus audience of Dayton's Pastion Nation.

"We went with the fashion show idea for two reasons," said Rahmani. "The first is that our age group is fashion conscious. The second is that the Junior/ Senior Prom is set for May 24. We're providing a preview of what's being offered for the season."

The 45-minute, three part show is to start at about 7:30 p.m. For more information and ticket arrangements, call (201) 376- 6300.

ake effect New area code

By Sean Daily

Staff Writer Dial that 908 area code while you can.

According to Tim Ireland, spokesman for Bell Atlantic, a new area code

is coming to parts of Union County. The new area code, 732, takes effect in early June, though callers will be able to use the 908 area code until December.

The area code change will split a number of towns in half or even inthirds. These include Clark, Linden and Westfield.

A number of towns already split between the 908 and 201 area codes will be instead split between the 908 and new 732 area code. These already-split towns include Elizabeth, Hillside, Springfield and Scotch

Rahway is the only Union County municipality that will change over completely to the 732 area code. The new 732 area code is one of

two new area codes in the state; the other is 973. Bell Atlantic, the region's phone carrier, says that it needs the new area codes because the old ones are running out of numbers.

Each area code carries a finite amount of telephone numbers. These are being used up at an increasing rate, according to Ireland, because of the increasing use of technologies like faxes, mobile phones and pagers.

But some politicians oppose how this will be implemented.

This will be with a "geographical split," carving the new area codes out of the old 201 and 908 area codes. The boundaries of these areas do not follow town borders; hence 34 towns in New Jersey have been split down the

Clark, for one, will be split into not two but three areas, with 95 percent of

the town, including Town Hall, in the new 732 area code. This means that anyone calling from a Clark phone number to another Clark phone number could have to dial an area code. something that Mayor Robert Ellenport has called unnacceptable.

Some politicians, including Congressman Bob Franks, R-7, have advocated a "technological split," with new area codes being assigned only to wireless communications such as pagers and mobile phones. This has been done in New York City:

But Ireland said that this has been outlawed by the Federal Communications Commission because it is anticompetitive and does not offer "dialing parity." In other words, a caller would have to call 10 digits - 1 plus the area code, plus the number - to call a cellular phone instead of seven for a local call over phone wires.

State legislators have advocated an

"overlay" plan, a plan originally rejected by Bell Atlantic. This would assign the new area codes only to newly assigned phone numbers and leaving old phone numbers with the old area code...

But Ireland said that some towns would be split up no matter what plan was implemented.

He added that it is "theoretically possible" to have the area code boundaries follow town lines; this has been done in the past.

But it could only be done "at tremendous cost" and result in everyone in a town with the same area code but also with seven new digits for their telephone numbers.

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Jaseph Dordoni Sr.

Joseph Dordoni Sr., 77, of Walnut. Calif., formerly of Hillside, died March 11 in San Antonio Community Hospital in California

Born in Newark, Mr. Dordoni lived in Hillside before moving to Walnut three years ago. He was a welder for 25 years before retiring.

Surviving are a son, Joseph Jr.; a brother, Oswald; three sisters, Margaret Volturo, Irma Belfiglio and Doris Pulco; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild

Martin Joseph Drew

Martin Joseph Drew, 72, of West Orange, formerly of Hillside and Springfield, a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz, died March 19 in Parkway Hospital, Forest Hills, N.Y.

Born in Lodz, Poland, Mr. Drew lived in Hillside and Springfield before moving to West Orange three years ago. He was the owner of Martin Drew Plumbing & Heating, Hillside, for 30 years and retired 10 years ago. Mr. Drew was a member of the Holocaust Society of Washington, D.C., and B'nai B'rith of Springfield and was a founding member of Congregation Israel of Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Esther; a daughter. Diane Rukavina; two sons, Dr. Michael Drew and Dr. Howard Drew; a sister, Anne Warren, and six grandchildren.

Robert P. Zotti Sr.

Robert P. Zotti Sr., 77, a lifelong resident of Summit, died March 21 in his home.

Mr. Zotti was a deliveryman with Engleman-Goodfield Co., Chatham, and retired in 1982. He served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Zotti was a plank owner of the U.S.S. Brush DD-745 and of the U.S. Naval Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and a member of the American Legion Post 1000 in Trenton and the Tin Can Sailors of America.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; two sons, Frank and Robert Jr.: a daughter. Donna Adams; a sister, Mary Chesler: three grandchildrenand two great-grandchildren.

Franklin S. Nelson

Franklin S. Nelson, 85, of Summit, a retired Rutgers University mathematics teacher, died March 19 in the Blue Ridge Highland Nursing Home

Born in Summit, he recently moved to Virginia. Mr. Nelson, for whom Faith Lutheran Church's Franklin

Nelson Hall in New Providence, was named, taught mathematics and also tutored students at Rutgers before retiring. Earlier, he had been employed in quality control for many years with the Department of the Army at the Picatinny Arsenal in Dover. Mr. Nelson was a 1933 graduate of Upsala College. He was a member fo the choir, among his other activities in the Faith Lutheran Church.

Nicholas Chodaczok

Nicholas W. Chodaczok, 79, of Mountainside died March 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Chodoaczok moved to Mountainside 40 years ago. He was the owner of Royal Associates Inc., a Union-based mold design company. Mr. Chodaczok served in the Army during World War II with the rank of second lieutenant at the Edgwood Arsenal in Maryland. He was a past member of the New Jersey Plastic Mold Designer Association.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Eleanor, a daughter, Nancy Pallen, a sister. Olga Szelest, and three grandchildren.

Doris Gansler

Doris Gansler, 66, of Springfield died March 17 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center Edison

Born in Newark, Mrs. Gansler lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 35 years ago. She was secretary to the director of the Springfield Public Library for the past two years. Earlier, Mrs. Gansler had been the executive secretary for 20 years to the president of the Association Management Co., Springfield, until 1992. and before that, with the Schacht Steel Co., Hillside, for 20 years: She was a member of the Sisterhood of Temple Israel in Union and the Hadassah in Maplewood.

Surviving are her husband Robert C.; a daughter, Jodi Meissner; a son, Andrew K.; a stepdaughter. Melanie Gansler-Demarest: a brother, Lou T. German, and three grandchildren.

Dorothy Vincent

Dorothy Vincent, 87, of Morning Star. Iowa, formerly of Mountainside, died March 18 in the Morning Sun Care Center, Iowa.

Born in Kenilworth, Mrs. Vincent lived in Mountainside for many years before moving to Iowa last year. She was an executive secretary for six years at the Suburban Hotel, Summit, and retired in 1968. Mrs. Vincent was a member of the Monnoins de Senio

Citizens and the Overlook Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of the Women's Club of the United

Methodist Church in Summit, where she was a member for 50 years and also volunteered at Overlook Hospital for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Elaine Cederquist and Jacqueline Jacovino; a son, Donald; two sisters, Lillian Regenye and Ellen Henshaw: six grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

Daisy Howarth

Daisy Howarth, 91, of Mt. Lobanon, Pa., formerly of Springfield, died March 13 in her home.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Howarth lived in Springfield before moving to Pennsylvania in 1994. She was director of the Welfare Department of Springfield for 40 years. She was a member of the Altar Guild of St. Stephen Episcopal Church in

Surviving are a daughter, Ida H. Selig; a stepson, Robert C.; a sister, Violet Wilcox; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Robert Trumbower

Robert L. Trumbower, 78, of Mountainside, a former export manager with the Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp., East Hanover, died March 21

in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Scranton, Pa., Mr. Trumbower lived in Pennsylvania for 40 years before moving to Mountainside 38 years ago. He was an export manager with Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. East Hanover, for 29 years and retired in 1986. Mr. Trumbower was a member of the supervisory committee and auditor of the company's credit union

He served as a trustee of the Community Presbyterian Church and was treasurer of the United Way of Mountainside for 23 years. Mr. Trumbower also had been a saxophonist with the Westfield Community Band for 10 years. He was made an Eagle Scout at age 15 in Troop 101, Westminister Presbyterian Church, now Covenant Presbyterian Church, Scranton, Pa. Mr. Trumbower later became an assistant scout master and member of the Reunio Group and served as Scout. Master for the troop of the Roslyn Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. Sruviving are his wife. Doris, and a daughter, Heather Jan.

