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A communications expert blasts New Jersey Bell's monopoly, Page 6.

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Special interests ruled the day of the Assembly's gun ban override, Page 6.

Diamant scores 3

The Springfield Minutemen indoor soccer team blanked Roselle Park 7-0 behind Rich Diamant's three goals, Page B2.

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TWO SECTIONS — 50 CENTS

Three file for board election

By David Brown
Managing Editor
Each citing advances made, the importance of continuity and fiscal difficulties looming on the horizon, three incumbents have filed for reelection to the Springfield Board of Education.

Kenneth Falgenbaum, Stephen Fischbein and Keith Kurzner met last week's deadline to file for the April school board election. All three are unopposed.

"I've seen significant progress over the years," said Falgenbaum, a 10-year veteran of the nine-member school board. "I'd like to see that continue."

Citing his professional background in finance, Falgenbaum speculated the most "pressing issue" in the near future would be money. "More, more than ever, I believe the expertise I have in finance will be needed."

Kurzner also expressed the desire to continue what he saw as an upward swing in the quality of local education. "I'm on a school board that's elevated the system to one of the premier districts in the state," Kurzner said.

"As a board member and a parent, I want to make sure that we maintain that status. We want to remain on the cutting edge."

Echoing sentiments expressed by his colleagues, Fischbein this week reflected on the satisfaction of serving the education community. "I get a great deal of personal satisfaction from it," he said. "This board seems to be working as a cohesive force — it's nine independent thinkers working together to provide the best education possible."

Fischbein also cited "unfinished business" in his decision to serve another three-year term. Bringing "historically non-controllable costs under control" while maintaining a "balance between education spending and taxes," Fischbein said is a primary objective.

Each of the board members cited the debate surrounding the regional high school district's possible break-up as an additional reason for maintaining the board's current makeup.

Amazing!



Vincent Costa, center, as Pharaoh, and dancers, back row, from left, Stacy Katz, Jill Ann Latora, Leah Kaplan, Samantha Holmes and Beth Harris, and front row from left, Jessica Esomplare and Megan Smith, will be on stage this week when Jonathan Dayton presents the Amazing! Technicolor Dreamcoat. The musical can be seen at Jonathan Dayton tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Baltusrol admits second minority member to ranks

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
Jack Nicklaus. Tom Watson. Thirty thousand spectators daily. And 1200 members of the press. That's the line-up as Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield readies to host its seventh U.S. Golf Association Men's Open June 14-20.

The event's general chairman, Dick Miller, said Tuesday that the USGA, which issues special Open invitations to just two or three non-qualifying veterans of the links annually, recently tapped Nicklaus, who won Opens at Baltusrol in 1967 and 1980, and Watson as this year's honorees.

Perhaps Leonard Coleman, a major league baseball marketing director and Middletown resident, will also attend the golf classic.

Miller confirmed Tuesday that Coleman, who joined the club in August,

is the second black to be accepted for membership. He joins Milton Irvin of Summit, nephew of New York Giants baseball great Monte Irvin, who became a member in September 1991.

Baltusrol has come under fire because, until recent years, the club, with its hefty membership fees, was an all-white, male bastion.

The USGA adopted anti-bias rules — their implementation is said to be a precondition for hosting an Open — following a storm of criticism regarding a Professional Golf Association championship at the Shoal Creek Club in Alabama in 1990.

Miller of Baltusrol club changed its membership practices — the bylaws reportedly never stipulated barriers for women or minorities — prior to the adoption of the USGA anti-discrimination rules.

"The first woman member had already been elected," Miller said. "The process had already started."

The club is said to currently have only a handful of Jewish members.

"Tickets for the June event 'are on the verge of selling out,'" Miller said. For the first time, under what will be an annual policy, the USGA, located in Far Hills, is handling most ticket sales rather than the host club.

When the temperatures turn warmer, Miller noted, local contractors will begin various construction operations including preparing parking facilities.

Union County recently granted Baltusrol permission to establish parking spaces for 6,000 cars in the Houdaille Quarry; another 4,500 vehicles will park at Newark Airport. Shuttle will transport people from the parking lots to the course.

Miller predicted that area hotels and restaurants will score holes-in-one financially from the Open.

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Sect's use of home sparks examination

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
Is the yeshiva at 36 Evergreen Ave. a residence or a boarding school?

In the use of the property, located in a residential zone, consistent with the use by a prior tenant, the Church of the Nazarene, or would the prospective owner have to obtain a use variance?

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will take up these questions in a second meeting at the Municipal Building March 16. The board heard testimony on two applications submitted by Yeshivas Horef Borech at its February monthly meeting.

The applicant, an ultra-orthodox Jewish sect that was established in Brooklyn several years ago, submitted two applications to the Zoning Board regarding the property, which it reportedly is seeking to buy.

