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TWO SECTION

First Presbyterian has place in history

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the third part in a series highlighting the various houses of worship in Mountainside and Springfield.

It is inescapable: the eerie sense of past mingled into present, which The First Presbyterian Church in Springfield gives, both outside and inside. No wonder; it has been there on the corner of Church Mall and Morris Avenue since 1791, and is still a treasured house of worship today.

The surrounding area then was farmland, Springfield had just a few families, and no one could foretell the bustling traffic corner the spot has become. A Revolutionary War soldier stands guard in front of the white frame, steepled church, and at the base of the statue, the story of the church is briefly written for all to read.

This church had replaced one that the British had spitefully burned in 1745 during the Battle of Springfield, a turning point in the war. It seems that in the heat of that battle, the people of the church decided to convert the sanctuary into a storehouse for the use of George Washington's Continental Army, entrenched at Jockey Hollow.

"At that time, this was a very brave thing to do," said the current pastor, The Rev. Daniel Russell Jr., "as the Americans were losing and fighting desperately. The parson at the time was the Rev. James Caldwell, also a chaplain in the Revolutionary Army."

During the intense fighting, Caldwell was aware that muskets needed

wadding. He seized the psalters — hymnals — tearing out the pages and giving them to the Americans to use in the muskets. He was said to have cried out, "Put Watts into 'em boys!" The Watts he referred to was the famous hymn-writer, Isaac Watts, who had written many of the hymns in the book.

The enemy advance was checked, but later when in retreat, angry British forces killed Caldwell's wife, Hannah, and later on, also the minister, and burned the church to the ground, as well as most of the tiny village.

"To us, the event is symbolic; just as the sanctuary was changed into a storehouse to serve the cause of freedom, so now our church has been converted into a staging ground for mission," said the pastor. "That is how we see the community: our mission for Christ is just outside the front door."

A British soldier killing Hannah Caldwell can be seen on the official seal of the County of Union.

Currently there are 320 registered members, and the minister says they are growing and adding staff. "We also have something new: a healing ministry called 'Sweet Hour of Prayer' which is observed at 10 a.m. Mondays. This is a separate worship from the regular weekly service, and is very exciting. We come together and pray for each other, and recount the results afterwards," said Russell.

Education is a primary mission for members of the congregation, to the extent that the parish has something very generous to offer its youth. "All of our young people who are going to college are offered a scholarship of



Photo By Jeff Grant

The Rev. Daniel Russell Jr. stands in front of The First Presbyterian Church on Morris Avenue in Springfield, which had a prominent role in the Battle of Springfield during the Revolutionary War.

\$2,300, which comes from a special endowment from several families," explained the pastor, who said they have been doing this since the 1970s. There are 15 young people who have benefited this year.

The church is part of the Elizabeth Presbytery. Russell said, "Although we are proud of our American herit-

age and the role this church played in our freedom, our main heritage is the mission of Christ. We call it the 'Priesthood of Believers.'"

Russell has served as pastor of the colonial church for four years now, and formerly had been associate pastor of a Presbyterian church in Batavi-

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Severna resident search of parking

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

During a recent meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, residents of Severna Avenue made their presence known as they addressed officials, hoping to seek relief from the parking chaos that they feel has taken over their otherwise quiet street.

Since late summer, homeowners on Severna Avenue have seen a dramatic increase in the number of cars being parked on the residential street. The reason, they say, is a doctor's office on the corner of Morris and Short Hills avenues that is providing a valet parking service to his patients.

Residents and officials are hoping that creating permit parking will make for a possible solution to the problem.

While parking on Severna Avenue is not illegal during the day, residents complain that it can be dangerous for pedestrians, including the children living in homes on the residential street.

"As of now, unless there is residential permit parking, people can park their cars there," said Committeewoman Clara Hareluk, adding that parking is currently only prohibited between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m.

Although permit parking is not the ideal solution residents are seeking, they are willing to accept it as a possible alternative to solving the problem.

Severna Avenue resident Fred Hrinuk, who attended last week's Township Committee meeting to voice his concerns, said the valet parking is "creating a dangerous situation." Hrinuk said he has observed the valets

driving erratically and circling the center island at excessive speeds.

He is worried that since there are no sidewalks on the street, the valet parking will cause safety problems for the children residing there as well as the homeowners that walk along the street to the train station or for recreation purposes.

"It's really an unnecessary mess being caused by somebody on another street," said Hrinuk. "Besides parking, it's a matter of no consideration from the people who are doing the valet parking."

Hrinuk, who has lived on the same street for 15 years, said that for the most part, people living on Severna generally use their driveways rather than park in the street.

"We've never had a problem like this before," said Hrinuk, adding that when he attempted to approach the doctor running the valet service for his patients, he refused to talk to him.

Representatives from the medical office could not be reached for comment by presstime.

According to Committeewoman Greg Clarke, the business, which is located a few blocks away from the affected street, does have a parking lot containing approximately 20 parking spaces. The use of the spaces, however, has become part of an apparent landlord-tenant squabble between the doctor and the owner of the building.

Clarke said the problem with parking is not new to area residents. A similar situation occurred during the summer involving the residents of Short Hills Avenue. The Township

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Republican of the Year



Photo By Rothanne Wagner

Dona Osieja receives the William O. Van Blarcom Republican of the Year Award last week from Clark Landale, first vice president of the Mountainside Republican Club.

Springfield welcomes first baby for 2001

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Samuel Shenming Xu, now 5 weeks old, has the honor of being the first baby born in Springfield in 2001. Samuel — already being called "Sammy" by his dad — was born at Overlook Hospital on Jan. 3 at 6:20 p.m., weighing in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

"The birth was all natural and everything was fine," said father Xiaofeng Xu. The young Chinese family was not aware of the special significance Americans give to having a first baby, as part of New Year celebrations, but thought it a happy custom. Of course they were thrilled with the healthy birth of their son.

Xu and his wife Chun Duan have one other child, 20-month-old Tiffany, who is now running all about and not quite aware of her new brother. The busy family has some much needed help: Duan's mother, Jiang Huiwen, who has been with them for some time and whose help would be indispensable. "Especially now," said the mother, "because my husband leaves for Singapore on a business trip shortly."

The couple explained that in China, newlyweds do not change their names; a custom only now being

adopted by many Americans. "That way there is respect for both families," said Xu. Both were born in mainland China and Mandarin is their native tongue, although Xu also speaks Cantonese and a few other dialects.

Both also speak excellent English, having learned it in college where they first met. "It was the South China University of Technology in Canton," said Xu. They became engaged, but Xu came to America to accept a job with Schering-Plough in Kenilworth in the international marketing department. He also holds a doctorate in biology.

Xu eventually went back to China to get married. Meanwhile, Duan became proficient in computer sciences. "I studied educational programming," she said. They have been here seven years, and both love Springfield and America.

The Xus are members of the United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains, Chinese Ministry, which holds both English and Chinese services, and they are very comfortable there. "It is difficult to be a Christian in China," said Xu, adding with pride, "Now both our children are American citi-

Leaders look at Route 22 redevelopment plan

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

About 15 Union County-area business people marked up nine state Department of Transportation diagrams of Route 22's center island during a meeting last month.

Armed with felt-tip markers and pens, the business-suited men and women left their suggestions on improving the highway before leaving the Mountainside Borough Council Chambers.

Giving out the pens were officials from the Route 22 Chamber of Commerce and the Union County Bureau of Transportation Planning. The co-hosts wanted to know of their invited guests' opinions and ideas on improving safety and mobility along the federal highway.

"This is the first time Union County and consultant Parsons Brinckerhoff brought their study outside of county officials and transportation advisory boards," Chamber spokeswoman Susan Jacobson said.

"We've been presenting the study over the last nine months," added Parsons Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas Senior Planner William Redl. "We want to get as much advice and as many suggestions from municipal level merchants and officials as we can before the funding cycle starts in the spring."

Redl and county representatives presented their Union County Pedestrian Safety, Mobility and

Access Study: Route 22 Corridor. The study sought to describe the highway's conditions, identify issues and make recommendations.

The study has its genesis with the formation of the Route 22 Chamber of Commerce two years ago. A branch of the Union County Chambers of Commerce, the body seeks to improve the commercial climate along the highway.

Route 22's center island area has been a challenge for engineers, planners, motorists and pedestrians since the 1940s. In the 3.5-mile study area, there are 18 U-turns and 396 curb cuts along the mostly commercialized stretch. About 58,000 drivers and 100 pedestrians, according to Parsons and county measurements last May, are on the highway daily.

The county/Parsons approach calls for a set of improvements for the pedestrian and bus rider which, in effect, would make them less of a hazard to drivers. The items include:

- Identify the least-used U-turns and consider closing them.
- Installing sidewalks between West Chestnut Street/Flagship area and the Springfield Avenue overpass in Springfield. Priority would be placed on areas near bus stops, residences and fast food restaurants.
- Larger, and more visible bus stop signs and the construction of shelters.

