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Opening Day for the Mountainside Youth Baseball Programs is April 12. This year, a spaghetti dinner and auction are also planned for the early evening of April 12 to raise funds to help pay for the newly renovated Field House and to help upgrade our baseball fields. The spaghetti dinner, which also includes bread sticks, salad, dessert and a beverage, will be held in the cafeteria at Deerfield School, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the cost of \$8 per person or \$30 for a family of four. Tickets can be purchased from Donna Perez-Santalla, (908) 233-4272, 323 New Providence Road, Mountainside, checks payable to Mountainside Youth Baseball.

This year a special auction will be conducted from 6 to 8:30 p.m. by Russ Salzberg from WOR/FAN. Tickets to the theater and sporting events, various sports memorabilia, including an autographed Derek Jeter jersey, and other assorted items will be auctioned off. All are welcome and attending the spaghetti dinner is not a prerequisite for attending the auction. Admission to the auction only is \$1 per person.

Volunteers wanted

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Celebrating schooldays



Students in Suzanne Schneller's first-grade class in Deerfield School celebrated the 100th day of school recently. From left in the front row are Ashley Wilson, Kimberly Hiller, Amanda Buckley, Vicky Vitale, Jillian O'Sullivan, Sara Boyle, Samantha Garber, Kelly Schoenknecht, and Tatiana Kingston. Back row are Peter Baniuszewicz, Trevor Hain, Giancarlo Arpino, Thomas Dejjanne, Bobby Goense, Lee Hinman, and Joseph Percario.

Board gets 'close-up' of teacher

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Monica Lewis is a television star now.

Lewis, a teacher of the deaf at Governor Livingston High School, was recently taped for the New Jersey Educational Association's television program "Classroom Closeup."

The segment, which was shown the weekend of March 1, filmed over five hours during one of her classes and was shown at the meeting of regional school board on Tuesday.

"It was humbling, it was very humbling," said Lewis, "but it was exciting and it was exhausting, very exhausting."

Anyone surprised that Lewis should be on television should not be. Apparently, this is just one of things that go with being named 1997 New Jersey Teacher of the Year.

Lewis was named state Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey school board last October. Lewis, who was named Union County Teacher of the Year last August, has since been on something of a whirlwind educational tour.

Since being named the state's Teacher of the Year, Lewis has been giving presentations and speeches to parents, administrators, teachers, even state Commissioner of Education, Leo Klagholz, "groups that I don't normally have the opportunity to speak to."

"I have to thank Dr. Merachnik and the board for supporting me — shall we say — flexible schedule," she said.

Regional Superintendent Donald Merachnik said for his part, "I think Mrs. Lewis is an excellent teacher and a very fine role model for teachers in New Jersey. She is not only a very

good teacher in terms of instruction, but she shows a great deal of empathy and compassion toward her students."

One of the highlights so far has been a four-day convention where Lewis met her counterpart Teachers of the Year from across the country — Alaska, Hawaii, you name it.

When asked about the convention, Lewis said, "You know, when you look around the room and you realize that you're looking at all these people and you realize they're Teachers of the Year — it was amazing to talk to these people and know what's going on."

And the year is just getting started for Lewis. She will be the keynote speaker at county Teacher of the Year meetings in Mercer, Middlesex, Passaic, Hunterdon, Warren and Bergen counties.

Lewis will be heading off to Washington, DC on April 18 as a guest of President Bill Clinton, which will probably be the highlight of a fabulous year.

"It's thrilling. It's exciting," she added. "It's truly a once in a lifetime honor to get that invitation."

"I didn't know it was possible to be exhausted and excited at the same time," she said at the meeting. "I am. I'm exhilarated. This is my vacation, our week off, and I had to prepare this — but it's worth it."

Unforeseen school bill may cause tax hike

Regional district owed \$1.8 million

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night the Borough Council held a special meeting to discuss the 1997 municipal budget. The meeting focused on the recent discovery of a problem involving the dissolution of the Regional High School District and money that could affect the municipal budget. On hand at the meeting were the Borough Council, Mayor Robert Vigilanti, and representatives from Supply & Clooney, the borough auditors.

According to the auditors, the way Mountainside's municipal budget is set up and the way that Mountainside makes payments to the regional school district, as well as to the local school district, has created this shortfall that nobody anticipated or dealt with in the legislation surrounding deregionalization. The borough makes tax payments to the regional district in two six-month blocks. The first payment is made Jan. 1, and that payment covers the borough through June 30. The second payment is then sent to the regional district July 1 and covers the borough through Dec. 31. However, when taxes are collected, they are not collected using the same calendar. Therefore the money to pay one payment for a present year would come from tax revenues expected to be raised by the borough. It is the conflict of the two calendars that has created this shortfall.

As a result, the borough will have to come up with the July 1 payment

for the regional district even though the district will be dissolved. The problem arises in the fact that the borough does not have the money to make the payment, since the amount due exceeds its surplus. If the regional district were to continue to operate, then this problem would never arise, since the cycle would continue as normal. But with the dissolution of the district, this payment is still owed even though no taxes have been collected for it.

To put the situation into context, the borough, come July 1 will owe the regional district \$1.8 million. This money will now either have to be raised by the borough or the borough will have to come up with another alternative to either pay the money or get out of paying the money. This is where the public meeting was stopped and continued in private executive session to discuss the possibility of suing the regional district, or calling for emergency legislation from Trenton to rectify the situation.

As far as the nearly \$1.8 million is concerned, if the liability does fall on the borough to pay that amount to the regional district, and if that money has to be raised through local taxes, it would translate to a 40 point increase in the municipal budget. A 40 point increase to the municipal budget would mean a roughly \$700 increase to the average homeowner in the borough. However the auditors stated that the money may not have to be raised through a tax increase.

First Aid Squad picks new executive officers

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The First Aid Squad announced the results of its officer elections and welcomed several new members to the squad.

The new administrative officers are President Maggi Benninger, Vice President Anthony Cina, Treasurer Bill VanBlarcom, and Secretary Krista Merklinger. The new operational officers are Capt. Russ Midtgaard, Deputy Capt. Nancy Cecon, 1st Lt. Brian Clancy, and 2nd Lt. Lori May. The officers were elected by a popular

vote of all of the squad's members and will serve a one-year term.

The First Aid Squad also welcomed new members who have been needed since the number of volunteers has dwindled over the years. The new local members to the squad are Barbara Gopstien-Vaning, Nancy Lauricella, Corinne Moore, Ann Marie Pires, John Rau, Gordon Thompson, and Richard Yerrick. There also are two new members from out of town: Richard Cina of Scotch Plains and Bryce Garrison of Westfield.

Borough pool cited with design award

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Not only is the Community Pool a place for residents to cool off in the hot summer months, it is now an award winning pool, according to the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association.

The Community Pool has received the 1997 Kinsey Award for Excellence in Design in the category of municipalities of with a population of 25,000 or less.

A plaque was accepted on behalf of the Recreation Commission and the Borough Council by Recreation Director Sue Winans, and Borough Engineer Michael Disko at the March 18 awards dinner of the annual New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association Conference. "We received a very handsome plaque that I think we will display at the pool this summer and then bring back over to the Recreation Department offices once the renovations to Borough Hall are complete," said Winans.

The Mountainside Community Pool renovations were completed in June 1995. The original bath-house building was renovated to double the snack bar area, install a new ventilation system, and create a new first aid room. Among other improvements, a new contemporary pitched roof was constructed and new cedar/redwood exterior siding was installed.

The renovation also included new pools for the community. The traditional rectangular wading pool was removed and a new zero-depth wading pool, in a semi-circular shape, was constructed. The pool's water depth tapers from zero to about 16 inches so that small children can play safely. The wading pool also has a series of water jets which bubble from the pool bottom to create interesting play areas for children. The wading pool is shaded on one side by a gazebo and wooden canopy which provides some shelter from the sun and offers a cabana-like seating area.

The design of the pool improvements was completed by Borough Engineer Michael Disko and architect Roger Keller. Sue Winans also praised the contributions of Pool Manager Scott Karaman, Recreation Secretary Sandy Burdge and Borough Administrator Kathy Toland in keeping the project moving ahead.

The project was funded by a \$300,000 bond ordinance. Main contracts were for \$246,946 for construction of the wading pool and bath-house renovations by Paley Construction Company located in Springfield, and \$25,000 for the gazebo and wooden canopy work by R.T.P. General Contractors on Kenilworth. The funding of the project is a long term bond which will be paid by membership fees of pool users. "No taxpayer funds are involved in the payment of the bond," said Recreation Director Winans.