The first application, according to zoning officials, seeks an interpretation from the board concerning whether its use is permitted since it claims it is the same as the previous use. Simultaneously, if the board determines that the yeshiva is running a boarding school — and not merely a residence as the group maintains — it seeks a use variance.

The neighborhood is zoned residential. But since the property, which features an attached house of worship and "recreation," was used as a church

prior to the zoning, religious use was grandfathered in.

Approximately seven men ages 18-21 study the Talmud at the site and sleep in the residence. The group's storey argued at last month's board meeting that this use is consistent with the prior use by the church group and the building is not a dormitory — a type of use that is barred without a variance.

Zoning Board President Ralph DeVino noted this week that numerous concerned residents attended the February meeting and that several expressed fears about plummeting property values that might result with a yeshiva in the neighborhood. Others charged that the building is being used as a dormitory.

Some residents have expressed fears that the group might want to expand eventually and construct a second floor — a move that would have to go through the Zoning or Planning Board approval process.

An attorney for the yeshiva testified that the group is not running a boarding school since the young students are living as a family.

DeVino indicated that the Zoning Board will listen to more testimony March 16 and may even have to conduct another meeting or two to gather additional information regarding the applications.

Said DeVino: "It's too ticklish a situation to make a fast decision."

Two file for seat on regional board

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
For the first time in some 15 years, four positions on the nine-member Union County Regional High School District Board of Education will be decided in the April 20 election.

In the only contested race, Springfield incumbent Theresa L'Causi, who was appointed to the board in July following the death of longtime board member Natalie Waldt, will square off against Samuel Labash, the owner of a steel construction company.

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The deadline for filing candidacy petitions for the regional board was Feb. 25.

In the Springfield race, L'Causi, who chaired one of the regional board's Policy Committees and is a member of the Transition Committee, said the "most important issue" in the race pertains to the closing of David Bressler in Kenilworth and "putting it all together and seeing the transition in our schools, including the eight-period day."

"I feel kids in America have been left in the dust educationally," L'Causi said this week. "I've been attending meetings of the local Springfield and regional boards of education for the past seven years and I've taken a great deal of interest in how the schools are run."

Labash, owner of Affiliated Metals Corp. and past president of the American Society of Professional Estimators, said he "can't say anything derogatory about his opponent," but complained that he faults the board for closing a school "yet only reducing the budget by 5 percent."

Labash criticized the board for "not planning to the 'nth' degree" when deciding to close the Kenilworth high school. He said he plans to stress the "excessive costs of the Board of Education."

In Berkeley Heights, Rogers, senior vice president of the PLC, said he will

received how much money, and how much money is left in the treasury. Portions of the minutes of a December meeting illustrate the committee's workings, reporting on the proceeds from the last bake sale, suggestions for a book drive and a concluding note: "There is \$200.88 in the treasury" reads the report. "We need fund-raising ideas. There will be two trips to the Veterans Hospital. We will split the committee up for the trips. Meeting adjourned."

Anyone in need of some charity work or funding, advice on operating a large assembly of volunteers or getting the job done should call Adam, Meredith or Wendy. They'll get the Principal's Liaison Committee right on it.

Merachnik given power to reassign students

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer
The Union County Regional High School Board of Education adopted Tuesday night a policy that will give the superintendent limited powers to reassign students to comply with state desegregation directives.

Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik, in response to a question from the public at the board's regular meeting at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, noted that in May the state Office of Equal Educa-

tional Opportunity will review the district school choice plan and 1993-1994 enrollment projections for the three remaining high schools.

Merachnik indicated that the board's prior policy did not explicitly state that the superintendent had the authority to make reassignments.

"There may be further direction from the state and we need a policy in the event the state directs us to move that way," the superintendent said. "We will know in May."

During a brief interview, Janet Gly-

son of the Committee of Concerned Parents of Kenilworth indicated that the policy gives the superintendent the power to overturn student assignments in the board's school choice plan for next September. For example, she said, if Asian students from Berkeley Heights or black students from Springfield must be reassigned to Arthur L. Johnson in Clark for purposes of racial or economic balance, then perhaps Kenilworth students who opted to attend the Clark high school next September might find themselves attending another school.

Merachnik implied that OEB's stand review of the district's enrollment projections came about

"because the Kenilworth Board of Education president" approached Department of Education officials in Trenton regarding the issue of racial and economic balance.

Regardless of the board's adoption of the policy, which states in part that the superintendent can assign pupils since "balanced enrollment is required in keeping with the board's Affirmative Action and Equal Educational Opportunity Policies," the OEBD has the authority to order compliance with its directives.