• Consider pilot shuttle buses in the center island area.

• Carefully consider a pedestrian/vehicular overpass.

The audience's penned-in comments included:
• A large pedestrian/vehicular overpass above the vacant Railway Valley Railroad right-of-way. People and/or drivers can bypass Route 22 between Brighton or Iorio streets north and Kenilworth's North Michigan Avenue south.

• Convert the old Pryo Plastics plant site on Springfield Road North into a Park-and-Ride lot. The location, next to the Pathmark Shopping Plaza, would satisfy the study's recommendation for such a lot. The 11-acre plot is fenced off and may have a land contamination issue.

• Carve a third lane from the center island for Route 22 West. Both sides of the highway would have equal lanes.

• Drivers from U-Turn H still attempt to dart across three lanes of Route 22 East to get to the Target store. This is despite NJDOT modifications on the U-turn, which was to supposedly limit such an act, made in 1998.

"We'd much rather have several small improvements that are successful rather than a large project; confidence can be deflated early if the latter approach runs into problems."



Photo By Jeff Grant

Welcoming Springfield's first baby of 2001, Samuel, are from left, mother Chun Duan holding Samuel, father Xiaofeng Xu with Tiffany and grandther Jiang Huiwen.

zens and I really like my job; we are happy to be here."

How about the long separation from his family coming up? "I will call every day." His job will include traveling and it is something he must

do. Duan, who is now a computer programmer, will be a stay-at-home mom for a while. "It is a bigger job; to care for our two children," Xu said.

Duan admitted she was a bit sad

about the forthcoming trip her husband must take, but said, "When the baby is bigger and stronger, we will go to visit, maybe the end of February." Meanwhile her mother is here to help.

District goals will be reached

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

A positive note was struck by Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller at the Jan. 23 Board of Education meeting, when he announced district goals and objectives, all to be achieved by June 30.

The first was that the district will develop and implement a plan for future facility needs to accommodate student population and all educational programs.

The second: The district's Language Arts Literacy, grades K-5, will be revised and aligned with the New Jersey Core Content Standards, and be implemented for the 2001-02 school year. He is hoping for May as a time frame on this goal.

The third: The district's Language Arts Literacy, grades 6-8; Social Studies, grades K-8; Science, grades K-8 and Mathematics, grades K-8 curricula will all be reviewed and re-evaluated. This, Schaller noted, is ongoing.

The fourth: The district will enhance student learning through

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today
• The Foothill Club of Mountanside meets at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield for a monthly meeting and luncheon. Slides and artifacts featuring the Navaho Indians will be shown.

Friday
• Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, hosts a free book discussion series at 7:30 p.m. Mitch Albom's "Tuesdays With Morrie" will be discussed. Coffee and dessert will be served. Everyone is welcome. Future book suggestions will be solicited. For information call Max Mobley at (800) 445-4129.

Saturday
• The Mountanside PTA sponsors a community pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. Adult portions are \$5, smaller portions are \$3.50, and bagel breakfasts are \$2.50. Proceeds will benefit the students of Deerfield. Tickets will be held at the door. For information call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147 or Carl Goggi at (908) 789-9420.
• The Westfield/Mountanside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, offers a class, Infant/Child CPR, from 9 to 1 p.m. For more information call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090.

Sunday
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountanside, continues its Sunday family programs with "Life in the Winter Woods" at 2 p.m. Using binoculars and hand lens, seek out birds, mammals and hibernating insects on a woodland walk. A donation is requested.

Monday
The Mountanside Recreation Department presents line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. For more information call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

• The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave.

Tuesday
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series "Exploring Family Dynamics" with the film "Steel Magnolias" at noon. For information call (973) 376-4930.

• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, offers Storytime Theatre for Kindergarten on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. until March 6. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

Wednesday
• The Mountainside PTA Parent Education series conducts a health and fitness fair at 7 p.m. at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. Programs will include a talk on the importance of childhood nutrition, live fitness demonstrations, and sampling of nutritious food. All community members are welcome.

• The Springfield Planning Board meets for an executive meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Guidance Department of Jonathan Dayton High School sponsors its annual college program for 11th-grade students and their parents at 7 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center. The featured speaker will be Peter Van Buskirk, associate vice president for enrollment services at Franklin and Marshall College. Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the program.

Upcoming events
Feb. 8
• The Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will offer Preschool Storytime for 3 and 4-year-olds on Thursdays at 2 p.m. until March 8. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.
• The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8 p.m.

Feb. 9
• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will offer Toddler Time for 2-year-olds on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. until March 9. For more information or to register, call (908) 233-0115 to sign up.

Feb. 10
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a Mommy & Me Valentine's party from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$4 per child. RSVP by Feb. 1 to Jean Marie Morgan at (908) 518-9409.

Feb. 11
• Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountanside, continues its Sunday family programs with "Museum Scavenger Hunt" from 1 to 5 p.m. Answer questions about the natural history of the Watchung Reservation by studying exhibits. One winner will be drawn from all correct answers. Admission is free.

Feb. 12
• The Mountanside Recreation Department will present line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

For more information call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

• The Springfield Board of Health will meet at 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building on North Trivett Avenue. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Feb. 13
• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session at 7 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive.

Feb. 14
• The Springfield Garden Club will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The program is "Our Living World: Trees — Can we live without them?" and the speaker is Martin Schmeide. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information call (973) 376-3436.

Feb. 15
• Today is the deadline to register to vote in the March 27 Mountainside school referendum. To obtain forms for voter registration or absentee ballot requests call Cara Greeley at (908) 598-1334.

• The Springfield Free Public Library Book Discussion Group will meet to discuss the Bible: Job at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Feb. 17
• The Westfield/Mountanside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, will offer a class, Community First Aid & Safety — infant, child, adult CPR and first aid — from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call Linda Johnson at (908) 232-7090.

Feb. 20
• The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Feb. 22
• The Great Books Reading and Discussion Group will meet at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. when the Book of Job from the Bible will be discussed. The discussion leader will be Arlene Blaumeiser. All are welcome. No advanced registration is required. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Feb. 26
• The Mountanside Recreation Department will present line dancing at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents. For more information call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Foothill Club hosts monthly meeting today

The Foothill Club of Mountanside will meet today at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield for a monthly meeting and luncheon. Slides and artifacts featuring the Navaho Indians will be shown.

Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Genevieve Kaczka at (908) 232-3626.

Newcomers plan events

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following member activities for the near future:

- Mommy & Me Valentine's Party, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Your little sweethearts will have fun at this event with Mom and Dad. The cost is \$4 per child. RSVP by today to Jean Marie Morgan at (908) 518-9409.
- Mommy & Me Bumper Bowling on March 3 at Garwood Lanes. The

cost is \$10 per child, which includes hot dog, chips, soda, two hours of bowling and shoes. Call Margaret DiPalma at (908) 518-0134 to RSVP.

• Reserve March 10 for the Winter Gala at Sheffield's Catering. Call Kim Moriaki at (908) 232-5608 for more information.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to its new members, to help

them meet others, and to make them feel welcome and a part of the community.

Membership is open to new residents of Mountanside or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a baby, or a change in employment or marital status.

For membership information call Monica Boenning at (908) 928-0321.

Retirees meet Feb. 13

The Mountainside Active Retirees will meet Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall, Route 22 East, when the film "Railway Journey Through Ireland" will be shown.

Meetings of the Mountainside Active Retirees are conducted on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Mountanside residents and their guests are always welcome.