The pool renovations are the result of efforts over a two-year period by the members of the Mountainside Recreation Commission including Jim Barrett, Pat Debbie, Tony DiVito, Wayman Everly, George Serio, Mary Trimmer and Carol Worwick.

Trotting turkeys



Deer are not the only animals roaming through Mountainside. Wild turkeys, as seen at left, are known to stroll through the borough as well.

Courtesy C. Billington

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Classes focus on healthy eating habits

The family and consumer science classes in Governor Livingston High School celebrated March as National Nutrition Month with numerous activities. Two classes published a nutritional newsletter. They researched nutritional information for the newsletter, using the Electronic Library, the Internet and Computer News Bank. They also created features, such as nutritional cartoons, editorials, and question and answer forums. The classes then compiled their newsletter, using Microsoft Publishing Program. These newsletters were sent to their parents and were distributed to interested students throughout the school.

Two other family and consumer science classes analyzed their diets on the computer and used Microsoft Spreadsheet to create bar and pie graphs of the results for a more visual representation of their diets. To reinforce math competencies, the classes also found the range, mean, mode and median for their classes and analyzed which statistic presented a better picture of the data. The results were then written in an article for the newsletter.

In one class, a student had eaten about eight times the recommended amount of vitamin C. For this class the median clearly presented a more realistic picture of the class's eating habits than the mean did. In past years the diets of the students had been very high in fat. This year's results indicated that the students' diets were not high in fat, but that they were very low in Vitamin A and calcium. Their diets seemed to lack dark green and orange vegetables, which would have provided the Vitamin A. They also lacked dairy products, which would have provided the calcium. To culminate nutrition month, the family and consumer science students brought the computers to the cafeteria so that the rest of the student body could

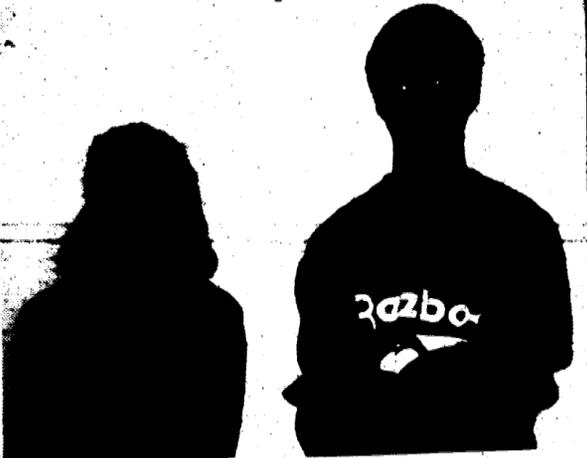


Ron Farrell, Filippo DiComo and David Kiss of Governor Livingston Regional High School analyzed diets on the computer as part of National Nutrition Month.

analyze the nutritional content of various foods and diets, planning, nutrition and meal planning, sewing, personal improvement and decision making. This subject presents a practical, visual, hand-on approach to incorporating the standard competencies for reading, writing, listening and speaking. Family and consumer science is the new nationally chosen title for home economics, since it more accurately represents the scope and goals of this subject. Its goals have always been the improvement of family life through an interdisciplinary approach. Curriculum topics include relation-

ships, parenting, housing, financial ing, mathematics, and science into the curriculum, issuing various technological resources. The new New Jersey educational competencies and many of the questions on HSPT tests, required for graduation, require the synthesis of these skills in similar practical applications for family and consumer problem solving.

Math champs



Students in Cathi Cardano and Dave Fogle's middle school math classes at Deerfield School in Mountainside competed in the Conrail Math 24 Competition. The 6th grade winner was Stacy Vlachakis and the 7th/8th grade winner was Oliver Eng. Both students will go on to the state competition to be held at the Liberty Science Center this month.

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Melissa Catherine Pearl

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Local boy springs to success

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Ryan Russikoff is somersaulting his way through gymnastics.

Within three years, Ryan, 9, has risen three levels and won a score of ribbons and medals in competition. He has his mother and a gymnastics school in Garwood to thank for his start.

"I was six when I started to do cartwheels in the backyard and at the Municipal Pool," said Ryan. "Mom soon took me to Sargent's Elite School of Gymnastics to try out."

"Ryan has an abundance of energy," said Ellen Russikoff, "and gymnastics school is a good outlet."

"The first time Ryan was here, he did a reverse handspring," said Newton Ribeiro of Sargent's. "It's a move which usually takes six months to a year to learn. I then asked his parents if he'd like to join our competition team."

Ryan works out at Sargent's four times a week. He practices on six exercises, including parallel bars,

rings and floor routine. Studies at the Caldwell School usually follow.

"I like the floor exercise best for the freedom," said Ryan. "My favorite classes in school are math, gym and spelling. On my last report card, I got an overall 4.0 grade."

Ryan rose from the youngest, or Pee-Wee, level by degree of difficulty to level five. At the same time, he goes with the Sargent's team for competition meets over the winter.

"I helped our team win the first Kurt Thomas Invitational meet last year in Stroudsburg, Pa.," said Ryan. "It was great meeting Kurt."

Thomas, a medalist at the Seoul Olympics in 1988, is one of the few male gymnasts known outside the sport. The public eye has focused instead on the female athletes for 25 years, up to the 1996 US Olympic Team.

"While the attention on Olga Korbut and others have helped gymnastics in general, there is a problem with perception," said Ribeiro. "Girls have to work faster and harder and general-



Ryan Russikoff

ly retire by 19 while boys can take their time and retire by 30. There are schools that offer scholarships but there are some others who only have a girls team."

"Sargent's students come from as far away as Staten Island and Flemington," said Ellen. "Jonathan Dayton High School has a girls gymnastic team but not a boys, so he may have to go to the Roselle Park team."

"Sargent's has girls but they're on different hours," said Ryan. "Sometimes I get teased but I don't talk much about being a gymnast."

"I've seen Ryan in meets," said friend Jesse Weatherston. "He's good at what he does and he has fun at it."

When asked about his brother's performance, Justin, 7, smiled and shrugged his shoulders.

Ryan and the Sargent's team will close their season by competing in a six-state regional meet April 24 at Hanover, Pa.

Boardwalk event will aid hospital

Area residents are being asked to kick-off summer early with a "Night on the Boardwalk," an event sponsored by the Auxiliary of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside on May 17. The fund raising social is scheduled from 7 to 11 p.m. and will be held at Lucent Technologies in Murray Hill.

According to Hillary Weldon, co-chairperson, "The CSH Auxiliary's annual spring event has marked the traditional kickoff of the spring season and is usually a sellout."

"For the past 66 years, the auxiliary has held a week-day luncheon featuring a fashion show. To accommodate more people, the scope and timing of the event was changed this year," said Maria Gordon, co-chairperson.

The weekend event will offer guests the opportunity to enjoy a headstart on the beginning of the summer season. Boardwalk entertainers, including a juggler, magician and a fortune teller, will entertain guests amidst a seashore setting complete with a sunset beach motif. Guests will also be given the opportunity to try their luck at boardwalk games. Beach-inspired musical

entertainment and a seafood bar will enhance the evening of dancing, games and dining.

A silent auction will also be conducted for prizes donated by local merchants, including a ladies Delma Watch from J. Winthrop and Co., Westfield; a dinner party for eight from J&M Market, Mountainside; a six-night/seven day vacation at the Beachcomber Resort in Palm Springs; and 13 teak and canvas umbrellas from an anonymous donor.

In addition to Weldon and Gordon, committee chairperson include Elizabeth Loland, auxiliary president; Carol Azen, Lynn Kolterjahn and Bruce Talcott, program book; Joan Murray, auction; Cynthia McLaughlin, decorations; Jean Sawtelle, hostess; Sandi Arthur, favors; Tia Iles and Suzanne LeFrank-Jurgens, prizes; Sally Bialick and Vicki Curry, invitations; Marcia Kozarich, publicity, and Janet Jackson, ways and means.

Invitations for the event, at \$75 per person, may be obtained by calling (908) 654-1825.

'Unique' jazz scheduled for Springfield Library

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 p.m.

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 Carroll and the late Sammy Davis Jr. 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, "Disco-symphony," 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 sketches, animated featurettes, pictorial soundscapes and music videos.

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

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Westfield/Mountainside Postmaster Kenneth Brown announced that the United States Postal Service is bracing itself for the annual onslaught of last minute tax filers. In addition, he has offered several suggestions for speedier service.

