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Batter up

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.

Trees available

Ten tree shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation this month.

The 10 shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, Silver Maple, River Birch, Tuliptree, and Red Maple.

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Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to "Ten Free Shade Trees," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Club news

At their first meeting of 1997, members of the Mountainside Democratic Club elected officers and began to lay plans for this year's election.

Louis J. Thomas was re-elected president of the club, which helps candidates of the Democratic party in their campaigns for public office.

The club's other officers are Karen MacQueen, vice president operations; Scott Schmedel, vice president, communications; Phyllis Brociner, secretary; and Michael Krasner, treasurer.

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On the boardwalk



Children's Specialized Hospital Auxiliaries, clockwise from upper left, Tia Iles of Mountainside, Joan Murray, Elizabeth Loland, Maria Gordon and Hillary Weldon prepare for the auxiliary's annual spring fund raising event titled 'A Night on the Boardwalk.' The event will be held May 17 at Lucent Technologies.

Facility hit with \$100,000 fine

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Social Clubhouse, a day care facility for the mentally impaired with drug and alcohol abuse problems, which not too long ago were denied a variance by the Zoning Board to expand the use of their facility on Route 22, was recently hit with a \$100,000 fine by the Mountainside Municipal Court. The fines were a result of summonses that were handed down by the borough for the Social Clubhouse's violation of borough ordinances.

According to borough Zoning Officer Valerie Saunders, the Social Clubhouse was operating the day care center with far many more people under their care than they were allowed to have on the premises, and in order to accommodate the number of people, occupied a portion of the building without a certificate of occupancy. "The original summonses were given in 1996. It was originally supposed to be offices of administrative research for the mentally handicapped with a maximum of 15 patients per day in the facility. They have now about 65 to 70 patients per day at the facility. Not only that, but they went into an area of the building that they did not have a certificate of occupancy

for, so they essentially expanded themselves without coming to the borough for the proper authorization," said Saunders.

The Social Clubhouse did try to obtain the proper certificate of occupancy from the Zoning Board after the fact, but they were denied in part because they had already been operating illegally before coming to the Zoning Board. "They had appealed the interpretation of the zone that they are in, which is a limited industrial zone, stating that the way they were using the building was permitted in that zone. The Zoning Board upheld the decision that the way that they were using the building was not a permitted use, in that zone and that they would need a variance to be there. The next step for the Social Clubhouse would be to apply for a variance which they have not done as of yet, but in the interim they had outstanding summonses that they had to go to court for," said Saunders.

The Social Clubhouse was given 17 different summonses by the borough. The judgment of \$100,000 will go into the borough revenues. Representatives of the Social Clubhouse were not able to be reached for comment.

Lake Surprise is target of rejuvenation project

DOT expected to contribute funds

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Union County Parks Department is planning to make improvements to Lake Surprise in the Watchung Reservation in an effort to clean up the lake and make it even more usable for the residents of the county.

Lake Surprise, which the county acquired in 1923, was once a popular spot for swimming, boating and fishing. The lake itself, which straddles Summit and Mountainside, was created in 1845 for milling purposes by damming Blue Brook, which runs through the Watchung Reservation. Due to the excessive sedimentation and stands of nuisance weeds, swimming has been prohibited and boating and fishing have been significantly decreased.

The Union County Parks Department has hired the services of F.X. Browne Inc. to coordinate the engineering and planning for the dredging of the lake. "We are environmental engineers who were hired to look at the entire watershed, which includes the lake and all of the land around the lake which drains into it. We are looking to fix the current situation and to make sure that this does not happen again in the future," said Donna L. Raudenbush of F.X. Browne Inc.

To restore Lake Surprise and its recreation, Union County is propos-

ing to dredge approximately 53,000 cubic yards of sediment. This dredging will return the lake to its original contours. Watershed Best Management Practices will also be implemented to prevent soil erosion in the land surrounding the lake, which will eventually reduce the amount of sediment washing into the lake. Dredging will be performed hydraulically and will involve the construction of disposal basins upland from the lake, the transportation of the sediment to the disposal basins via pipelines, the dewatering of the sediments, and the restoration of the disposal and dredge access areas. Best Management Practices may include rock- or vegetation-lined channels, constructed wetlands and vegetated buffer strips. Also existing culverts and other stormwater facilities may be modified to improve their efficiency.

According to the Union County Parks Department, the project is getting closer to having a concrete starting date. All that is needed now is the proper permits. "F.X. Browne Inc. has prepared the plans for the project, and we are now at the permitting stage. We are waiting to hear from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Soil Conservation Somerset-Union District," said Dan Bernier of the Union County Parks Department.

The project has been years in the planning and the Parks Department is



Photo By Barbra Kokkalis

After years of planning, Lake Surprise in the Watchung Reservation will be dredged of excess sediment to restore its recreational features.

anxious to get it under way. "We have been working on this project for about five years. Between the time we started the diagnostic feasibility study, which took 18 months, we got recommendations, and now we have the plans to make those recommendations happen," said Bernier.

One of the major causes of the decline of the lake due to excessive sedimentation was the construction of Route 78, which dumped a lot of sediment into the general area of the lake. As a result, the New Jersey Department of Transportation will be contributing to the clean-up process. "At the

time that the highway was constructed, the DOT made a commitment to pay for their share of any clean-up that needs to be done, and they are honoring that commitment. The DOT has a million dollars set aside to help fund the project that we are undertaking," said Bernier.

Regional school bill remains unresolved

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Resolution of the unexpected \$1.7 million bill from the regional school district, which was expected to be dealt with during Tuesday night's Borough Council meeting, was delayed. The council also discussed items during the work session meeting which will be voted on during its next meeting.

The debate over the \$1.7 million has delayed council ratification of the 1997 municipal budget. "We are trying to figure out the municipal budget, but there are still a lot of questions that we need answered, and unfortunately we have not heard back from the auditors at this time. We do know that as the municipal budget stands now, there is no increase in our local budget for next year," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "We do however still have a \$1.7 million payment due to the regional high school district. I and Borough Attorney John Post and Finance Director Michelle Swisher have discussed the situation and we have sent a letter to Supply & Clooney, the borough auditors, with some questions that I think we need answered before we continue."

He attributed the delay to the uniqueness of the situation. "This process is new for everyone, since this is the first time something like this has occurred. However, since the budgets are due soon, we must proceed at a reasonable pace while at the same time being very prudent. I think if everything goes according to plan, we will be able to introduce the budget at next week's meeting," said Vigilanti.

The council also discussed matters that will come before the council at the next meeting. The first item was a request by the municipal court clerk to increase the municipal court change fund from \$100 to \$200. Apparently, when people come in to pay court

fines or traffic tickets, many of them are paying in large bills, depleting the change fund. With the increase, it would be less likely that the funds would run out as quickly.

The next item of discussion was the restriction of parking along Sawmill Road and Longview Drive in anticipation of the Mountainside Youth Baseball season. If passed, the restriction would prohibit parking along the south side of Sawmill Road from the driveway into the Deerfield School to Cherry Hill Road and the west side of Longview Drive from Sawmill Road to Wyoming Drive. Parking would be restricted from noon to 8 p.m. from April 1 to Aug. 1. The reason for the proposed parking restrictions were spelled out in a letter from Police Chief William Alder to the Borough Council. "The Youth Baseball season runs from April 12 to July 31, 1997. During the times that baseball games are played, vehicles parking on both sides of Sawmill Road and Longview Drive restrict moving traffic to one lane. This creates a problem for emergency vehicles that may need to travel in the area. As you know, some residents in the area have requested parking prohibitions that will alleviate the traffic restriction. Passage of a governing body resolution will allow temporary no parking signs to be erected and enforced for a maximum of three months beginning April 12 while a permanent ordinance is passed. I recommend that the governing body enact a permanent ordinance prohibiting parking during the hours of noon to 8 p.m. between April 1 and Aug. 1 on the south side of Sawmill Road from the driveway into Deerfield School to Cherry Hill Road and on the west side of Longview Drive from Sawmill Road to Wyoming Drive. Motor Vehicle Title 39:4-197.3 provides the authority for the governing to pass a 90 day temporary parking restriction."

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AT THE LIBRARY

The following is a list of new arrivals at the Mountainside Public Library.