The public discussion segment of the meeting touched off heated comments on the PLC, Page 8

A job well done



Auxiliary Police Officer Angelo Palumbo was named Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year for 1992 by the Office of Emergency Management at its annual awards dinner. A leading responder to emergency calls, Palumbo, third from left, is joined, from left, by Auxiliary Police Chief Harold Lipschind, Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel, and Coordinator John Cottage.

Student committee on call for charities

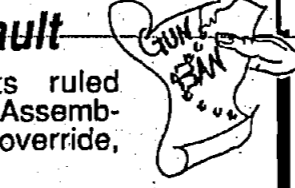
By David Brown
Managing Editor
Non-profit organizations in the Springfield school district looking for assistance should give Adam or Meredith a call — that is, if they haven't already been contacted by the busy duo.

Adam Lieb and Meredith Pincus handle media relations for the Principal's Liaison Committee, a consisting of some 80 fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at the Gaudineer School which conducts fund-raisers for various charity groups and worthy causes.

Lieb, Pincus and an Executive Board member of the PLC, Wendy Horowitz, last week outlined the structure, goals and benefits of the student organization, now in its sixth year.

"We're helping others, and helping ourselves at the same time," said Lieb, a three-year veteran of the organization. The group has an impressive charity client list: the Valerio Fund, Children's Specialized Hospital, Overlook Hospital, the Union County Committee, the Lions Veterans Hospital and others in the works.

With minimal input from the group's titular head, Gaudineer Principal Kenneth Bernales, the trio said the committee's newly initiated sub-committee structure has enabled the large assembly to efficiently raise and disburse charitable contributions.



Bake sales, book drives and other non-profit fund-raisers and charitable activities are planned and executed by one or more of the PLC's sub-committees — Special Projects, Fundraising, the Press Team or Social Committee. The hierarchy consists of a 12-member executive board, which convenes twice a month to discuss plans.

According to Horowitz, the PLC structure rivals any government's committee system. "Everyone knows what their job is, and they get it done," she said. "It really works well."

Each month during the school year, each PLC member receives the minutes of the committee's last meeting, and an update of which charities

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NOW schedules meeting

Do you get a fair shake in today's schools? Can parents and concerned community members do anything to ensure true quality of opportunity in education? Citizens can find out at the March 11 meeting of the Union County chapter of the National Organization for Women...

Elder abuse campaign

The New Jersey Association of Area Agencies on Aging began its Elder Abuse Awareness Campaign in February, and Union County will do its part...

All-day workshop set

The Union County Speech-Language and Hearing Association will hold its annual all-day workshop March 13 at the Ramada Inn in Clark...

Posters promote county

A statewide poster contest to promote County Government Week titled "My County" will be sponsored by the County Officers Association of New Jersey...

51 tons of trees recycled

More than 51 tons of Christmas trees have been recycled in conjunction with the Union County Utilities Authority's aggressive yard waste management program.

GOP women set meeting

Estate and Trust Planning will be the topic by Robert Cooker on March 10 at 8 p.m. during the meeting of the Republican Women of Union County...

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Bassano bill outlawing guns in schools is signed into law

Legislation that would remove guns from New Jersey's schools by "breaking the link" to the weapons suppliers was signed into law Feb. 18. The bill, sponsored by Sen. C. Louis Bassano and Andy Conrad...

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Economy top concern, opinion survey reveals

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Franks vows to continue airplane noise fight

U.S. Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, said he will continue to fight to give citizens exposed to intolerable airplane noise levels an opportunity to sue on a federal commission studying the future of the airline industry.

Kean offers courses in management practices

Kean College of New Jersey is offering continuing education courses in Management Practices this spring.

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State library group sponsors contest

The New Jersey Libraries Association is launching a new publicity program called the "How New Jersey Libraries Change People's Lives" contest.

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Election-year gift is no favor to taxpayers

Screening New Jersey

By Steve Adubato Jr.

The Republican leadership in the Legislature is actually trying with the idea of a tax cut. Specifically, the latest brainstrom of the GOP brass is "considering" a reinstatement of a program that lets homeowners deduct property taxes from their income tax. Great idea, if only the state could afford it — but we can't; not by a long shot.

Religion

Scholar event slated

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, will sponsor its 15th Annual Scholar-in-Residence weekend, March 12 to 14.

Robbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, will be the scholar for the weekend; the program is called "Jewish Values At Times of Crisis." The weekend will begin on March 12 with Sabbath services at 8 p.m.

worship calendar

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THE ORCHARD PARK CHURCH 1244 North Ave., Union, 987-0166. Pastor: Rev. Hank Czerniak. Sun. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. in Union. Call 687-0723.

Keep the gun ban

For a prime example of legislators caving in to special interests, look no further than our state Assembly.