Constance Behme

Constance Behme, a lifelong resident of Summit, died March 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

urviving ere a con. Riche daughters. Dianne Carlson and Mary Ellen Shands, and seven grandchildren.

Luelle M. Akin

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Luelle M. Akin, 85, of Summit died Mach 22 in Overlook Hospital,

Born in Clarkton, S.C., Mrs. Akin lived in Winter Garden, Fla., and in Colorado before moving to Summit in 1993. She was a teacher for 45 years hefore her retirement. Mrs. Akin also taught sixth grade for the Tildenville Flementary school, Oakland, Fla., with Latin and English for Lakeview High School, Winter Garden.

Surviving are a son, Stephen; a daughter, Linda Pepper, a brother, Leslie Meares; a sister, Betty Bierer; five grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

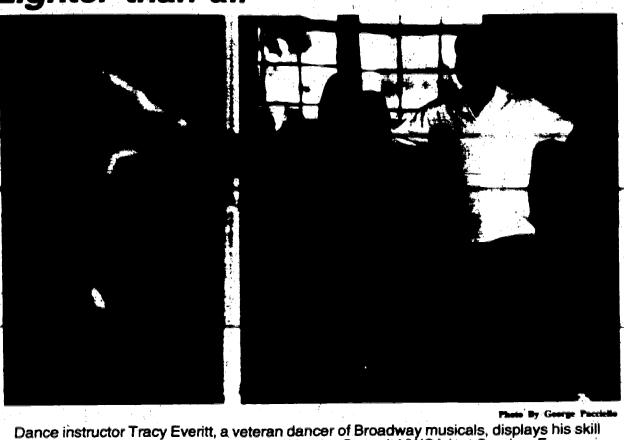
Katherine Pagano

Katherine R. Pagano, 93, of Summit, a retired New York City elementary school teacher, died March 24 in the Glenside Nursing Center, New

Born in New York City, Mrs. Pagano lived in Flushing, N.Y., before moving to Summit 10 years ago. She graduated from the Jamaica Normal Training School for Teachers in Jamaica, N.Y., taught in New York City for 20 years and retired many years ago.

Surviving are a son, Joseph, and two grandchildren.

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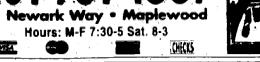




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"Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories," spotlights a granddaughter at a personal crossroads. As a way to understand her own life, she recalls the passionate and political stories of her grandmothers when they came to make their homes in America. Each woman is very different; one is a righteous radical-turned-philanthropist and one is a more expansive, worldly person who always encouraged her offspring to seek their own

The play becomes not only a journey of self-discovery for Gould, but also a journey of a family's history. Both matriarchal figures have adages and meises, or old-wives' tales for all occasions, every story ends with a moral. From living life to the fullest, to making compromises in the interest of domestic harmony, every lesson is also presented with a large portion of wit.

Coffee and dessert will be served after the performance. Tickets for adults are \$1 when purchased in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets for seniors, students, and children are \$9. The performance is recommended for children 10 years of age and above. For preferred seating, patron tickets offering preferred seating are \$36.

Penny Pincus of Summit and a member of the Board of Directors of the SJCC is chairperson of the event, and Debra Halpern of Summit and SICC vice president is the coordinator of the event's committee. For additional information, call SJCC office at (908) 273-8130.

ministers in churches. Karen Senecal will be one. Senecal was brought up in a United Church of Christ in Providence, R.I. Luckily, that church had two women as pastors and role models. Senecal spent quite a bit of time in her church but didn't consider a career in the ministry until she was 15 in a Catholic school, LaSalle Academy, where she went on retreats and was a young leader. She felt called to the ordained ministry at that time. There she was also active in sports - tennis and soft hall - and interested in music, playing a guitar. She also became interested in English.

Senecal went to Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, after high school. There she majored in English with an emphasis on American literature and minored in Sociology. She became proficient in poetry and short stories. She had a choice to make, either to go to graduate school in English or go into the ministry; however, the two women pastors of her church opened her eyes to the fact that women could have this type of career. In order to firm up her ideas, she did two years of



SUMMIT OBSERVER - SPRINGFIELD LEADER

Carter Fratt, Gloria Hilinsky, Karen Senecal and Dorothy Smith discuss a congregational program:

work for the state of Rhode Island agement and disaster approaches.

During this time she firmed up her resolve to become a minister.

She then enrolled in Union Theological Seminary in New York to embark on three years of study leading to a master's degree of divinity. Senecal started in September of 1994 and should have finished in May of 1997. However, something happened. The First Congregational Church in Westfield needed additional help in their education program, since the church was stretched trying to provide education to its children and mission work outside the church. Senecal proved to be an ideal candidate, as an intern, to fill this gap.

Senecal started in September of 1995 with about one day a week. She worked with the young children of the church and had a period of time for children during the Sunday worship service. Senecal proved to be very adept at relating to the chidren. When the associate pastor, the Rev.

Marc Trister, was called to another church. Senecal started to fill that position. She lives in the second parsonage and works with the junior and senior high students as well as the younger children. She performs pastoral visits to those unable to get to the church and works and obtains contracts in outreach ministries. She develops curricula for the Sunday school and has a middle high service project called "Aspen Super Kids" which meets with the children that live in the HUD Aspen project in Newark. They visit with the children for two-and-a-half hours on one Saturday morning each month making crafts and playing games. This month she has set up an adult education program on keeping a journal as an aid to spiritual growth.

the Crucifixion, assisted by St. Ste-

Easter Day, March 30

8 a.m. — A spoken celebration of

10 a.m. — Festival Eucharist. The

choir will sing "Lift Up Your Heads,

O Ye Gates" By William Mathias and

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

by Gilbert M. Martin. There will be

during the congregational singing.