John Grisham, "The Partner"; Kirsten Bakis, "Lives of the Monster Dogs"; Jon Boorstin, "Pay or Play"; Dan Mahoney, "Hyde"; Anne Michaels, "Fugitive Pieces"; Gus Lee, "China Boy: A Novel"; Mike Jahn, "Murder on Theatre Row: Bill Donovan Mystery"; Sarah Woodhouse, "Other Lives"; Po Bronson, "The First \$20 Million is Always the Hardest"; George Constable, "Where You Are"; J.D.F. Jones, "The Buchan Papers"; Steve Gannon, "A Song For the Asking"; Thomas Swan, "The Cezanne Chase"; K. C. Constantine, "Family Values"; Sarah Lacey, "File Under: Jeopardy"; H.R.F. Keating, "Asking Questions: An Inspector Ghote Mystery"; Clare Curzon, "Close Quarters"; Judith Tarr, "Queen of Swords"; Pamela Marcantel, "An Army of Angels: A Novel of Joan of Arc"; Barbara Delinsky, "A Woman's Place: A Novel"; Judith Michael, "Acts of Love"; Julie Hecht, "Do The Windows Open"; Tami Hoag, "A Thin Dark Line"; Rosario Castel-

lanos, "The Book of Lamentations"; Seth Margolis, "Perfect Angel"; Nancy Rosenburg, "Abuse of Power"; Olivia Goldsmith, "The Bestseller"; David G. Baldacci, "Total Control"; Richard Marcinko, "Rogue Warrior: Designation Gold"; Fern Michaels, "Vegas Heat"; Elizabeth Richards, "Every Day: A Novel"; Hugh Holton, "Violent Crimes"; Douglas Skeggs, "The Phoenix of Prague"; Harold Adams, "Hatchet Job: A Carl Wilcox Mystery"; Linda Barnes, "Gold Case"; Frederick Busch, "Girls: A Novel"; Nora Roberts, "Sanctuary"; James Lehrer, "White Widow"; George Baxt, "The Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers Murder Case"; Terence Faherty, "Come Back Dead: A Scott Elliott Mystery"; Stephen Bognart, "The Remake: As Time Goes By"; Chuck Logan, "The Price of Blood"; Brian Freemantle, "Bomb Grade"; Barbara Gowdy, "Mister Sandman"; Kevin J. Anderson, "Ignition"; Bob Mayer, "Z: A Dave Riley Novel"; Max Brand, "The Stone That Shines: A Western Story"; Philip Shelby, "Last Rights: A Novel"; Nora Okja Keller, "Comfort Woman"; Robin Cook, "Chromosome 6."

'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 Sunday at 2 p.m.

Early in 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.

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 vid-

eo with vocalist Jon Hendricks. Dunham and Haberman began working as a duo when the Dar Tiffany restaurant in Greenvale, N.Y., needed a jazz group for the opening of an art exhibit. That one evening engagement turned into a seven-month run.

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.

Library Week celebrations to kick off

National Library Week will be celebrated in libraries across the country during the week of April 13-19. This year the Springfield Free Public Library is inviting Springfield residents to connect to the library, connect to books, connect to computers, connect to programming and connect to the world.

To celebrate National Library Week, library staff has planned an event-filled week beginning Sunday at 2 p.m. with a unique jazz concert by Gary Haberman and Patti Dunham in the Donald B. Palmer Museum. This free concert is made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The staff will catalog all three sessions during the week: Monday Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and April 17 at 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required for these programs.

On Tuesday at noon, would-be travelers are invited to bring a brown

bag lunch and enjoy a video journey to Germany. Coffee and dessert are provided.

The Great Books Discussion Group will meet to discuss "Of Civil Government" by John Locke on April 17 at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome. The three-volume set of books for the discussion group are on sale at the Circulation Desk for \$5.

The Children's Department will go into the second week of the spring season of programs during National Library Week with a full schedule of offerings for young library users. "P.J. Time" will be offered to children ages 3-6 on Monday at 7 p.m. The Library Babies Group for children ages 6-18-months-old will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday. Children in kindergarten and first grade will have their chance in the Primary Group at 3:30 p.m. on April 18. Pre-registration is required for all the children's programs.

LIFESTYLE



Janis Ann Netschert and Gregg Simat

Netschert to wed Simat

Carol and Ray Netschert of Springfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janis Ann, to Gregg Christopher Simat, son of Margaret and Chris Simat of Levittown, N.Y.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, received a Master of Arts in Counseling and Community Psychology from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She is employed as a clinician at SERV Centers of N.J. Inc., in East Brunswick.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville, N.Y., received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Marketing from Marist College. He is employed as an account executive for Sprint PCs in New York City.

An October wedding will be held in St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit.

Free rabies clinic planned

The Springfield Board of Health will conduct a Free Rabies Clinic from 6 to 7 p.m. on April 17, which will be offered for the inoculation of both cats and dogs. The clinic will be held at Springfield Public Works Building, Springfield. No appointments are required.

The public should follow some simple preventive measures to limit the possibility of exposure to rabies. Please note the following:

- Make certain that all cats and

dogs are vaccinated against rabies.

- Do not leave family pets outdoors overnight, or feed animals outdoors.
- Avoid contact with all wild animals.

- Discuss with children not to bring home, pet, or attempt to "help" a sick wild animal.

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Restoration is goal of area surgeon

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

When it comes to suffering a potentially disfiguring injury in the Union County area, one is likely to come under the care of plastic surgeon Dr. James Gardner. Gardner, a Springfield resident, is on the staff of five local hospitals as part of an implantation team.

"I'm on call to Saint Barnabas in Livingston, University of Medicine and Dentistry and Beth Israel in Newark, Overlook Hospital in Summit and Union Hospital," said Gardner. "I live in Springfield partly because it is centrally located from my practices."

Gardner is a plastic surgeon by trade and training. As member of the implantation team, he is called to work on cases like the teenager who had his fingers severed in a Hunterdon County high school accident March 25.

"The patient was flown to UMDNJ probably because implantation teams in New Brunswick and Allentown, Pa., were either handling other cases or weren't ready at the time," said Gardner. "He was cutting wood on a circular saw when the wood piece jumped, causing the blade to cut across his left thumb, index and middle fingers."

After determining the degree of damage and amount of time elapsed from the accident, Gardner set to work on the delicate task of reattaching the digits.

"It took three hours to perform the operation," said Gardner, "stitching together minute arteries, veins and muscle ligaments. If the damaged part



Dr. James Gardner works on a patient during a recent humanitarian trip to El Salvador.

is larger than a wrist, then we get the orthopedist doctors to re-attach the bones."

The implantation team was able to rejoin the thumb and middle finger. The index finger was too badly damaged, however, to be grafted.

"I understand that the patient is healing well but he'll spend six months in physical therapy," said Gardner. "Then he'll take a test to see how much touch sensitivity he has regained."

When asked about the most challenging and rewarding work he has done, Gardner came up with two examples.

"The biggest job is to take a big toe and have it replace a missing thumb," said Gardner. "The thumb is an opposable digit, which does about 50 percent of the hand's function. While I get to do a variety of things as a plastic surgeon, I like going to work in places like El Salvador on children. It's gratifying to repair such congenital defects as cleft palates."

Should one have partially or fully severed an appendage, Gardner suggests wrapping the item in gauze and a waterproof covering before surrounding it in ice. Uncut portions are easier to work on and time is of the essence. The best treatment is preventative measures like wearing the proper safety gear and guards.

Library cafe seeks new talent

The Music Box Cafe of the Donald P. Palmer Museum, located in the Springfield Free Public Library, is seeking to showcase free talent. The Music Box Cafe is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The cafe is currently featuring new and upcoming talent in a showcase. The cafe is seeking poets and musicians to present free programs or readings on weekend afternoons. Those interested in performing at the Music Box Cafe should submit a resume or letter of introduction to Susan Permalos, Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, 07081.



HAPPY DAYS — The Mountainside Newcomers Club held its annual Gala in February with a Valentine's Day theme. Thirty-eight couples attended the event. From left are MaryJo Nicholson, Kelly Allison and Carol Worswick. The club welcomes all new residents as well as established residents who have had a change in lifestyle, i.e. new baby, marital or employment change. For information on joining, contact Arlene Hagger at (908) 654-7853.

Stamp show to settle in Springfield

Atlantic Coast Exhibitions of Virginia Beach, Va., will present the Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo in conjunction with the Westfield Stamp Club. The show will take place April 26-27 at the Holiday Inn in Springfield. The Holiday Inn is located at 304 Rt. 22 West. Show hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free, and the general public is invited to attend.

The Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo has run continually since 1982. It is presented six times yearly at this location. The year 1997 marks the addition of this show to the roster of Atlantic Coast Exhibitions' family of stamp events. Atlantic Coast Exhibitions currently produces 25 stamp events yearly with the goal of introducing stamp collecting — philately — to the general public. To date, these efforts have brought more than 3,000 new or reinterested persons into the hobby.

Stamp collection is the nation's

number one hobby. The United States Postal Service estimates that there are more than 22 million Americans who currently collect stamps. Any interest can be combined with stamps through the many topics illustrated on them.

The Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo is New Jersey's largest and best attended stamp event. The expo features exhibits by exhibitors from nine states, displaying a combined total of more than \$5 million in stamps. Several exhibitors are the life long accomplishments of their owners. In addition, a bourse of 40 stamp dealers buying and selling stamps of the world will be present. A large youth area with free stamps and collecting materials will be available for all kids that attend. A Boy Scout Merit Badge registered counselor will be on duty to answer questions concerning the acquisition of the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. Several area stamp clubs will have displays and members on hand to offer guidance and extend a welcome to people interested in

becoming new members of their groups. Free appraisals of stamps and stamp collections are being offered by licensed appraisers.

A special exhibit of the rare 1901 Inverted Train Stamp will also be on display. This stamp, which was issued to commemorate the 1901 Pan-American Exposition held in Buffalo, N.Y., in that year, was mistakenly printed with the center upside down. Of the 160 million of this stamp produced, only 140 were mistakenly printed in this manner. Of the 140 stamps produced, only 98 are now accounted for, of these, there is one of the two best examples of this rare stamp.

Further information about the Greater New Jersey Stamp Expo can be obtained from Atlantic Coast Exhibitions at P.O. Box 150, Virginia Beach, Va., 23458-1050 by mail; by phone at (757) 425-9566; locally from Fred Lisciandro at (908) 442-0055 or at the Holiday Inn in Springfield, at (201) 376-9400 on the show days.