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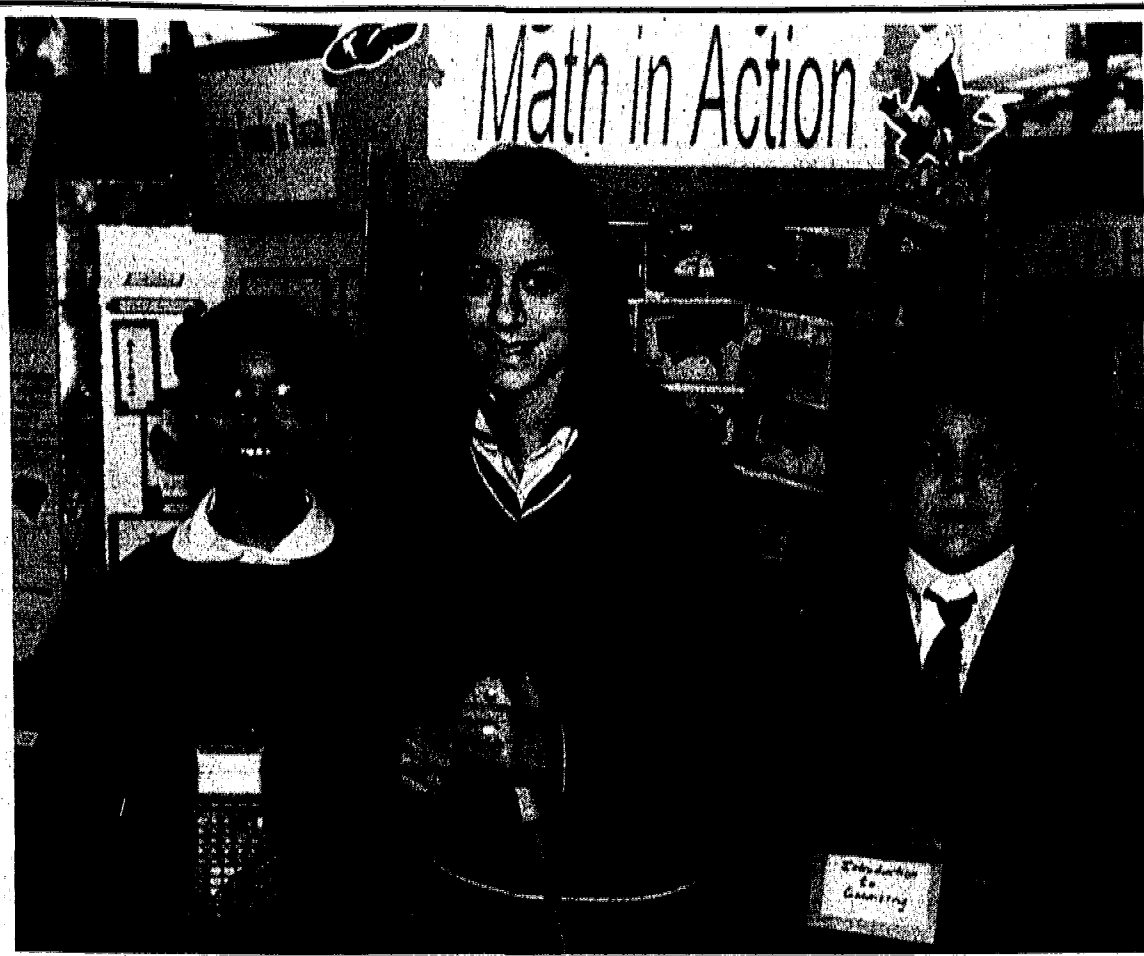
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KNOWLEDGE FAIR — Above, students at St. James The Apostle School in Springfield, from left, Krystina Quow, Nicole Castelluccio and Paul Pimentel show off their Math In Action booth at the school's annual knowledge fair on Sunday. Left, Laureen Harrington and Anthony Campanelli enjoy the mock-up play station.

Church had part in independence

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a, N.Y. He was ordained 12 years ago, and when asked if he had any regrets in his round-the-clock job, he said, "Oh, no. I find a constant source of energy in what I do...the people here are intent on keeping the church a faith family." He and his wife, Suzanne, have one daughter, Claire, and all are part of this faith family. Russell said the First Presbyterian Church does an ecumenical ministry with the Emanuel United Methodist Church, located just around the corner, and shares the pulpit and a vacation Bible school during the summers. The busy parish constantly uses its Parish House, which is actually larger than the church and about one block away on Church Mall. The church shares the modern facility with area clubs and groups, such as Girl Scouts, and Children's Academy. The growing Sunday School needs the parish house also for classes on Sundays; all of the church's organizations meet there.

Another treasure is encased in glass just inside the door: it is the single hymnal left after Parson Caldwell tore up the others for the muskets. Behind it is a painting of the war showing the burning of the church.

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Man suspected of car thefts in Mountainside, Springfield indicted

An Irvington man arrested in October for trying to steal several cars in Mountainside and Springfield will be arraigned in several weeks after an indictment was handed up by a Union County grand jury last week. Terrance L. Meggett, 20, was indicted on two counts of carjacking, two counts of attempted theft, burglary and weapons offenses. The charges come as a result of three incidents reported on Route 22, including one at Echo Plaza shopping center in Springfield. Meggett be arraigned on the indictments, where he will enter a formal plea, according to Assistant Union County Prosecutor Peter McCord,

which should be scheduled within several weeks. After the arraignment, McCord said the case will be assigned to the trial court and a trial date will be set. In August, Meggett was arrested after a person leaving the Outback Steakhouse in Echo Plaza saw two men in her 1995 Acura. According to police, in that incident Meggett raised a pipe to the woman and told her to get out of the way. The two men, including Meggett, then got into another car they brought and drove away. In October, a store employee spotted two men in her 2000 Honda and shouted at them to get out. At that

point, Meggett allegedly raise a crowbar at her, police said, and the two men again got away in another motor vehicle. Meggett allegedly tried to steal a 2000 Acura outside the Lido Diner on Route 22 in May as well as a 1993 BMW from the parking lot of Loews movie theater in Mountainside. He also was charged with the theft of a 1999 BMW in Mountainside in October, the burglary and theft of a 1995 BMW in Hillside in May, and the attempted burglary of a 1991 Acura, also in Hillside, in October. Meggett is being held in the Union County Jail.

Council hires communications officer

The Mountainside Borough Council filled a vacancy within the Police Department last month, appointing Virginia Macaluso as a communications officer. Macaluso replaces Cindy Smith who was moved into a part-time position in the department's records room. The part-time position is funded through federal grants and the department is seeking an administrative assistant which also is funded by federal monies. The Police Department has four dispatchers and 23 police officers. Communications officers earn a starting

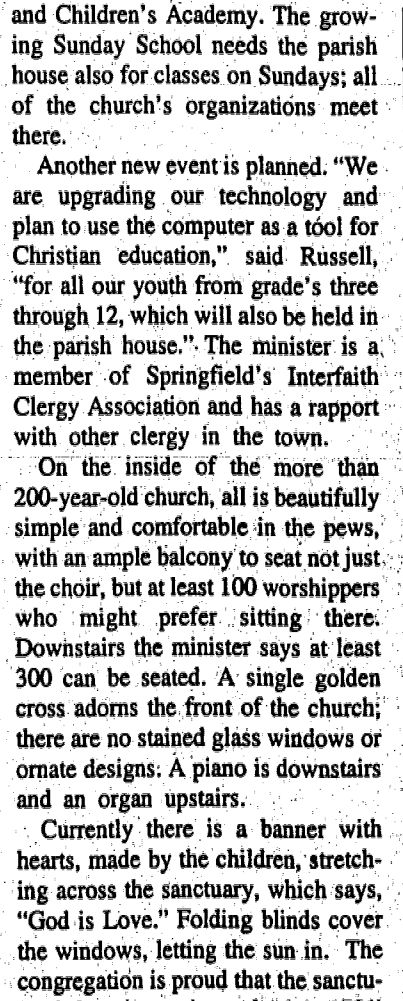
salary of \$24,000 with benefits. "It's the first contact with the public," said Police Chief and Borough Administrator James Debbie of the telecommunications officer. The telecommunications officers answer calls coming into the Police Department and dispatch the department's 10 marked and unmarked vehicles. He said it takes about two months to train a new dispatcher on the desk before they can dispatch on their own, and they also must attend 40 hours of a basic telecommunications course.

'Mrs. Dalloway' the topic at book discussion on Tuesday

Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway," along with two other related works, will be featured at the next book discussion in the Springfield Public Library meeting room, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Michael Cunningham's novel, "The Hours," received the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the PEN/Faulkner Award. It has been described as a modern version, a commentary, and a dialogue with Woolf's novel. In "Mrs. Dalloway's Party: A Short Story Sequence," Mrs. Dalloway's party lives on after and beyond the novel in which it was created. Woolf was preoccupied with what she termed the "party consciousness." In

her group of Mrs. Dalloway short stories, she investigates the psychology of the party. Future book discussions will feature "Red Azalea," by Anchee Min; "The Bluest Eye," by Toni Morrison;

"A Fine Balance," by Rohinton Mistry, and "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende. Call to reserve your copies and for more information at (973) 376-4930, Ext. 28. **Springfield Garden Club meets Feb. 14**
The Springfield Garden Club will meet Feb. 14 at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The program is "Our Living World: Trees — Can we live without them?" and the speaker is Martin Schmeide. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For information call (973) 376-3436.



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Pancake breakfast will be Saturday at Deerfield
A community pancake breakfast sponsored by the Mountainside PTA will take place Saturday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria. The snow date will be Feb. 10. There will be door prizes. Adult portions are \$5, for four pancakes, two sausages, fruit and beverage. Smaller portions are \$3.50, for two pancakes, one sausage, fruit and beverage. A bagel breakfast is \$2.50, for a bagel, fruit and beverage.

COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Owning up

The recent flap in the Mountainside School District regarding a health textbook titled "Growing to Maturity" serves as a reminder of just how important it is for parents to be involved in their child's education. A portion of the textbook was described by parents as too graphic for sixth-grade health/sex education.

Parents should not have to worry that their children will be exposed to things in the course of their studies that they also fear their kids are seeing on television or in the movies.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said several times during an informal meeting with parents on Jan. 17, "I blew it."