Joseph Stella and Jason Loughlin will

be on trumpet and Samantha Gest will

be on timpani. Among the choir mem-

bers are Bob Lipnicki and Richard

Cole of Springfield and Margaret and

brass and timpani accom-

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CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD THE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER", "A tal church sections the face of God" 953 W. Chestnut St., Union. Church/964-1133, Fax/964-1153. Rev John W. Bechtel, Pastor. Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30am

Morning Worship - 10:45am Praise/Pantecostal Preaching - 6:30pm Wednesday Services: Ladies Bible Study (Heart&Home) - 10am Family Night 7:30pm with -Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14) Missionettes girls program (ages 3-17) Adult School of the Bible Friday Services

Youth Night - 7:30pom In addition there are monthly meetings of Promise Keepers, Women's Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4. "We'll look for you this coming Sunday"

BAPTIST

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 640 S. Springfield Ave.; Springfield Rev. Clarence Alston, Pastor. Church phone (201) 379-1465. SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School, 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. TUESDAY: 7:00 P.M. Bible Class (Where The Comes Alive). WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Prayer Service. Holy Communion every First Sunday Nursery Care available every Sunday If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at

CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH Where the Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave., Union, NJ phone: (908) 687-9440 fax (908) 687-9440. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday. 9.45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages. on relevant life topics, nursery care & a children's department. 11:00 AM - Celebration Worship Service. We offer a celebration service which combines a blend of contemporary and traditional worship style; weekly children's sermon, children's church & nursery care is provided 6:00 PM - Family Gospel Hour, nursery care provided: Monday 6:30 AM - Early Morning Prayer Meeting, 7:00 PM Boy's Battahon (grades 7-12) Tues-Sat.: 5 00 AM Early Morning prayer, Wednesday 10:00 AM Keenager Bible Study for semor adults, meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM Prayer & Praise, Bible Study, Thursday: 10:00 AM Women's Faithful Workers meets every 2nd Thursday, Friday, 7:00 PM - Girl's Club for girls in K-7th grades; 7:00 PM - Boy's Christian Service Brigade for boys 2nd-6th grades:

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during the week in Union and surrounding

communities, call for information. For FREE

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE "242 Shunpike Rd Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Freder ick R. Mackey, Semor Pastor, Sunday: 9,30 AM Bible School for all ages, interesting electives for adults 10.30 AM Worship Service with Nursery care and children's church 5.30. 7 (X) PM Sunday evening AWANA program for ages 4-11, 6 (0) PM Evening Service with Nursery care provided Wednesday, 7.15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study - Adults and Junior/Semor High Group Super-Semors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM: Active Youth Ministry - Junior/Senior High Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with a chair lift. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union Rev Robert S. Damrau, Pastor. Church phone. (908) 688-4975; Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for ages, multiple adult electives offered each quarter. 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (Nursery care provided for infants through kindergarten. Primary church for grades 1-4). Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month: 7:00 PM - Everling Prase/Informal Bible Study. Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School/ Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church: 7 (0) PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study: 8:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday 9:30-11:15 AM. Women's Bible Study and Craft Class, free child care provided (meets bimondily, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study. Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Satur-day (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplication system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs:

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor. Jack Goldman. President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening-8:30 PM; Shabbat day-9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings-9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly.

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

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CEN-

TER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 273-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi. Janet Roth Krupnick, Cantor, Janice Wilson, President The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearly 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. Weekday 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 secend and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. there is a service for preschool children. The SICC religious school provides instruction for cluldren from Kindergarten through Grade and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7 through 12. 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

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 201-467-9666 Daily services are 6:30 A.M. and 7:15 A.M. and 15 minutes before Sunset. There is one minvan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 A.M. with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 A.M. and 9:(X) A.M. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday 7:30-8:30 P.M., and from 8:30-9:30, we will

survey the history of the Jewish expensive in

America. Please call our office for information regarding our special programs. These offerings assume no Hebrew or Judaic background whatsoever Our Tuesday evening session is devoted to the religious thought of Maimomides, offered in the Hebrew language. On Sunday mornings, after our 8:00 A.M. services, we Maimonides' legal code, and from 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., we have an advanced program in the study of Jewish law. On Shabbat afternoons we review the weekly Biblical por commentaries between the minhah and ma'arty prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterbood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY, chap ters, a Boy Scout'troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Nursery School and Summer Camp. We are a family oriented modern Orthodox community and we welcome you to join with us for our programs Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E Turner, Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Leonard

JEWISH - REFORM

Strulowitz, President

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 5 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Direc tor: Holly Newler, Pre-School Director, Bruce Pitman, President, Temple Sha'arey Shalom u a Reform congregation affiliated with the mon Of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enchanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool, classes are available for children ages 2½ through 4. The Temple has the support of ar active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Semors For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL **CONSERVATIVE**

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM/ AHAVATH ACHIM B'NAI ISRAEL, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plane Street). Union. 686-6773. Moslie Weisblum, Rabbi, Harold Gottesman, Cantor, Dr. Allan Renkoff, President. Congregation Beth Shalom/AABI is a traditional conservative synagogue. Daily Services - Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 A.M. Daily Mincha/Maariv Services 5:30 P.M. (call Synagogue to verify time). Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM., Saturday, 9:00 AM: Mincha/Maariy services according to sundown Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120, Meyer Korbinan, Rabbi; Esther Avnet, President; Hadassah Goldfischer, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM: Saturday Services 9:00 AM Munchah 5:30

PM. Sunday Tallis and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9-10:30 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4-5:30 PM Primer Class for Oracles One and Two; Sunday - 9-10:30 AM. Adult Hebrew Classes including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups Grades Seven through Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. 908-686-3965. Famiy Sunday School 9:15; Family Worship 8:00 & 10:30: Visitors Expected: Barrier-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Dial-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or free packet.

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. Sanctu-ary 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 1.00 yrm. We have two WELCA cir cles. 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 ast Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Alia: Guild meets on the second Sunday of the

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), Hillside and Colonia Roads, Eb-Zabeth, (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

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cowperthwaite Pt., 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 EPIS-COPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue auxhall, 964-1282. 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. Fubler-Pastor,

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CITURCII Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave Rosetle Park, Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor Phones: (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 All are

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

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MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORA-VIAN CITURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262 Rev. John Jackman, Pastor Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m., Nursery available. First Sunday every month Fellowship hour after Worship. Free preschooler playgroup meets every other Wednesday. Friendly, multicultural worship open to all.

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PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTE-RIAN 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 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 persons - 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 21/4, 3 and 4 vr. olds availabale, 964-8544. For additional information, please call Church Office at years. Rev. R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor, 688-3164.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Monis 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 School - 9:00 a.m., 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. rlate, Jr., Interim Pastor

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ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 201-376-3044, SUN-DAY 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 &

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, 767 Prospect Street, Manlewood (1 blk. S. of Springfield Ave.), 201-761-5933. Rev. Tom Wisniewski, Pastor. Rità Bonin, 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

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ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; 9:30 AM Memorial Hall (children's liturgy); Weekday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday weekday Mass, 8:30 AM & 12:10 PM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM articipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Church announces Holy Week schedule

phen's Choir.

the Resurrection.

St. Stephen's Church will offer the following schedule of services to celebrate Holy Week. Worship services will be held by the Reverend Cornelius Tarplee, rector, with music under the direction of Robert Demmert, organist and choir director. Maundy Thursday, March 27

6 p.m. — A covered dish supper for the whole parish begins with a short Seder meal, the traditional celebration of the Passover, in rememberance of Jesus' last Passover meal with his followers.

7:30 p.m. — A traditional celebration of Maundy Thursday, the night on which Jesus instituted the Eucharist and gave his command, or maunde. that we should love one another. Music will include a Litany by William

Good Friday March 28

10:30 a.m. — Experiential Stations of the Cross, a devotional service especially for children.

Noon to 3 p.m. — A three-hour vigil of prayer and meditation during the three hours Christ hung upon the tchude. Hindemith, and Vierne will be played during the service. Participants are welcome to attend for whatever part of the three hours they are able.

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alvary Church prepares Easter Sunday celebration

"Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!" will be e theme of Easter services at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford.

Festival Services of Holy Communion will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Adults and children are invited to both services.

The early service will begin with the lighting of the Paschal Candle to signify the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To represent the risen Lord. the candle will be carried into the sanctuary, which will have been darkened since Good Friday.