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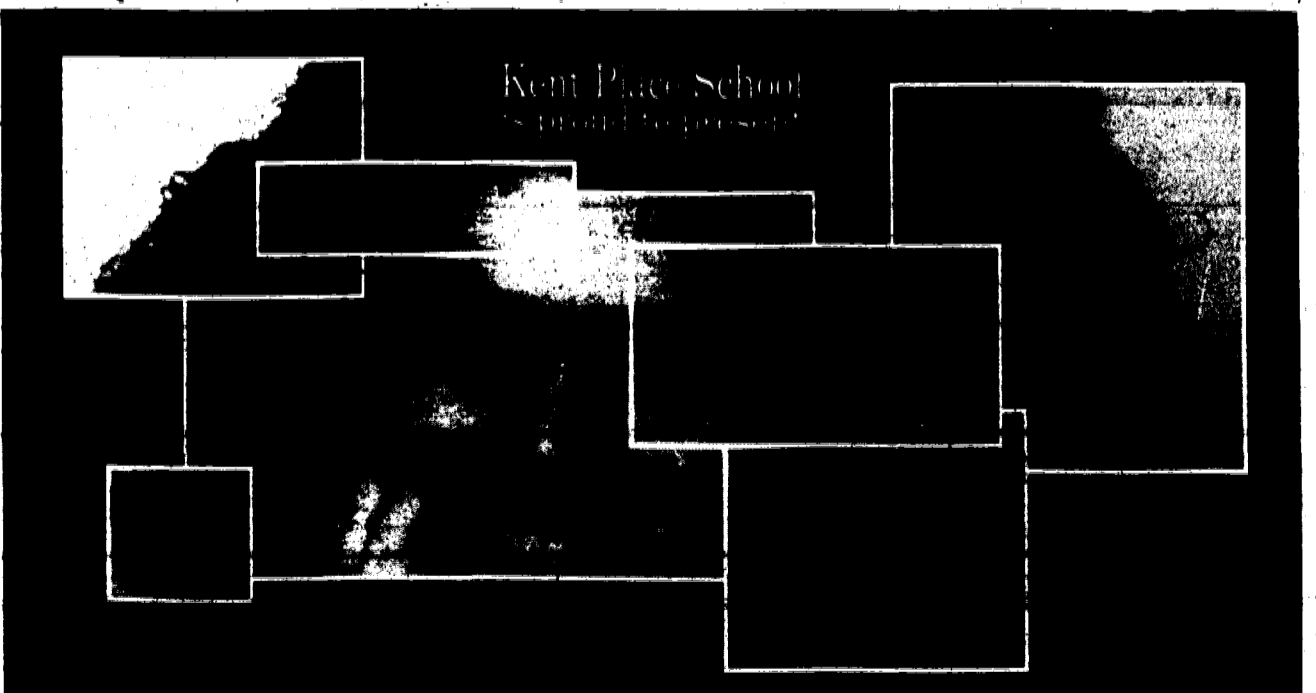
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Vote no on budget

When it comes to school budgets, the past year has presented the Mountainside Board of Education with more challenges than usual.

On one hand, the board has had to deal with Gov. Christine Whitman's recently passed Core Curriculum and Educational Financing legislation. This is a task not to be underestimated. For the past few months, superintendents and school board members have had to react to nearly daily changes in guidelines regarding state aid levels and appropriate procedures, not to mention the 3 percent increase cap imposed by the legislation.

In addition, the much debated dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District resulted in promises of increased savings and control for the local school boards. Local taxpayers were promised a tax deduction of approximately \$500, a figure that surely brought a good number of votes.

Instead, borough residents are offered an average savings of \$155 in the pending 1997-98 school budget. That figure is a far cry from the original sum, yet a savings is still a savings.

Part of the reason the promised savings was not realized can be placed at the feet of the regional Board of Education, which last year used a \$5 million surplus to offset a tax increase. If the regional district had not been dissolved, borough residents would be facing a whopping regional tax increase instead of a modest local school tax reduction.

Another point of debate in this budget is the send-receive contract established between Mountainside and Berkeley Heights for the education of the borough's high school students. Some have complained that the contract, which sets the per-pupil cost at \$12,500 for the first two years, could have been negotiated with a lower tuition price. Cited is Garwood's \$8,500 per student figure. But the fact remains that Governor Livingston High School is providing Mountainside students with an excellent education, and when compared to the more than \$20,000 cost per student under the regime of the regional board, the Mountainside Board of Education has crafted a solid educational contract.

However, we urge voters not to support this budget for one simple reason. Mountainside residents have long complained that the district is not funneling enough into educational tools and programs which the students at Deerfield School require. Instead, the taxpayers and students have been burdened with supporting a bloated administration. We agree with the residents in this matter.

A vote against this budget will send the message that residents want responsible spending, from the top down. The Board of Education should be commended for their efforts in accommodating the dissolution process, despite recent contrary protests. But the board and district administration must be held responsible for the failure of Deerfield School, with all its resources and community focus, to be competitive among the top schools of the state.

If the budget is not approved by voters, it will be the responsibility of each and every voter to express to the Borough Council exactly what the priorities of the school district should be, lest the council resorts to cutting vital programs in an effort to reduce expenditures.

Vote for Geiger, Esemplare

While we feel that the budget, and the district, could use a little more fine tuning, we support the re-election of current Board of Education members Frank Geiger and Linda Esemplare.

This coming year will see many changes in the operations of the Board of Education, the primary one being the integration of the grade 9 to 12 students. Although the Berkeley Heights Board of Education will be primarily dealing with the Mountainside high school students, it is important that the borough maintains an experienced, cohesive board to deal competently with Berkeley Heights. We believe the re-election of the incumbents will help provide this.

During his tenure as board president, Geiger has conducted the meetings with order and efficiency. He's proven to be responsive to the concerns of parents and other concerned residents. His leadership and knowledge of the district make him a vital member of the board.

Esemplare has exhibited a commitment to fostering quality education for the borough's children. She realizes that this is a goal which the borough, and the board, must continually strive to achieve, and her record of community involvement is proof of her dedication to service — a vital, yet often overlooked quality essential to board membership.

In addition, Esemplare supports a re-examination of the district's administrative structure, a cost cutting idea which many residents would agree is necessary to raising the standards of education in Mountainside.

We urge voters to cast their ballots Tuesday for Geiger and Esemplare.



CHARITY EVENT — On April 30, the Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society will host the 1997 Fashion Show at L'Affaire. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue to 10 p.m., and will include dinner, prizes, music, and a fashion extravaganza by Debra Van Horn of New York. Tickets to attend the Fashion Show are \$40 and can be purchased in advance by calling (908) 354-7373. Tables of 10 are available and seating is limited. All proceeds from this event will support breast cancer research, education and service to patients. From left are Noel Crawford, co-chairperson for the Fashion Show Committee, Jackie Morrison, committee member and Marie Giordano, co-chairperson.

Individual decisions can defy common sense

Sometimes we like to play Devil's advocate on some current issues.

One key issue came up March 24, when the state Senate hemmed and hawed about a proposal to lower the legally drunk blood alcohol level from .10 to .08.

A day doesn't go by that we don't read or hear of someone killed or badly injured because of a drunk driver. Some feel the legal blood alcohol limit should be reduced to .08. The reasoning is the lower the rate, perhaps potential drunken drivers will stay off the roads if they had a few belts before getting behind the wheel. We think the idea is a good one.

However, senators danced around the question by doing what they usually do: When caught in the middle of a delicate situation, establish a task force to study the question. The decision to study the idea delighted the tavern owners and restaurants which serve alcoholic beverages.

The higher the blood alcohol limit is, the chances of legally determining if the driver is drunk becomes more difficult.

I don't think there is anyone among us who wants a drunken driver on the road. So, instead of passing the bill, the senate skirted it by forming a task force to study the idea. The Mothers

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

Against Drunk Drivers are furious and should be.

One wonders if some of our legislators really know what's going on when they can't or refuse to pass a bill that could be used as another weapon against drunk driving.

Another issue comes out of New York City where the city's Board of Education passed a law that will expel any student who comes to school with a gun, a knife, a box cutter, which is fast becoming the weapon of choice for many kids, or any other weapon. Students would also be expelled if they attacked and assaulted a teacher, another student, or a member of the administration.

Although the measure was passed, it was not passed unanimously which disturbs us. Anyone who would not vote for a bill which would kick potentially dangerous kids out of schools does not have his head screwed on tightly. Why wouldn't a

law like this pass without a dissenting vote? We wonder where the priorities are for some so-called leaders.

A third and final issue is the man who murdered his two children because he feared his ex-wife would bring up their children as Christians instead of Jews. Because this so bloodedly murdered the two kids and confessed to the crimes.

But a jury weighing the penalty phase was deadlocked and Kostner will now go to prison for 60 years without parole instead of being executed. It makes no difference to me what happens to Kostner but what I find interesting is the fact that New Jersey has a capital punishment law that was passed in 1982 and has never been used. If the Kostner case does not fit within the parameters of the death penalty, I don't know what does. What this man did was out and out first degree murder. I begin to wonder what one must do to get the death penalty in New Jersey and make it stick.

No doubt the execution of a murderer is a traumatic time in the life of a juror who was one of those who found the defendant guilty. But I am convinced that although the majority of people in this nation are pro-capital

punishment when it meets the need, they have no intention of applying it, even in the most heinous of crimes. We want to settle scores with a murderer, but we are not willing to have him/her pay the supreme penalty.

I realize that capital punishment to many is a repulsive throwback to a more barbaric age and there is no place in modern society to play God by executing another, no matter how heinous the crime. I can see that point of view, but if we are not going to use our capital punishment law, let's drop it. We have too many laws on the books already.