There is no question the board and school administrators should have been more aware of what was required in terms of presenting such curriculum to the public. Rather than hem and haw, and try to put some kind of a positive or political spin on the situation, Mountainside school officials simply told it like it was: "We blew it."

There is no room for irresponsibility when it comes to educating our children — that's one of the most difficult parts of being a Board of Education member or superintendent — but school officials were responsible after parents brought the material to light.

Was that too late to be responsible? Yes. Of course, it would have gone a long way if they had not failed to schedule a meeting with parents to conduct an overview of the district's curriculum, as mandated by state statute, as well as school policy.

Now might be the time for the board to review its own procedures for conducting such curriculum reviews and ensuring that such gaffes do not occur in the future.

But there are officials in existence who still would not have had the gumption to come clean and take that responsibility head on. They would be more focused on damage control than anything else. They would have you believe it was someone else's fault, point the finger, pass the buck, etc., whatever it takes to save face and not pin the blame on themselves.

Everyone can be a hero

The Blood Center of New Jersey, based in East Orange, is in trouble. An emergency situation has been created because a low blood supply exists for the Northern New Jersey region and, in fact, the entire state.

The Blood Center supplies blood to more than 25 hospitals and medical centers throughout the northern region of the state, but has less than a three-day supply of blood. Specifically, there is less than a one-day supply of Types O positive, O negative and B negative, less than a two-day supply of Type B positive and less than a three-day supply of Types A positive and A negative. Blood collected by the center is used in emergency situations as well as providing transfusions to patients who have scheduled a surgery.

According to Blood Center officials, January is traditionally a slow time of the year for collecting blood donations. The cold and sometimes snowy weather discourages donors from leaving the house, and recent snowstorms are attributed to three blood drives being canceled. There were approximately 150 units of blood expected to be collected from these three drives. Another factor reducing the number of possible donors is the onset of the cold and flu season. **Donors must be feeling well when they donate.**

To encourage donations, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and Gov. Christine Whitman last week issued a plea for people to donate blood.

The process of donating blood is quite simple and the prick of a needle is the only pain a donor would have to endure. Safety precautions are followed by the blood center to ensure diseases are not transmitted. Donors should be older than 18, but 17-year-olds may donate with their parents' permission. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. To find out where you can donate blood, call 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140 or visit www.bloodnj.org.

Being a hero is as easy as rolling up your sleeve. Why not make donating blood a routine activity, and donate regularly throughout the year. If everyone did that, these emergencies could be avoided.

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—Douglas C. Clifton,
The Plain Dealer, Cleveland,
1999



Photo By Ruthanne Wagner

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT — Mayor Robert Vigilanti, center, receives the Mountainside Republican Club Lifetime Achievement Award from Clark Landale, right, first vice president, and Republican Committee Chairman John Post, who also serves as borough attorney.

Turn our adoration to those more deserving

Well, the Clinton presidency is over.

It is natural to think about the last eight years and wonder what the Clinton legacy will be, if there is to be a legacy.

The optimists will point to the economy, the low unemployment rate and the general outlook of the population. If we can rely on any of the polls, people in this country think we are living through good times; and they credit Clinton for their good economic health.

The cynics, however, will view the Clinton presidency from a different standpoint.

It's hard to separate Clinton from the image of an unrestrained little boy, who takes his pleasures as he wants and the devil with the consequences.

Clinton assured us first that he did not harass a member of his staff. Then, he assured us he did not engage in any economic hanky-panky in Whitewater. Then, he told us he did not engage in sex with a White House

As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher
Correspondent

intern. Then, he admitted he lied.

And, to put the cherry on the sundae, just as he left office, he confessed he lied to a grand jury, was willing to have his bar license in Arkansas lifted for five years and will forego trying to recoup funds to pay his legal fees.

Yet, when it came time for him to leave Washington to take up residence in New York, he had a really long farewell. He was reluctant to go, and if you can believe what was shown on television, lots of people were reluctant to see him go.

Why? While I am aware of the warning to only cast stones if you are without sin, it really is strange that a confessed liar and philanderer is so highly regarded.

Perhaps, the answer lies in our society today. We all learned sooner or later that presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Kennedy were known to stray from the marital path. That information only became common knowledge after their terms of office had expired. And, the public suspected President Harding was out hunting more than big game on his trips out of town. But, with Clinton, his stumblings on the sidewalk of life are part of the here and now.

When Clinton disclosed he was having an extra-marital affair, he called upon Jesse Jackson to provide the spiritual healing. Now, it turns out Jackson needs the healing himself.

Both Clinton and Jackson will surface again. And there will be those who will continue to sing their praises, and we wonder why.

The only logical conclusion must be that as a nation we just don't hold fast to the personal conduct standards of the past. In the past, "dirty linen" was not hung out in public. Today it is, and what's more, no one seems to care.

We rant and rave about the decline of the American family. We deplore the disappearance of the nuclear unit, but we blithely go on admiring people who don't play by the rules as we understand them.

We tell young people not to drink, although we do. We advise not to smoke, as we do. And we preach celibacy until marriage and faithfulness during marriage. But, we revere the faithless.

Don't tell me about role models for young people until we turn our adoration to those more deserving. Now, all we have to do is find those people. Actually, most of them live right next door. They are our neighbors, and they, not the so-called celebrities, deserve our praise and support.

No one is perfect, but let's not reward our imperfections. Instead, is it too much to hope we should try to lead lives of decency and spend less time viewing the immoral with awe?

Norman E. Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent contributor to this newspaper.

Time to bring technology to state agencies

The prolonged conflict over Florida's electoral votes compelled countless Americans to debate whose votes should be counted. Dimpled, hanging and swinging chads gave late-night comedians endless fodder. The election, without ever intending to, dramatized a deeply frustrating problem that afflicts not only Florida election boards, but New Jersey state government.

The problem is simple. Government technology is often ancient, inefficient and unsatisfactory. We would not have been watching the drama unfold as it did in Florida if every county there had voting machines. While almost all New Jersey counties do use voting machines, very few governments in New Jersey have the technology they need to operate efficiently or to serve their customers — the taxpayers who foot the bills — properly.

Here is a true life story. There is an agency that issues licenses to about 100,000 of our citizens. Its "database" consists of index cards, and its "search engines" are staff people. One does not have to work for Microsoft to appreciate how ludicrously low-tech this is.

Information is not stored on the basis of names, last or first. It is not stored using dates of birth. It is not stored using Social Security numbers. It is stored according to the number of the application that the original applicant filled out. No rhyme. No reason. Nonsense.

This may be extreme, but my experience is that there are many stories like this in New Jersey state government. It does not have to be this way.

In Georgia, citizens can apply for permits or licenses through the state's web page. They can pay for them with a credit card. In Kansas, business owners can take care of taxes online

Assembly Seat

By Richard H. Bagger

and e-mail messages to revenue department staff. In Utah, by next year the state will be allowing its residents to use their computers to pay taxes, renew driver's licenses, and download applications for unemployment, welfare and health benefit. We could be like these states; we should be better than these states, but our steps toward e-government have been inadequate.

Last year, the Legislature voted to allow citizens to pay court fines with credit cards. The credit card was created nearly a half century ago; the Division of Motor Vehicles is just now allowing people to use them to renew driver's license. The Division of Taxation has started to make significant use of the Internet to provide information for the New Jersey Saver property tax rebate program. You can download some complaint forms and applications from the Division of Consumer Affairs. After that, the state is not making very much use of technology that is widely used in the private sector.

There's more than a little irony that our technologically-challenged state government governs where the Industrial and Information Revolutions were invented, where more high-tech companies operate than in Silicon Valley, and where a *Star-Ledger*/Eagle poll last December found that New Jerseyans "enthusiastically embrace" computers and the Internet.

Our citizens give five stars to the Internet, finding it more important than television, but our state govern-

ment does not seem to be giving it the time of day. It might not be a coincidence that another *Star-Ledger* poll last year found that our citizens view their government's competence with a great deal of skepticism.

What, then, do we have to do? Any self-help group will tell you the first step to overcoming a problem is to recognize that you have one. State government needs to recognize that we are technologically-impaired and that the problem must be addressed.

This spring, our Acting Gov. Don DiFrancesco will work in the Legislature to enact his first state budget. As chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, I will ask Gov. DiFrancesco earmark funds in the coming budget to modernize the state's technology and expedite our efforts to bring e-government to New Jersey.

Some of this has to go for capital improvements like better hardware and the latest software. Some must also be invested in human capital: we must pay competitive salaries to hire smart, aggressive and creative information technology managers.

And there's something else that Gov. DiFrancesco can do. I will ask him to convene a Governor's Task

Force on State Technology, led personally by a senior member of his staff. This task force should inventory the most advanced programs the state has in place, tell him what is working and what is not, advise him what can be replicated across agency lines, and what gaps the state cannot fill from existing programs.

