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## Community Update

### Bicentennial fete

The Springfield Bicentennial Committee will hold its next general meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Parish House on Church Mall. The public is invited.

The next event will be a semi-formal dinner-dance at the Baltusor Golf Club on March 21.

Tickets can be purchased at Springfield Town Hall from Kathleen Wisniewski. Tables for six or 10 people are available; or arrangements for single persons or couples can be made for seating with others.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., a table service dinner will feature fine cuisine with a choice of two entrees. The chef at Baltusor Golf Club is creating a special Springfield Bicentennial dessert. Live music for dancing will be supplied until midnight. There will be a cash bar throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$40. More information is available through Kathleen Wisniewski at (201) 912-2202.

The Township of Springfield will host a festival for its bicentennial celebration on May 14 and 15.

As part of the event, the committee will run a craft fair. Spaces are \$50 for the two days and will be assigned on a first come basis.

Anyone who would like to have a craft table and be part of the celebration may call (201) 912-2200 or (201) 379-2853 for more information.

### Folk dancers meet

The Summit Folk Dancers meet March 11 at the Summit YMCA, corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street. Changes of England, Greece, Israel, Balkans, etc. taught. No partners needed. Beginners at 7:30 p.m., Regular at 8, \$2 admission. For information, call (201) 467-8278.

### Smart food lecture

The Springfield Chapter of Men's Health will meet on March 15 at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building, Trivet Avenue.

Guest speaker will be Judi Spector, who has been a clinical dietitian at a Maryland hospital and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center specializing in Adult Weight Control and Cardiac Nutrition. She has lectured on nutrition director for the Gloria Ross Long Life Cooking Schools, and is also president of a catalog company for gourmet health foods. Her topic "Eating Healthy Cooking Light" will include the latest in Nutrition and helpful tips to improve diet and health.

Men's Health is a support group designed to help those with heart problems, as well as their families. For more information call (201) 376-0382.

### School schedule

Springfield public schools will be in session on April 5, 6, 7, and 8 because of the recent snow closings. The schools will be closed April 1 and 4 for spring recess. The last day of classes will be June 14. This schedule allows for one more snow day.

### Walton orientation

Springfield Board of Education announced "Pre-School Orientation" at Edward V. Walton School, 601 Mountain Ave. at 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. today.

## Committee withdraws business district ordinance

By Dennis McCarthy  
Staff Writer

The Township Committee voted unanimously Tuesday night to withdraw an ordinance which would have created a special improvement district in the township.

"I have lost confidence in our planner and I don't trust the contents of the ordinance," said Committeeman Jeffrey Katz, who moved to withdraw the ordinance. "I cannot support the ordinance," he said.

This puts an end to the more than two-year nightmare the committee, town merchants and residents have lived through in their dealings with Township Planner David Zimmerman.

Originally, under the impression that Zimmerman was applying for a \$350,000 grant, committee members were shocked to discover that the amount Zimmerman applied for was actually \$53,652. "I would like to know by what authority did he decide to make a unilateral decision," Committeeman Harry Pappas said after Tuesday's meeting.

The township paid Zimmerman approximately \$9,500, all of which he still has, to fill out the grant application. "It appears as though unless these issues are cleared up and he can

reimburse the town," Pappas said, "the continued service will be called into question."

"This one can't be tabled," Committeewoman Jo Ann Holmes said of the ordinance. "I think things need to be started over." Holmes added that in its current form, the ordinance is unacceptable. "Let's go back, let's look at it," she said.

Holmes said efforts for special improvement should come equally from the merchants, the residents and the committee. She expressed that the drawn-out fashion in which the ordinance was handled could have been less of an ordeal with a better balance of involvement. "It's not our choice; that's the law," she said of the bureaucratic measures necessary to pass such an ordinance.

Committeeman Herbert Soto said he "wasn't filled with enthusiasm" about the plan from the start. He added that he wishes the committee could be more engaged "in a physical sense" with the renovation needs of the district.

Mayor Patricia Forman said she would like to see Springfield become part of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. "I've never been convinced that SID is the way to go in

Springfield," she said. "I feel the move for the improvement for downtown should come from the merchants."

Katz said he encourages the merchants "not to lose momentum." He said, "I certainly hope that the landlords and merchants work together. I think it would be great if individual store owners could get together and form a committee. It's really up to the

committee and improvement of the township's merchants. "I hope I can count on at least one member of the committee," he said.

According to Katz, the last Chamber of Commerce in Springfield dissolved in 1981. He is convinced that a new chamber of commerce would allow merchants to make improvements more efficiently.

## Planner question costs town grant

By Heather MacGregor  
Managing Editor

Members of the Township Committee voted to withdraw a Special Improvement District ordinance Tuesday because of a lack of confidence in the township planner and confusion surrounding a Community Development Block Grant application.

Questions over the validity of the ordinance mounted at the committee's executive session Monday, when members drilled planner David Zimmerman about the amount of the grant application and the results of the ordinance.

It was applying for a \$350,000 grant to "rehabilitate" the downtown area. According to Zimmerman, the grant was unique because areas used to have to be labeled "blighted" to apply and since Springfield never qualified before, it stood a good chance of receiving the money.

Committeeman Harry Pappas said the committee agreed to pay Zimmerman no more than \$10,000 to fill out the application, but the amount for which was being applied dropped to \$52,652 without formal notification and, therefore, he should not receive the full amount.

Zimmerman billed the township 2.57 percent of the original grant amount of \$350,000, so he should only receive the percentage of the amount he applied for, which was \$82,000 and reimburse the town the rest, Pappas said.

"I'm really unhappy about this. I don't think we got the bang for the buck," he said. "If that man does not come back and reimburse the town proportionately on what he owes, we are in line for a new planner."

Committeeman Herb Soto said the amount expected to be received from the application was lowered to approximately \$18,000.

## ShopRite chooses shopper

By Dennis McCarthy  
Staff Member

Does that woman on the new ShopRite television commercial look familiar, as if you've seen her before, but you're just not sure where?

The woman you recognize is Springfield resident Linda Chelis. Chelis was discovered while conducting a featured old women who had inadvertently caused a shopping cart jam in the doorway of the ShopRite supermarket on Morris Turnpike last month.

"Don't let it upset you. The parking is just as bad in here as it is outside," Chelis told the woman who had left her cart briefly unattended and consequently caused the minor chaos.

Two representatives of Wakefern Food Corporation's advertising department happened to observe the entire event. The two approached Chelis and asked about her shopping. See SHOPRITE, Page 2.



Linda Chelis of Springfield displays a box of Prilosec mix as part of her ShopRite commercial fame.

## Board releases budget

By Dennis McCarthy  
Staff Writer

The estimated 1994-95 budget for the Springfield School District is \$10,950 million, but nothing can be finalized until Gov. Christine Todd Whitman delivers her message concerning state aid on Tuesday.

Superintendent Gary L. Friedland said Tuesday, "While I'm anticipating the message, we've been working on the budget since October," he said.

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Friedland added that the two major constraints in this year's construction budget are cost containment and the need to accommodate the increase in enrollment. "Our enrollment is increasing," he said.

The district received \$508,000 in state aid last year. "The governor hasn't given her message yet, and there's a strong argument that these transition aid districts such as our own will lose state aid, but we don't know the impact of that right now," he said.

"The question is, again, whether there is going to be the appropriation for special education aid. We get aid for that and we get aid for transportation. All our aid is being revised."

This has got to be one of our tightest year budgets, with the anticipation that we're going to have reduced state aid," Friedland said. He added that revenue producing programs such as educating million students from other districts and summer school programs would be relied upon to offset the decrease in state aid.

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## Teacher gets special award

By Dennis McCarthy  
Staff Writer

Edward V. Walton School's Gail Abramson-Lazarus received The New Jersey Special Educator of the Year award Friday at the Landmark Inn in Woodbridge.

"People who receive this award are special people," Superintendent Gary L. Friedland said last week. "They exemplify the quality of all outstanding educators in New Jersey. The award is given because they demonstrate exceptional leadership in promoting excellent teaching in their classroom."

Lazarus, a five-year veteran of the Springfield school system, said the distinction is a triumph for everyone in the field of Early Childhood Education. "It's a real honor," she said.

"That's a great honor for somebody in her capacity to receive," said Kim Coleman, superintendent of the Morris-Union Jointure Committee in New Providence. "Preschool handicapped education is something that's been centered and focused upon by a number of school districts simply because the theory is, the earlier you can provide comprehensive services to



From left, Superintendent Gary Friedland presents Gail Abramson-Lazarus her Special Teacher award at a ceremony this week.

these students, the more effective education will be in the long run and the greater the likelihood of success is."

Lazarus worked with Coleman at the Jointure Committee prior to working at Walton School. "I would view Gail as not only one of the leaders in Union County, but also in the state," Coleman said.