But the theme of this "As I See It" column is quite simple: People have strange and interesting views of life about them. At times we don't understand motivation or reason for their actions but we can see more and more that we are all individuals, having our own minds and opinion, that's good. If all people thought alike, we would be living in a boring world where everything is cut and dried. But we do wonder how some people come to their conclusions and battle all those who oppose them.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the clean-up help

To the Editor:

Each spring, as baseball season nears and teams are getting ready for opening day, there is one major job which must get done: field clean-up.

Every spring brings many familiar faces, volunteers old and young, as well as new faces: parents and youths, with their rakes, shovels, and bags. The effort is strong on those two Saturdays with a common goal: clean, safe, fields, dugouts, and spectator areas. There was even more work this year on major league field one with the opening of the new field house.

A major job such as this wouldn't happen if not for a strong community with a lot of people willing to pitch in to help. To those of you who raked, bagged, dug, painted, moved mulch, and dragged branches and full bags to the street, thank you very much. A special thank you goes to the Csaszars for storing equipment in their garage over the winter, coffee, and the use of their bathroom.

Again, thank you all for helping and good luck to all the teams this year.
Chuck Fericola, manager
Patrice De Castro and Doug Trimmer, coaches
Mountainside

The best thing since sliced bread?

To the Editor:

So let's see if I got the picture here: We had to pay a set of outside auditors to find this hidden payment amount that our elected officials knew nothing about? Maybe the same effort that was put into the swimming pool design, and indeed the selling of the Borough Hall construction should have gone into investigating the full effect of deregionalization, something that was assumed to be the best thing since sliced bread.

Frank D. Marchese
Mountainside

Technology initiatives are necessary

To the Editor:

In recent years, the Deerfield School has made tremendous progress in building a technology infrastructure and developing a curriculum which integrates appropriate technology.

We have installed a computer lab, a network, and computers in most of the classrooms. The library has been automated and our teachers participate in applications software training programs. We quickly discovered that the more we did in implementing technology, the more we needed to do.

About a year ago, a committee of parents, teachers, and administrators was

formed to assist in guiding us through the thicket of expensive technology options. Their research and recommendations have helped take several important steps in this process — we are counting on their guidance in the future.

At the end of 1996, the Technology Committee recommended we hire an intern to assist our full-time staff with their technology requirements. The Board of Education approved this request and our intern started in January. Earlier this month, several Technology Committee representatives met with the faculty to discuss their needs, and we are actively debating the best approach to develop a long-range technology plan. A separate but related initiative of the Technology Committee is the formation of a foundation to support educational initiatives throughout Mountainside.

We know technology is an ever-increasing part of our lives, it is the future for the children we teach today. We are counting on the continuing support of the Board of Education and the community and will help us in reaching our educational goals for our students.

Audrey T. Zavetz, Principal
Deerfield School
Mountainside

Where did the surplus come from?

To the Editor:

I read where the Regional High School District used \$5 million last year to keep from raising taxes. My question is, how do you accumulate millions of dollars in a surplus? Were we taxed too much to start with?

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountainside

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—Jessamyn West
author

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VIEW POINT

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

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.

Friday

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 Mineri, Bob Florindi, Mike Grady, Ryan Huber, Andy Huber, Bob Sabol and Jason Mullman.

Sunday

Cometmania will be the theme at Trailside Nature and Science Center'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.

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.

The Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will hold its annual installation/membership party and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the chapter and the 100th anniversary of Jewish Women International at a 10:30 a.m. brunch at the Holiday Inn in Springfield on Rt 22. The officers will be installed by Alice Weinstein, past president of both the chapter and of Northern NJ Council. The officers to be installed for the 1997-98 year are: Presidential Cabinet, Barbara Fried and Terry Strauss; Vice President of Communications, Helen Rich; Financial Secretary, Betty Rosen; Corresponding Secretary, Liesel Binder; Social Secretary, Minna Schulte; Recording Secretary, Beverly Stern; Treasurer, Edna Gerber. Ruth Piller and Muriel Tennenbaum will serve as counselors. Charter members, life members and past presidents will be honored. All members and guests are welcome to attend but reservations must be made in advance. Reservations can be made by calling Ruth Piller at (201) 376-5188.

The Mountainside Elks will hold a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon at the club building on Route 22. The cost is \$2.50 for children and \$5 for adults, and includes eggs, french toast, sausage, bacon, toast and potatoes.

Monday

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

Tuesday

The College Women's Club of Mountainside will meet on at 7:30 in Deerfield School to hear Ed Sjonell speak on financial planning for women of all ages. Sjonell is a financial adviser with Family Investors Company of Fanwood. He will allow time to take questions at the end of his presentation. Guests are invited to join members to learn how to invest and meet individual needs. Refreshments will be served. Applications are available for the annual scholarship aid offered by the College Women's Club. Applicants should be area residents who will have completed one year of college by June 1997. For information and/or application, call Pat Connolly at (908) 233-6156.

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.

The Union-Essex Chapter of the Mended Hearts will meet at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building, Trivett Avenue, Springfield. The guest speaker will be Dan Kalem, president of the chapter, coordinator of the Chime Medicare Program and coordinator for Overlook Hospital. His topic will be "All about HMO's."

Mended Hearts is a support group designed to help those, as well as their families, with heart problems. All are welcome. For more information call (201) 376-0582.

Wednesday

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold their regular monthly meeting on at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. The business meeting will be led by President Trudi Landenfelsner and the program is being planned by Bea Roth, program chair. Refreshments will be served by Dora Speicher and her Hospitality Committee. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

The Healthy Avenues Van from Overlook Hospital will be at Barnes & Noble bookstore in Springfield Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hospital staff will be on hand to offer information and answers to health ques-

tions. Barnes & Noble bookstore is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call (201) 376-8544.

The Senior Chavurah of Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will meet today at 1:30 a.m. The guest speaker, David Gen, will discuss the current policies and problems facing Israel today. Gen is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, served in World War II, and lived on a Kibbutz in Israel. A light lunch will be included.

The Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield will be holding their annual Dinner and Fashion Show at 6:30 p.m. at the Crystal Plaza, Livingston. The evening's theme, "A Starry Night-Seventh Avenue Spectacular," will feature fashions coordinated by fashion consultant Noell Brogan and will be available from Bernstein's, Highland Park.

Sally Kaufman and Rose Widon-Goldman, both of Springfield, are co-chairing the event. Laurie Zinberg is ticket chairperson and Lynn Halizer is reservations chairperson. For further information and reservations, call (201) 376-0539.

Coming events

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

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

April 27

The Springfield Rotary Club will hold their 16th annual Gigantic Flea Market at Jonathan Dayton High School, Mountain Ave., Springfield from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The rain date is May 4. There will be over 160 vendors. Hamburgers, hot dogs, refreshments, free blood pressure screening and other activities will also be available. Proceeds will go to needy children in the area.

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.

April 30

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will meet at 8 p.m. at Congregation Israel in Springfield. The meeting will be dedicated to the Holocaust. There will be a candle lighting by six Holocaust survivors. The speaker will be Gladys Helfgott of Union. She was born in Lod and is a Holocaust survivor. She has been involved for many years with education centers across New Jersey.

May 1

Springfield Hadassah is sponsoring a trip to the Barnes Foundation at 9 a.m. from Temple Beth Ahm. The trip includes a luncheon at the General Wayne Inn, the only Pennsylvania restaurant listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the oldest restaurant in continuous operation in North America. The group will then tour the Barnes Foundation, which houses a collection of early French modern and post-impressionist paintings. The bus will leave at 3:30 for the return trip.

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.

May 11

The Mountainside Elks will hold a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon at the club building on Route 22. The cost is \$2.50 for children and \$5 for adults, and includes eggs, french toast, sausage, bacon, toast and potatoes.

May 12

The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

May 13

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

The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

May 15

The Springfield Hadassah will have their Donor at the Short Hills Caterers. The proceeds will be donated to Youth Alyah and used in the children's villages that are helping to integrate the young new arrivals to Israel. Frances Ostrofsky is the chairperson.