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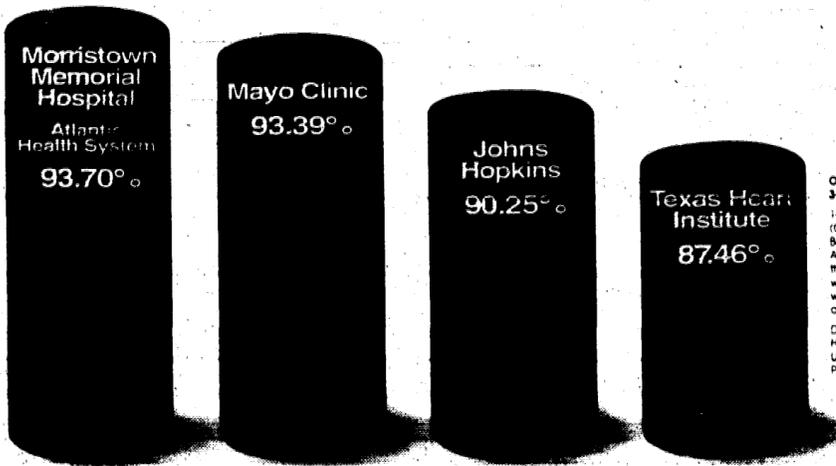
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Following the rules

We have supported the Union County Freeholders' five-year deer management program, despite strong opposition from residents who disdain the use of violence against the deer.

As has been stated in past editorials, we believe the most efficient method of controlling the unchecked deer population in the county is a carefully supervised deer hunt, and this is a position we still support.

However, recent allegations about hunt guideline violations are unsettling, and should be taken seriously by the investigation unit of the Union County Police.

The concerns, raised by area residents, center on claims that the hunters were operating outside the guidelines set by the Union County Parks Division and the county freeholders. The alleged guideline violations range from hunting outside allowed hours to hunting close to roadways and homes. These violations, it is claimed, are creating unsafe conditions for the residents.

The deer hunt is not something residents had the option of approving, nor should they have. Residents, some of whom are strongly opposed to the hunt on moral grounds, have had to live with the hunt. The least they should expect is a guarantee of their safety, as well as a guarantee that those participating in the hunt will abide by the rules.

One neighbor of the Watchung Reservation questioned how the residents can have faith in those who oversee the hunt if they can't ensure that the participants follow the rules. While we would not be so dramatic, we have to agree that those residents whose faith in government is already shaken by the mere allowance of the hunt should not be given further reason to distrust the county government.

On the other hand, Dan Bernier of the Union County Parks Division is confident that the hunters have been following the guidelines, and all charges are unfounded. Given the nature of the deer hunt debate over the past few years, we realize that this may very well be the case.

It is important to remember that the investigation is only in its early stages. We believe condemnation should be held until a proper and thorough investigation is completed. After all, allegations do not automatically confer guilt.

Because of the volatile nature of this issue, the Union County Police should conduct a thorough investigation on a case-by-case basis as soon as possible. To prevent certain segments of the population from further losing confidence in county government, this matter should be taken seriously.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infocourse hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Organ players

Last week, Springfield officially joined Mountainside and Summit in support of organ transplant publicity as April was declared Organ Donor Awareness Month.

There are more than 48,000 people in need of organ transplants, and 900 of them are in New Jersey. Approximately 3,000 people die each year waiting for a transplant. This is more than a number; each one of those 3,000 people represents an individual with a unique life cut short.

In 1995, Gov. Christine Whitman signed the Donor Enhancement Act, which increased the state's donor pool. However, organ and tissue demand has increased, including the demand for body parts that require precise matches. By acting as an initial link between interested donors and hospitals, the Union County-based Sharing Network is looking to provide renewed hope for some of those 3,000 people.

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, and they have been vigorously pursuing this objective.

The main function of the Sharing Network is to help hospitals seek transplant recipients when a donor's death is imminent. The initial connection, however, is accomplished in a simpler manner — by taking a little time and filling out organ donor cards. The donor cards are available in Borough Hall or by calling the Sharing Network at (800) 742-7365. When signed in the presence of a witness, these cards inform families of the potential donor's wish, which is in some cases a stumbling block to a quick organ donation.

This simple action might not be for everyone; there are many who would choose not to even think about death. But for those who feel differently, we urge them to take a few minutes and fill out one of these cards.

In addition, we applaud the Sharing Network for supporting a cause that receives little attention. Surely their hard work and dedication will continue to save lives.

"Sweet words are like honey: a little may refresh, but too much gluts the stomach."
—Anne Bradstreet
essayist, poet

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CANDIDATES

Linda Esemplare

I am seeking re-election to the Board of Education based on my record and dedication to quality education for every child as well as fiscal responsibility.

My husband Pat and I have lived in Mountainside for 35 years and raised six children, all of whom have gone through the Mountainside school system, Kindergarten to eighth-grade.

I have seen many changes during my years with the PTA and on the Board of Education: Downsizing from three schools and 1,350 students to one school and 550 pupils; consolidation of two libraries in Deerfield School into one well managed, fully utilized and computerized media center; deregionalization and Mountainside becoming a K-12 school district in a send-receive agreement with Berkeley Heights.

As I write this article my mind is focused on the 1997-98 school budget. I need to balance the educational needs of the children with the continuation of our technology program, improvements needed in Deerfield School — replacement of the 1968 roof — and restoration of our athletic fields vs. the tax reduction this Board of Education promised the taxpayers when we supported and campaigned for deregionalization.

The maximum permitted net budget for our newly formed K-12 school district for 1997-98 was \$8,564,058. Mountainside's proposed budget for this K-12 school district is \$8,549,995. The 1996-97 approved budget for a K-8 school district was \$4,860,294. Projected costs for all our high school students including tuition, special education and transportation is estimated at \$3,129,722.

The superintendent estimates a \$150 tax reduction to each homeowner based on a \$155,000 assessed valuation. This amount is substantially below what the taxpayers of this community expected when they voted in favor of deregionalization.

The Board of Education is focusing its attention on the final stages of deregionalization. We now need to concentrate on the quality of educa-



Linda Esemplare

tion our students receive and its costs to this community.

Also, the board is analyzing the administration structure based on a K-12 school district with one pre-K to 8 school with approximately 550 students and about 225 pupils in a send/receive high school. In 1984 I advocated an administrative principal position with a part time board secretary/business administrator and still believe these positions will work well in this district.

During the next three years I would like to see the Board of Education focus on curriculum accountability, changing the administrative structure and providing a more cost effective school system.

During my tenure on the Board of Education I have been chairman of Building and Grounds, Education and Policy subcommittees and have served on Long Range Planning and Negotiation committees. For over 10 years, I have represented Mountainside on the Union County Educational Services Commission.

I have knowledge and experience to offer the Board of Education and I want to continue to insist on educational responsibility for all children and fiscal accountability for our taxpayers. I will continue to ask the hard questions and insist on a cost effective expanded school district.

John S. Perrin

An idea came to me while watching the Hale-Bopp Comet with my children. A concerned parent at Candidate's Night asked, "What is a well prepared Deerfield graduate?" I decided to use my Candidate's Corner as an opportunity to answer the question using my platform as a guide.

Deerfield students will be exposed to a new set of Core Curriculum Standards next year that will hopefully give them a stronger educational base for high school. An interesting and powerful component of the Core Curriculum Plan is the opportunity for us all to shape it — educators and lay people alike. It's important for everyone in our community to be at board meetings throughout the year voicing concerns and ideas. Through the efforts of many concerned parents and the Board of Education last year, a new mathematics curriculum is being prepared for implementation next year; many of us are anxiously awaiting the presentation. Several of the goals of this plan, shaped partially by parents, include competing with our surrounding communities' programs, on-par capability with other youngsters from Berkeley Heights and a plan implementation throughout all grade levels as opposed to top down. Coming up in April are presentations about new curriculum that ought to be heard by all. I'm still wondering how the plan proposes to utilize computers in the classroom for math enrichment of our children.

Technology has certainly been a topic since the new year. Comprised of volunteers with expertise in the field, the Technology Committee is paying the way for literacy, information, and integrating curriculum with computers. Our children will be well prepared by investing in our teachers in order to achieve fluency in navigating the desktop, using word processing programs and spreadsheets, and increasing communication within the local area network. The possibilities of the internet are extraordinary, but let's keep it basic for now. An oversight group from this committee should be formed to assure that all



John Standish Perrin

money budgeted next year for computers, connections and software is spent on specific items that are on the list of the big picture implementation plan that must also be published by these people.