In the private sector, productivity is measured in the bottom line. The bottom line about public agencies is that very few think critically about the nuts and bolts, bits and bytes that make any organization efficient, with customer convenience and service as its goal. This is a reality we can no longer accept.

Bringing e-government to New Jersey state agencies will improve efficiency — saving taxpayers money — and enhance customer service, restoring public confidence in government. I can think of no better way for our new governor to begin his administration.

A resident of Westfield, Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger represents the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Mountainside.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spending increases will catch up

To the Editor:

From recent stories:
• For the first time the Union County budget passed the \$300 million mark. As though to try to soften that blow, it is quickly pointed out that less than half the revenues are derived from taxes.

Before I start cheering, I find little comfort in that statement. It could simply be that the rate of spending is increasing faster than taxes are increasing. This is made possible if the budget surplus is being used and/or the county economy is expanding. Given the economy has weakened, that level and the increases in spending will catch up to the taxpayers in the nastiest way.

• Many thanks to Ron Romak for his years of dedicated service to Mountainside.

Frank Marchese
Mountainside

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Thermal imaging camera helps nab four suspects

Mountainside

The Fire Department responded to an assisted living facility on Jan. 22 at 9:05 p.m. An investigation revealed hot water and cleaner dumped on the floor without an exhaust fan on set off alarm.

Firefighters also responded to two calls on Jan. 24, one at 9:14 a.m. at Children's Specialized Hospital where an alarm was activated alarm but an investigation revealed no fire. The other call, at 7:50 p.m. came from Summit Road to assist Mountainside Police with the department's thermal imaging camera to locate four suspects.

The individuals ran from an Amoco gas station out of a stolen vehicle. All suspects were located in various streets and back yards.

Springfield

Friday

The Fire Department responded to a Fadem Road business on a medical service call.

Jan. 25

Firefighters responded an activated fire alarm at Town Hall, in addition to medical service calls Meisel Avenue Park and a Mountain Avenue business.

The department responded with a

FIRE BLOTTER

pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County mutual aid. Jan. 24

The Fire Department responded three medical service calls, two activated fire alarms and two residences with reports of odors of natural gas. Jan. 23

Firefighters responded a motor vehicle accident on Route 24 West at Exit 48 and four medical service calls. The department also responded to a Route 22 West business for an activated fire alarm.

Jan. 22

Firefighters responded four medical service calls, an oven fire and an activated carbon monoxide detector. The department also received a request from the Union Fire Department for mutual aid to standby at their headquarters.

Firefighters responded to an odor of natural gas in the street on Milltown Road. Jan. 21

The Fire Department responded to a Keeler Street residence at 12:15 p.m. for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

Police make driving arrests

Mountainside

The Mountainside Police Department was kept busy this past week with driving offenses, such as driving while intoxicated and driving with suspended licenses, among other charges.

• On Jan. 25 at 1:45 a.m., Albert T. Brooks of Plainfield, 24, was arrested for contempt of a judicial order, with outstanding warrants out of Mountainside for \$592.

• On Friday at 4:15 a.m., Douglas W. Weber of Roselle Park, 25, was arrested for allegedly driving while intoxicated on Route 22 East at Glen Road in Mountainside. Bail was set at \$375, with a court date of today in Mountainside Municipal Court.

• Erica L. Wiley, 26, of Waukegan, Ill., was arrested at 1:07 a.m. on Friday for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. She also had outstanding warrants out of Newark, Elizabeth, West Windsor, East Brunswick and South Plainfield. Bail was set at \$1,000, with a court date of Feb. 8.

• On Sunday at 1:02 a.m., David A. Connolly, 30, of Mountainside was arrested for allegedly driving while intoxicated. The arrest took place at

POLICE BLOTTER

Fox Trail. A court date has been set for today in Mountainside Municipal Court.

• On Tuesday at 12:29 p.m., Emmanuel A. Dimowo, 56, of Piscataway was arrested for contempt of a judicial order: a warrant in Mountainside for \$104.

Springfield

An alleged shoplifter at The Sports Authority on Route 22 East provided police with false identification upon his arrest on Jan. 21 at 6:15 p.m.

Richard L. Anderson, 37, of Irvington was charged with shoplifting/theft by deception and hindering his own apprehension/prosecution. He had provided police with identification claiming he was Michael Brown.

• A mounted two-way radio was reported stolen from a township-owned 1990 Dodge 350 truck sometime between Jan. 19 and 21 on Center Street. The vehicle was parked on the afternoon of Jan. 19 with the radio inside. On the afternoon of Jan. 21, the radio was missing.

The two-way radio is valued at \$1,000.

Line dancing instruction at Beechwood

The Mountainside Recreation Department presents line dancing on Monday, and Feb. 12, 26, March 5, 12 and 19 at Beechwood School Gym from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes and leather soled shoes. The instructor will be Joan Wright.

For more information call the Recreation Department at (908) 232-0015.

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Joseph Alacco

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"My team is the Ravens, and I think they will win."



Rich Valvano

"I am going to watch, but I am not going to watch the hype that precedes the game. Right now I am leaning a little towards the Ravens winning."

Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad compiles responses for 2000

During 2000 the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad responded to a total of 1,227 calls for aid.

The squad provided emergency first aid at 200 automobile accidents of which 64 were on Routes 24/78. It responded to township schools 13 times and provided mutual aid in surrounding towns 53 times.

By far the greatest number of emergencies the squad responded to were at people's homes, 672, and included almost every conceivable emergency from falls to strokes, from difficulty breathing to cardiac arrests and cut fingers to babies with high fevers. One animal bite, two assaults, two burn victims, 15 falls and one OB/GYN case also were among the squad's calls.

At least 274, or 22 percent, of total emergency responses, and more than 35 percent of daytime calls for help were at local businesses. Only about 15 percent of businesses support the squad with tax-deductible donations. In addition, the large number of daytime emergency responses means that the squad's need for daytime volunteers has never been greater than it is now.

The squad's two ambulances traveled approximately 10,000 miles while its

volunteer members were in service for more than 2,294 hours and on call for over 20,000 hours.

For information on membership to the rescue squad call (973) 376-0400.

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Rosary Altar Society

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society hosts a Rosary and Novena on Monday at 7 p.m. followed by a service at 7:30 p.m. by the Rev. Patrick J. Leonard and a program on Osteoporosis at 8 p.m.

Eucharistic chapel to mark anniversary

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside will celebrate the first anniversary of its perpetual eucharistic adoration chapel on Feb. 11.

There will be a Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon, benediction and a guest speaker Father Glenn Sodano from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

All are welcome.

Shabbat program planned

Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will host a special program Feb. 9 and 10 to celebrate Shabbat Shirsa, the Sabbath of Song, and to remember the late Rabbi Israel Turner, the former Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation.

The program is an annual event that is part of the Springfield Jewish Experience, an outreach initiative open to non-members, unaffiliated Jews and the general public.

The program will include a Friday evening community dinner, Shabbat services and Kiddush, and a lecture by a musicologist; with a vocal music performance following the Kiddush.

The cost of the program is \$40 per person and \$18 per child for both the Friday evening dinner and Saturday program, including the Kiddush, lecture and musical program. The cost for non-members is \$50 per person and \$36 for seniors.



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Egg droppers



Despite Morristown Beard School's extensive capital campaign, the school's annual egg drop challenge recently went on as planned from the second floor of a partially renovated Beard Hall. Showing off one of the successful containers and its unblemished passenger are, from left, Bobbie Schwester, Mike Marotta, Peter Gaglioti and Springfield resident Dan Millman.

Permit parking may be an answer

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 Committee took action on the matter by creating permit parking in the vicinity of Short Hills Avenue. Subsequently, some residents have said that drivers of the vehicles without permits then began parking on other streets such as Severna, instead.
 "We have been through this with the people on Short Hills," said Clarke. "People have a right to some kind of privacy in front of their homes."
 During the committee meeting, several residents approached the governing body bearing a petition signed

by most of the 35 people living on Severna Avenue. There were still approximately seven residents, however, whose names were not on the petition. Committee members subsequently requested that the additional people be contacted regarding the petition so that the committee would be able to move forward with the creation of permit parking.
 "We just wanted to know that everyone had been asked," said Harelik. "We plan to move forward with this matter."
 Mayor Sy Mullman said that as of Tuesday, enough residents of Severna

had been contacted to allow officials to proceed with the ordinance which must first be introduced and then have a public hearing before being given the final stamp of approval.
 "During the meeting, we instructed the township attorney to draw up the papers as we did on the other side" of Short Hills Avenue, said Mullman, adding that it will likely take at least one month before the ordinance is passed.
 Something to sell? Telephone 1-800-564-8911.

District expected to meet 2001 goals

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 integration of technology and media.
 The fifth and last goal: The district will develop and implement a program which will enhance student ability to become responsible citizens in school and in the community.

To achieve this goal, Schaller added he believed in some community service for all children. For example, kindergarten children can participate in food drives to help the needy, where the children bring in canned goods for any disaster or local needy.