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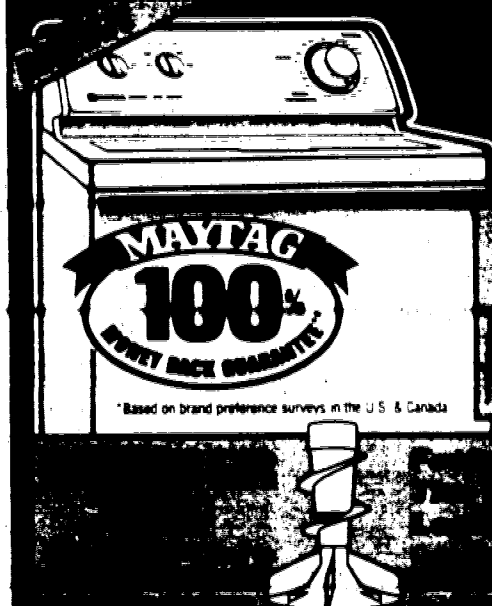
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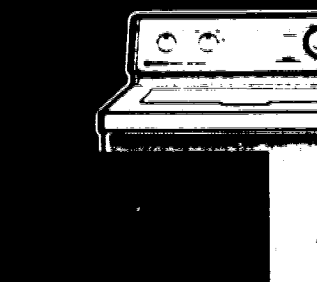
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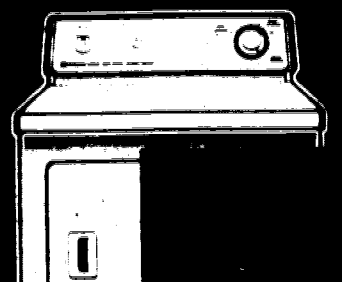
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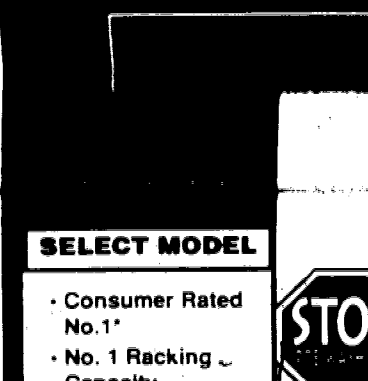
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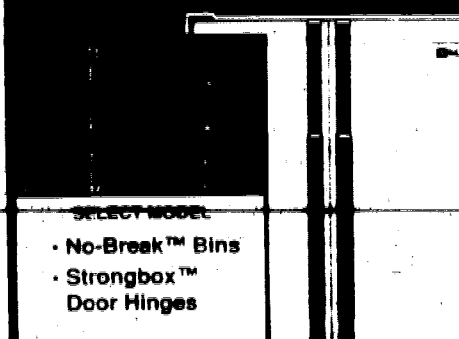
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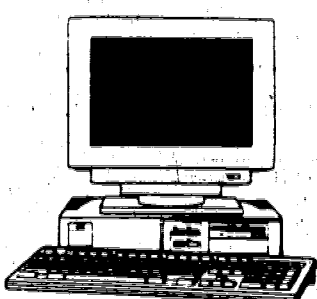
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Kind actions are theme of Mitzvah Day

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

If one notices some not-so-random acts of kindness in the Summit area Sunday afternoon, it is due to Temple Sinai's Third Annual Mitzvah Day activities.

Temple Sinai's congregation, after hearing Mayor Walter Long's proclamation, will fan out to work on various service projects. Five organized activities, from cleaning Union County park land to entertaining elderly residents at Irvington's Federation Towers, are scheduled. All projects that day are to be done in the spirit of mitzvah — the Hebrew act of kindness towards others.

"I think that when a group steps toward to perform voluntary acts for the community, they should be recognized," said Long. "When people do things for others without compensation, it shows they really care about a cause. We must have 1,000 volunteers working in Summit."

"Our congregation started Mitzvah Day three years ago," said project coordinator Colin Dunn. "Some of our members wanted to do good works in the community but needed a structured way."

Dunn and Rabbi Stuart Weinberg Gershon kicked off the inaugural Mitzvah Day June 11, 1995, cleaning the temple grounds and working with the Jewish Family Service office in Springfield. This year's program, besides the mayor's proclamation, features additional activities.

"Some of us are going to sort food at the Community Food Bank in Hillside, which is new," said Rabbi Gershon. "We've added a clean up with the County Department of Parks and around the Summit Green. Our choir, The Junior Jammers, is going to sing at Federation Towers."

"I'm the choir director for the Jammers," said Cantor Nancy Ginsberg. "We want to teach our youth that caring for others is a righteous act as wanted by God."

The spirit is apparently growing. Dunn said that other Reform temples in the Washington, D.C., Chicago and Dallas areas have been holding Mitzvah Days. Locally, Temple B'nai Jeshurun of Short Hills is also dedicating itself the same day.

"We're into our third Mitzvah Day ourselves and are working indepen-

dently of Temple Sinai," said B'nai Jeshurun Rabbi Laurence W. Groffman. "We have 10 activities scheduled, including a Mitzvah Mini Marathon for our youngsters around the Temple grounds and also sorting food at the Hillside Food Bank."

While Mitzvah Day are usually scheduled for warm Spring days; this Sunday coincides with President Bill Clinton's proclaimed National Service Week. The president, during his weekly radio address Saturday, has set aside April 13-19 for some 3,000 community service projects to be per-

formed by a million Americans to promote volunteerism.

"I didn't know about the president's action," said Long, "but I think the emphasis on volunteerism is great. I'm planning to declare April 15-21 Summit Volunteer Service Week to recognize all the groups that work for the city good without recompense."

Those who want to participate may call Temple Sinai at (908) 273-4921 or arrive at 208 Summit Ave. by 1 p.m. For Temple B'nai Jeshurun call (201) 379-1555.

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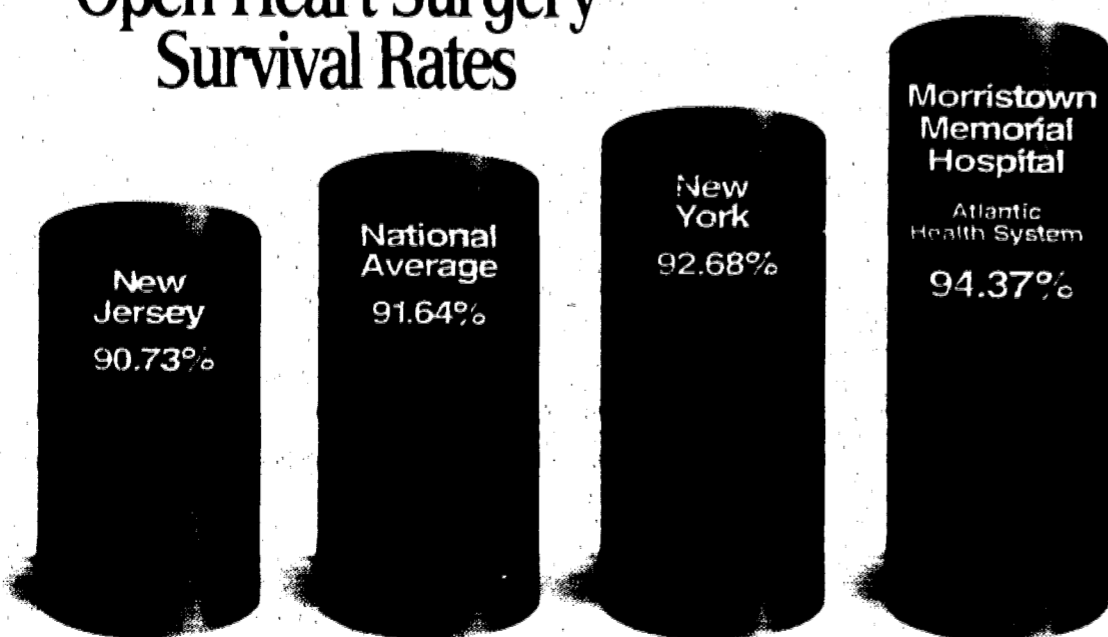
Bob Hagon and Dean Talcott shovel gravel into a wheelbarrow to be placed along a pathway in the Watchung Reservation. The pair volunteered to aid Trailside Nature and Science Center during a maintenance project last Saturday.

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Bill seeks to protect elderly

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole and strongly supported by Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Union, that would mandate the reporting of incidents of suspected neglect, abuse or exploitation against the elderly, developmentally disabled or persons suffering from other incapacities was approved by the General Assembly.

Under the bill, A-399, the reports would be made to the Commissioner of Human Services to refer them for investigation and evaluation to the appropriate county welfare agency. The county welfare agency would provide services and refer victims to available mental health, home health and medical assistance programs.

"This legislation enhances the safety and welfare of the most vul-

nerable segment of our society — the elderly," said O'Toole. "Too often, the elderly and the disabled are abused and taken advantage of, and many of them are unable to protect themselves."

"Neglecting or taking advantage of a person who cannot properly care for himself or herself is one of the most despicable forms of abuse," added O'Toole. "This measure will help to stop this abuse and ensure the elderly and disabled a better level of protection."

The measure would expand current law, which requires any person who suspects incidents of abuse of residents of residential health care facilities, rooming houses or boarding houses to report such information to the commissioner of Human Services. The bill would expand this section to prohibit neglect, in

addition to exploitation and abuse of the residents.

In addition, the bill would also prohibit employers from taking discriminatory or retaliatory action against any individual who reports incidents of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Failure to report any such incidents would be a disorderly persons offense.

The legislation also would require the commissioner to report annually to the governor and the legislature on the effectiveness of the bill, including the number of types of incidents reported, a description of the victims and recommendations for the prevention and alleviation of the abuse, neglect and exploitation of an elderly person or a vulnerable adult.

The measure was released by a 73-0 vote and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Gender scholar to give lecture

Elizabeth Debold, co-author of "Mother Daughter Revolution: From Good Girls to Great Women," will speak at Kent Place School on Tuesday at 8 p.m., in the Hyde and Watson Theatre, 42 Norwood Avenue, Summit. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Activist, author, scholar and expert on gender development, Debold is a founding member of the Harvard Project on Women's Psychology and Girls' Development, the research collaborative that discovered how girls lose self-esteem as they become

women in a man's world. With colleagues Carol Gilligan and Lyn Mikel Brown, she has charted a new pathway for women's development and begun to answer the question "What do women want?" by listening to the voices of girls and women talk about their lives. As co-author with Marie Wilson and Idelisse Malave of "Mother-Daughter Revolution," Debold brought insights built on groundbreaking research to mothers, women and men who care about girls.

Sponsored by the Kent Place School Parents Association, the lec-

ture, chaired by Astr Kimball of Madison and Arnette Worthington of Morristown, is part of the school's ongoing commitment to being a community resource on women's issues and education.