Science Fair/Invention Convention is a great way for children in all grades levels to explore a subject or create something new. The program at Deerfield is of great value and interest to our children. The program is supported by the board, and needs some strengthening. Corporate sponsors are available to come in and demonstrate science from their particular industry.

New tests are being revised for grades 4, 8 and 11. These tests will demonstrate a shift in focus from evaluating what has been taught to what is learned. With a high educational priority graced with diverse enrichment possibilities, test scores that we are all concerned about should automatically improve.

I've been seen at school and board meetings over the past year. I've been asking questions and volunteering my time as the record indicates. I'm an architect and planner whose life revolves around concepts, goals, budgets and trust. I have experience with other people's funds and have successfully managed projects up to \$20 million. I wish to contribute by communicating with the community.

Carmine Venes

I am familiar to the residents of Mountainside as their representative to the Regional High School Board of Education, where I served for six years. As a member of the Board of Education, I was chairperson of the Cost Containment Committee and was instrumental in reducing the per pupil cost for Mountainside students over the last several years. I also served on the Negotiations Committee, Insurance Committee, and Legal Committee. I am presently serving on the Transition Committee to ascertain the smoothest transition possible for all Mountainside students into Governor Livingston.

I received my bachelor's and associate's degrees at Kean College, formerly Newark State College, in elementary education and supervision and administration, respectively.

I went onto Seton Hall University, where I achieved my sixth year level in guidance and counseling. I have been a guidance counselor in the Rahway Intermediate School for three years and Rahway High for 27 years. Previously, I was an elementary teacher at Harding School in Kenilworth. I also administered the Saturday Youth Program in Rahway for 19 years and have been involved in various extracurricular programs in the community. I, my wife, four daughters, and their families have been communicants of Our Lady of Lourdes parish for 20 years.

As to the future of education for the children of Mountainside, I am concerned about raising the Early Warning Test scores of the elementary students to bring Mountainside into the 75 top ranked districts in the state. Mountainside is ranked 256, since only 31.6 percent of Mountainside's elementary students achieved Level I scores in all three areas of the EWT.

In considering the future of the Mountainside school district, I am concerned with meaningful representation on the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, for unlike the regional configuration, Mountainside will have only limited voting power on the



Carmine Venes

Berkeley Heights board. Expenditures must be monitored since, according to Mountainside's contract with Berkeley Heights, the current per pupil cost is guaranteed for only two years. What happens to Mountainside students or the expenditures to educate them after that is yet unclear.

During my tenure on the Union County Regional Board of Education, I was involved in many changes taking place. The regional board transformed from a "business-as-usual" body to a board of action when Brearly High School in Kenilworth closed and many cost containment measures were implemented. These actions eventually led to a lowering of the per pupil cost for educating Mountainside students as per public demands, and also a decrease in the school budget of approximately 2 percent from \$39,577,606 in 1992-93, to \$30,131,684 in 1995-96. But more importantly, the quality of education was not compromised.

Therefore, as the Union County Regional District dissolves, I wish to continue my services on the local board. I remain committed to keeping the quality of education for Mountainside students up while keeping the cost for taxpayers down. My experiences should prove to be a definite asset to the newly configured Mountainside Board of Education.

Frank G. Geiger

I remember working on my father's farm during a college summer. With a hoe, it was my charge to take care of a rather large tomato patch, knocking down the weeds, allowing room for growth. The field was large and coursed over a small hill that blocked the view so you could not see the end of the patch while standing at the other. It took me 10 days to work my way through the entire field. At the end of the 10th day, I stood on the small rise in the center and looked over my work. I could see from there that the weeds had begun to grow again back at the start of the field. I realized that I would have to start the very next day, back at the beginning, or my work would be for naught, and the young plants would not flourish. It went on that way for the whole summer, every 10 days or so, give or take the weather, working the field from end to end. The crop was bountiful that year.

Each year end, as I stand on the platform and watch the graduates take their places, I am reminded of my work in the field during that summer. Being on the school board is not unlike being a caretaker of a garden. You work a year long, giving nourishment where it is needed, knocking down the "weeds" where you see them, giving the school and the students the room they need to grow. We are, as a board, very proud to show off our work on graduation day. Another good year at Deerfield. Then later, sometime in the summer, you realize that the work must begin again, a new "crop" of students are on the way. And so it goes.

Just as the farmer understands, acting as the facilitator for the growth process, that greater powers are at work, I, in my job as president of the school board over the last four years, understand that the growth and excellence that we have achieved has more to do with the environment we help to create, than it has to do with a single overseer.

We want our school board to be financially responsible; I've tried to



Frank Geiger

be very careful. We want our school to offer our children the opportunities to be the best they can be. I've tried to be the champion of that cause. We want our school board to understand that dollars matter, each one should be used as efficiently as possible; I share these feelings. Lastly, we want our school board to be proactive in our children's entire school career, from kindergarten, and now up to the 12th grade; I concur, remember, my wife and I have three children here.

Just like on the modern farm, where you can still find a hoe when you need one, Deerfield must be a modern facility with the technology we need and can afford. But we cannot forget the basic tools of learning; the fundamentals of the three R's, presented in a challenging, exciting, atmosphere where children love to learn, and good teachers love to work.

This country grew, and expanded, living on the family farm. It was schooled in those homes, or in local one room schools, like the one my grandmother graduated from in Springfield, the family farm, they say, may be a dying breed, but small school districts like ours, can and will compete with the best far into the future. If you share these feelings with me, please cast your vote for Frank G. Geiger on April 15.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday

The Women's Fund of New Jersey will be the recipients of 10 percent of the exhibitors sales at the Spring Westfield Craft Market beginning this evening at the Westfield Armory. The market will feature jewelry, pottery, art-to-wear clothes, photography, glass, wood, leather and more. Tickets for the event are \$6 for the weekend. Refreshments will be served. For more information on the Women's Fund, call (201) 655-1717.

Sunday

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 aboard orbiting spacecraft. 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.

Interfaith Singles, a group for single adults over 45, will hold a discussion on successful single living, along with a \$2 continental breakfast, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday of the month. In addition, giant screen movies will be shown April 20 beginning at 6 p.m. The events will be held at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. For more information, call (908) 233-2278.

Monday

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

Tuesday

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.

Coming events

April 10

The Fashion Show Committee of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield will present "Dayton's Fashion Nation" at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. The fashion show will serve as a fundraising event to help support several organizations and student charities at the school. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5. Any questions should be directed to (201) 376-6300, ext. 320.

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 Bernabe, Steve Digangi and Chris Judge. The coaches playing are Tom "Whisky" Wisniewski, Robert Fusco, Tony Tomasino, Jen Miner, Bob Florindi, Mike Grady, Ryan Huber, Andy Huber, Bob Sabol and Jason Mullman.

April 13

Cometmania will be the theme at Trailside Nature and Science Cen-

ter's planetarium at 2 and 3:30 p.m. The event costs \$3 per person and will continue through the month. Each family will receive a comet chart.

From 2 to 4 p.m., Trailside's Family Program will present a Spring Stroll Along Seeley's, the ridge on the western edge of the Watchung Reservation. Hiking boots are recommended. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

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.

The Florence Gaudineer School in Springfield will host a curriculum fair from 4 to 7 p.m. Exhibitions will include theatrical presentations, poetry readings, science experiments, student work and more. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (201) 376-1025.

April 16

The Healthy Avenues Van from Overlook Hospital will be at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hospital staff will be on hand to offer information and answers to health questions. Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

April 17

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

April 18

Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield will host chiropractor Dr. Vito Pagano from 5 to 8 p.m. Pagano will answer questions about alternative health practices. Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

April 19

The Sandmeier School PTA is sponsoring their First Annual Spring Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 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 from 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.

April 27

The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Walk-A-Thon to benefit a local pre-school child in need of heart surgery at 1 p.m. The route will be announced.

The club welcomes all new residents as well as established residents who have had a change in lifestyle. For information on joining or on the above event, call (908) 654-7853.

May 4

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) 277-1953.

Temple gears up for anniversary celebration

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is marking its 40th anniversary with an extended weekend of celebration on April 11-13 and April 15. The congregation was formed by fourteen families in April 1957, and has been a Reform Jewish Congregation for its members and the community over four decades.

The weekend will begin on Friday evening, April 11, when Sha'arey Shalom's first full-time Rabbi, Israel "Sy" Dresner, will be the guest speaker. Dresner's passion for social justice led him to an active involvement in the Civil Rights movement. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke from the congregation's podium on two occasions. Dresner will speak on "Looking Back."