The Rev. George W. Freyberger, Calvary's pastor, will preside and nreach at both services.

Both services will include special seasonal music presented by the Calvary Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Children's Choir. The services will conclude with "The Hallelujah Chorus" from G. F. Handel's "Messiah." Although associated with Christmas, this choral piece was written for Easter.

Music will be under the direction of organist John Pivarnik, Calvary's director of muisc.

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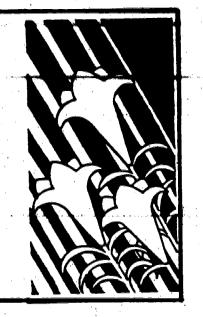
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Mary Ann Yelovich, Organist Carolyn English, Soloist

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The Rev. Nancy L. Ruckert, Pastor THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH 7:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATED

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH, 7:30 PM **TENEBRAE WORSHIP**

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH - 10:30 AM **EASTER WORSHIP** CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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MAUNDY THURSDAY. March 27 Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, March 28, 7:30 PM EASTER SUNDAY FESTIVAL, March 30

Outdoor Sunrise Service 6:00 AM Lord's Supper 11:00 AM Slovak Service 9:00 AM



301 Tucker Ave • Union 908-688-0714





The Reverend R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor "Our hearts are Restless

Stuyvesant Ave. & West Chestnut., Union

till they rest in Thee" St. Augustine

Maundy Thursday Communion-

March 27-8:00 p.m.

Community Good Friday -

(Union Clergy) March 28-12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services -

March 30-9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

The Lord Is Risen! Join Us This Sunday To Worship Him!





St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church Hillside and Colonia Rds Elizabeth (908) 352-5487

Rejoice! Christ is Risen!

Maundy Thursday Communion, 7:30pm Good Friday Drama, 7:30pm Easter Sunday: Egg Hunt 9:00am Worship 10:15am



(located between Elmora Avenue and Galloping Hill Road, one block north of Route 28, Westfield Avenue, at Hillside Road)

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 222 VAUXHALL ROAD UNION, NEW JERSEY 07063 REV. DONALD L. BRAND, Pastor CHURCH PHONE: 686-3965, Sunday Worship: 10:30 A.M.

> Sunday School: 9:15 A.M. Is your life as empty as the cross or tomb? Join us for these Holy Week-Easter worship services and find true joy, peace and purpose for your life through the crucified and risen Messiah and Savior,

PALM SUNDAY, March 23: Processional Worship

with Communion at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 27: Communion Worship at 7:30 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY, March 28: Worship at 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY: March 30: Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 30; Communion Worship at 8:00 and 10:30.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1212 KELLY STREET UNIÓN, NJ 07083 PHONE 1-908-688-1232

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

No morning masses. Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM. At 7PM Presentation of the Washing of the Feet and Concelebrated Mass of the Lord's

Supper. Prayer and Adoration until midnight. GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH No morning masses. Morning Prayer at 8:30AM.

At 3 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death.

Living Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM. HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH

No morning masses. Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM. Blessing of the Food (Lower Church) at 12 NOON. Celebration of the Easter Vigil at 8 PM.

<u>EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH</u>

Masses in Church: 7:30, 9:00 (Family Mass), 10:30 & 12:00. Masses in Lower Church: 9:05, 10:35, & 12:05.

Borough police nab county suspects

On March 17 at about 10:15 p.m. a county alarm went out from the Plainfield Police Department stating that an armed robbery had occurred involving three males with guns who fled in a late model maroon Acura. The suspect vehicle was spotted by two patrol cars in Mountainside on Route 22 East. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle after it turned onto Mountain Avenue, and the responding officers observed two black objects thrown from the vehicle. Col. James Doherty performed a vehicle stop along with Officer Stephen Devito and Officer Donald Amberg and three suspects were taken from the vehicle and placed under arrest. Upon further investigation the officers found one .22 caliber revolver with five live rounds and one spent round and a black .177 caliber BB gun in the bushes on Mountain Avenue.

The suspects, Charbell Azouki, 19. of Franklin Township and Stavie Simmons, 21, of New Brunswick, along with a third juvenile suspect, were placed under arrest for armed robbery and possession of a weapon. The two adults were unable to post bail and were transported to Union County Jail, while the juvenile was taken to the detention center in Elizabeth.

 On March 20 at about 8:45 p.m. Sgt. Todd Turner of the Mountainside police performed a traffic stop on a blue Chrysler which was traveling on Route 22 with no lights. Upon stopping the vehicle, Turner radioed for back up and

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Officer Richard Latargia also arrived on the scene. Upon approaching the vehicle, Turner detected a strong odor of marijuana, and then was able to view in plain sight several roaches in the suspect's ashtray. Subsequently, Latargie searched the suspect and found a small amount of what was suspected to be cocaine. The suspect, Richard L. Stephens, 39 of Newark, was arrested for possession of controlled dangerous substanses.

• On March 21 at about 12:11 p.m. Officer Andrew Sullivan of the Mountainside Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a red Nissan along Route 22 west. The vehicle pulled into a parking lot at 1350 Route 22. Upon a check of the vehicle it was found to have an expired registration and the driver was found to have a suspended liscense and two traffic warrants. Upon a search of the suspect, a knife and .380 semi-automatic hand gun were discovered in his possession. A check of the gun found it to be stolen out of Morristown. The suspect, Joseph L. Martin, 32, of East Orange, was placed under arrest for possession of a stolen

Springfield

The driver of a Honda was attempting to park in front of her own townhouse at the 900 block of South Springfield Avenue when she was struck by a Nissan at about 3 p.m. Friday. The Nissan driver, who was coming from a private driveway, said he was leaving from a stop sign before hitting the Honda. Slight damage was done to both vehicles and no summonses were

 Another accident resulting in minor damage occurred when two cars ran into each other while rounding the corner of an Edison Place building. Friday afternoon. The driver of a Mercury Cougar was turning against a one-way sign when she was struck by a northbound Chevrolet \$10 at 5:55 p.m.

· A pair of two-car hits happened to drivers operating the same make over the weekend.

The first instance occurred on northbound Shunpike Road Friday when a Dodge driver collided with a second Dodge in the left lane as both were approaching Baltusrol Way. The first Dodge driver said he didn't see the second Dodge before coming from the righthand lane at about 6:30 p.m.

The other same model mishap was between a pair of Mazda fourdoors at about 10 a.m. Saturday, The first Mazda, with two passengers aboard, was approaching the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Briar Hills Circle from the north when it was struck by a second Mazda. The latter four-door was attempting to turn onto the avenue. Neither party was injured and all drove away after receiving a police report.

· A slippery road surface was blamed for a Nissan Altima taking out a traffic island sign on Rt. 22 East and Farm Road Saturday morning. The Altima, with two pas-

graphic, call (908) 233-6531.

Applications for the 1998-99 Rot-

ary Foundation Ambassadorial Scho-

available from the Rotary Club of

The scholarships, which are

designed to further international

understanding and good will, provide

for study abroad in one of the more

than 150 countries and 35 geographi-

cal regions where Rotary Clubs are

Academic-Year Ambassadorial

Scholarships are for one academic

year abroad and provide up to

\$22,000 or its equivalent for round-

trip transportation, tuition and fees,

room, board, necessary educational

supplies, contingency expenses and

one month of intensive language

training, if assigned by the Rotary

The scholarship may be used for

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located.

sengers aboard, was driving along the highway when it skidded into the island and flattened the sign at about 2:15 a.m. Police had the damaged Nissan towed, noted the recently rain-slickened surface, and notified the New Jersey Department of Transportation of the sign.