Center offers spring programs

The Resource Center for Women will offer the following evening support groups beginning in late April. All groups run for 8 weeks, are facilitated by therapists and, except where noted, are held at the Resource Center for Women, located in downtown Summit.

• **Moving On — Self-Discovery After Divorce:** Women who have survived the initial roller coaster of divorce will work together to reclaim life goals and reinvest in personal dreams and expectations beginning April 28.

• **Relationships in Transition:** Women in the early stages of separation and divorce will have the opportunity to work through practical and emotional issues with others in the same situation beginning April 29.

• **Family Ties that Bind:** Using Dr. Ronald Richardson's book of the same name, participants will identify family patterns and find more positive ways to deal with their

families of origin as well as current relationships beginning April 24.

• **Taking Charge — Building Assertiveness Skills:** Participants will focus on gaining a greater sense of control of their lives by learning to identify and verbalize feelings, needs and beliefs and to incorporate assertive behaviors into daily life beginning April 23.

• **Soul-Making:** Participants will have the opportunity to nurture their inner life through experiencing a variety of spiritual practices in a supportive environment. The group will be led by Sharon Blessum, psychotherapist and spiritual teacher, at the Healing Path Farm in Warren beginning April 29.

The fee for each 8-week session is \$135, \$105 for center members. For more information call (908) 273-7253.

Watchung Stables offers group lessons

The Watchung Stable, Mountain-side, offers two programs, in addition to its Fall and Spring series of lessons, which are designed to introduce the sport of horsebackriding to all.

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Overlook paramedics bring baby back to life

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Responding to her call were Overlook Hospital paramedics Eric Martin and Anne Pacifico. Arriving on the scene, they quickly determined that Hudgins was in premature labor and prepared to transport her to the hospital. While preparing her for transport, and with little warning, Hudgins gave birth.

"Within seconds, Anne and Eric assessed that the baby was clinically dead, and that my situation was becoming more critical," said Hudgins. "Without any hesitation, they took complete control of the situation, and began working on my infant and me."

Martin began intubation the baby while Pacifico worked to stabilize Hudgins. Bypassing a difficult blockage in her throat, Martin successfully intubated the baby and began to resuscitate her. Pacifico successfully stabilized Hudgins, and after pre-heating the ambulance to 90 degrees, transported both to Overlook.

"The situation was pretty critical," Martin said. "Babies born after 27 weeks have an uphill fight to survive when born in a hospital. Here we were in the field, without specialized equipment, trying to resuscitate the baby while stabilizing the mother."

Once at Overlook, Hudgins was



Karen Hudgins holds daughter Ashley, while Jeanne Kerwin, Supervisor, MICU, and paramedics Anne Pacifico and Eric Martin look on.

transported immediately to Labor and Delivery, while a team of emergency department and neonatal intensive care unit physicians and nurses took over the care of the 1-pound 7-ounce infant. "The baby arrived in remarkable condition, with a temperature of 98 degrees," said Hudgins. "It was extraordinary that the baby even had a chance."

Given the emergency resuscitation at the scene, and the ongoing care of the Overlook Hospital MICU staff, Hudgins and her baby are both doing well. "My daughter is now one-month-old, and progressing very well," said Hudgins. "Thanks to the devoted and dedicated care of the Neonatal Intensive Care Staff, Eric

and Anne are now like family to me, visiting the baby often and frequently in contact with me by phone. In future years, I will make sure that my daughter knows the significant role Eric and Anne played in bringing her into this world. I will always be grateful to these outstanding members of the Overlook staff for the miracle they performed."

Oak Knoll offers summer programs for all children

Oak Knoll is offering children, ranging from pre-K through eighth grade, the opportunity to become engaged in creative activities through their Summer Program.

The Summer Program offers something for everyone — from drama to sports, academics to dance. And Oak Knoll's Summer Program is "parent-friendly," with extended care available, and transportation from many areas. Oak Knoll even includes lunch for all campers.

For children ages 3 and 4 and those entering Kindergarten, Nursery and Kindergarten Camps offer both full- and half-day programs. A full-day program is

conducted for those entering grades 1-5. Oak Knoll's Middle Grades Program for grades 6-8 consists of a variety of program offerings that can be selected to make up full or half days. Among the choices are basketball, soccer, tennis, weight training, hiking and camping, drama, computers, photography and drawing.

Campers especially interested in sports, can participate in sessions dedicated to general sports, field hockey, hiking and camping, and baseball.

Call Director Judith G. MacLellan at Oak Knoll (908) 522-8152 for more details or visit the campus for the Summer Program Open House on May 4.

Rummage sale will aid school's Project Graduation

Spring is here and so is the time to clean out attics, closets, basements and garages and donate to the Project Graduation Rummage Sale. All money raised from the sale can help fund Summit High School's Project

Graduation, an all-night drug and alcohol free party for graduating seniors.

The rummage sale will be held on April 19 in the Summit High School cafeteria, 125 Kent Place Boulevard

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All items to be donated for the sale should be dropped off at the high school's cafeteria entrance on April 18 between 2:45 and 7 p.m. Students will be on hand to help unload donations.

Project Graduation is sponsored by the city of Summit's Youth Services Board.

For more information about the rummage sale, contact Ethel Meola at (908) 273-4424.

Arboretum targets children with summer camp program

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit is seeking a summer teaching assistant for its Elephant Tree Nature Camp and is also currently accepting enrollments for children aged 4 to 9 for sessions from late June through mid-August, rain or shine.

The paid position involves assisting Children's Education Coordinator Michelle Celia with outdoor explorations, crafts and other activities. A candidate can be a current or retired teacher with available time in summer or an elementary education student interested in helping children of varying ages with outdoor learning.

The sessions run five days-per-week in the following age categories: for Pre-kindergarten, 4- and 5-year-olds, June 23 to 27 and June 30-July 3, 12:30-2:30 p.m., "Discovering Nature" and "Sensing Nature." Post-kindergarten, age 5-7, have four sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in July including "Fuzzy Fellows & Feathered Friends," "Wetland Wonders," "Tree, Weeds, Flowers & Seeds" and "How Does Your Garden Grow?" Two sessions the first two weeks in August for 7- to 9-year-olds are "Nature and the Native American" and "The Wondrous Woods," also 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Fees for half-day, June 23 to 27, are \$80, \$50 for members; June 230-July 3, for 4 half-days, \$65, \$40 for members. For 5-7 and 7-9 year-olds, sessions are \$125, \$90 for members. All have a \$40 discounted membership for camp registrants. Register in advance or ask for Michelle Celia about the assistantship by calling (908) 273-8787. The arboretum, a national and state historic site specializing in environmental education, is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, near Route 24.

Immigration workshop set

A bilingual workshop offered in Spanish and English at the Resource Center for Women will provide up-to-date information on immigration law and recent immigration reforms on April 17 at 7 p.m. Denis Johnson and members of the staff of the Immigration Rights Project in Newark will review recent changes in immigration law and procedures and review eligibility requirements for legalization of status in the US.

The fee for the evening is \$5, and

all are welcome. Program scholarships are available on request. Those interested in attending are asked to call the center's office at (908) 273-7253 by Monday to register. The Resource Center is a non-profit, non sectarian organization programs and services to areas women and their families. The center is located in Calvary Episcopal Church at the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in Downtown Summit, and is easily accessible by public transportation.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Congregation Beth Shalom</i> <i>Congregation Ahavath Achim B'Nai Israel</i> 2035 Vauxhall Road • Union, NJ 07083 (908) 686-6773</p> <p><small>Congregation Beth Shalom/AABI, 2035 Vauxhall Road, corner of Plane Street, Union will be having a Community Passover Second Night Seder on April 22nd. Rabbi Mische Weisblum will be leading our Seder. Services will be at 6:45pm followed by the Seder at 7:30pm. Each table will have their own Seder Plate. We will be having a complete dinner with a choice of either roasted chicken or brisket of beef catered by Ma'adan of Teaneck. Cost for non-members are \$35 (18 per adult and \$25.00 per child under 12. Space is limited and reservations are required by Monday, April 14th. For further information or to make your reservation please call the Synagogue office (908) 686-6673.</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Temple Israel of Union 2372 Morris Ave., Union 908-687-2120</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rabbi Meyer H. Korbman, Pres. Esther Avnet</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Temple Emanu-El 756 East Broad Street, Westfield 908-232-6770</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family Seder • Tuesday, April 22 Second Night of Pesach at 5:45 p.m. in Greiffer Sacks Hall Come and enjoy a Temple Family Seder conducted by Rabbi Krolloff and Cantor Novick</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Chairpersons: Anthony Williams and Susan Yemin Catered by: Min Gokblatt and Sons</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Congregation Beth Hatikvah A Reconstructionist Congregation 158 Southern Blvd., P.O. Box 563, Chatham Township, NJ 07928 Rabbi Amy Levenson - Pres. Robert Max COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER (for Members, Prospective Members, Family and Friends) Tuesday, April 22, 1997 • The Grand Summit Hotel • 5 to 9 pm 570 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey Members: Adult - \$29, Child (3-12 yrs.) - \$15 • Non-Members: Adult - \$32, Child (3-12 yrs.) - \$18 (No charge for children under 3) For information Call Rhonda Figue, Seder Chairperson (908) 354-4051</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Elmora Hebrew Center (Orthodox Synagogue) 420 West End Ave., Elizabeth • (908) 353-1740</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Dates and times of the Passover Seders at the Elmora Hebrew Center. Monday evening April 21, following services at 7:30 PM Tuesday evening April 22, following services at 7:30 PM Place: The Elmora Hebrew Center, 420 West End Ave., Elizabeth Reservations and information: Call Carole at (908) 353-1740</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Rabbi Samuel B. Rosenberg President - Joan Gross</small></p>	

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

SportSmarts Pitching Clinics will begin this Sunday, giving young athletes from the area an opportunity to go through a professional pitcher's workout.