"She's been involved in preschool development for a number of years. One of the reasons the Jointure Committee employed Gail was because of her skills and experience

## Authorities prevent theft

By Heather MacGregor  
Managing Editor

A New York man was arrested March 1 after he allegedly used a photocopied temporary registration sticker in an attempt to steal a 1994 Jeep Cherokee from the Route 22 AutoLand, police said.

Edward Dejoachim, 23, of the Bronx, was charged with attempted theft of a motor vehicle, criminal damage in excess of \$500 and three counts of assault on security personnel, and was remanded to the Union County Jail on \$10,000 bail, police said.

Springfield police received a call from AutoLand security at 3:30 p.m. that day on a report that Dejoachim appeared to be attempting to steal a 1994 Jeep Cherokee valued at \$27,000. While a security officer was on the phone with Springfield police, Dejoachim allegedly tried to jump through a window and, after the sound of breaking glass, his telephone line went dead.

Security officers told police that Dejoachim tried to leave the lot in the Jeep, which he had claimed to have purchased, but was blocked by AutoLand employees, police said. When the security guards approached him and brought him to the security office, Dejoachim allegedly assaulted them, damaged the office as he kicked and punched the security guards, and tried to jump through a 3-foot by 4-foot plate glass window with a 4-foot step-reports indicated.

The two security officers and Dejoachim were taken to Overlook Hospital for minor lacerations and were released, police said.

An Elizabeth man led police on a four-block foot chase March 1 before he was arrested for allegedly trying to obtain a driver's license at the Division of Motor Vehicles with a false birth certificate, police said.

Police charged Samuel Rios, 23, with two counts of assault on a police officer, two counts of resisting arrest, forgery and using false information on a motor vehicle application. He was remanded to the Union County Jail on \$3,000 bail, reports indicated.

There was another suspect, but he left the scene before police arrived. See AUTHORITIES, Page 2.

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Authorities prevent theft of 1994 Jeep at Autoland

(Continued from Page 1) and was not identified, according to reports.
Rios fled on Center Street after individuals identified him to police as they approached the building. Officer Scott Brokaw tracked the suspect on foot for approximately four blocks through back yards to a parking lot near Morris Avenue and Route 78. He found the suspect hiding under one of the parked trucks in the lot. When Brokaw and Officer Mitch Fenton tried to arrest Rios, he kicked and punched both police officers after he refused to come out from under the truck, police said.

Three people were arrested March 1 and charged with possession of 125 vials of crack which had a street value of \$3,500, and a loaded .38 caliber handgun, and possession of under 50 grams of marijuana.
Detective John Levenson worked to the restaurant as a part of an ongoing investigation of credit card forgeries in area restaurants, police said. Levenson recognized Paul as a wanted fugitive for prior arrests warrants on identical charges from Benjamin's and the Olive Garden, both on Route 22 in Springfield, police said.

Paul pleaded guilty on outstanding charges at Springfield Municipal Court and was released on \$50,000 bail.
On Feb. 28, a burglary suspect was arrested after he allegedly tried to cash a \$650 check which he obtained from a Tudor Court apartment one hour before, police said.
Mic Grigby, 26, who provided an in-home address but was reportedly staying at area motels, was charged with burglary, criminal damage, theft and possession of burglary tools, police said. Officer John D'Andrea made the arrest. Grigby was remanded to the Union County Jail on \$10,000 bail.
An investigation continues to determine if Grigby is connected with any of the other area burglaries, police said.

Historical society sets meeting

The Springfield Historical Society will hold its next meeting on March 15 at 8 p.m. at the Historic Cannon Hall House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. The public is invited.
Program Chairperson Catherine Sines will introduce the guest speaker, Hazel Hantgrove, who will give a colorful slide lecture titled "On the Road to Morocco with a Stop in New Jersey."
Sines said, "Ms. Hantgrove has traveled extensively, preferring exotic places around the world. Few people know of New Jersey's connection with Morocco, but in the 1980s, King Hassan II of Morocco purchased a huge estate, including a 47-room mansion in the Glaxo-Peapack area."

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Budget to reflect 1 percent hike

(Continued from Page 1) ment has been increasing about 4 percent per year," he said. "Just in the kindergarten alone, we've gone from 30 youngsters to 130 for next year."
He said such an increase will result in reallocation of, or an increase in, staffing. This, coupled with the process of revising our reading and language arts program in four grade levels. We have reallocated money in our budget providing for the purchase of reading and language arts text books to focus on the whole language approach."
Also in the process of being updated is 10-year-old equipment in the computer laboratories in Edward V. Walton and Florence M. Gaudin schools. Revenue for these projects comes from several state grants and the tuition revenue program.

ShopRite chooses Springfield resident

(Continued from Page 1) habits. Before they were through, they photographed Chelis and promised to give her a call regarding the possibility of her doing a commercial.
A few days later, they did just that. Chelis and her husband went to a studio in Dover, where the commercial was filmed. "It was totally surreal," she said. "I was supposed to give my own opinion of why I like to shop at ShopRite supermarkets."
Chelis' husband, Bernard, said Monday, "It was a great week. We went out to the studio, you really know what was going on. They went through the whole run-through."

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Auxilian of the year



At its annual party held recently at the Spanish Tavern in Mountainside, the Springfield Auxiliary named Officer Tony Wunderlich as Police Auxilian of the Year. From left are Auxiliary Police Chief Harold Liebanski, Wunderlich, Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel.

Regional district hears recycling proposal

By Joseph Niedzieski
Staff Writer
At last week's regular meeting of the Union County Regional High School Board of Education, a proposal for recycling of materials in the regional high schools was presented by Roland Marioni, the supervisor of Science and Environmental Safety for the district.
Marioni told the board that recycling is the law, and in addition to being required to recycle in the home, the law now has reached out to the school district. He said the law includes, for the district, a three-month verification of what is recycled, who is doing the recycling and where the recycling takes place.
In the past, Marioni said, the district had some success with recycling programs but not to the extent which the law asks.
Marioni gathered information from various contractors and settled on Ritan Recyclables. The contractor would provide 12 64-gallon plastic containers for mixed paper and commingled glass and aluminum. The containers are sealable and vermin proof, Marioni said.

Scholarships made available to seniors

More than \$70,000 in scholarship awards will be presented by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, according to the group's president, Thomas J. Carey.
More than 25 high school seniors will receive scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 based on their performance on the NISCPA's annual aptitude exam, which was administered to nearly 1,000 students throughout the state in December. The students plan to major in accounting when they enter college this fall.
Awards will be presented on April 19 at the Brunswick Hilton in East Brunswick during a ceremony for the students, their parents and guidance counselors.
"We offer these awards," Carey said, "to help deserving and ambitious students realize their dream of becoming certified public accountants."
Among the recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships is John Borowski of

Budget to reflect \$2-M increase

By Joseph Niedzieski
Staff Writer
The tentative 1994-95 Union County Regional High School District budget is expected to increase approximately \$2 million over the 1993-94 budget.
The regional Board of Education is expected to discuss the budget at its conference meeting Tuesday at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.
A public hearing for the budget has been scheduled for April 7. Voters from the regional district's six sending towns — Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield — will vote on the adopted budget on April 19 during school elections.
According to the district Business Administrator Harold Burdge, the tentative budget is the same as the current budget with few exceptions. Burdge said that contracted services are basically frozen at last year's level with the exception of insularization and transportation costs. The latter two areas were cited by Burdge as the main reasons for the increase over the current year.
Regarding the transportation costs, Burdge said he expected the bidding for bus services to increase which would have to be reflected in the tentative budget.
Another aspect which Burdge said would have an impact on the tentative budget would be the outside placement of special education students. The district's debt service will receive a slight decrease over the current year's figure. The tentative budget for 1994-95 is \$37,703,692. Burdge included the current capital outlay amount of \$261,800 in the tentative budget.
The district's debt service will receive a slight decrease over the current year's figure. The principal amount for both budgets is \$23,000. The current interest to be paid is \$51,188 while the tentative interest to be paid is \$39,375. According to Burdge, the debt service will decrease at the same ratio until the bonds are paid off by the 1997-98 school year.

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From left, Jerry Bongiovanni, Barbara Pierson and Amanda Pierson show the style and sizes of the Springfield Bicentennial T-shirt.