Said Schaller, "If we start early enough, by the time they become middle school students, they will have a deeper appreciation for the meaning of community service."
 Deerfield has already taken steps in this direction.

Ruggerio, Jeka named to historic preservation

The Mountainside Borough Council last month appointed Diane Ruggerio and Donald Jeka to the Historic Preservation Committee.

Ortolfo appointed to Board of Health

The Mountainside Borough Council last month appointed Ruth Ortolfo to the Board of Health.

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OBITUARIES

Teresa B. Brown

Teresa B. Brown, 96, of Summit died Jan. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Brown lived in Millburn before moving to Summit five years ago. She was a bookkeeper for Feld Lumber, Irvington, for many years and retired in 1974. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Ladies auxiliary and the Friday Friends, both of St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills. She volunteered for the Red Cross and was a treasurer for Madonna Del Assunta of Millburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Anna M. DeRienzo; a son, Charles C.; two sisters, Elena Sabetta and Beatrice Lilleroos; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Frank Giasullo

Frank Giasullo, 89, of Springfield died Jan. 25 at home.

Born in Avaleno, Italy, Mr. Giasullo lived in Vailsburg before moving to Springfield 15 years ago. He owned Frank's Fine Furniture, an upholsterer business, in the Vailsburg section of Newark, for 20 years and retired in 1975. Mr. Giasullo was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizen's Group 6.

Surviving are a daughter, Annette F. Monaghan; a son, Frank M.; three brothers, Nicholas, James and Rico; two sisters, Mary Marseglia and Rose Pizzarelli, and three grandchildren.

Heye O. DeBuhr Sr.

Heye O. DeBuhr Sr., 77; a lifelong resident of Mountainside, died Jan. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mr. DeBuhr was born in Plainfield. He was a former trustee and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Clark. Mr. DeBuhr served in the Army from

1946 through 1948 as a private first class.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Gergette; two sons, George and Heye O. Jr.; a daughter, Gergette; a brother, Rhinohart, and a grandchild.

Anthony Macaluso

Anthony Macaluso, 64, of Bridgewater, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 22 in Somerset Medical Center, Somerville.

Born in Newark, Mr. Macaluso lived in Springfield and Rutherford before moving to Bridgewater five years ago. He was a collection representative with PSE&G, Newark, for 31 years and retired three years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherri DeVaul and Holly; a brother, Mario; three grandchildren and his companion, Barbara Federman.

Marie Jane Hoock

Marie Jane Hoock, 76, of Fort Pierce, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 26 at home.

Born in Millburn, Mrs. Hoock lived in Springfield before moving to Fort Pierce 13 years ago. She was a bookkeeper at C.R. Bard Inc., a manufacturer of surgical instruments located in New Providence, for 18 years before retiring. Mrs. Hoock served as a WAVE in the Navy during World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Jane Keitgen and Judy Ritter; three sisters, Janet Dunn, Jessie Ferraro and Florence Ward; a brother, Leonard Suter; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Joseph C. Risch

Joseph C. Risch, 48, of Mountainside died Jan. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Risch lived in Mountainside for the last 20 years. He was a commodity broker for the Prudential Securities, New York City, for more than 16 years, where he was still active at the time of his death.

Mr. Risch was a member of Cocoa Merchants Association, the Green Coffee Association and the National Coffee Association. He was a graduate of Pace University in 1976 and was a member of its Alumni Association.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene; a daughter, Kimberly E.; a son, Steven G.; a sister, Barbara Chambers, and his father, Albert W. Risch.

Douglas E. Barrow

Douglas E. "Duke" Barrow, 89, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Jan. 20 in the South Mountain Health Care, Union.

Mr. Barrow was a 52-year member of the American Legion and the first African-American to serve as the Union County commander and the second to serve as vice commander of the organization. He was employed in the housekeeping department at Bell Laboratories and had been a construction worker for the Teamster's Union Local 702. Mr. Barrow served five terms as post commander of the Lindsey Street American Legion Post 322. He also was a judge advocate for Union County.

Surviving is a brother, Itheal.

George L. Debus

George Ludwig Debus, 75, of Summit

died Jan. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Marburg, Germany, Mr. Debus lived in Madison before moving to Summit 42 years ago. He was a master electrician at Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceutical Co., Summit, for 33 years and retired in 1996.

Mr. Debus was a past treasurer of the Elizabeth Sports Club and a member of the Farchers Grove German Club, both of Union, and the Ciba-Geigy Fire Department in Summit. He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are a daughter, Trisch; a sister, Gretel; a brother, Hans, and a grandchild.

Henry V. McCaddin

Henry V. McCaddin, 79, of Summit, a certified public accountant, died Jan. 27 at home.

Born in the Bronx, Mr. McCaddin lived in Jersey City before moving to Summit 47 years ago. He worked for RCA Corp., New York City, for 29 years and retired in 1981.

Mr. McCaddin was a Fordham University graduate. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Alice; three daughters, Mary Sanders, Alice and Hazel; three sons, Henry, Robert and John; two brothers, Robert McCaddin and James McNamara, and 11 grandchildren.

Praizner graduates from basic infantry training

Army Pvt. Robert A. Praizner, the son of Robert P. Praizner of Summit and Michelle Kruger of Kenilworth, has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Summit High School.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE." - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Music Program; Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

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JEWISH - REFORM

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METHODIST

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Summit swimmers splash IHC foes

Both Summit High School swimming teams did well to place second in their respective Iron Hills Conference meets held last Saturday at at Morristown.

In the boys' meet, Summit finished second to Seton Hall Prep by a 331-213 score. In the girls' meet, Summit was second to Morristown by a 222-186.5 result.

Spencer Matthews and Nick Nagel won individual events for the boys', while Summit also captured the 200-meter medley relay.

Matthews captured the 50-meter freestyle in 26.21, while Nagle was first in the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:07.09 and the 200-meter individual medley in 2:15.77.

J.R. Parker, Nagel, Matthews and Brandon Shea finished the 200-meter medley in a winning time of 1:56.51.

Lindsey Jordan was Summit's only individual winner, but the Hilltoppers managed to capture two of the three relays.

Jordan was first in the 100-meter backstroke in 1:10.53, while Summit's 400-meter freestyle and 200-meter medley relay teams were victorious.

Jordan, Ashley Morris, Katie Ardington and Monica Jones sparked Summit to the 400-meter freestyle victory in 4:26.67.

Jordan, Ardington, Morris and Jones combined for a winning 2:11.42 time in the 200-meter medley.

Both Governor Livingston teams excelled in Saturday's Mountain Valley Conference meet at Drew University in Madison.

The GL boys' were fourth with 152 points as Oratory Prep won with 209. The GL girls' were second with 203 points as Mount St. Mary's was first with 358.

GL and Summit ice hockey win

Winning is nothing new to the Summit High School ice hockey team, as it won its 10th game Monday by edging Paramus Catholic 2-1 at Ice House in Hackensack.

However, winning takes some time for a very young Governor Livingston team. This year's first victory was a very special one.

GL was able to edge Passaic Valley 5-4 last Friday at the Bridgewater Sports Arena in Bridgewater by scoring the winning goal with just 27 seconds remaining. Highlander captain Kevin Giglio fired the puck past the PV goalie to give the GL its first victory of the 2000-2001 season.

Sophomore Kyle Weltman and Ryan Anderson assisted the winning goal. Weltman, who leads GL (1-12) with 24 goals, had an outstanding game as he scored three goals and had two assists.

Summit's win Monday improved its record to 10-4-2. Keith Schroeder scored both Hilltopper goals.

Youth hoop teams hang in there

The Springfield Minutemen senior basketball team was defeated by Union 43-41 and by Union's traveling team 57-42 Jan. 20 at Gaudineer School.

In the 43-41 defeat, Union managed to come back from a 28-18 deficit.

Jake Floyd paced Springfield with a 23-point performance, while first-year player Kevin Jiang scored six. Adam Hirst and David Steinman scored four points, while Jesse Galinkin and Stephen Suarez had two.

Center Kevin Johnson had 18 points in the setback to Union's traveling team. Robbie Shabat had 11 points, Ross Kivowitz five, Kenneth Suarez two and Kevin Kleyman, Jesse Weatherston and Mike Tiss played well.

Both Minutemen squads were defeated by Westfield in Westfield as the senior squad fell 66-34 and the junior team lost by a 37-21 count.

Shabat had 11 points for the senior team, while Johnson scored 10, Kivowitz seven and Suarez, Floyd and Galinkin two. Kleyman, Tiss and Weatherston played well on defense.

Stephen Suarez had eight points in the junior game for Springfield, while Galinkin netted six, Floyd five and Jiang two. Alan Steinberg, Hirst, Steinman, Jordan Fish and Kyle Seely played well.