Instruction will be led by Union Catholic baseball coach Paul Reddick.

He's worked and coached with the Montreal Expos' minor league system, USA Baseball and Elizabeth High School.

Youngsters will learn proper mechanics, how to throw different pitches, how to become stronger and more conditioned, secrets of sports psychology, how to develop super confidence and how 20 minutes a day can take them to the next level.

Instruction will not interfere with the youngsters' normal or team pitching schedule.

Clinics are limited to eight participants and two six-week sessions will be offered.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-964-3159 for reservations.

Area coaches might be interested to know that there are a number of New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Coaches Clinics upcoming.

Here's a look at a few:
Soccer: This Saturday at Toms River North High School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

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

The fees include clinic packets, all sessions and lunch.

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

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

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

Proceeds will benefit Union County College 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.

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

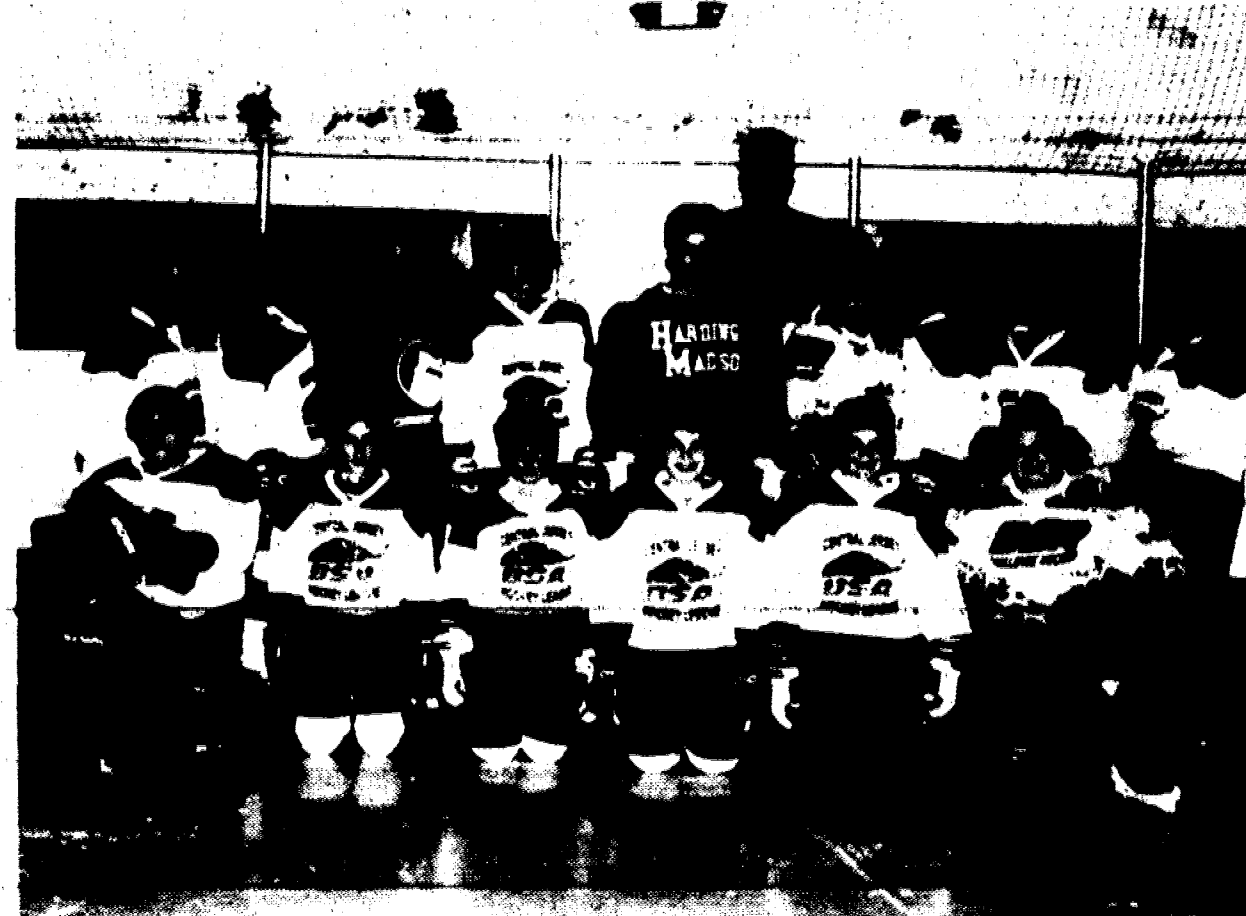
The ninth John Somogyi Shooting Camp, co-directed by Neil Home and John Somogyi, will take place June 21-22 at St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick.

The camp, which is open to all boys and girls ages 9-17, will include two three-hour sessions that will enable players to improve on their shooting techniques and give them individual and partner drills for further practice.

Each player will have his/her shot videotaped and analyzed during this two-day period.

More information may be obtained by calling Somogyi at the following phone number: 908-846-8928.

Mountainside hockey stars



Mountainside hockey players Rob Condrillo, fourth from left standing, and Giancarlo Capodano, top left, were members of this year's Bridgewater Arena House Squirt Division Central Jersey Hockey League team. Condrillo, a first-year player, scored two goals and had eight assists. Capodano scored 12 goals and had four assists. The team was coached by Ted Sweeney.

Dayton baseball opens with consecutive wins Bulldogs best St. Mary's, Millburn

The Dayton Regional High School baseball team opened the 1997 season with consecutive victories. The Bulldogs first won their home-opener last Thursday, defeating St. Mary's of Elizabeth 10-5 in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division action.

Dayton then edged West Orange 3-2 in the first round of the Millburn Tournament held last Saturday at Millburn. In the win against St. Mary's, returning varsity starter Jim Sweigart belted a three-run homer for the Bulldogs and teammate Chris Cariello stroked an RBI-single.

Dayton scored the winning run against West Orange in the bottom of the sixth when junior Mark Armento came home on a wild pitch with two out.

Armento had a fine game, belting two singles and driving in two runs, in addition to scoring the winning run. Starting pitcher Jim Lehnhoff, another returning starter, hurled a nine-hitter. He struck out three and walked two.

Softball looks to improve

The Dayton Regional High School softball team looks to improve upon last year's 8-11 mark.

Dayton won its first game of the year before falling to visiting Mt. St. Mary's 7-5 last Saturday and then to host North Plainfield 9-8 in eight innings Monday.

This year's squad includes junior righthander Nancy Kloud and senior righthander Christine Rhyner on the mound.

The infield consists of senior Michelle Lyle at catcher, senior Meredith Pincu at first, senior Toni Anne Tripodi and Rhyner at second, sophomore Tracey Saladino at third and junior Theresa Lyle at shortstop.

The outfield has senior Stephanie Peters in left, senior Lucy Cucciniello in center and senior Anne Battinelli in right.

Other varsity members include senior outfielders Maryanne Bibbo, Jenna Moskowitz, Carroll Gillette and Heather Birch.

Summer Sports Spectacular will offer intensive training

The annual Summer Sports Spectacular offerings of intensive sports training for youngsters ages 8-15 will be presented during weekly intervals starting July 7 at Union County College's Cranford Campus.

The Sports Spectacular will be co-sponsored by the Cranford Board of Education and Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, both of which will share some of their facilities.

Program offerings for boys and girls are enhanced this year in a variety of athletic programs.

With the expertise of the college's athletic department, instruction will be offered in baseball, soccer, golf, basketball and tennis by an expert teaching staff who will provide a safe, enjoyable environment for youngsters.

The training will focus on individual performance and competition, as well as cooperative teamwork and sportsmanship to help all participants improve their overall athletic skills.

Each sports program will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. They will open with announcements and emphasis of the day, followed by assignments to instructional stations, positional play and instructional specialization.

After lunch, the children will then observe individual and group demonstrations, participate in practical application of such demonstrations and conclude the day with athletic competitions.

The Summer Sports Spectacular programs will be as follows:

- Baseball, choice of July 14-18 or July 21-25.

- Golf, choice of July 7-11 or July 14-18.

- Tennis, choice of July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-Aug. 1, Aug. 4-8 or Aug. 11-15.

- Basketball, choice of July 14-18, July 21-25 or July 28-Aug. 1.

- Soccer, Aug. 4-8.

Special warm-up opportunities will be available for each sport, except basketball, from 8-9 a.m., with separate registration required on selected days.

This is an excellent opportunity for area athletes to pick a sport they enjoy participating in and increase their ability to excel in it. It's also a great way for area athletes to keep in shape.

More information may be obtained by calling the college's Department of Continuing Education and Community Services at 908-709-7600.

Springfield Teachers hoop it up tomorrow

The Springfield Teachers are going to play the basketball coaches in a basketball game tomorrow night 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 Tomoasino, Jen Mineri, Bob Florindi, Mike Grady, Ryan Huber, Andy Huber, Bob Sabol and Jason Mullman.

Mountainside Opening Day Saturday

Spring is here and it's time once again to play baseball. Opening Day for the Mountainside Youth Baseball Programs is this Saturday.

This year a spaghetti dinner and auction are also planned for early Saturday evening to raise funds to help pay for the newly renovated field-house 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.