### T-shirts ready for celebration

A commemorative T-shirt is being sold to further advertise the Springfield Bicentennial Celebration culminating on the weekend of May 14-15. The shirt's colors are red, white and blue, and it shows a Continental Soldier, popularly known as a "Minute Man," superimposed against the historic Cannon Ball House. The shirt is available at Springfield Town Hall by calling Kathy Wisniewski at (501) 912-2202, or at the Springfield Presbyterian Parish House, 379-4320, or after 4 p.m. by calling Janice Bongiovanni (201) 379-2634 or Hazel Hardgrove (201) 376-3348. Printed on high quality cotton and polyester they are available in adult and children's sizes of small, medium and large for \$12 each, with adult sizes, XX and XXX costing slightly more. Checks should be made payable to the Springfield Historical Society. Both illustrations on the shirts are well known in this area. The granite statue of the Continental Soldier in full uniform stands on a pedestal in front of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield at the corner of Morris Avenue and Church Street. It is situated on a 5-foot by 5-foot patch of land noted to be the smallest New Jersey State Park. This landmark was erected in 1905 by the New Jersey Militia, who routed the better-equipped and more numerous British and Hessian soldiers at the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780. Fierce fighting erupted all over Springfield with particular emphasis on the battle line drawn at the Railway River, where it crosses Morris Avenue. The enemy troops retreated through Union and Elizabeth using boats to go to Staten Island. The Battle of Springfield is famous for being where the last shot was fired on New Jersey soil during the American Revolutionary War. Some historians also consider the Battle of Springfield to be the turning point of the war in the same context of the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. The Historic Cannon Ball House, built circa 1740, at 126 Morris Ave., Springfield, is the headquarters of the Springfield Historical Society. It was originally the home of the Hutchings Family. As the British and Hessian soldiers retreated, they followed the European warring tradition of burning all buildings in their wake. Four homes in Springfield were spared, the Historic Cannon Ball House one of them. It is believed that it was not put to the torch since it had served as a field hospital for enemy soldiers.

### Association to honor 11-year-old patient

Any parent with an ailing child feels the trauma, heartache and anxiety caused by a lingering, possibly fatal illness. These parents also feel the sheer joy and eternal gratitude when that child overcomes often seemingly insurmountable obstacles and grows into a glowing, healthy being. Eleven-year-old Katharine Black-burne Heinen, a Westfield resident, is being honored by the West Chester Division of the American Heart Association, her friends and her family for just such a feat. "An Affair of the Heart," being held at L'Affaire on Route 22 East in Moura on March 24, celebrates her victory. Heinen is one of 30,000 children born each year with congenital heart disease. Here is a story of determination, love and triumph. "Katharine looked just like a normal, healthy, pink baby when she was born on May 1, 1982," said her mother, Susan. "At one-and-a-half weeks, she started projectile vomiting. However, at that time we thought she was merely allergic to breast milk, so we switched her to soy formula. She was not cyanotic at that time." "By four-and-a-half weeks of age, Katharine, who still projectile vomited, began to exhibit signs of turning cyanotic. Our doctor told us that because she was going into cardiac and respiratory failure. After being examined there, she was transferred to Columbia Presbyterian Babies Hospital in New York, which had the latest diagnostic equipment and specialists for pediatric cardiac care." Once Katharine's condition was stabilized at Columbia Presbyterian, a catheterization revealed extensive heart problems: two huge holes in the heart, a contracted aorta, a malfunctioning mitral valve, a functioning P.D.A., as well as pulmonary hypertension. "The doctors gave her little to zero chance of survival," Susan quietly recalled. "Katharine was still tiny and weak, her doctor at Presbyterian, Dr. Silvia Griffiths, wanted to wait until she was older and stronger to operate. By 6 months old, Katharine had gained only 2 pounds, bringing her weight to 9 pounds, 2 ounces. The months before her heart operation were difficult for everyone, especially Katharine. She continued to projectile vomit, which, by the way, is a possible symptom of congenital heart disease, until she had her operation at age 8 months. A pharmaceutical company provided a special high-calorie formula for her so she would have some weight gain despite the feeding problem. We also had to feed her with special nipples to help her suckle. My husband, Edwin, and I had to learn respiratory therapy as well to help keep her lungs clear." "Katharine could only sleep for 45 minutes at a time. So we all had little sleep," Susan sighed. "She was blue and all bones." In January 1983, Katharine's heart operation, conducted by Dr. Fred Bowman, took place at Columbia Presbyterian Babies Hospital when she was 8 months old. "He corrected everything except the constricted aorta and the mitral valve, which were both determined to be not necessary at the time," noted Susan. "She was in post-op for 10 days. Twenty-four hours after we brought her home, Katharine developed pneumonia." For more information about "An Affair of the Heart," contact Barbara Ablow at (201) 376-3636. For more information about congenital heart disease or heart information, call (800) 654-1242.



From left, Dorothy Daly and Jaclyn Herzlinger of Springfield recall hospice patient's donation.

### Resident recalls hospice patient's WECHS memories

Ann H., 49 years old, was stricken with terminal cancer. Worries about many things she could not control — medication, children and the course of her illness — confuses, but she does not have to worry about where her hospice care will come from. Thanks to the late George E. Hanan, her hospice care and its payment are taken care of. Hanan was a hospice patient under the care of West Essex Hospice, a division of West Essex Community Health Services, until he died in October 1992. His bequest of \$4,215 to WECHS helps the nonprofit agency care for people like Ann, whose private insurance has limited hospice coverage. "West Essex Community Health Services is a nonprofit home health and hospice agency that has served the Essex region for 41 years. Hanan was grateful to WECHS for their services, according to the nurses and volunteers who cared for him. "He expressed a constant appreciation of WECHS," said Dorothy Daly of Essex Falls, a WECHS hospice volunteer. During his time in WECHS care, Hanan came to think of the agency as his extended family. Daly recalls grocery shopping, doctor visits, lunches, and trips to visit the gravesite of his wife, Henrietta, also a patient until her death in 1989. Jaclyn Herzlinger of Springfield, a WECHS hospice nurse who looked after Hanan, spoke of her visits and the constant care that allowed him to remain at home. "Dorothy would take him to the barber, to get glasses, and most importantly, just to be able to talk or listen," she said. "It was supportive care in the best sense of the word." Leo Zucker of Livingston, friend of the Hanans and executor of the will, recalls Hanan's feelings for the agency. "He always spoke favorably of WECHS and wanted to do something materially for them," said Zucker.

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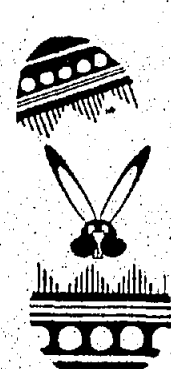
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#### Walk-hup needed

On April 24 in New Jersey and throughout the nation, the March of Dimes will hold its 24th annual WalkAmerica. The nation's largest and most successful walking event will return to Union County College, and the organization is seeking help.

WalkAmerica is an awareness and fund-raising event created to bring attention to the March of Dimes, its programs and services, and to raise vitally needed dollars. Money raised from WalkAmerica helps to fund the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies and its programs of research, community services, advocacy and education.

The following WalkAmerica volunteer needs exist in Union County: team leaders, performers and entertainers, corporate teams, corporate sponsorship, clothes, music/instruments, jerseys, registration and check-in, check-points, and more. Anyone interested in volunteering for WalkAmerica at Union County College may call the March of Dimes North Jersey Chapter at (201) 882-0700.

#### Denist gives seminar

A free seminar by Dr. Vincent Tavorina, a leader of implant dentistry in the United States, will be conducted March 18 from noon to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and March 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at his Roselle Park office, the Center for Family & Implant Dentistry, 744 Gallop Hill Road. Tavorina is a fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, fellow of the Mitsui Implant Institute, fellow of the American College of Oral Implantologists, fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, and Diplomate of the American Society of Oseointegration. He has been awarded these honors in recognition for his accomplishments and contribution to the field of implant dentistry.

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#### Legal secretaries meet

The Union County Legal Secretaries Association will hold its monthly meeting March 22 at 6 p.m. at R.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield.

The speaker for the evening will be L. Michael Busiccolo of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, who is the commissioner of the Child Abuse Unit.

#### Violet group meets

The Union County chapter of the African Violet Society of America Inc. will meet March 17 at 1 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. The program will be "Sprucin' Them Up For Show." Any one interested is welcome to attend.

#### Students to unite

Some 400 high school students from Union County's urban and suburban communities will join together to discuss ways to work through problems common to all teenagers at "Go To Health," an annual youth health awareness conference given by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County Inc., on Monday and Tuesday.

Celebrating its 10th year, the conference will be held at the Cranford campus of Union County College from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Designed to help young people develop a positive self-image, an important step in preventing alcohol and other drug misuse, the conference will focus on ways students can empower themselves to overcome obstacles that impede healthy growth.

Participants from the county's public, private and parochial schools will attend workshops on sexual choices, peer pressure, personal growth and family relations. Teachers and counsellors accompanying the students will attend a specially designed workshop which will focus on the effect contemporary issues are having on today's classroom.