On Saturday evening, April 12, and Sunday morning, April 13, the con-

gregation will welcome the Grammy Award winning composer Doug Colter. Colter will perform at the congregation's Patrons' Dinner on April 12 and at the Lynn Deitz Memorial Concert on April 13.

The highlight of the 40th anniversary celebration will be on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. when the national leader of Reform Judaism, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, speaks at the temple. Sha'arey Shalom is one of nearly 900 Reform congregations under Yoffie's leadership. The entire community is invited.

Sha'arey Shalom is also marking its 40th anniversary with the printing of a temple history entitled "Legacy of Devotion" and with a May 17 Dinner Dance honoring its founders.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a 360-family congregation. It offers a

full-time Nursery School, a religious school, active Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Youth and Renaissance groups, Social Action, Adult Education, and Outreach programs, Volunteer Choir, and worship opportunities. The congregation's spiritual leaders are Rabbi Joshua Goldstein and Cantor Amy Daniels. Irene Bolton is the Religious School director and Nina Greenman is the Nursery School director. The Temple's President is Bruce Pitman.

The entire community is invited to each of the events. The Friday service with Dresner begins at 8:30 p.m. The Saturday Patrons' Dinner with Doug Colter is supported by a \$36 donation. The Sunday morning brunch concert with Doug Colter is free to members and \$8 for non-members. The Tuesday address by Yoffie begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free. Call the temple office at (201) 379-5387 by April 5 to indicate attendance.

Concert will benefit counseling services

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, Mountainside, 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 received 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." 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 Service at (908) 233-2042 for tickets or information.

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LIFESTYLE



Denise Leonard and John Kellerk

Leonard to wed Kellerk

Dennis and Pauline Leonard of Glen Rock, New Jersey have announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise John Kellerk of Stamford, Connecticut. He is the son of James and Mary Jane Kellerk of Mountainside.

Ms. Leonard is a graduate of Glen Rock High School and earned a B.A. in International Business from Lehigh University. She is a member of Delta Gamma and is employed as assistant treasurer for Corporate Trust Department at the Bank of New York in Manhattan.

Mr. Kellerk is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, and earned a B.S. in Finance from Fairfield University. He is assistant director of Corporate Investments, at GE Capital Corporation in Stamford, Connecticut.

A November wedding is planned.

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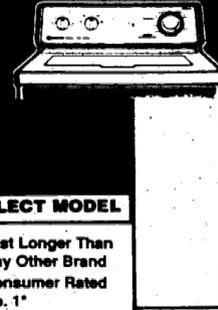
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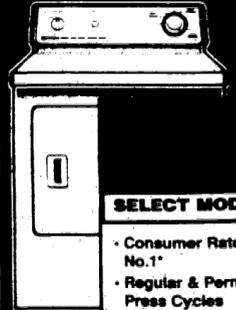
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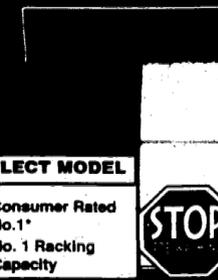
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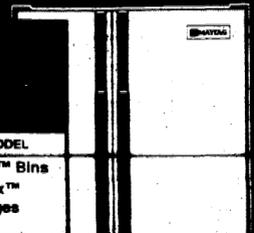
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OBITUARIES

Claire Schnee

Claire Schnee of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Hillside and Springfield, died March 4 in Spring House Assisted Living, Boynton Beach.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Schnee lived in Newark, Hillside and Springfield before moving to Florida in January.

Surviving are a son, Gerald; two daughters, Marion Alban and Charlotte Ingall; a sister, Mildred Berman; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Marie Casazza

Marie Casazza, 89, of Mountainside died March 28 in the Clark Nursing Home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Casazza moved to Mountainside 13 years ago. She was an assembler with Thomas & Betts Co., Elizabeth, for 32 years and retired 24 years ago. Mrs. Casazza was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL Local 1068 of Elizabeth.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy M. Coline; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Erving W. Heuer

Erving W. Heuer, 75, of Punta Gorda, Fla., formerly of Mountainside, died March 24 in his home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Heuer lived in Mountainside and Forked River before moving to Punta Gorda in 1992. He was the founder and owner of Echo Setting Corp., Union, for 20 years and retired four years ago. Mr. Heuer served in the Navy during World War II. He was a past commodore of the Forked River Tuna Club and commodore of the Punta Gorda Fishing Club. Mr. Heuer also was a member of the Port Charlotte Elks.

Surviving are a son, Brian W.; a daughter, Gayle Camarda; a brother, Harold, and eight grandchildren.

Tony Fiorellino

Tony Fiorellino, 86, of Springfield died March 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Gaaglie, Italy, Mr. Fiorellino lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1952. He was a butcher for Acme Markets, Chatham, for many years. Mr. Fiorellino and his late wife, Minnie, were honored with the 1981 Citizenship Award by B'nai B'rith, Springfield. He was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group and a life member of the Deborah Hospital Foundation.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie Butkus and Mary Margeton; a brother, Dominick; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Garvice H. Ridings

Garvice H. Ridings, 91, of Summit died March 9 in the Garden Terrace Nursing Home, Chatham.

Born in Buena Vista, Va., Mr. Rid-

ings lived in Summit for 56 years. He was a facsimile engineer with Western Union for 44 years and retired in 1970. Mr. Ridings was a 1926 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, where he received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was a fellow of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers. He held 53 patents in the area of facsimile.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Emma D.; three daughters, Elsie R. Boyce, Linda Brostrup-Jensen and Sarah R. Wagner; a sister, Dorothy R. Goding; a brother, Vernon T. Strickler; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Wildlife invade Watchung Reservation

Trailside Nature & Science Center will sponsor its 8th Annual Wildlife day this Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The event's purpose is to increase awareness and appreciation of the wide variety of New Jersey's wildlife through scheduled programs, demonstrations, nature walks, displays, vendors and other ongoing activities.

At 1:30 p.m., New Jersey Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife will present a slide lecture on endangered species of New Jersey. At 2 p.m., young visitors can enjoy storytelling with Mother Nature presented by Meridith Mueller of New Jersey Audubon, who will dress the part. Also scheduled for 2 p.m. and again at 3:30 is a planetarium show, Astronomical Animals, featuring stories about animals in space exploration and animal con-

stellations. The 2 p.m. show is for ages 6 years and up with an adult; the 3:30 show is for ages 4 yrs and up. Tickets are \$3 per person; \$2.55 for seniors, and will be sold at the door.

A featured speaker, Rick Dutko of Bat Conservation International, will present a slide lecture on, "Bats: Is There Evidence They Are Related to Dinosaurs, Whales or Count Dracula Himself?" at 2:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m., families can join the fun during a Nature Sing-along with Liza Di Savino.

Snakes Alive!, a demonstration featuring Trailside's live snakes, will be presented by Trailside Naturalist Ruth Yablonsky at 1:45 and 2:45 p.m. Bee Keeping will be presented by Grant Stiles of the Department of Agriculture at 2:15 and 3:15 p.m.

Bird Walks for Beginners will be led by members of the Greater Watchung Nature Club at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Take a Walk on the Wide Side is a short hike in search of wildlife signs with Trailside Naturalist Jacki Dickert at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Capping off the scheduled events will be the Build a Better Bird House Award Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Since natural nesting holes are scarce, this contest is designed to help birds by providing new boxes. For a Build a Better Birdhouse Contest application, call (908) 789-3670.

Trailside Nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in the Watchung Reservation and is a facility of Union County Division of Parks & Recreation. For more information, or to volunteer, call (908) 789-3670.

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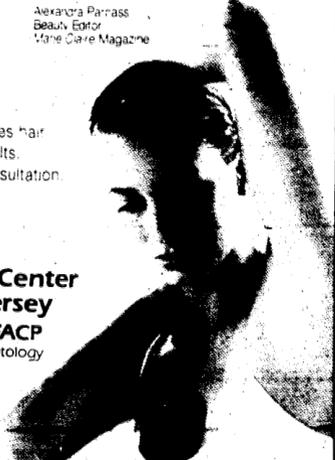
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SENIOR NEWS

CHIME provides seniors with insurance advice

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees program may be one of the best-kept secrets in Union County.

Based out of the Catholic Community Services headquarters in Cranford, CHIME provides free help with Medicare and health insurance issues for the county's senior citizens. CHIME Coordinator Dan Kalem and CCS Director Jo-Ann Croteau oversee a volunteer staff who conduct one-on-one interviews with the public.