 Another accident with two cars occurred at the same Farm Road merge later the same day. A Honda four-door was following a Toyota wagon in stop and go traffic bound for Rt. 22 East when they rearended. The Honda driver claimed her foot slipped off the brake pedal, although the car suffered moderate frontal damage.

 The operator of a Dodge Caravan was leaving a printer's parking lot onto Springfield Avenue when it collided with a pasing Honda Accord at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The Caravan driver, who had two passengers with him, said he didn't see the approaching Accord in the right

• Three employees of the Sports Authority on Rt. 22 East reported having their wallets stolen before 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The wallets included drivers licenses, credit and bank cards, checkbooks and \$140 among them. Authority staffers also reported an attempted shoplift of a box of ammunition, worth \$7.99, by a customer at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

• The owner of a Mountain Avenue store reported two front windows smashed at 12:47 a.m. Monday. The two 24" by 70" panes were broken in an apparent burglary attempt.

Chapter's commitment to Hadassah's projects. "The art show has been tre-

mendously successful over the years," stated Hadassah Art Show Coordinator.

Evelyn Hollander. "We're proud the show has helped medical researchers and

physicians to achieve significant breakthroughs in health' care." Founded in

1912. Hadassah is Israel's medical pacesetter in healing, teaching and research.

The show will be open to the public Sunday. April 6 from noon to 9:30 p.m. It

will be located at Temple Emanu-El. 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is

\$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens; students are free lunch and snacks

are available. For additional information about the show and the limited edition

Rotary Club announces scholarships

A preview champagne reception will kick off the show for patrons on April 5.

PEOPLE IN THE N

Solomon named vice presidents

Springfield's Steven H. Solomon has joined the Cherenson Group of Livingston as vice president of management services.

At the Cherenson Group, Solomon will be involved with new business development and account management in both the advertising and public relations divisions of the corporation.

According to Lee Cherenson, president, "We are very pleased to have Steven on board. His extensive healthcare experience and communications expertise will be an asset to us as the company expands."

Prior to joining the Cherenson Group, Solomon served as an account supervisor at DKB & Partners of Morristown where he had day-to-day responsibilities for the agency's healthcare group.

Previously, Solomon was director of public relations for three years at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, site of the state's poisse control center and New Jersey's only heart and lung transplantation program.

Solomon also served six years as director of public relations at Hackensack Univeristy Medical Center. He was involved with the promotion of its open-heart surgery program. Tomorrow's Children Institute for Cancer and Blood Disorders, Level II Trauma Center, and the annual Don Imus Radiothon on WFAN.

Solomon is the recipient of numerous awards from the New Jersey Advertising Club, Healthcare Marketing Association, New Jersey Hospital



Steven H. Solomon

Public Relations and Marketing Association and the New Jersey Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. In 1995 Solomon was honored by the New Jersey Hospital Association for "ongoing noteworthy contributions" as a member of its Public Perception Committee.

A graduate from Teaneck's Fairleigh Dickinson University, Solomon has completed graduate work at Fordham University, William Paterson College and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Headquartered in Livingston, The Cherenson Group is a full-service advertising and public relations firm founded in 1958, with a staff of more than 65 professionals.

Paragano to join trustee board

Nazario "Larry" Paragano Sr., president of Springfield-based Paragano Enterprises, has been named to the Board of Trustees of Columbia Hospital Foundation, Newark.

Paragano is a commercial, industrial and residential builder who has received numerous honors and awards, including induction into the New Jersey State Builders Hall of Fame. He began his career as an apprentice to his father before becoming a full partner in Vincent Paragano & Son in 1952. He took over the business after his father's death in 1958. Paragano has served as Area II vice president of the National Home Builders Association and as president of the Metropolitan Home Builders Association of New Jersey, which named him Builder of the Year in

In addition, Paragano is a licensed real estate broker and manages a num ber of properties including shopping centers, office buildings and apartments. He was also a founder of the Inter-Community bank, serving as its board chairman from 1970 until the bank was sold in 1994. Among his civic and charitable contributions are his role as board chairman of the Paragano Family Foundation, membership on the board of St. Elizabeth's Schoolin Bernardsville and activities with the Shepherds of Youth Charitable Trust — of which he is a founding member and currently serves as vice dent. Paragano is a past president of the Parish Council of Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Church, Bernardsville. "We are honored to have someone with Larry's dedication and enthusiasm join the Columbus Hospital Foundation's Board of Trustees," said Richard A. Guarino, MD, board chairman of the foundation. "His business acumen will be tremendously helpful to us and I know he will be an outstanding addition to our board."

Born in Camella, Italy, Paragano arrived in the United States in the late

1930s. He is a founding member of the Center for Italian and Italian-American Culture Inc., Cedar Grove, and was honored with its lifetime achievement award in 1996. Paragano was also named Man of the Year in 1984 by the Livington chapter of UNICO National, an Italian-American service organization. In addition. Paragano was conferred with the State of Israel Medal of Freedom and has met with Pope John Paul II on a number of occassions. He and his wife. Eileen, have five adult children - Vincent, Dominick, Larry Jr., Frederick and Suzanne — and seven grandchildren.

Columbus Hospital Foundation, founded in 1994, is the fundraising arm of Columbus Hospital. The foundation makes it possible for Columbus Hospital to continue its longstanding tradition of delivering high quality health services in a community hospital setting and raises funds to promote wellness within the communities it serves.

Hadassah fundraiser will feature gallery style show

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah has created a gallery environment to celebrate the 39th annual Art Show and Sale. It will be held April 5 and April 6, at Temple Emanu-El. Westfield. This year, pottery, glass, Judaica, American Indian Art, painted furniture and jewelry will be featured. In addition, there will be sculpture, framed and unframed art from artists such as Calder, Gorman, and

Top New Jersey and New York galleries and a limited number of individual artisits have been invited to set up their own "mini galleries" and display their works. "It will be like taking a walk through SoHo." said Karen Rose, publicity

The show has been designed so that both the avid collector and the causal viewer can stroll through the exhibit, stop by each gallery, and see what's happening in the art world. Each gallery will have their own experts on hand to answer qestions and provide further information about the artists and individual pieces. Participating galleries include Walker-Kornbluth of Fair Lawn, CBL Fine Art of West Orange, Adobe East of Summit, and B.L.D. of New York City.

Each year, the art show commissions an artist to create a limited edition graphic that is available with the show. Those commissioned in past years have included Nell Biaine, Wolf Kahn, Chaim Gross, Will Barnett, and Harry Devlin. This year, Richard Segalman, an artist known for his oils, pastels and watercolors of scenes relating to Santa Fe and Naples beaches, has created the graphic. He is represented by the Walker-Kornbluth Gallery in Fair Lawn, Harmon-Meek Gallery of Naples. Fl. and Munson Gallery of Santa Fe, N.M. His work hangs in many museums, including the Hirshhorn; Washington, D.C.; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Ma.; Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, Mn, and Montelair An Museum. Montelair.

The art show and sale serves as the primary means of fulfilling Westfield

Our policy on announcements

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS FIELDS
CONTRACT SP97-02
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE Is hereby given that sealed bids
for the INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS FIELDS for the
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD. UNION
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received
at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD.
Engineering Annex, 20 North Trivett
Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on MONDAY, April 7, 1997 at 9:30 AM prevaling
time.