The Assembly voted last week, 54-22, to override Governor Jim Florio's 1990 ban on assault rifles and other "instruments of death" in New Jersey. The governor's weapons ban made it the toughest piece of anti-gun legislation in the nation. The bill now will move to the state Senate, where the measure's fate may gain support of key senators who voted against past efforts to repeal the ban.

Be Our Guest

By A. Michael Noll

The board has a history of simply blessing Bell's plans. The recent new concept of how New Jersey Bell gets its way. The new 911 system is a costly and designed and being installed by New Jersey Bell — is far too costly and why technology rather than the human element that is standard in today's telecommunication network. This blunder occurred because the Board of Regulatory Commissioners simply caved in to Bell's plans.

Letter to the editor

Alliance newsletter is excellent

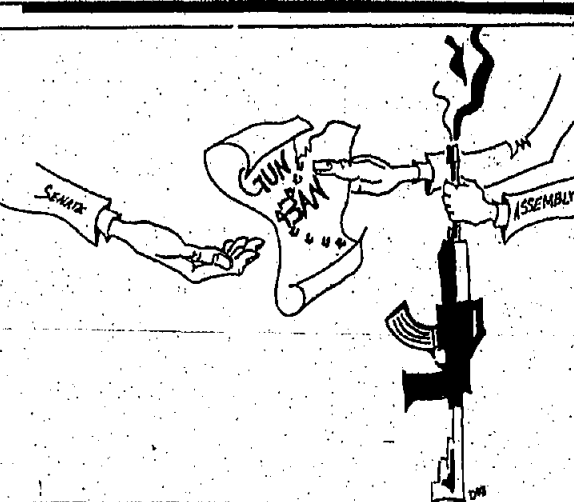
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Money Management

If you had to relocate as a result of a job change, you may be able to take a tax deduction for many unreimbursed job-related moving expenses. CPAs point out that deductible expenses include the costs of pre-move house-hunting trips, transporting your family and your household to the new location, as well as some of the fees associated with selling your old home and buying a new house.

Job relocation can bring a tax deduction

Workers, the full-time work requirement is double the requirement for employees. Self-employed taxpayers must work at least 30 weeks during the first 12 months following the move, and a total of at least 78 weeks during the first 24 months immediately after the move.

New mechanism needed to protect public

Editor's note: The following appeared in INTRAVI, a publication of the New Jersey Press Association. It is reprinted with permission.

Attacks on Zitomer are distasteful

Reasonable people can have different points of view, even on such a critical subject as the closing of David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth. The Brearley debate, unfortunately, has gone from reason, to emotion, to billy-goatery. I am referring to the distasteful attacks on Burton Zitomer, chairman of the Union County Regional High School Board, which have forced to close Brearley.

Letter writers

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor expressing views on topics of interest. Letters must be typed, double-spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than 200 words. When necessary, letters will be edited for length, clarity and fairness.

Money Management

There are two types of moving expenses you may deduct: direct and indirect. Direct expenses are those that are necessary to move your household goods and personal effects to your new location. Indirect expenses are those that are necessary to move your business.

Garage sale slated

St. Luke's Church, Fourth Avenue and Walnut Street, Roselle, will hold an all parish garage sale March 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Furniture, lamps, linens, toys, bric-a-brac, jewelry, collectibles, housewares, books, records, clothing and estate items will be for sale in the parish hall.

Rosarian events set

St. Theresa's Rosary After-School Society, Kenilworth, will meet at 8:15 p.m. Monday under the direction of President Minnie Kern.

Prayer Day planned

World Day of Prayer, a day of which millions of Christian women pray for the world, will be celebrated on World Day of Prayer in "informed prayer and joyful action," tradition.

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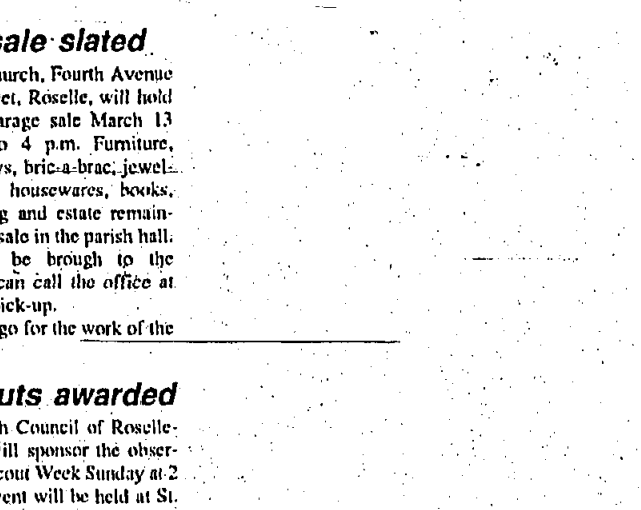
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