The 1994 "Go To Health" conference is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Schering-Plough Corp., in Kenil-

#### College hosts workshop

Mixed consultant Margery Klain will conduct a workshop titled "Creative Management: Seeing and Seizing Opportunities" on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Union County College, Cranford campus.

The program, the third in a series of three seminars, is sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation. It is designed especially for individuals associated with nonprofit organizations. In this session, Klain will provide ideas on how to assess volunteer needs and recruit and retain volunteers for all levels of an organization.

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#### Tax help available

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance service will begin for the 1993 tax year. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Union County volunteers will be on hand from through April 15 to offer free assistance in filing federal and state income tax forms, including the homestead rebate application.

The service is available to low income, elderly and handicapped taxpayers. Individuals seeking assistance should bring with them pertinent tax documents, such as copy of last year's tax returns, W-2 forms, bank interest

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received in the mail. For those filing for the homestead rebate, they will need to know their lot and block number and amount of property tax paid in 1993 and for seniors, the name and address of the landlord and amount of rent paid in 1993. The following sites will be open for this free tax assistance:

- RSVPCatholic Community Services office - Elizabeth, 80 West Grand St., site entrance only, (908) 245-3809.
- Roselle Public Library - Roselle, by appointment only - (908) 245-3809.
- Connell Hall Convalescent Center - Union, by appointment only, (908) 687-7800.
- Ashbrook Convalescent Center - Scotch Plains, by appointment only, (908) 889-5500.
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- Berean Baptist Church - Hillside, by appointment only, (908) 666-7887.

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student update

Sambur chosen Dayton's student of the month

Marnie Sambur of Springfield, a senior at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, has been named the school's Student of the Month. An outstanding student who assumes a leadership role in a variety of school activities, Sambur has attained a grade-point average of 3.92 and is ranked fourth academically in the senior class at Dayton, school officials said.

After her graduation from Jonathan Dayton, Sambur plans to attend one of the following institutions of higher learning: Harvard University, Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, Tufts University, Brown University or Columbia University. She intends to major in physics as an undergraduate, but her long-term plans include a career in pediatric medicine.

Sambur is the daughter of Helena and Ned Sambur of Springfield.



From left, Marnie Sambur receives a 'Student of the Month' plaque from Judith Wickline, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School principal.

Deerfield School presents honor roll students

Deerfield School announced its honor roll for the second marking period. It includes:

- Sixth grade:
High Honor Roll: David Haden, Mary Burchett, Eric Casanuga, Mark Cantagallo, Liz Chesler, Christine Frenco, Chiny Fisher, Christian Ponzio, Nicole Kress, Julie Lough, Craig McGuire, Christopher Mason, Marisa Rivocecco, Christy Swartz, Erin Watson, and Joshua Zwick.
Honor Roll: Katie Britt, Kelly Camarotto, Chris Ciavelli, Jessica DeAngelis, Gina De Castro, Thomas Eliauskas, Christy Feron, Leslie Gay, Matthew Grett, Jason Giudici, Pietro, Jonathan Hamill, Robyn Jaha, Michael Lanza, Nicholas Mancini, Kyle Martini, Joyce McNamee, and Kevin Watt.

Dayton lists honors for second period

The Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Guidance Department announced the school's honor roll for the second marking period.

- Honor Roll: Katie Britt, Kelly Camarotto, Chris Ciavelli, Jessica DeAngelis, Gina De Castro, Thomas Eliauskas, Christy Feron, Leslie Gay, Matthew Grett, Jason Giudici, Pietro, Jonathan Hamill, Robyn Jaha, Michael Lanza, Nicholas Mancini, Kyle Martini, Joyce McNamee, and Kevin Watt.

workshop calendar

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CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 985 W. Delsea St., Union, 96-1113. Pastor: Rev. John W. Beckel. Sunday School 9:30 AM. Women's Service 10:45 AM. Song Service 6:00 PM. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7:00 PM.

High Honor Roll: Scott Adams, Jean Caselli, Patrick Coffey, Kristin Caszary, Sarah Drake, Mihy Kanna, Alvin Kotel, Lauren Kobel, Konnan Ritor, Victoria Russell, Christopher Schmalberg, William Spilling, and Danya Volpe.
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Drama team readies show of 'Music Man'

The Jonathan Dayton drama team has spent a majority of their time at work on the winter musical, Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man". The residents believed that Harold formed a new band in their community. However, Harold planned to make a quick success of his often-raised sales scheme, before he quickly left town.

The production staff of "The Music Man" includes Brenda Kay Kucin as music director, Rocky Hoberger as stage director and Cindy Smith as the industrial Arts teacher Ed Matz. Directed by Ed Matz, the cast includes: Brian Hart, John Fay, don't particularly like each other's company, but resolve that they can sing beautiful songs together.

As the date of the play draws near, Duke, who is in charge of production, is unable to utilize as many students as possible. Kay Kucin said, "I wish we had more help. With last-minute cancellations, it's been difficult to get the play together."
When asked about topping last year's show, Kacin said, "It's not that important to top last year. I just want the cast to perform to their ability and have fun. If you love doing it, the audience will respond and enjoy it."

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pot luck dinner set

The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. following a Lenten pot luck dinner and service. This will be a work night for the Presbyterian Women of New Jersey, after a brief business meeting led by Rita Garofalo, chairman.

fish dinner slated

A fish and chips dinner, cooked in canola oil, will be held at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Take-out dinners also will be available for sale.

history course due

The adult education committee of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, will present "The Genesis of Jewish Involvement in the New World" beginning Monday from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. and continuing March 21, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 and concluding May 2.

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obituaries

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Seminar slated for special needs

Parents and other adult caregivers who look after children with special needs have been offered an opportunity to gain insights into "Helping Siblings of Children with Special Needs" at a program scheduled by Children's Specialized Hospital.

Speech to discuss healthcare

Robert Z. Gustin, Johnson & Johnson corporate vice president for science and technology, will discuss "Current Topics in Healthcare" at Children's Specialized Hospital, Montclair, N.J., on March 16 at 8 a.m., sponsored by the Children's Corporate Council.

Gustin is responsible for finding external scientific and technological resources and identifying future corporate opportunities in new science and technology. He also serves as chairman of Johnson & Johnson's Council of Research Directors.

Bagger introduces job legislation

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, introduced legislation which provides incentives to keep jobs in the state, encourages New Jersey businesses to expand and improves New Jersey's competitiveness with neighboring states.

Lupus foundation holds meeting

The Union County branch of the Lupus Foundation of New Jersey will hold its monthly meeting March 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Union High School, 1400 Gallop Hill Road.

DeVino elected RVSA vice chair

Alfred DeVino of Springfield was elected vice chairman of the Railway Valley Service Authority.

Klagholz names DiPatri



Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz announced the appointment of Richard A. DiPatri as deputy commissioner of education on March 2.

DiPatri possesses all of the personal and professional qualities needed for the important role of deputy commissioner. Klagholz said, "He is an insightful critic who can pin down problems and develop workable solutions."

Staff recognized for yearbook

The Governor Livingston Regional High School yearbook staff has been recognized by Taylor Publishing Co. with an Award of Excellence honor.

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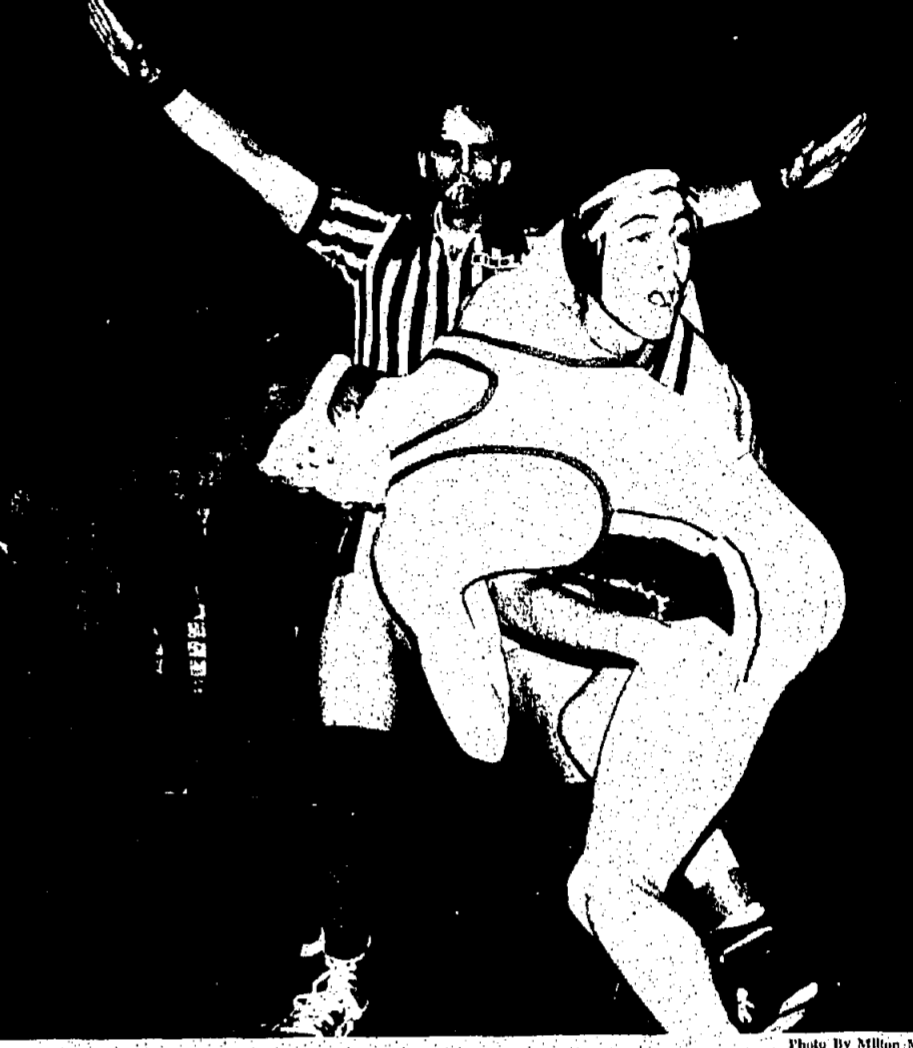
Five area grapplers reach states