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The contract generally consists of the
installation of playground equipment such
as slides, swings, Satellite Climbers,
Benchs, etc. from the different manufacturers at several parks in accordance with the
form of proposal, contract and specifications prepared by the Engineering Department of the Township of Springfield.
Specifications have been filled in the
office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGFIELD and may be Purchased by
prospective bidders at the office of the
Township of Springfield, Engineering
Annex, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey during business hours,
Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the
Contract Documents, Plans, and Specifications at the Engineering Annex on proper
notice, A nonrefundable charge of \$25.00
per set shall be paid to the Township of
Springfield.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage
Act (Chapter: 150 of the Laws of 1963, as
amended) and that award will not be made
to any bidder whom the Commissioner of
Labor and Industry does not certify.

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Bids shall be submitted on the forms pro-

Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in seeled envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Mayor and Township Committee, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW IESSEY and must be accommand by a

SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashler's check, or bid bond, in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid. Said check or bid bond may not be less than \$500 nor shall it be more than \$20,000 and must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety statement in the form provided from a Surety Company stating that the Surety Company will provide the bidder with a bond for 100% of the Contract amount in the event that the Contract is awarded to the bidder. A non-collusion Affidavit and a Record of Recent Contract on the forms provided.

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Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 Chapter 127 for an attirmative, action program for equal employment opportunity.

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced. or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verfication.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are perferred.

For more information call Managing Editor Kevin Singer at (908) 686-7700,

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Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership.

No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within, sixty, (60) days after the opening of bids.

The Mayor and Township Committee of

The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.

Helen E. Keyworth Township Clerk U3768 SLR March 27, 1997 (\$36.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE
IF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
OUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW
ERBEY, CHAPTER 219 - PARKING, OFF

STREET
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing ordinance was passed and approved at a regular meeting of the Township Corrimitee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, March 25, 1997.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH Municipal Clerk U3903. SLR March 27, 1997 (\$6.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of the Township Committee.
Tuesday, April 1, 1997, at 5:30 p.m. in the Planning Board Room, Municipal Building.
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel matters.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clark

Municipal Clark
U3931 SLR March 27, 1997 (\$4,25)

PLANNING SOARD
BOROUSH OF SOURTAMBLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on April 10, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Edward Topar, 448 New Providence Road, Block 2, Lot 5 - Conceptual Review of a major subdivision.

Various issues may be discussed and action may be taken.

Buth M. Rees Secretary Ruth M. Rees

U3770 MEC March 27, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINAL SUBDIVISION
AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield has granted to Frank Racioppi final subdivision and site plan approval with reference to property known and designated as Lots 50.02 and 51 in Block 137.01 for single-family residential building lots, all as more specifically set forth and recited in a formal Resolution of the Springfield Township Planning Board which memorialized on-March 5, 1997 the approvals granted to the Applicant at the Planning Board meeting on February 5, 1997. Said Resolution has been filled in the Office of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield and is available for inspection.

Max Sherman, Esq. SHERMAN, ESQS. 26 Linden Avenue Springfield N, 107081

26 Linden Avenue Springfield, NJ 07081 U3771 SLR March 27, 1997 (\$9,00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE.
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 216
- OUTDOOR CAFES AND TO AMEND
CHAPTER - FEES
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing ordinance was passed and approved 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, March 25, 1997.
HELEN E KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk

Municipal Clerk U3902 SLR March 27, 1997 (86.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 15th day of
April at 8:00 o'clock; p.m., a hearing will be
held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on
Application 497-8 on behalf of Dobbs Auto
Body for a variance or other relief so as to
permit the changing of an existing 4' fence
to a 8' fence which violates the 4' maximum
tence height and no front side fence on the tence height and no front side tence on the premises located at 23 Springfield Ave. and designated as block 209, lot 12 and block 209, lot 14 on the Springfield Township Tax

Map.
The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection.
Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Dobbs Auto Body Brad Denning Applicant 1997 (\$10.25) U3929 SLR March 27, 1997

cannot be used for unsupervised larships to be awarded worldwide are research, medical intership or residency or for employment on a full-time basis in the host country. Because the scholarship is primarily ambassadorial and fimited to one academic year, recipients may not be able to earn degrees, certificates or diplomas during the study period.

almost any field of study, however, it

General Eligibility: Applicants pursuing university course work when the scholarship begins. Applicants pursuing practical training or vocational study must have a secondary education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

For an application, contact Paul G. Steck at (908) 273-2539. Application deadline is June 1.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW
JERSEY, CHAPTER 165 - PEES
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing ordinance was passed and approved at a regular meeting of the Township of Springfield in the County of
Union and State of New Jersey held on
Tuesday evening, March 25, 1997.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk U3901 SLR March 27, 1997 (\$6.00)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BORDOM OF MOUNTAINSIDE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor send Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union. State of New Jersey, held on the 18th day of March, 1997 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 15th day of April, 1997 at 8:00, or as soon thereafter as said metter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

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BOROUGH CLERK

ORDINANCE SES-67

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE
SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THERTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$130,000) FROM THE
CAPITAL INFROVEMENT PARTY

STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORM
TATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF A
SECTION OF NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD
BE IT ORDANNED by the Mayor and
Council of the Borough of Mountainside in
the County of Union, New Jarsey as

Council of the Borough of Mountainelde, in the County of Union, New Jersey as follows.

SECTION 1. One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for repaving a portion of New Providence Road in and by the Borough of Mountainside, in the Causty of Union, New Yorkey, with \$90,000.00 being reimbursed to the Borough from the New Jersey Department of Transportaion.

SECTION 2. The Capital Budget of the Borough of Mountainside is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the division of Local Government Services is on file with the Cierk and is available there for public inspection.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

U3769 MEC March 27, 1997 (\$21.00)



SPORTS

HIGHLIGHTS

Springfield's 7th and 8th grade took second place in the Tri-County League last Thursday. The 1996-97 Nettes are the first team to complete more than 30 games in a season. As division champions, the Net-

tes fashioned a highly successful 29-5 mark. In addition, they came in first in two tournaments. The girls scored 1,298 points and their five losses were by a combined total of 38 points.

These same girls were scoring only 10 points a game in 6th grade, so a huge improvement took place

Springfield managed to beat twotime defending division champion Cranford twice this year and another highlight was a 72-71 win over Westfield, giving Westfield its only conference loss.

The girls were sparked by the outstanding efforts of tri-captains Christina Tomasino, Lisa DeNicolo and Linda Agostinelli.

Tomasino earned the team's Most Valuable Player award because of her great defense and terrific outside shooting.

DeNicolo was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year due to her hard work and aggressiveness on the court. She is also a great out-

Agostinelli really came into her own this year at point guard and took charge of the game and made it all work.

Justine Grady, alternate captain, was the team's high scorer the previous two seasons and is the Nettes' all-time leading scorer.

"Justine is the most unselfish player I have ever coached," coach Tomasino said. "She added a terrific blend to the team."

The other 8th graders who participated included Jackie Huber, Tara Listowski, Dana Rutkowski, Danielle Guida, Maria Gonnella,

Sara Abraham and Chanel Helper Huber, playing center, was strong on the boards and was able to beat most of the opposing team's centers to the hoop. She scored 316

Listowski gave Springfield great shooting and was the best outside shooter on the team. Listowski and Tomasino paced the girls' by making 38-of-50 shots during the Net-

tes' Foul Shooting Contest. Rutkowski hustled on the court and came through with the long. jump shot when the team needed it.