"CCS became the sponsoring organization for the county CHIME," said Croteau. "We became involved through our Retired Senior Volunteer Program when we were asked by the County Division of Aging. Although we're the only Catholic service group among the 21 sponsors, we were one of the pilot sponsors about nine years ago."

"We get major funding from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services through the state," said Kalem, of Springfield. "The State Department of Insurance distributes the money among the 21 CHIME counties. Where I come in is by training volunteers and holding public discussions."

The county's elder residents may meet a volunteer in 13 towns or have a volunteer meet them. Either way, the client is helped through the Medicare maze in a free, objective and confidential manner. Topics and functions include understanding managed care, analyzing claims and evaluating insurance needs.

"Through RSVP, we saw a need," said Croteau. "It used to be people coming in with shoeboxes of Medicaid bills. Now that the physicians' billing path has changed, we see clients with three or more health insurers when only one can be collected from."

"Ninety percent of the people we

talk with are female," said Kalem. "They come from a time where the husband took care of the finances. But when the husband passes on, they are suddenly faced with something they never had to deal with before. The younger generations are more knowledgeable and self-reliant."

Kalem's speaking engagements keep him traveling about the county talking about health insurance issues. He talks to audiences between 35 and 200 and has appeared on public access television. By making the rounds, Kalem sees publicizing CHIME more timely than ever despite a somewhat small publicity budget.

"With the rise in Health Management Organizations, we're getting more questions about managed care," said Kalem. "There are bills in Trenton which will change how the state governs Medicare. I spent four hours in a meeting last week with Assemblyman Richard Bagger and nine doctors about one bill."

The CHIME program isn't the only endeavor both Croteau and Kalem are involved with. As CCS Director, Croteau oversees some 25 services including seven directly related to senior citizens. Kalem is an active member of the Union-Essex Chapter of Mended Hearts, the Springfield Rotary Club and the Springfield First Aid Squad.

"One misconception about CCS is that we serve only Catholics," said Croteau. "We are open to anyone in the county who needs our services."

"My experience as an insurance agent allows me to speak about the industry," said Kalem. "I am also able to communicate well with the audience which CHIME aims to help."

Kalem's next CHIME-related talk is tentatively set for Tuesday at noon at the Kenilworth Knights of Columbus Hall, 191 Market St. Call (908) 709-2150 or (908) 709-2100 for details.

AIDS patients still qualify under Social Security

The discovery of new drugs that lessen the effect of AIDS and promises a cure has brought hope to the lives of many who had become resigned to impending death. However, some are now wondering how their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income payments may be affected.

Social Security disability benefits are paid to people who have a physical or mental condition so severe that it prevents them from working for a year or more or is expected to result in death.

Persons with full-blown AIDS generally qualify because their condition typically is so severe that they are unable to work. People with HIV infection who do not have full-blown AIDS may qualify for disability benefits if their condition prevents them from working.

While it is true that the new drugs do not yet constitute a cure of the disease, many HIV beneficiaries have watched their health improve to the point where they feel they can do some work. They fear that a return to work will affect their disability benefits.

Social Security has special rules which permit people to work while their benefits are protected until they can work regularly. These rules permit cash benefits and Medicare or Medicaid to continue, provide help with work expenses and help in finding a new line of work.

The rules are different between Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, but both programs

Providing Security

By Dennis Macs

are run by Social Security and designed to accomplish the same ends — to help the beneficiary return to the workplace and once more become financially independent.

Under Social Security, a person can work for at least 12 months while receiving full benefits. This includes a "trial work period" of nine months and three additional months during which the ability to work is evaluated before benefits are stopped. If the person is still unable to do substantial work, benefits continue.

Earnings of \$500 a month or more are considered evidence of substantial work.

Even if benefits stop because of a successful trial work period, the Social Security disability beneficiary receives an "extended period of eligibility" — 36 months during which benefits may be reinstated for any month earnings fall below \$500. No new application or waiting period is

necessary for benefits to start again during this period.

Under SSI, where benefits are paid on the basis of need, the earnings limits are built into the program — benefits decrease as earnings increase. In 1997, a person can earn as much as \$1,053 a month before all benefits are eliminated.

Under both programs, deductions are made for work-related expenses. Medicare continues for 36 months following a successful trial work per-

iod, and Medicaid may continue as long as SSI benefits continue.

The result is that disabled beneficiaries who attempt to work will find it an easier to do so. The risk of losing their income and medical help is greatly diminished. For many, that will make the difference between success and failure in their efforts to return to the workplace.

For more information, you should call Social Security's toll-free number, (800) 772-1213.

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Seniors softball set to start

The Union County Senior Softball League is seeking players for the 1997 season for both the 50 plus and 60 plus divisions.

Anyone reaching the age of 50 anytime during 1997 is eligible to participate in the 50 plus division and any player reaching the age of 60 before the end of the year is eligible to participate in the 60 plus division.

The league is entering its eighth year. Nine, or possibly 10 teams, will make up the 50 plus division, while the 60 plus division is expected to expand from four to six teams this season.

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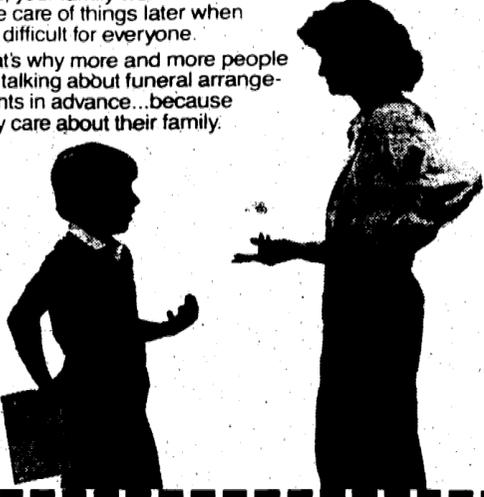
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Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa.: All East Quarterback Receiver Camp, July 17-20, overnight or day camp. All East Big Man Camp, July 17-20, overnight or day camp. All East Midget Football Camp, July 17-20, overnight or day camp.

Rowan University in Glassboro: All East Quarterback Receiver Camp, July 13-16, overnight or day camp. All East Big Man Camp, July 13-16, overnight or day camp. All East Midget Football Camp, July 13-16, overnight or day camp.

The All Quarterback Receiver Camp and the All East Big Man Camp are for boys entering 9th-12th grades. The All Quarterback Receiver Camp is a specialty camp for quarterbacks and receivers and the All East Big Man Camp specializes in offensive and defensive lineman and linebackers. The All East Midget Football Camp is for boys entering 4th-8th grades, all positions.

K.C. Keeler, Rowan University head football coach, will act as Executive Director for all camps. Rowan has been one of the top Division 3 teams in the country this decade.

More information may be obtained by calling 609-224-0959 or 610-965-9508.

Field hockey in 12th season
The All East Field Hockey Camps will conduct three sessions at two locations for the 1997 summer camp season and are sponsored by Nike.

The first session will run from July 20-24 at Moravian College and a second sessions will take place from Aug. 3-7 also at Moravian.

The third session is at Rowan from July 27-31.

Kim Chorosiewski, coach at the University of Richmond, will act as Executive Director at Moravian and Gloria Byard, former U.S. Touring Team member, will act as the Executive Director at Rowan.

The All East Field Hockey Camps are instructional field hockey camps for girls entering 7th through 12th grades. Camp tuition is \$295 (overnight, all meals), or \$270 (commuter, all lunches and dinners).

More information may be obtained by calling 609-224-0959.

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The Union County College Foundation will conduct its fifth annual Golf Tournament, an excellent opportunity for businesspersons and educators to network.

The tourney is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at the Shackamaxon Private Country Club held in Scotch Plains.

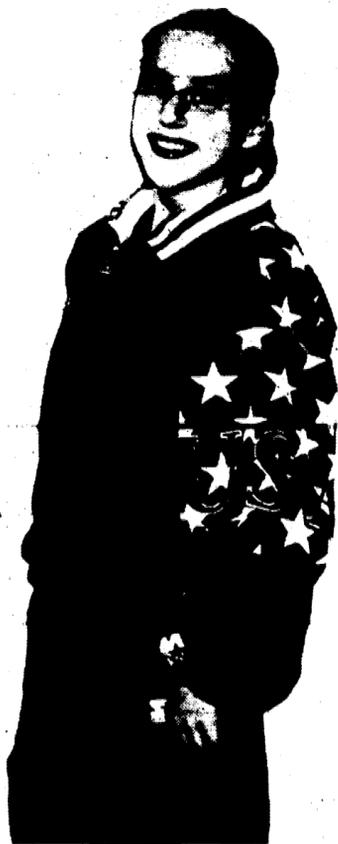
Proceeds will benefit UCC students and programs.