D. Bubnowski, Giordano region champs; R. Bubnowski, Francesca, Barra qualify

By J.R. Parachini, Sports Editor
Union High School sophomore Dave Bubnowski headed a group of five area wrestlers (North Zone of Worrall Community Newspapers) that qualified for this year's NJSIAA state tournament.

H.S. Wrestling

Greg Francesca, 146: The District 10 champion and second-place UCT finisher made it to the final, losing to Joe Posey of Westfield 6-3 in a battle of sophomores.



Union's Greg Francesca, front, finished second at 140 pounds in last week's Region 3 Tournament at UHS. Here, he defeated Rick Moriarty of Governor Livingston 9-4 during Friday night's quarterfinals.

Quick elimination for most during NJSIAA tournaments

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
It was not the best of times for area boys' and girls' high school basketball teams last week when the NJSIAA A tournaments commenced.

H.S. Basketball

Roselle Park, second night, was defeated by ninth-seeded Peapack-Nantux in a overtime game Feb. 28 in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 quarterfinals.

Tortorici, Restivo, Stacey impress

Several area high school swimmers turned in excellent performances during the season's final competition last weekend. The NJSIAA girls' state championship meet took place Saturday and the boys' meet Sunday at Trenton State College in Ewing.

H.S. Swimming

The Bulldogs' 200 freestyle relay team of Stacey, Elizabeth Barford, Johnson and Beth Twombly finished in 1:48.05.



# Student-athletes impress in school

## Sexton, Weinberg honored

Here's which area collegiate student-athletes are in the news this week.

### College Corner

Scott Sexton of Roselle Park posted career highs in points with 29 and assists with 13 and notched a triple double by grabbing 10 rebounds to help the Stevens Tech men's basketball team win.

Michelle Weinberg of Springdale, a government and law undergraduate student at Lafayette College, was named as one of those varsity College Bowl team coaches at the Easton, Pa. school.

Lafayette's team defeated Moravian College 225-130 in the finals of an eight-team tournament last month at East Stroudsburg University to take the bragging rights for Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Lafayette's varsity team went 4-0, beating clubs from Moravian, East Stroudsburg, Allentown College and Mountaintop State.

College Bowl is a fast-paced, "Jeopardy" style quiz show played on more than 200 college campuses from coast to coast. The team from the Mountain State won the national championship tournament.

The mid-Atlantic region, one of the toughest in the nation, has traditionally been dominated by Penn State, Maryland, Georgetown and George Washington.

Last year, in its first appearance in the regional in 20 years, Lafayette went 4-5.

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Scott Sexton finished the season as Stevens Tech's second leading scorer and third-leading rebounder. He scored 275 points in 23 games for a 12.0 average and grabbed 92 rebounds for a 4.0 mark. Stevens Tech finished 6-18.

Scott Berningham of Roselle Park, a Brookside Community College transfer, is a junior outfielder on the roster of the East Carolina University baseball team. The 6-2, 205-pounder is one of two New Jerseyans on the roster, the other being Freddie Loosener of Seacrest, also a Brookside College transfer.

According to the 1994 East Carolina media guide, Berningham will get the start at first base. He played for coach Paul MacLaughlin at Brookside the past two seasons and earned All-Conference and All-Region honors as a freshman.

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# First Corporate Classic scheduled for April 17

The Mountain State Indoor Tennis Club will host the first Corporate TEAM-TENNIS Classic on Sunday, April 17. The event will be a Patton & Miller Harley Production, with the proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The format of play will be men's, women's and mixed doubles. This event will follow the World TEAM-TENNIS playing format and rules. There will be a maximum of 12 teams in competition, so early sign-up is suggested.

This inaugural event is offering a great day of tennis, as well as VIP luncheon and many wonderful prizes and gifts for the players. Participating sponsors are Spalding, Thoro, Ultra Slim-Fast and Penn.

More information may be obtained by calling Donna Patton at 610-866-8380 or Sandy Miller Hudley at 908-322-0213.

Mountain State youth wrestler Eric and Mark Cantaglio won gold medals at the eighth annual Sabaton League Tournament held at Union High School.

Eric captured the 80-pound championship by pinning his opponent Mendham opponent.

Mark pulled off a sudden reversal and gained three back points to record a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over his Nitley foe in the 85-pound final. Mark traded 4-0 with 20 seconds remaining in the bout.

Other medal winners from Mountaintop included Tom Ehrhardt, third at 66; Robbie Berninger, fourth at 85; and George Grillingler, fourth at 90.

All of the Mountain State wrestlers won their medals in the 100-Year Division.

Receiving awards for dedication to the sport were Paul Savio, 100; and Edward Barron, 125.

The wrestling program is sponsored by the Mountain State Recreation Commission.

Roselle Park cheerleading tryouts can be reached by calling 908-709-7600. The camps will be co-sponsored by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and the Cranford Board of Education.

Age requirements are 8 prior to Aug. 1, 1994 and not over 14. Parents must attend first meeting on Monday, March 21. Final tryouts will be held Thursday, March 31.

More information may be obtained by calling Valerie Bielski at 908-241-7830.

Soccer Skills and Drills, Inc., a year-round soccer tutoring program which attracts students from all over New Jersey, is now enrolling students for its next season of classes which begins the week of Monday, April 11. Classes are held in the Westfield-Scott Plains area.

Reservations may be placed by calling school director Tom Turnbull at 908-763-8248.

# UCC Camps select instructors

Seven Sports Camps — instruction in softball, baseball, basketball, soccer and tennis — will be offered by Union County College this summer for area youngsters.

Registration is underway for the Seven Sports Camps and the organization can be reached by calling 908-709-7600. The camps will be co-sponsored by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and the Cranford Board of Education.

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# Four from area make it to the championship match

By J.R. Parachini Sports Editor

The following are how area wrestlers (North Zone of Worrall Community Newspapers) fared in last week's Region 3 Tournament at Union High School.

Four made it to the Finals, with Union's Dave Bubnowski at 103 and Frank Giorlando at 160 winning titles. Greg Francisca of Union was second at 140 and Roselle Park's Anthony Barra secured at 152.

Area wrestlers include:

From Union: 103-Dave Bubnowski, 125-Joe Bernieri, 130-Dan Zerna, 135-Julio Seltzer, 140-Greg Francisca, 145-Ron Bubnowski, 152-Mark Kennedy, 160-Frank Giorlando, 171-Frank Yarusi, 189-Jason Alatorre and heavyweight-Jayson Washington.

From Roselle Park: 119-Frank Farantino, 145-Mike King, 152-Antonio Barra, 160-Dan Fisher and 189-Ryan Vandereck.

From Dayton Regional: 103-Earl Glosin, 112-Andy Stein, 119-Eric Hawler and 171-Chris Reino (from Kenilworth).

From Johnson Regional (all from Kenilworth): 103-Willie Coburns, 125-Dan Tripodi, 160-Bob Jeans, 171-Nick Chonko and 189-Dave Rapp.

## Region 3 Wrestling

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# Johnson Regional football team to be honored at dinner Sunday

A dinner honoring the 1993 Johnson Regional High School football team will be held Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Westwood in Garwood.

Johnson Regional finished 6-3 under head coach Bob Taylor. The Crusaders bounced back from an 0-2 start by winning their next five games before losing a 22-17 decision at home to Immaculata. Johnson Regional was the first team to score against Immaculata in 16 regular season games.

The Crusaders finished third in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference behind champion Roselle Park and second-place New Providence.