The Summit Middle School cross country teams enjoyed another season of undefeated competition. Both finished their 2000 campaigns with 15-0 records, as the boys' winning streak has reached 108 and the girls' 99. Front row, from left, are Ryan McOmber, Robie Moore, Remy Olsen, Samantha Lee, Stephanie Goodson, Michelle Berdela, Erica Faria, Meghan Bowden, Dana Kwitnicki, Meghan Leavy Latoya Simpson, Samantha Swade, Robin Moore and Cheryl Sturm. Row 2, from left, are Zach Barber, Chris Collins, Cristina Roberti, Mike Kaufman, Matt Butters, Joanna Maulbeck, Katie Cooper, Stephen Hankinson, Conor McKenna, Josh Sussman, Will Gruetzmacher and Taylor Simpson. Row 3, from left, are Andrew Clark, Dan O'Sullivan, Paul Curmi, Charlie Wisoff, Tim Donnelly, Mike Grouss, Seth Thompson, David Roduit, Dan Gregory, Caitlin Lackaye and Katie McLroy. Row 4, from left, are coach Sharma, Travis Ludwig, Matt Strong, Steve Hillenius, Brian Wilson, Todd Dobiszewski, Matt Olsen, Dave Mell and Donnie Turlington. Row 5, from left, are Brian Kennedy, Russ Greene, Scott Haenssler, Griffin Hoffman, Matt Jackson, Alex Tint, Myles Weeks, coach Fenska, Nick Stefans and Jake Lecky.

Summit MS harriers only know what winning is like

Both squads enjoy stellar 15-0 campaigns

For the fifth consecutive season, the Summit Middle School boys' and girls' cross country teams finished undefeated.

Both fashioned impressive 15-0 marks this year. The boys' team has now won an amazing 108 meets in a row, while the girls' squad has its winning streak up to 99.

Both teams also finished first in the Summit Invitational, where 13 teams competed at Memorial Field last fall. Over 60 runners comprised this year's talented group of athletes, which is a record.

"Every year becomes more incredible," coach Bruce Fenska said. "It's more of how they handle themselves, with such class, that is the greatest thing."

The boys' 100th victory in a row was a triumph over greater Morris County champion Frelingheysen Middle School of Morristown. The meet was not close as Summit registered eight of the first 10 runners across the finish line.

The team was led by 8th graders Nick Stefans, Jake Lecky, Zach Barber, Matt Jackson; 7th graders Will Gruetzmacher, Mike Kaufman and Josh Sussman and 6th graders Stephen Hankinson, Seth Thompson and Conor McKenna.

The girls' team had its biggest win of the season against greater Morris County champion Pingry. Summit had nine of the first 10 runners cross the finish line.

The team was led by 8th graders Jaime Goldfarb, Latoya Simpson, Caitlin Lackaye, Kaite Mellroy and Cristina Roberts; 7th grader Joanna Maulbeck and 6th graders Samantha Lee and Erica Faria.

Both teams were honored at a Summit Booster Club affair, as each runner received a plaque. A banner honoring the boys' team for its winning streak reaching 100 is presently being made for the middle school.

Battle of Summit goes this time to Oak Knoll

Royals post comeback win over Hilltoppers

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — "It was a big win for us because we beat a solid team," is how Oak Knoll High School girls' basketball coach Tom Elliot felt after his team erased a six-point halftime deficit to post a 51-37 win over visiting Summit Saturday night.

Oak Knoll began the week with a 12-2 record, while Summit was 8-5.

With the Hilltoppers leading 23-17 at the half, the Royals came out fired up to start the third quarter. Oak Knoll held Summit to only six points, while it went on a 9-0 run to take a 31-29 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The third period opened with Oak Knoll guard Tracey George draining a 15-footer from left corner to make it 23-19. After two consecutive buckets by Summit made it 27-19, George again answered the call by zapping in a "tre" from the left corner and a 27-21 score.

Hilltopper guard Lauren Ertz would score her team's next bucket (Summit's last until 3:05 left in the fourth quarter), when she drilled a 15-footer from top of the key to make it 29-22.

It would be all Oak Knoll the remainder of the quarter as the Royals closed the stanza with three three-point plays. The last came on a George three-point shot from the left corner.

"We played pretty well in the second half because we got a lot of rebounds and had some good defensive stops," Elliot said. "We also made our foul shots."

The Royals picked up where they left off to start the final period as point guard Katie Cummings held the ball for a good two minutes before being fouled. After converting both free throws to make it 33-29, Oak Knoll came up with a defensive stop that led to another line appearance by Cummings. She once again connected on two shots to give her team a 35-29 lead.

Summit forward Karen Jann would finally end her team's drought when she dropped in a layup off a nice bounce pass from guard Sasha Orenczak to bring the score to 35-31.

But the Royals would go on a 10-0 run to put the game away as they took a 45-31 lead with a minute to go in the contest.

Cummings was fouled down the stretch, but was able to hit all six foul shots she took to pace her squad to the 51-37 final.

"Katie runs the show out there," Elliot said. "She can score, be a playmaker and also hit the three."

The first quarter was slow moving as many turnovers

and sloppy play led to an 11-10 Oak Knoll lead.

Summit played much better in the second quarter as it took control and eventually was able to build a six-point halftime edge. The Hilltoppers held the Royals to only six points, while they netted 13.

After trading baskets to open the second period, the Hilltoppers would grab the lead as they went on a 9-0 run, capped off by forward Ashley Holmes' five-foot turnaround jumper in the paint for a 21-13 advantage.

Royal forward Colleen O'Keefe would then drive the lane for a layup to get her team to within six at 21-15. Summit guard Shante Cofield came down on the following possession and put in a seven-foot, pull-up jumper to bring it to 23-15.

Oak Knoll guard Monica Gargulio would then score on a follow with two seconds left to bring it to 23-17 at halftime.

"Oak Knoll definitely came out ready to play," Summit coach Dana Farinella said. "Our team had a lot of turnovers in the second half and you can't have that. I give a lot of credit to them because they played hard."

On Tuesday, Summit was scheduled to play at Morris Hills, while Oak Knoll was scheduled to play at Brearley.

Oak Knoll downed Brearley, while Summit bested Morris Hills earlier this year in respective conference play. The Union County Tournament will be seeded next week, with the top seeds most likely going to Union Catholic, Elizabeth and defending champion Union. The next three will probably be Roselle Catholic, Oak Knoll and Summit.

Summit, which won the UCT for the first time in 1999, lost to Elizabeth in last year's semifinals. Oak Knoll, which reached the final for the first time in 1998, lost to Roselle Catholic in last year's first round.

Oak Knoll's 11th win was an exciting 54-52 triumph at non-conference Union County rival Cranford last Thursday.

Freshman guard Christina Cording sank two foul shots with six seconds remaining to lift the Royals past the Cougars. Cranford fell to 8-7 with the defeat.

George paced Oak Knoll with a 15-point effort, netting 12 of her points in the third quarter to help give Oak Knoll a 39-35 lead.

Summit's eighth win was a dominating 50-20 triumph over visiting Dover Jan. 23. Orenczak paced the Hilltoppers with 15 points, while Jann added 13.

Summit was defeated at home by Mendham 60-31 last Thursday.

Summit, Dayton eye state playoffs

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Summit and Dayton high school boys' basketball teams are both eyeing the upcoming state playoffs with much anticipation.

Although both are having outstanding seasons — Summit was 10-2 as of Tuesday and Dayton 11-3 — the sectional post-season remains the only goal that each team has a chance to claim.

The state playoff cutoff date is this Saturday.

Summit posted an impressive 53-44 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division victory at Mendham Monday night, but will most likely finish behind Weequahic, which was 12-1 overall as of Tuesday, in the division standings.

High School Boys' Basketball

Dayton lost at St. Mary's of Elizabeth 56-44 in the first Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division meeting between the schools two weeks ago and last week was edged by New Providence at home 48-46 for its third Valley loss.

St. Mary's began the week as Union County's only undefeated team at 15-0 and the two-time defending Valley Division champion was leading the Valley again at 12-0.

Forget about the Union County Tournament, which will be seeded next week. You can give St. Patrick's the championship right now without ever having to toss up a ball for an opening tip.

So that leaves state tournament play, which is scheduled to commence around the state on Monday, Feb. 26.

Summit will compete in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 with the likes of conference rival Weequahic and MVC-Mountain Division foe Roselle, which was 10-2 as of Tuesday.

Dayton will compete in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 with the likes of Kinnelon, 10-2 as of Tuesday, New Providence, 11-3, and Newark Science, 9-3.

Summit's win over defending Group 2 state champion Mendham, which this year moved up to Group 3, was special because the Hilltoppers lost at home to the Minutemen 51-46 on Dec. 19. Summit was also previously 0-6 against the perennial Morris County power.

The Hilltoppers received balanced scoring in beating Mendham as Ryan Carey poured in 14 points, Alex Sprinzen 12, Lamar Freeman 10, Dan Dougan nine and Chris Jones eight.