Local Tidal Wave swimmers excel

Six swimmers from Union's Tidal Wave team competed at the Junior Olympics competition held last month at Rutgers.

The Tidal Wave includes swimmers who reside in Springfield and Mountainside.

Swimming in the 10-and-under age group, Cara Galante, 10, attained an AA time for 50-yard butterfly and improved her A times in 50 breaststroke and 50 freestyle; Michelle Newton, 9, improved on her A times for 50 and 100 yard butterfly (by more than four seconds for the 100 yard event) and Tracy Dimond, 8, swam the 50 butterfly, gained an A time for the first time, and improved on the team record in the event for 8-and-under. Her new record is 36.25.

In the 13-14 age group, Jerry Lozauskas, 13, and Jonathan Hamtil, 14, both competed in the 50 and 100 freestyle events. Both swam strongly and Hamtil achieved his first AA times in both events.

In the 15-and-over group, Brian Shanahan, 18, attained his first AA time in the 50 freestyle and improved his times in his four other events (100 and 200 freestyle and 100 and 200 breaststroke). His 200 breaststroke showed an improvement of more than seven seconds.

Hoop camp for area players

The Central Jersey Basketball Camp, co-directed by Neil Home, Wayman Everly and Kathy Matthews, will be held for two six-day sessions in July.

The camp, located on the campus of the Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, is in its 24th year of operation and has proven to be one of the most successful resident basketball camps in the area, with over 400 boys and girls attending the camp last summer.

The camp staff is composed primarily of high school coaches and college players from Union, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Middlesex and Mercer counties.

Again this year, the Central Jersey Camp will offer a camp session for girls during the week of July 13-18 along with the boys.

Matthews, the highly successful girls' basketball coach at Union Catholic, will direct the girls' program.

The camp has featured many outstanding college coaches as guest lecturers in the past, including Herb Magee of Philadelphia Textile, Rollie Massimino of UNLV, Rich Adubato of Upsala, Pete Carnil of Princeton and Kevin Bannon of Rider College to name just a few.

Other features of the camp include: top college and high school players as counselors; two-hour drill session each day where each camper is taught and then practices basketball fundamentals in small groups; outstanding basketball facilities including five full indoor courts; team and individual contests and each camper plays two or three games a day.

The camp is divided into three different age and skill level groups for both drill sessions and games — elementary, junior and senior high school age groups.

The first week of the camp for boys and girls ages 9-17 will be held from Sunday, July 13 to Friday, July 18. The second week will run from Sunday, July 20 to Friday, July 25.

A boy may attend camp for either or both sessions, while girls may attend the first week only.

More information may be obtained by calling Home at 908-654-5691 or Everly at 908-654-5424.

All East Football this July

The All East Sports Camps will conduct football camps at two locations for the 1997 summer camp season. The camps, in their 13th season, are being sponsored by Nike.

Here's a look at what camps will take place this summer at Rowan: **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.

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Tools stolen from back of truck

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On April 5 at 6:40 p.m., officer Kenneth Capobianco responded to a Wyoming Avenue home on a report of stolen property. The homeowner's brother was in town to help with some home repairs, and had left some tools in the bed of his pick-up truck which was parked outside the home. The tools were discovered missing and the police were called. There were no witnesses to the theft, although a small pick-up truck was seen in the area in front of the home. The tools were valued at \$1,000.

On April 6 at 7:22 p.m., Alan Anderson, 30, of East Orange, was arrested by officer Kenneth Capobianco outside the Sony Theater on Route 22. Anderson was arrested for driving with a suspended license and having two outstanding warrants. The suspect was taken in and was released after posting \$1,453 in bail.

On April 5 at 12:12 p.m. Jokester Wilson, 34, of Brooklyn New York, was arrested by Officer Kevin Betyeman for driving with a suspended license and having an unregistered vehicle while driving on Route 22 West. The suspect was taken in and was

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later released after posting \$250 in bail.

Springfield

The Springfield Police Department arrested two assault suspects Thursday. The first person, identified as Carl Henry Noel, 26, of Orange, was picked up at the Springfield Texaco and was charged with simple assault.

The second person, identified as George Bowers, 32, of Summit, was apprehended at the Morris Avenue Shop-Rite at about 11:30 p.m. Bowers, who was also hit with strongarm robbery, shoplifting and resisting arrest, was arraigned in the County Jail Monday at \$10,000 bail.

A passerby noticed a cellular phone left in a Foodtown shopping cart at the General Greene Shopping Center parking lot Friday afternoon. The item is a Motorola Micro Life phone.

An employee of an Echo Plaza business reported the theft of a gold bracelet with diamond encrusted hearts Sunday morning. She had laid

the bracelet on a counter, was distracted by a customer and discovered the item missing after visiting the bathroom. It is valued at \$210.

Three motor vehicle accidents occurred within four hours of each other Saturday afternoon.

The first involved a Lincoln driver who was hit by a deer crossing westbound Shunpike Road near the Railway Valley Railroad bridge at 1:43 p.m. The second hit was made at 2:23 p.m. by a Harley Davidson motorcyclist who lost control on a driveway and ran into the side of 137 Henshaw Ave. The final incident occurred between 4 and 4:15 p.m. on the parking lot of 275 Rt. 22 East when a patron discovered left rear corner damage to her Honda Accord.

An intended visit to a local AMOCO filling station turned into a two-car accident on Hillside Avenue 6:51 p.m. Sunday. The driver of a Cadillac Eldorado was making a left turn from eastbound Hillside when he was struck nearly head-on by the driver of a Dodge Omni about 50 short of the South Springfield Avenue intersection. Nobody was injured but the Omni was left at the scene.

Department rescues residents

The Springfield Fire Department responded to an early-morning motor vehicle accident call March 24. The unit found the right front corner of a Mercedes-Benz 260 wedged under a 34,000 lbs. Kenilworth tractor trailer on the corner of Morris and Maple avenues at 6:30 a.m. While the Benz passenger wasn't trapped, he was treated elsewhere for injuries.

One fire truck responded to a South Springfield Avenue apartment call 11:12 a.m. March 24 to rescue a child caught in a toy. Another unit was called about four hours later to douse a car fire on Rt. 78 West.

The Fire Department came to an accident at the intersection of Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road to extricate a trapped passenger in the middle of a three-car accident March 26. The passenger was aboard a Chrysler which was turning onto Meisel at about 11:25 a.m. when it was struck by an oncoming Chevrolet Cavalier and was sandwiched by a stopped United States Postal Service van. The

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person and all three drivers were injured in the crash.

The department visited the Municipal Building three times in as many days responding to an activated fire alarm. The first two instances happened 10:45 a.m. and 12:29 p.m. March 27 and on 8:11 p.m. March 29.

Fire units came to aid the driver of an overturned car on eastbound Shunpike Road at 1 p.m. April 2. The operator of a Volkswagen Golf had hit a curb after crossing Mountain Avenue, veered 40 feet off Shunpike into a rock face and rolled while rebounding. The injured party was taken to a local hospital.

Water flooding a Kipling Avenue basement was the source of two calls Saturday afternoon. While records show that the responses came at 1 and 4:50 p.m., it isn't clear whether it was to the same residence.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mountainside Local Assistance Board of the Borough of Mountainside, 1365 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey, on Monday, April 14, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.
Mrs. J. Edith Burvett, Communications Mountainside Local Assistance Board 03981 MEC April 10, 1997 (\$4.25)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Mountainside Local Ethics Board will hold its reorganization meeting on April 16th at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Municipal Building, 1365 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ. Janice Saponaro, Secretary 03980 MEC April 10, 1997 (\$3.75)

NOTICE OF APPROVAL
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield has granted to Outback/Metropolis-I, L.P. conditional use approval for an eat-in restaurant and preliminary and final site plan approval together with zoning variances and site plan waivers on lands located at Lot 3 in Block 3901, Springfield Township Tax Map and commonly known as Echo Plaza Shopping Center, Mountain Avenue and Route 22 West, Springfield, New Jersey, all as more specifically set forth and recited in a formal Resolution of the Springfield Township Planning Board which was memorialized on April 2, 1997. The approvals granted to the Applicant at the Planning Board meeting on March 5, 1997. Said Resolution has been filed in the Office of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield and is available for inspection.

Max Sherman, Esq. SHERMAN & SHERMAN, SOS, 26 Linden Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07082 (59.75) 03993 SLR April 10, 1997

STUDENT UPDATE



YOUNG POETS — Fifth grade students from Patricia Mulholland's Language Arts class at Deerfield School in Mountainside recently won a nationwide poetry contest. Their poems will be published in the "Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans." Winners include from back left, Danielle Pace, Elizabeth Billy, Sara Hu, and front left, Marissa DeAnna, Helena Scholz, Eric Feller, Jennifer Hauser, and Brielle Luciano.

Girl Scout chorus to perform during camping weekend

The upcoming performances of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus include an April 12-13 Songfest Camping Weekend at Camp Lou Henry Hoover. Chorus members will learn and rehearse songs during an overnight. The weekend will also provide girls an opportunity to experi-

ence crafts, campfires and hiking. Girl Scouts and adults interested in sampling Chorus participation are welcome by reservations. The April 29 Washington Rock Girl Scout Awards & Recognition Dinner will be held at the Westwood. The annual dinner honors the efforts of adult volunteers

and Senior Girl Scouts.

New members are encouraged to join the chorus. For further information or to sign up, call the council service center at (908) 232-3236 or Musical Director Skip Adams at (908) 233-3716.

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