"The dinner will feature a recap of Johnson Regional's 1993 season, the presenting of awards to all players, special awards presentations and recognition of two special spots celebrity guests, those being Mike Chalevski and Tom Hager."

Chalevski, a 1988 Brearley Regional graduate, went on to star at UCLA and is now defensive lineman in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Hager, a 1988 Johnson Regional graduate, played his college ball at Penn State and is now an offensive lineman on the NFL with the Chicago Bears.

Both players are preparing for their second year in the NFL with the Chicago Bears.

Chalevski played high school ball for Taylor and Hager for Steve Ciccone. Both earned first-team All-State honors from the Star-Ledger and Associated Press during their senior season in 1987.

Taylor was the head coach at Brearley Regional from 1974-1992 before taking over the job at Johnson Regional last year.

Also at the dinner will be Mike Rimbis, a 1989 Brearley Regional graduate, who was honored as the Collegiate Athlete of the Year. He will be honored as the Collegiate Athlete of the Year. He will graduate from Murray State in Kentucky in June.

RIB Changes will be announced for his coaching efforts at the Kenilworth Colts finished the 1993 season undefeated. More information about the dinner may be obtained by calling Taylor at Johnson Regional at 908-382-7529.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Favorite cartoon is seen in Burnet's stage musical

By Bea Smith Lifestyle Editor

David Allen, 14, wasn't chosen to play the lead role in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" for the Burnet Drama Club because he is in the honors society at Burnet Middle School.

Nor was it because he plays the trumpet in the jazz ensemble in the school's concert band, is a student at the Academy of Dance and Performing Arts in Union, loves books, participates in assisting the homeless at St. Joseph's in Elizabeth, and sells ads for the musical's program.

Allen simply auditioned for the role of Charlie Brown — a role which 150 youngsters tried out for — and just turned out to be the lucky one.

"I was really lucky," the eighth-grade student said after a recent visit to the office, accompanied by Gavilce Caponegro, Burnet's music director.

Caponegro, Caponegro is an English teacher at Burnet and a professional actress who serves as co-director of the musical with her husband, Sam, who teaches second grade at Bartle Hill School in Union.

Allen, who also worked with Gavilce Caponegro at the Union Music Center and who appeared in "Oliver Twist," said when he auditioned for the part, "I had a chance to sing two songs and had to act. I believe I got the role more by my acting. Also," said the teenager, "Charlie Brown is my favorite cartoon character. I love playing him. It gives me a chance to break away from myself. Acting gives you a reason to carry out your emotions — use up your energies — and instead of holding everything in."

Allen said he really feels the complexities of Charlie Brown. "I think he's kind of like a kid who got picked on by his own peers, and I don't think he knows how to deal with it."

According to Caponegro and Allen, "there are 60 kids in the cast. And," said Allen, "my best friend, Mike Letanier, is playing Schroeder." The other lead roles in the musical, which will be staged March 18 and 19, are played by Nikhi Thompson as Lucy, Debbie Lipkin as Lucy, Rosanna Chamberlain as Patty and Diane Foster as Snoopy.

"The kids develop really great friendships when they perform in the play together," said Caponegro. "Acting helps you to develop friendships."

Allen explained that "you learn how to deal with people. It also gives the kids something to do after school. And the parents are very supportive of all of the activities. A lot of the parents have a lot to do on the production end. And they rearrange their schedules for this play. We have parent volunteers, and it's unbelievable how many come here. They build platforms, scenery — they do practically everything."

"David," said Caponegro, "has a natural sense of being funny. He has excellent timing. It just comes naturally to him. The first year he performed — he's been performing for three years — I had him as a student in the music school. In this play, the kids dance around him, abuse him as Charlie Brown."

"You know," he declared, "I'm always looking for a play that the kids in the middle school can relate to. And they're almost all actors and actresses who have performed in the middle school. This is a play I could expand to actors and actresses, and they interact with the audience during some of the musical numbers."

Caponegro admitted that "this production is my interpretation of it. You want to use as many kids as possible."

"They all have great talents," added Allen. "And you know most of the kids in the band are in the play. You get a lot of great friends when you're in the band."

"We also have some excellent dances, dancers, an excellent choreographer, Cathy Dillon, who also is the assistant director," said Caponegro. "This year, I'm co-directing the play with my husband, Sam. He's excellent at musical staging. And," she smiled, "he has the patience of a saint."

Originally, the opening dates for the play were Feb. 25 and 26. "We were working until 6 p.m. every night," said Caponegro, "but there were too many snow days. We started in December, but we had to call off rehearsal too often because of the snow. We set the new dates for March 18 and 19. We still rehearse every day, and we're going to have more than 100 participants get paid."

"The parent volunteer committee includes Donna and Jeff Seltzer, publicity, Edie Leahy, costume, Dawni Metz-Burkhardt, special programs, Margoly Allen, ticket sales, and Barbara Glus, promoter coordinator."

# Arts & Entertainment

## Mime, pianist featured Saturday at Y in Union

Simon Slargo, mime, clown, tap dancer and magician will be featured at the Y-YOUTH of Union County, Green Lane, Union, Saturday evening in the third of a series of Russian performances held this year.

Each concert features the talents of Russian emigrés who are pianists, cellists, guitarists, vocalists, arrangers, and composers. Children are invited to participate in this program," said Myra Friedman of Springfield, series coordinator.

Enna Mamyeva also will stage a return performance to the Russian Bavianian folk dance set.

The Bavianian Club of Newark Inc. will celebrate its 64th anniversary of Bavianian folk dancing Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at Fiesler's Grove, Springfield Road, Union.

MUSIC will be provided by the "Honey Kickers" with entertainment by the club's adult and children's dance group. There also will be Bavianian folk dancers representing

ing the hospital's East Wing entrance. For evenings or weekends, one can contact the hospital's community resource coordinator Shirley Biegler at 233-3720, Ext. 370.

"The artist's works are for sale, with a portion benefiting the hospital, which reportedly is New Jersey's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital."

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## Rock 'n' roll Art Expo is held through Sunday

The Image Makers Rock 'n' Roll Art Expo is being held through Sunday at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 Route 10 East, Whippany.

The Beatles Monterey Pop Festival, adapted from the original concert organized by the Beatles in 1967 Monterey Pop Festival will have its first showing.

Among the more than 100 artworks will be the art of David Bowie, Ronald Wood, Carlos Santana, Ringo Starr, Yoko Ono, Rauli Meinzer, Michael Clarke, Roger McGinnis, Mickey Dolenz, Bobby Kriger, Michael Jackson, Ivan Jackson, Steve Nicks, Eric Burdon, Robert Smith, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Donna Summer, Miles Davis and John Lennon.

Door donations will benefit New Jersey Special Olympics, Children's Miracle Network and Children's Hospital of New Jersey.

Call Star, left, and Maxine Brodie of Mountaintop, get ready for the 36th annual Westfield Hadassah Art Show.

The 36th annual art show and sale organized by the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will open on the evening of March 19 in Temple Emanuel-EI, 756 East Broad St., Westfield, with a champagne reception and preview for the show's patrons.

The art show will feature more than 1,000 works of art in oils, watercolors, graphics, charcoal and sculpture by well-known artists. Included in the collection will be framed works, unframed portfolio pieces and sculptures from approximately 75 individual artists and 50 New York and New Jersey galleries.

Each year, the art show commissions an artist to create a limited edition graphic which is available in conjunction with the show. Those commissioned in past years have included artists such as Neil Blaine, Wolf Kahn, Chaim Gross and Will Barnet.

This year, Harry Davlin, a prominent Mountaintop artist, will create the limited edition graphic. The artist's long and distinguished career in painting and illustration includes drawing for national magazines, creating editorial cartoons, and in collaboration with his wife, Wendy, illustrating contemporary children's books. However, his architectural portraits are the culmination of his

life's work and reflect his prominent place in the American 20th century renaissance. His work has been displayed in many major group exhibitions, including one at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and an solo exhibition, such as one at The Morris Museum in 1991 called "Harry Davlin: A Retrospective."

The art show and sale serves as the primary means of fulfilling Westfield Chapter's commitment to Hadassah's programs, it was announced. "Funds raised have enabled medical researchers and physicians to achieve many breakthroughs in all areas of health care. Hadassah is today, as it has been since its founding in 1912, Israel's medical preceptor in testing, teaching and research."

The Hadassah art show and sale will be open to the public March 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 21 and 22 from noon to 9 p.m., and March 23 from noon to 6 p.m. Admission for adults is \$3 and for senior citizens, \$1.50. Students are admitted free of charge. "Le Petit Café" will be open weekdays for lunch between noon and 2 p.m. and for home-baked cake and coffee every day.

For additional information about the show and the limited-edition graphic, one can call (908) 233-6531.