Helper added the height the team needed under the basket and came through with rebounding help many

Guida, Gonnella and Abraham really came through with whatever was needed to get the job done on

Meghan Heinle, Deanne Florindi, Esther Aizenberg, Samantha Pellet, Stacey Fishkin and Dorian Walker.

Heinle, Florindi and Aizenberg were named tri-captains for thew 1997-98 season. Heinle was one of the biggest plusses for the team. She never quit and hustled on both offense and defense.

Heinle was team's the second leading scorer, pouring in 251 points.

Florindi's hustle on the court was a great asset to the team. Aizenberg will fill the shoes Agostinelli leaves behind as the team's point guard next year.

Pellet, Fishkin and Walker gave it their all this year and a lot of good things will be expected of them for next year.



Union County members of the New Jersey Devils Bantam Minor hockey team proudly display their first-place trophy from the State College, Pa. Invitational Tournament. From left are Chris McCallum of Summit, Mike Lagola of Linden, Joe Andrasko of Springfield, Joe Aliseo of Elizabeth and Billy Gardner of New Providence.

Locals lift Devils to hockey crown McCallum, Andrasko star

The New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club Bantam Minor team concluded its season March 8 by winning the State College, Pa. Invitational

State College is the town directly located across the street from the main campus at Penn State University, which is in University Park, Pa. Union County members of the Devils' squad included Chris McCallum of Summit, Joe Andrasko of Springfield, Mike Lagola of Linden, Joe Aliseo of Elizabeth and Billy Gardner of New Providence.

Andrasko paced the team in goal scoring with 45. Gardner and team captain Lagola combined with defender/alternate captain McCallum and ironman goaltender Aliseo to contribute to the team's success.

The Devils finished with an impressive overall record of 38-10-7. In the State College Tournament, the Devils were paced by a balanced offense in combination with a stiff defense and timely goaltending. In the preliminary round, the Devils skated past the Warwick, Pa. Wildcats, the Howard County, Mary. Huskies and the Philadelphia Quakers by a combined score of 21-2.

In the final, the Devils spotted the Pennsauken Thunderbirds a 3-2 lead after the first period, only to put on an impressive offensive display in the second period to the tune of scoring five goals in a span of just four minutes and 30 seconds.

Once the Devils took the lead they never looked back, dominating the championship game with a 43-13 advantage in shots on goal. The final score was not reported.

For the Devils, the victory marked the culmination of a highly success-

Accomplishments included: first place in the Atlantic Youth Hockey League Round Robin Competition, runner-up in the Silver Sticks Eastern Regional Tournament and runner-up in the N.J. Devils Youth Hockey

Additionally, in the prestigious Boston Metro Advanta Winterfest, the team played well, but missed qualifying for the finals by a mere 1/10th of a point in goal differential

Springfield grappler Cooperman excels Wins Intermediate Division

Cory Cooperman of Springfield wrestled to an undefeated season this year, one that was capped at competition held at Lakewood High School last Sunday. Cooperman won the 90-pound Intermediate Division championship and

three-time state champion in the process Coaches clinics upcoming

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

Here's a look at a few:

Soccer: Saturday. April 12 at Toms River North High School from 8:30 a.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.

More information may be obtained by writing or calling the NJSIAA at P.O. Box 487, Route 130 Robbinsville, N.J. 08691, Attn: Ernie Finizio 609-259-2776.

Shooting Camp in June

The ninth John Somogyi Shooting Camp, co-directed by Neil Horne and John Somogyi, will take place June 21-22 at St. Peter's High School in New

The camp, which is open to all boys and girls ages 9-17, will include two three-hour sessions that will enable players to improve on their shooting techniques and give them individual and partner drills for further practice. More information may be obtained by calling Somogyi at 908-846-8928.

Experienced Summit looks forward to Iron challenge

Hilltoppers prepping for season-opener

By Andrew McGann

As the high school baseball season quickly approaches, Summit head coach Jim Dietz and Hilltoppers are looking forward to the upcoming campaign, their first as a member of the Hills Division of the Iron Hills

Eight of 10 starters from last year's team return.

The Hilltoppers open their season Wednesday at Parsippany and the home-opener is two days later against

Morris Hills, both games 4 p.m. starts. "We have a very experienced club," said Dietz, who is entering his 10th season as Summit's head coach. "We have more starters returning than we've had in a long time.'

The following students will be starting for Summit this year: junior Bobby Adams at catcher, senior Brian Kelly at first base, junior Jared Chellevold at second, senior Brendan Reilly at third, senior Peter Torrez at shortstop and juniors Kyle Bennet and Fred Luberto and seniors Steve Gagliano, Chris Fields and Colin Ballantyne in the outfield.

junior third baseman Jason Flores, senior third baseman Ben Wheeless and senior first baseman Hans Horn will also see considerable time.

Ballantyne and Chellevold are the two mound aces and Reilly, Flores, Fields and Wheeless round out the rest of the staff.

H.S. Baseball

Last season, as a member of the National Division of the Watchung Conference, Summit compiled a 15-8 record. They were eliminated in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament by eventual champion Westfield in a 1-0 game that was scoreless going into the seventh inning.

Summit was then bested by Johnson Regional 5-3 in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 state playoffs.

Big things are expected from Torrez. The talented shortstop led the team with a .393 batting average last year and also was first in runs with 25 and doubles with seven. He smacked two homers and paced all returning players with 17 RBI.

Others who made major contributions last year were Luberto (.373-BA), Chellevold (.292 BA, 2-2, 2.03 ERA), Ballantyne (4-1, 2.23 ERA), Reilly (.283 BA) and Fields (.278 BA). Berg went 8-for-17 and posted a

In the Hills Division, Summit will face the likes of Hanover Park, West Essex and Mendham, all of whom have good baseball programs.

"From top to bottom, the Iron Hills Conference has more competition than the Watchung Conference." Dietz said. "We'll be playing competitive games every time out."

Dietz feels that there's more balance in the Iron Hills Conference although the Watchung Conference might consist of more dominating

"We have a good, veteran club and we're ready for the challenge," Dietz

Kravetz and Berger sparked squad to outstanding season

Springfield residents excellent hockey players

The outstanding efforts of Springfield residents Ross Kravetz and Brett Berger helped spark the Cranford Pee Wee hockey team to one of its most successful seasons in

Kravetz and Berger helped lead the team to a secondplace finish in the Atlantic District championships held in Lawrenceville earlier this month and then their play helped lift the squad to the championship game of the New Jersey Youth Hockey League in Monsey, N.Y.

Kravetz and Berger, 6th grade students at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield, completed their first year in the Pee Wee Division and both had outstanding seasons.

The duo helped the team post an impressive 38-6-3 mark (16-3 in leauge play), to finish in second place in the New Jersey Youth Hockey League standings behind the Toms River Blackhawks, who went 17-0-2

Toms River and Cranford then advanced to the Atlantic District playoffs, joining first- and second-place finishers in

leagues from New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Cranford fell to Toms River 4-1 in its opening game, but bounced back to claim victories over York of Pennsylvania

6-0 and Hersey of Pennsylvania 8-4 to finish second behind the Blackhawks. Cranford then opened the state league playoffs with a

hard-fought 5-3 win over the Morristown Colonials in a game played at Mennen Arena in Morris Township. That victory meant another matchup with its Toms Riv-

Once again, Toms River prevailed, this time defeating Cranford by a 3-1 score.