The tourney will take on a similar format as last year, with a late morning buffet brunch followed by a noon shotgun start.

After the tourney, participants are invited to attend a cocktail hour and dinner that will include an awards ceremony.

More information about the tourney may be obtained by calling Nadine Brechner, the school's executive director of development, at 908-709-7505.

Gold medal performer



Kyla Mattioli of Mountainside, a Level 10 gymnast, won a gold medal for her performance on vault with a score of 9.625 in State Championships competition held last month in Coatesville, Pa. Mattioli scored a 36.85 in the all-around as her team, the Parkettes, went on to win the first-place trophy as 1997 State Champions with a score of 115.50.

Springfield, Mountainside athletes spark Tidal Wave One 18-year-old record shattered

The Union Boys & Girls Tidal Wave swimming team sent 19 athletes who qualified to the Silver Championships held March 15-16 at Rutgers University.

The Tidal Wave swim team consists of a number of youngsters who hail from Springfield and Mountainside.

The event was attended by over 1400 swimmers from throughout northern New Jersey.

Matt Mogelesky led the way in the 10-and-under age group by setting a new club record in the 100 backstroke in an excellent time of 1:24.26.

This 18-year-old record was previously held by former Tidal Wave swimmer and 1992 U.S. Olympic swim team member Ron Karnaugh of Maplewood.

Mogelesky also took a first in the 50 backstroke.

Tracy Dimond placed fourth in the 100 butterfly and Cara Galante was fourth and sixth respectively in the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle.

Personal-bests were recorded by Brittany Hamtil in the 100 backstroke, Annayansi Escobar in the 100 breaststroke, Daniel McGrath in the 200 individual medley and 50 freestyle, Oscar Escobar in the 100 breaststroke, Donny Jones in the 100 IM and 50 breaststroke and Louis Puopolo in the 100 freestyle.

A strong effort was put forth in the 11-12 group as well. Swimming their fastest times for the year were Patrick Hearne in the 50 and 100 backstroke, Billy Hillman in the 50 butterfly, Tra-

cy Cwiakala in the 50 breaststroke and Colleen Shanahan in the 50 backstroke.

Jonathan Hamtil took a second for his fine performance in the 500 freestyle in the 13-14 group. Kristen Stromko dropped her times in all three events, the 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Meghan Shanahan had a strong swim in the 100 butterfly, as did Jerry Lozaukas.

Youth Swimming

Eddie Lapiere had a seventh-place finish in the 200 breaststroke and Brian Shanahan put forth his best in the 200 IM in the 15-18 group.

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The Tidal Wave hosted its 10th annual Boys & Girls Club Invitational March 22-23, with more than 350 swimmers from New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and, for the first time, Montana, represented.

South Boston took first place. Union's Tidal Wave was second and the Susquehanna Seals of Endicott New York were third.

Tracy Dimond dominated the 8-and-under age group, placing first in all five of her events: the 100 individual medley, 25 backstroke, 25 butterfly, 25 breaststroke and 50 freestyle.

Dimond also established new Tidal Wave records in three of these events: swimming 1:27.06 in the 100 IM, 16.05 in the 25 butterfly and 35.45 in the 50 freestyle.

Other strong performances in the 8-and-under group came from Joseph

Palitto, placing first in the 100 IM, 25 backstroke and 25 butterfly. Alex Cameron finished second in the 100 IM and 25 backstroke, followed by two thirds in the 25 butterfly and 25 breaststroke. Alison Cuccinello placed third in the 25 backstroke.

Cara Galante rose to the top in the 9-10 group, with first-place finishes in the 100 IM, 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle. She also finished second in the 50 butterfly and 50 breaststroke.

Mchelle Newton placed first in the 50 butterfly and third in both the 100 IM and the 50 freestyle. Matt Mogelesky placed second in the 50 backstroke, with Danny McGrath taking third in this event as well. Donny Jones placed third in the 50 butterfly and Oscar Escobar took second in the 50 breaststroke.

Billy Hillman and Patrick Hearne represented the 11-12 group. Hillman placed second in the butterfly, while Hearne took two third-place finishes in the 50 backstroke and the 50 freestyle.

Kevin Hall and Stephanie Newton placed first and second in the 6-and-under 25 freestyle.

Megan Shanahan had a fine weekend as well in the 13-14 group. Shanahan took first in the 100 butterfly, second in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 50 freestyle.

Brian Shanahan finished his season and career with a big splash in the 15-18 age group. He placed first in three of his four events, the 100 IM, 100 breaststroke and 50 freestyle.

Mountainside Opening Day baseball is set for April 12 Spaghetti dinner and auction planned

Spring is here and it's time once again to play baseball.

Opening Day for the Mountainside Youth Baseball Programs is Saturday, April 12.

This year a spaghetti dinner and auction are also planned for the early evening of April 12 to raise funds to help pay for the newly renovated fieldhouse and to help upgrade the baseball fields.

The spaghetti dinner, which also includes breadsticks, salad, dessert and a beverage, will be held in the cafeteria at Deerfield School in Mountainside on Central Avenue from 5-7 p.m. at a cost of \$8 per person or \$30 per family of four.

Tickets can be purchased from Donna Perez-Santalla at 323 New Providence Road, Mountainside, N.J. 07092, checks payable to: Mountainside Youth Baseball. She can be reached at 908-233-4272.

This year a special auction will be conducted from 6-8:30 p.m. by Russ Salzberg of WOR and WFAN.

Tickets to the theatre and sporting events, various sports memorabilia, including an autographed Derek Jeter jersey, and other assorted items will be auctioned off.

All are welcome and attending the spaghetti dinner is not a prerequisite for attending the auction. Admission to the auction only is \$1 per person.

Springfield's loffe on Stevens tennis

Stan Ioffe of Springfield, a Dayton

Regional High School graduate, is a member of the Stevens Tech men's tennis team.

The 6-2, 145-pound 20-year-old sophomore is one of two Union County residents on the squad, the other Amar Shah of Union.

The tennis team opened their season in Hilton Head, South Carolina against Georgetown College of Kentucky.

Springfield Teachers to play basketball

The Springfield Teachers are going to play the basketball coaches in a basketball game on Friday night, April 11 at 7 at Gaudineer Gym.

The game will raise money for a new scoreboard for Gaudineer Gym.

Refreshments will be available beginning at 6 and tickets will be on sale at Gaudineer. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Some of the teachers who will be playing include Malgieri, Brown, Demel, Gutwirth, Rennie, Bernabe, Digangi and Judge.

The coaches that will be playing include Whisky, Fusco, Tony Tomosino, Jen Mineri, Bob Florindi, Mike Grady, Ryan Huber, Andy Huber, Bob Sabol and Jason Mullman.

Dayton's Nelson earns All-Conference

The following are the Mountain Valley Conference All-Division boys' basketball teams for the 1996-97 sea-

son. Roselle won the Mountain Division championship and Roselle Park captured the Valley Division title.

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

First-Team

Samont Washington, Roselle
Corey Green, Roselle Catholic
Chris Kelly, Roselle
A.J. Warren, Roselle
Kevin Bullock, Roselle Catholic

Second-Team

Billy Cwieka, North Plainfield
Chris Eibler, Immaculata
Cary Fitzgerald, Ridge
Eric Brown, Gov. Livingston
Rajohn Sims, Newark Central

VALLEY DIVISION

First-Team

Tom McElligott, New Providence
Dave Brown, Roselle Park
Chris Loeffler, Dayton
Gerhard Sanchez, Roselle Park
P.J. Flippen, Middlesex

Second-Team

Lewis Balcom, St. Mary's
Matt Kling, Oratory
Asmar Fortney, Middlesex
Ryan Nelson, Dayton
John Gutierrez, Bound Brook

Mountainside's Legiec All-MVC

One of the reasons why the Governor Livingston High School girls' basketball team had a successful season this year was the play of Mountainside resident Michelle Legiec.

The Highlanders' leading scorer, Legiec was a first-team All-Mountain Division pick.

Outstanding season



Jeff Miller of Springfield, a junior at Seton Hall Prep, had an outstanding year for the Pirates' basketball team. The two-year starter averaged 14 points and played in all 31 games as Seton Hall Prep, the Parochial A state champions, finished second in the state with a 29-2 record. Miller was second on the team in scoring with 434 points.