Call Star, left, and Maxine Brodie of Mountaintop, get ready for the 36th annual Westfield Hadassah Art Show.



### Local cast featured in Kean 'Cinderella'

Kean College of New Jersey will present "Cinderella" in the college's Wilkins Theater as part of Kean's Theater series. Performance dates are tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Among the members of the cast are Scott Harrell of Roselle, who plays the Prince, and Christine Pagano of Union, who plays Lady in Waiting.

### Van Sant is director of mystery

Bill Van Sant of Rahway will serve as director of the Livingston Community Players' production of Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m. at Monmouth Coast Community Center.



The shoe fits. Scott Harrell of Roselle, as the Prince, fits the glass slipper onto Cinderella, played by Gretchen Nelson for the Kean College of New Jersey. Union, presentation of "Cinderella," tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the college's Wilkins Theater.

### New ballet to open at Rahway's Center

After having its world premiere at New Brunswick's State Theater a week earlier, a new ballet, "Carolina Shout," will be performed by the American Repertory Ballet Co. at Rahway's 1300-seat Union County Arts Center, Saturday at 8 p.m.

Under its new name and with Director Weber at the helm, the former Princeton Ballet debuted in October of last year. In December it presented a sold-out performance of "The Nutcracker" at the Union County Arts Center, its first appearance on that stage.

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### Play-a-thon concert with locals slated

The New Jersey Youth Symphony's annual Play-a-thon concert will be held Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m. at Woodbridge Center's South Court. The event will combine the five musical groups that make up the Youth Symphony family in Summit.

Each student orchestra meets weekly from September through May. It was announced that membership is determined through annual auditions in June, and selected students are required to pursue private study on their orchestral instruments.

### Judith Page's art displayed at Kean

The works of artist Judith Page will be on display at Kean College of New Jersey's James Howe Gallery, Union, through April 1. The exhibition will include sculpture, installations and works on paper.

Called "Text/Art/Text," the works chosen all use text as an integral element. "Shook," an installation completed in October 1993, consists of 22 black-painted, hand-drawn forms and 200 wire-wrapped paper vases.

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### Children's free concert to be staged on Sunday

The annual Plainfield Symphony Orchestra's free children's concert will be presented Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Plainfield High School auditorium, 950 Park Ave.

The first half of the concert will feature soloist Anilee Bodnar, an eighth grade student at Forrestale School, Rumsigle, the musical director and conductor of the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra. The music department's Scholastic concert scheduled.

The music department of Kean College of New Jersey, Union, will hold its annual scholarship concert March 30 at 8 p.m. in the college's Wilkins Theater.

# Health & Fitness

## Pyramid Fitness cited for compliance

Pyramid Fitness Center has been awarded a Certificate of Compliance from IRSA, The Association of Quality Clubs, in recognition of the club's adherence and adoption of the association's new baseline membership eligibility standards.

## Overlook Hospital joins consumer health network

Overlook Hospital, a major teaching affiliate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, has joined Consumer Health Network, New Jersey's largest independent preferred provider organization.

# Health & Fitness

## Caregivers can adopt strategies to assist, aid elderly loved ones

During the dark days of winter, home caregivers often face their biggest challenge: providing activities for their elderly parent or loved one to enjoy. According to Shirley Spoman, activities director at Cornell Hall Nursing Home, caregivers can resolve this challenge by adopting some of the strategies used by nursing homes.

## Cardiologist will discuss care after transplantation

A pediatric cardiologist will discuss pediatric heart transplantation at Overlook Hospital on March 22. Dr. Douglas Hsu from Babies Hospital at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City, will conduct the lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Medical Arts Center, located on the hospital campus.

## Y offers membership incentive program for spring

The YM-YWHA of Union County, located at 501 Green Lane in Union Township, will hold a membership incentive program this spring aimed at introducing new community members to Y facilities.

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Cast members of musical, Brian Komter of Roselle, left, and Joe Gaddes of Elizabeth go over the script to '42nd Street', which will be presented by the Union Catholic Performing Arts Co. weekends, March 18 and 19 and March 25 and 26 at 9 p.m. at Union Catholic Regional School, Scotch Plains. One can call 889-1600 for tickets.

### Local cast members set for 'Forty-Second Street'

The Broadway musical, "Forty-Second Street," will be staged by the Union Catholic Performing Arts Co. in its 13th season, on two successive weekends, March 18 to 19 and March 25 to 26 at 9 p.m. in the auditorium of Union Catholic Regional High School, 1600 Marjorie Ave., Scotch Plains.

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### Children's musicals slated at Paper Mill

The Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, is offering a spring series of weekend musicals for children at 11 a.m. starting with "The Incredible Merlin Magic Show" by Theaterworks USA on Saturday and Sunday.

Featuring performers include Christopher Cogan of Clark, Amy Carden, Lia Gougliaffello, Roselle resident Brian Komter, Joe Gaddes and Crystal Hulse.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door or can be reserved by calling 889-1600.

The Paper Mill will offer "adders to the sky" by the Shining Players on April 30 and May 1. This "international sampling of musical folkies" will include "The Water of Life," a drama from Germany, "Pamphlet of the Silver Teeth," a comedy from Russia, "Ladders to the Sky," a West Coast American Indian drama, and "Menthol," a comedy from Sicily.

Art exhibit set in Clark gallery  
An art exhibit is being held at the Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark, through March 25.

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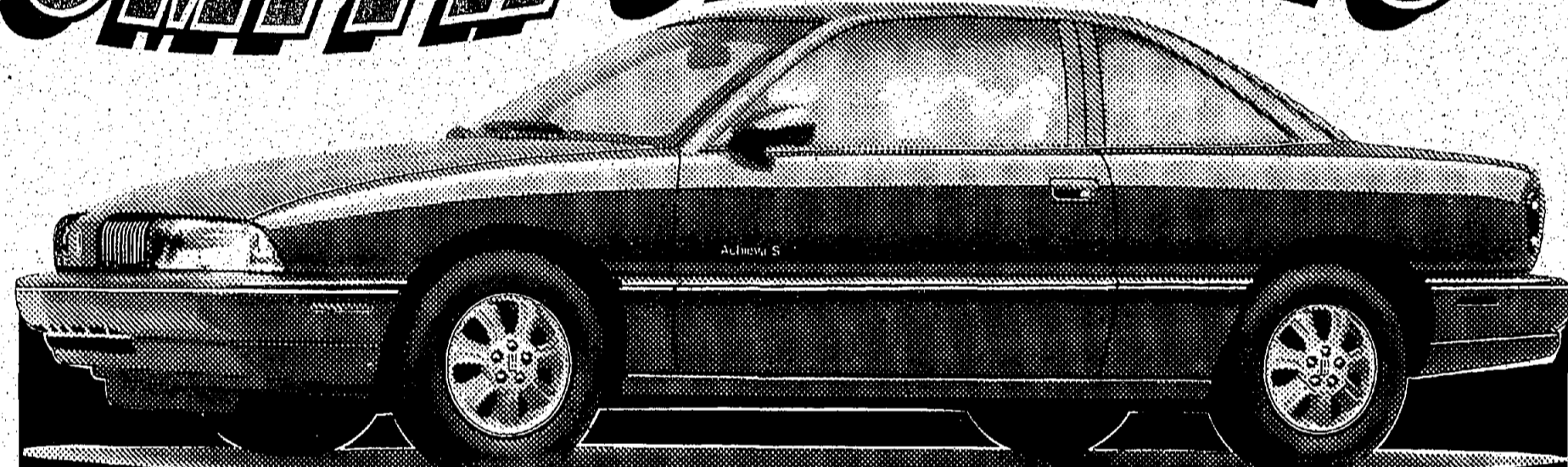
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### Community Update

#### 'Longest' search

The Springfield Bicentennial Committee is in search of the township's "longest living resident" and the family whose ancestors can be traced back the furthest to Springfield's early days.

The residents are being sought to participate as members of the grand annual contingent of the town parade, which will be held May 14 at 9 a.m.

Persons who think they may qualify, or anyone who knows someone who may qualify, should contact the Springfield Bicentennial Committee, P.O. Box 374, Springfield, 07081.

#### Regional sets fashion

On March 29 at 7:30 p.m., the East Gym of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School will be transformed into a showcase for prom fashions.

Students will model prom fashions from Teen Elegance of East Hanover and Marc's Formal Wear of Springfield. Diane Brown, owner of Teen Elegance, will provide a commentary on the fashions her store stocks for every size and budget, and a representative from Marc's Formal Wear will be available for taxides.

Refreshments will be provided, and a silent auction will be held for a variety of gifts. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or by calling (201) 376-6300. Proceeds benefit programs and scholarships sponsored by the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization.