Kravetz and Berger participated in one of the most successful seasons in the history of the team. In addition to finishing second in the state and district playoffs, Kravetz and Berger helped the squad win the Bowie Tournament last month in Annapolis as Kravetz provided physical defense and Berger scored the game-winning goal in the championship contest.



Springfield residents Ross Kravetz and Brett Berger display their second-place medals won at the Atlantic District championships earlier this month.

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Duo will perform 'unique' jazz

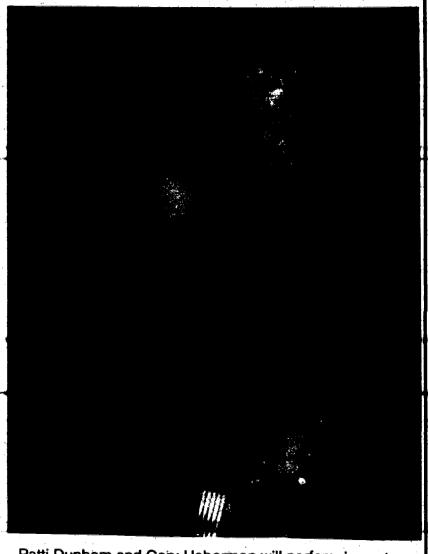
Patti Dunham and Gary Haberman will bring their "Unique Jazz Duo" to the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on April 13, at 2

Early in Patti Dunham's career as a jazz and swing vocalist, she sang with the Larry Elgart Big Band and was featured on several of his recordings. She appeared as a singer in Woody Allen's film 'Crimes and Misdemeanors," and was the featured soloist with Pianist Dick Hyman at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. She has brought her own jazz ensembles into many of New York's premier jazz clubs.

Gary Haberman is active not only as a performer, but as a composer, arranger, orchestrator, and producer. As pianist and synthesist, he has performed with Frank Sinatra, Vic Damone, Diahann Caroll, and the late Samamy Davis Ir. He. performed on the HBO presentation "Liza Minelli Live from London and appeared in a video with vocalist Jon Hendricks. Haberman has performed on several recordings including the "Saturday Night Fever" album, "Discosymphony," and "A Fifth of Beethoven." He has composed, arranged and produced hundreds of songs for educational publishers. His film and video composing and producing credits include two NBC movie specials as well as mini documentaries, biographical skectches, animated featurettes, pictorial soundscapes and mus-

Pattie Dunham and Gary Haberman began working as a duo when the Dar Tiffany restaurant in Greenvale, NY, needed a jazz

ic videos.



Patti Dunham and Gary Haberman will perform jazz at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on April 13 at 2 p.m.

group for the opening of an art exhibit. That one evening engagement turned into a seven month run.

Funding for this program has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council for the Arts, Dept. of State, through a grant admins-

tered by the Union County of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The program is free and open to all. For information (201) 376-4930.

Family fun series to inundate arboretum

"Family Fun in the Spring Sun" begins with an Earth Day celebration April 19 and an Arbor Day observance April 26, at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

In both programs, children will plant species appropriate to areas of the arboretum after learning about ecology and touring the grounds.

The arboretum's wildlife habitat is the focus for the April 19 Earth Day program where youngsters ages 4-10 will learn about butterfiles, birds, bats and other creatures, how they survive in their own wild environment and how they contribute to ecology. Participants will then explore the grounds on a guided tour to spot wildlife:

On April 26, Arbor Day's observance will center on

native trees, a tour will help children distinguish between native and invasive species and learn the importance of trees and of rescuing woodlands from invaders such as the Norway maple.

Both events run 9:30-11 a.m. with fees for each at \$13, \$10 for members. Children under age 5 should be accompanied by an adult. Continuing the "Family Fun" series are two programs on "This is for the Birds" on May 10, 12:30-2 p.m. and "Backyard Birding" on May 17, 9:30-11 a.m.

To register, call 273-8787. Registration is also open for the children's Elephant Tree Summer Nature Camp. The arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., near Route 24.

Gala to help end world hunge

Events to End Helplessness Inc. will hold its Fifth Annual Gala titled "April in Paris," a fundraising event for ending hunger. The EEH is a Princeton based, non-profit, all volunteer, charitable organization that raises money used to end hunger, homelessness, abuse, illiteracy and other forms of helplessness.

The gata will be held on April 12, at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit. The evening's events will include dining and dancing with a Parisian theme. Area merchants have donated goods and services. Anyone can parti-

cipate in the event by attending the gala, advertised in the gala program, donating goods or services, or making a cash donation to EEH. Contact EEH at (908) 753-1351,

Last year's gala raised \$7,500 for hunger ending organizations. "We plan to double last year's successful effort by raising \$15,000 this year," said Robert Stemcovski, gala chair. Money raised this year will go to three organizations: Hand to Hand of New Jersey, The Hunger Project and World Hunger Year.

Hand to Hand Inc. is an all volun-

teer, non-profit organization based in Maine, with active chapters in five states including New Jersey. Its mission is to empower the work of ending hunger by directing community resources. Hand to Hand has worked with 650 hunger organizations in 15 states and with more than 100,000 people raising more than \$18 million. The organization also created New Jersey's annual "Ending Honger Week."

World Hunger Year's mission is not to alleviate world hunger, but to end it.

Charity golf, tennis classic planned

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation will host its 15th annual Golf and Tennis Classic on June 9 at the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit. The day will feature golf and tennis tournaments for all to enjoy. Registration is at 10 a.m., followed by brunch.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Patient Services Fund of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation,

N. Marks of Chester, trustee of the Henry H. Kessler Foundation and Kessler Nursing Home, Inc. The Patient Services Fund provides direct financial assistance to those who cannot afford the fun cost of their physical rehabilitation programs.

Inc., according to event chair Thomas

Fees for the 18-hole golf tournament are \$4 per golfer and \$4,000 per

corporate golf sponsorship. Golf fees include valet parking, brunch, green fees, caddie or cart and reception. Corporate sponsors receive a company sign at a designated hole, four golf passes and four additional reception invitations for guests.

For more information about th tournament, call (201) 731-3900, ex 2730

Restaurants to aid Red Cross

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, with the support of area restaurants, is sponsoring its Second Annual Dine Out for the American Red Cross on April 10.

Darrell Hayes, chairperson for the event, said, "This is a wonderful way for people to help support the many services that the Summit Area Chapter provides to the area communities and to have fun at the same time. Every restaurant who is participating in this event has very generously agreed to donate a percentage of their evening's proceeds to the Summit area chapter. We invite everyone to join us in this terrific event."

Participating restaurants are: In Berkeley Heights, DiMaio Restaurant, the Alley Bar and Grill, the Heights Cafe, Suisha Japanese Restaurant; in New Providence, Aquila Cucina Italia, Old Glory Restaurant, Prestige Diner; in Sterling, Calabria II; in Summit, A.J.'s American Cafe and Caterer, Hunt Club at Grand Summit Hotel, Fiorini Ristorante.

For further information, call the Red Cross at (908) 273-2076.

School days



Courtesy C. Fernande

Jane Helvy, at right, PTO parent volunteer from Summit's Franklin School, assists prospective student Meghna Marathe, at left, and her mother, Maddy, register for kindergarten for the 1997-98 school year. Keeping an eye on the proceedings is Meghna's little sister, Priya.

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