Dayton High School sophomore defenseman Eric Decter (6-2, 200) has anchored a tough defense for the Bulldogs this year and has improved his play each game. Decter has raised his level of play significantly over recent games and has begun to be an offensive force as well with full-length rushes, crisps passes and a hard slapshot from the point.

Dayton tops NA for sixth victory

Cohen nets 6 goals, 1 assist

The Dayton High School ice hockey team won its sixth game of the season Jan. 24 when it iced Essex County foe Newark Academy 8-5 at Twin Oaks in Morristown.

Bulldog co-captain Adam Cohen scored a season-high six goals and had one assist.

The victory snapped a four-game losing streak as the Bulldogs are attempting to finish with at least a .500 record for the first time in their four-year history.

Dayton will put a 6-9 record on the line when it's scheduled to face Bergen County rival Ramsey Saturday night at 7 at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y.

High School Ice Hockey

John Laurencelle assisted on four of Dayton's goals against Newark Academy, while Brett Berger had three assists and Dean Kakounis and Clay Boeninghaus each scored one goal.

Goalie A.J. Garciano had an excellent game in goal, coming up with 22 saves.

Cohen continues to pace the Bulldogs, which qualified again for their conference playoffs, with 27 points on 22 goals and five assists.

Berger leads the team in assists with 14 and has scored six goals for 20 points.

Boeninghaus has five goals and nine assists for 14 points, while Laurencelle has two goals and six assists for eight points.

Dayton's previous five wins came against Governor Livingston 7-5, Newark East Side 5-1, Mahwah 4-3, Newark Academy 5-3 and Ramsey 3-2.

Upcoming: Saturday: Ramsey at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y., 7 p.m.; Monday: Northern Highlands at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y., 6:15 p.m.; Feb. 11 Newark East Side at BSA, 4:15 p.m.; Feb. 16 Governor Livingston at BSA, 7:15 p.m.

EDUCATION

College workshop at high school Wednesday

The Guidance Department of Jonathan Dayton High School will sponsor its annual college program for 11th-grade students and their parents on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center.

The college placement services provided by the Guidance Office will be reviewed, and each family will receive materials related to the college admission and financial aid process. The featured speaker will be Peter Van Buskirk, associate vice president for enrollment services at Franklin and Marshall College.

Local and national audiences have applauded Van Buskirk's presentation, "The College Admission Game." Van Buskirk will engage the audience in an interactive program designed to

facilitate an understanding of the decision-making process at a selective college.

Juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend the program.

Health and fitness fair

Health and fitness will be the theme at the Deerfield School on Wednesday when the Mountainside PTA's Parent Education series will conduct a health and fitness fair at 7 p.m.

Programs will include a talk on the importance of childhood nutrition, live fitness demonstrations, and sampling of nutritious food. All community members are welcome.

Pasta for Pennies

Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside will be bringing in their spare change from their home, their

family, their friends and relatives to their classroom during February to donate to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The campaign, Pasta for Pennies, is sponsored by Olive Garden Italian restaurants to raise funds for families with leukemia in the northern New Jersey area.

Did you know that leukemia claims the lives of more children than any other disease? It is estimated that leukemia and related cancers will strike over 100,000 adults and children this year and take the lives of approximately 57,500.

Monies raised through Pasta for Pennies will be used to support the society's programs of research, patient services and education.

For more information call the chapter at (973) 376-9559.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755243
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. E1198999
PLAINTIFF: OCWEN FEDERAL BANK, FSB
DEFENDANT: JOHN JEROME BROWN, ET ALS.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: APRIL 10, 2000
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 2001

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as 3 DIVEN STREET, SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081 BEING KNOWN AS LOT 37, BLOCK 123, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield.

Dimensions: 65 ft. x 101 ft. x 65 ft. x 101 ft.
Nearest Cross Street: Springfield Avenue
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-NINE CENTS (\$104,868.29)

ATTORNEY: FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, P.C. SUITE 505 SENTRY OFFICE PLAZA 218 HADDON AVENUE WESTMONT, NJ 08108

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FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$118,539.70)
Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 2001
U2978 ECL (\$86.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 16th day of January, 2001, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 20th day of February, 2001 at 6:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Judith E. Osby
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1032-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, SECTION 1.14 AND SECTION 1.17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR USE OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Chapter X, Section 1.14 and 1.17 of the Borough Code be, and the same is amended and restated as follows:

10-1.14 Fees Established:	Weekend/Holidays	Weekdays
a. The resident and full-time employee membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:		
1. Family Membership:		
(i) Family Membership		\$205.00
(ii) Each unmarried child over 21 living at home or parent living with the family		63.00
2. Single Membership 16 years of age or older		103.00
3. Senior Citizen Membership: 62 years of age or older		63.00
4. A child under the age of 16 joining as part of a family, single or senior citizen membership of a relative, if both the child and the membership are resident		103.00
5. A resident person age 14 or 15 employed by a family as a parent's helper joining that family's membership		103.00
6. Guest daily fee:		
(i) Adult	7.00	5.00
(ii) Under 18 years of age	4.25	3.00
7. House guest weekly fee (non-resident eating and sleeping in member's home):		
(i) 18 years of age or younger		12.00
(ii) Over 18 years of age		18.00
8. Individuals on active military duty who are residents shall be admitted free.		
9. A family membership composed of only two persons shall be entitled to ten complimentary guests.		
10. A single membership shall be entitled to five complimentary guests.		
11. A senior Citizen membership shall be entitled to two complimentary guests.		
12. A family or single membership shall receive two complimentary guest passes if the membership fees paid in full on or before April 15 of the membership year.		
b. Non resident membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:		
1. Family Membership:		
(i) Family Membership		\$375.00
(ii) Each unmarried child over 21 living at home parent living with family		63.00
2. Single Membership: 16 years of age or older		188.00
3. Senior Citizen membership: 62 years of age or older		148.00
4. A child under the age of 16 joining as part of a family, single or senior citizen membership of a relative, if both the child and membership are non-resident		188.00
5. A non-resident person age 14 or 15 employed by a family as a parent's helper joining that family's membership		188.00
6. Guest daily fee:		
(i) Adult	7.00	5.00
(ii) Under 18 years of age	4.25	3.00
7. House guest weekly fee:		
(i) 18 years of age or younger		12.00
(ii) Over 18 years of age		18.00
8. Registration fee payable for first year membership only:		
(i) Single Membership		10.00

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- (ii) Family Membership 20.00
- 9. A family membership composed of only two persons shall be entitled to ten complimentary guests.
- 10. A single membership shall be entitled to five complimentary guests.
- 11. A senior Citizen membership shall be entitled to two complimentary guests.

c. Members that move during the season. Persons holding a family or individual membership whose residency within the Borough shall terminate during the pool season shall be entitled to a refund of such membership fee which shall be calculated as follows: The amount of the membership fee paid shall be divided by ten and the quotient thereby obtained shall be multiplied by the number of weeks, exclusive of the week in which residency terminated, remaining in the pool season. The product of such multiplication shall be the amount of the refund. There shall be no refund of the initial registration fee.

d. New residents of the Borough who desire pool membership. Persons desiring a family or individual membership who begin to reside within the Borough during the pool season shall, upon payment of the registration fee, be eligible for membership for the balance of such season upon the payment of a portion of the fee for the type of membership desired which shall be calculated as follows: The amount of the membership fee shall be divided by ten and the quotient thereby obtained shall be multiplied by the number of weeks, exclusive of the week in which residency commences, remaining in the pool season. The product of such multiplication shall be the amount of the membership fee.

e. A family or individual who becomes a member on or after August 1st may join for the balance of that season at one-half the season membership rate. The first year registration fee for non-resident memberships must be paid in full.

10-1.17 Hours of Operation:
The hours of operation shall be established by the Governing Body by Resolution.

This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage.
U3597 ECL February 1, 2001 (\$96.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION

Take notice, that there will be a Budget Meeting of the Township Committee, Monday, February 5, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. in the ANNEX building, Springfield, New Jersey. Kathleen D. Wisniewski Township Clerk
U3712 ECL February 1, 2001 (\$3.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, THAT THE OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE RENT LEVELING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WHEN THE MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 20. ALL MEETINGS WILL START AT 7:30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS UNLESS WAIVERED WILL BE FIRST ON AGENDA. MURRAY FROMER SECRETARY
U3701 ECL Feb. 1, 2001 (\$6.75)

PUBLIC NOTICE SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

for the coming year are scheduled for:
February 19, 2001
March 19, 2001
April 19, 2001
May 21, 2001
June 18, 2001
July 16, 2001
August 20, 2001
September 12, 2001
October 15, 2001
November 19, 2001
December 17, 2001
and
January 21, 2002*
Meetings will be held in the Annex at 20 N. Trivett Avenue at 8:00 p.m.
*Meeting of January 21, 2002 will be held at 8:15 p.m.
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REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE:
UNION COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
271 NORTH BROAD STREET
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208

REQUESTS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 13TH, 2001
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