#### Scholarships ready

Applications for the Thomas J. Ricciardi Scholarship Award are available at Jonathan Dayton and Governor Livingston high schools, the Mountainside Public Library and Mountainside Borough Hall.

Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded on the basis of need, scholarship, character, all-around ability and good citizenship. Residents who are high school seniors are eligible as well as older residents who may be planning to continue their education.

For more information, call Linda Miska, 233-7664; Pat Debbie, 654-5388 or Jeanne Wilhelm, 233-3248. Deadline for filing applications is April 30.

#### School schedule

Springfield public schools will be in session on April 5, 6, 7 and 8 because of the recent snow closings. The schools will be closed April 1 and April 4 for spring recess. The last day of classes will be June 24. This schedule allows for one more snow day.

#### Summer positions ready

The Springfield Recreation Department announced that it is taking applications for summer positions at the Springfield Community Pool. There are positions as lifeguards, front desk, day camp counselors.

Applications may be obtained at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call (201) 912-2227.

#### County issues IDs

In anticipation of the spring thaw, and another successful golfing season, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that identification cards for the county's three golf courses are on sale now.



Snow covers the Club House at Baltusrol County Club this winter. Photo by Milton Mills

### Baltusrol houses bicentennial ball

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor

Springfield was not even a town when Dutch settler Johannes Roll, who died in 1783, first put nail to wood at the top of Summit Road to build part of the house that would be the site of the "crimes of the century." Eleven years after his death, and 37 years before the fabled killing of his grandson, Baltus, Springfield was incorporated.

Although Baltus' life was cut short in 1813, Springfield is 200 years old this year and will celebrate its bicentennial at the club here on its land in 1895, Baltusrol Golf Club.

"The house that Johannes built," or at least built part of, in the 1780s became home to one of the most famous murders of the 18th century. Baltus Roll, a farmer in Springfield, was known for carrying precarious sums of money on his person and was rumored to store great amounts somewhere in his home. On Washington's birthday 1831, Baltus was taken from his house, dragged, tied and beaten by what his wife claimed were two men, one large and one small. They left him for dead in a puddle of icy water, where his wife would find him along with a neighbor a few hours later.

Baltus was dead by this time and that began a loosely publicized era of trial held in Newark, did see the conviction of suspected killer Peter B. Davis — for forgery while his supposed partner, Lycidas Bald-

### Committee votes to oust town planner

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor

The Township Committee voted unanimously during a special emergency meeting Friday to fire its township planner because they were dissatisfied with and no longer had faith in his services.

Committee member Harry Pappas called the meeting because he said he wanted the committee to determine the status of David Zimmerman, the township planner, after he "unilaterally" decided to change the amount of a Community Development Block Grant application.

The township originally thought it was applying for a \$350,000 grant to "rehabilitate" the downtown area. According to Zimmerman, the grant was unique because areas used to have to be labeled blighted to apply and since Springfield never qualified before, it stood a good chance of receiving the money. At that time, the committee agreed to pay Zimmerman no more than \$10,000 to fill out the application. Pappas said he should not receive the full amount due him. Zimmerman billed the township 2.57 percent of the original grant amount of \$350,000, so he should only receive the percentage of the amount he applied for, which was \$52,000, and reimburse the town the rest, Pappas said.

"The town will be looking to recoup those fees from him," Pappas said, adding a total of \$7,764. "We are looking for Mr. Zimmerman to make some sort of a gesture to return those monies or give a reasonable explanation of why he should not."

Zimmerman was advised by his lawyer, Arnold Chait of Vogel, Chait, Shwartz and Collins in Morristown, not to speak on the matter.

Chait, however, said he sees no reason why Zimmerman should have to pay the township any money because "in my opinion, he was hired to provide professional services, to provide a grant application and he did that."

Although Zimmerman does not have any pending work or assignments with the Township Committee, Chait said he is not "convinced" he was fired from the township because he also works for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment.

Committee member Herb Slovic said the committee was dissatisfied with Zimmerman's performance and how he handled the grant application. Slovic said after Zimmerman was told to move forward with the grant application at a set fee, he conferred with members of the County Revenue Sharing Committee and they suggested he lower the grant amount, but he never made it clear to the Township Committee that the amount had changed.

The Township Committee "feels very strongly that he should have returned to the committee," Slovic said, "and that he did not earn his fee."

The committee passed a resolution on Nov. 9 approving the grant application for approximately \$52,000 by a unanimous vote. Slovic was not yet a committee member.

Zimmerman did not clearly inform the committee that the application was reduced, Slovic said, "and as a result, it slipped through without the awareness of the Township Committee. As a responsible professional, he should have made it crystal clear what was going on."

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### Merchants discuss downtown's future

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor

Residents and business owners said they agreed with the Township Committee's unanimous March 8 decision to withdraw a Special Improvement District ordinance, but expressed concern over the status of the downtown business district.

Melvin Kevore, owner of Mack Camera and Video Equipment, said the committee "probably did the right thing by dropping it."

Some merchants and property owners want to improve the downtown business district but they need the cooperation of the Township Committee and the residents to make the area more viable. Merchants discussed beginning a chamber of commerce in the local area, but it needs support to keep going, since the SID was withdrawn, Kevore said.

"The township is in the same shape it was two years ago when an 11-person committee assembled to discuss what the downtown should look like and made recommendations for the buildings and landscape in Springfield, but the plans went awry, he said.

"One thing led to another and it just got overwhelmed and too far, too fast," Kevore said.

"For the most part, the town has improved slightly because of people on their own initiative," Kevore said. People erected awnings and signs to improve the look of their buildings.

Mayor Marcia Forman said the township will investigate joining the Union County Chamber of Commerce to get information and new ideas to bring to Springfield's merchants in hopes of starting their own chamber.

Springfield resident Richard Coan said he never supported the plan to revitalize the downtown, but hopes the committee takes action toward improving the area.

### Man arrested on bank fraud

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor

The Secret Service and the U.S. Immigration Service are helping police investigate a possible link between a Newark man they arrested March 8 on bank fraud charges, which cost area banks in excess of \$20,000, and residents in the suspect's native country of Nigeria, Springfield police said.

Springfield and Maplewood police arrested Raphael Usuonwan, 33, of Maplewood, at the Summit Bank in Maplewood. The bank called police and alerted them that Usuonwan was on his way to the bank to pick up an automatic teller machine card for one of the accounts he allegedly opened using a false identification, police said.

Springfield police said Usuonwan used false identification to open accounts at two branches of Citicount Savings Bank on Mountain and Morris avenues in Springfield. After the accounts were opened, he deposited worthless checks into them and withdrew cash from the same accounts, according to reports.

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### Report still projects herd increase despite deer hunt

By Heather MacGregor, Managing Editor

A four-day deer hunt in January in the Watchung Reservation, 82 of which were antlerless and 67 does, as a part of the deer management program for the Watchung Reservation.

The New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife removed and examined the reproductive tracts of the female deer killed during the hunt. The study revealed that 52 of the female deer, or 77.6 percent, were pregnant with one to three embryos each. The total number of embryos removed was 81. The report concluded that "coupled with the 88 deer removed directly by the hunt, there will now be 169 less deer in the Watchung Reservation in the summer of 1994 than there would have been without the four-day hunt."

A scenario posed in the report concluded there will be a total of 96 deer births in 1994, but without the hunt, births would have totaled an estimated 174. There is an estimated 50/50 male/female ratio of deer in the reservation. Prior to the hunt, there was an estimated 150 does in the reservation, and that total was reduced by 67, leaving 83 females after the hunt. Of the 83 females, 64 of them are expected to be pregnant with approximately 1.5 embryos each, which would bring the total herd number to 308 by July.

If the hunt had not occurred, according to statistics, there were 150 does and 77.6 percent of them, or 116 females, would have been pregnant, carrying 1.5 viable embryos which would have increased the population with 174 new births.

"The deer in the reservation were generally in poorer condition than those hunted in other deer management zones," according to the report, because of a diminished range area and food supply.

Recommendations

A Watchung Reservation Management Committee was recommended to include county staff, nature club, citizens and municipal representatives to further evaluate the hunt, make recommendations for deer population control and explore the feasibility of new control methods as technology makes them available.

A fence is scheduled to be constructed by the Trailsite Nature and Science Center to prevent deer from entering the area and determine the effects the deer had on the ecology, according to the report.

Volunteers are being solicited to remove the exotic plant species in the reservation, so the natural plants can regenerate themselves as well as other plants being grown at area nurseries, the report explained.

Hunt opinions

Daniel Henner, chief of the bureau parks operation, said he viewed the hunt as a success and now it is only a matter of time before the deer population control and explore the feasibility of

### Music men



Jonathan Dayton Regional High School students, from left, Billy Malcolm, John Fay, Brian Hart and Liron Ben Simon will be among the featured performers when the school presents 'The Music Man' on March 18 and 19.