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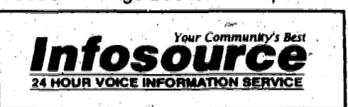
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Fire Department responds to vehicle accidents, fires

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department responded to the report of a car fire on Interstate Rt. 78 East at 4:54 p.m. on March 16.

- The department responded to an emergency medical call at a residence on the 500 block of Morris Avenue at 12:23 p.m. on March 17.
- A fire unit responded to two auto related calls on March 18. The first concerned a car accident at the intersection of Baltusrol Way and Henshaw Avenue at 2:51 p.m. and the second was a car fire at Milltown Road and Meisel Avenue at 5:12 p.m.
- The squad responded to a second car fire in as many days when an auto blaze was called in from a Rt. 22 business at 5:07 p.m. on March 19.
- Reports of smoke and gas was the theme of reports for March 20. A Morris Avenue resident called in a furnace problem at 12:26 a.m. and a unit responded to the report of

FIRE BLOTTER

something burning in the Municipal Building about 10 hours later. A second squad responded to an activated carbon monoxide detector at a Golf Oval home at 10:17.

- All units came to a Rt. 22 business that had a sounding fire alarm at 3:13 p.m. and a Mountain Avenue establishment about smoke coming from a roof at 7:15 p.m. In between, another Mountain Avenue business called upon detecting a gas odor at 6:41 p.m.
- The odor of something burning prompted a unit to visit a South Springfield Avenue apartment at 9:26 p.m. on March 21.
- The department responded to a car accident involving injuries on Rt. 78 West at 4:36 p.m. on March 22. A unit helped free a dog which was trapped under a deck of an Ashwood Road home about two hours later.

After investigation, police arrest alleged embezzler

Mountainside
On February 14 at about 6:15 p.m. Officer Kevin Betyeman responded to Culinary Specialty Produce on a report of embezzlement of funds. The owner of the company had already received a confession from James Sterns, 36, of Congers, New York, who was the bookkeeper for the business since 1995. At that time the owner of the business produced three forged checks in the amount of \$8,500 made out to the suspect Sterns. The case was handed over to Detective Sergeant Richard Osieja for further investigation, and it was discovered that the true amount allegedly embezzled by Sterns totalled \$242,600. On March 27, a summons was issued to Sterns to appear in court to answer to the charges of theft by deception, forgery and uttering.

- On March 29 at about 7:30 p.m. Officer Andrew Sullivan responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle circling the Spanish Tavern parking lot. The vehicle, a grey Buick, was shortly seen at Sony Movie Theaters by off duty Officer Richard Latargia who was working security at the time.

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Latargia contacted Sullivan who responded to the scene. The suspects had parked the vehicle and were walking toward the theater when they were stopped by the officers and asked to return to their car. Upon a search of the vehicle, burglars tools were found as well as a knife. Two juveniles were arrested along with Ellsworth Scott, 20, of Newark, and Lamont Smith, 18, of Newark.

Springfield
A tenant-landlord dispute on Hawthorn Avenue became the source for a property report Saturday afternoon. The tenant claimed that at least a dozen items were lost or stolen after the landlord had deposited them on the front lawn. Among the missing are a washer, dryer, leaf blower, a bed and a tennis machine.

- An employee at Bally's Fitness Center on Rt. 22 West reported that some one had scratched and dented her Mitsubishi while parked on the lot Thursday night. The damage included scratched paint apparently done with

a key and a kicked-in side panel.

- The next two car hit involved two would-be Burger King customers on Morris Avenue at about 12:30 p.m. Friday. The operator of a Ford van overshot the restaurant's lot entrance while driving westbound and began backing up. A driver of a Mercury wagon going eastbound decided to enter the same entrance and the pair collided. No one was injured nor summonses issued.
- Another traffic tango occurred about three hours later on the 700 block of Mountain Avenue. The first car, operating an Oldsmobile Calais, said he had made a righthand signal and was about to enter a driveway when he was hit by a Chevrolet pickup truck.

• A backseat distraction was blamed for a driver bending a Handicapped Parking Only sign at the Barnes & Noble bookstore lot at about 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The operator of a Mitsubishi four-door was driving through the lot when she said her attention was diverted by her child in the back seat.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Mountain Side will hold a public hearing at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22 on April 14, 1997 at 8:00 PM on the following applications:

• Marcia & Christopher Walsh, 959 Mountain Ave. Block 14, Lot 11, to permit a mixed use of residential and a boarding kennel and pet grooming facility in the R-2 Zone contrary to Sections 1009(a)(1)(6), 1007(1)(1) and 1007(1)(5) of the Mountain Side Land Use Ordinance with full site plan and bulk variances.

• Excon Corp., 1413 Route 22, East, Block 10, E, Lot 1, to convert the existing auto repair garage building to a Tiger Mart Store and add an additional gas dispenser to the retail gasoline sales use contrary to Section 1009(a)(1)(6), 1014(c)(2), 1007(1)(1), (1)(5) & (1)(7) of the Mountain Side Land Use Ordinance with full site plan and bulk variances.

Valerie A. Saunders
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after public hearing, the Zoning Board of Adjustment took action on 2/10/97 on the following applications:

• Social Club House, Inc., 284 Sheffield St. Block 7, Lot 21, in the L-1 Zone for an interpretation of the Zoning Official's decision that said decision rendered by the Zoning Official was upheld by the Board of Adjustment.

Valerie A. Saunders
U3960 MEC Apr 3, 1997 (\$13.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 997-9 on behalf of William & Brenda Dun for a variance or other relief so as to permit a deck to be built on the back of the house which would increase the ground coverage % on the premises located at 78 Meisel Ave., Springfield, N.J. and designated as block 800, lot 18 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.

William & Brenda Dun
Applicant
U3956 SLR April 3, 1997 (\$9.50)

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Sunday Services
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Missionettes girls program (ages 3-17)
Adult School of the Bible

Friday Services
Youth Night - 7:30pm

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; 7:00 P.M. Bible Class (Where The Bible 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 Antioch.

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"Where the Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave. Union, NJ phone (908) 687-9440 fax (908) 687-9440. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday 9:45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages, multiple adult electives are offered each quarter 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 Battalion (grades 7-12) Tues-Sat. 5:00 AM Early Morning prayer, Wednesday 10:00 AM - Keenan Bible Study for senior 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, Saturday 7:00 PM - Youth Group for students in 7th-12th grades. There are numerous FOUNDED GROUPS (home Bible Studies) meet during the week in Union and surrounding communities, call for information. For FREE information packet please call 607-360-7000.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Thorau 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 - Evening Praise/Informal Bible Study Wednesday 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church, 7:00 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 bimonthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (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 amplification 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 Rapiel Rank, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. **Weekly services** (including Shabbat 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 Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, 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 nearby 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are held 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 second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM, there is a service for preschool children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 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 minyan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 A.M. with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday evenings, we learn Biblical archeology from 7:30-8:30 P.M., and from 8:30-9:30 P.M. we will survey the history of the Jewish experience in America. Please call our office for information regarding our special programs. These offerings assume our Tuesday evening session is devoted to the religious thought of Maimonides, offered in the Hebrew language. On Sunday mornings, after our 8:00 A.M. services, we study 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 portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the minbah and ma'ariv prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY chapters, 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 Strulowitz, President.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi, Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Director, Holly Newler, Pre-School Director, Bruce Pitman, President. Temple Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 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 mitzva students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 - through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM/ALIAVATHI ACHIM B'NAI ISRAEL, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Pleasant Street), Union, 686-6773. Moshe 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/Maariv 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 Korban, 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. Mincha 5:30

PM. Sunday Talits and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9:10-10 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4-5:30 PM. Primer Class for Grades One and Two, Sundays - 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. Family 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 DAYTON 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 701 Tucker Ave. Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. We offer an 11:00 a.m. English Worship Service, with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Chorus, Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Aldora circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly 860 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krusch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 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 11:00 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

BETHIEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue Vauxhall, 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 CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor. Phone: (908) 245-2237, 245-8820, 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:30 & 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 welcome.

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

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

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Rev. John Jackman, Pastor. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m., Nursery available. First Sunday every month Fellowship

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NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH established 1730, Stuyvesant Avenue and Route 22, Union. Sunday Church School for all ages; Current Issues Forum at 9:30 A.M., Sunday Worship Services at 10:45 A.M. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir, Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. **Presbyterian Women 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 2, 3 and 4 yr. olds available, 964-8544. For additional information, please call Church Offices at 688-3164. Serving Church Community for 266 years. Rev. R. Sidney Pirch, Pastor, 688-3164.

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

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

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

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

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