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Borough Highlights

Fashion show
 The Deerfield School Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside is hosting its 11th annual Dinner Fashion Show on **March 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at L'Affaire restaurant on Route 22. The ticket price will be \$25 per person.
 The committee is looking for gift donations. Proceeds from the event go to the Educational Enrichment Program at Deerfield School. This year's fashions will be sponsored by the Gap of Short Hills.
 For more information, contact Donna McAdam or Susan Winter at (908) 232-8828.

Dinner scheduled
 The Union County Commission on the Status of Women is looking for honorees for its fifth annual dinner honoring "Women of Excellence" in Union County. The dinner will be held tomorrow at L'Affaire on Route 22 in Mountainside from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call Jacqueline Carr at (908) 247-0900, Ext. 5882.

Tee time
 The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross announced its 1997 Golf Tour, sponsored by GlenGate Apparel, Inc., of Mountainside. Golfers who participate will play in four events over the course of the season.
 The tour opens May 8 at Metedaconk National Golf Club, a course ranked in the top 50 in the United States. The next event will be on May 29 at Shackamaxon Country Club. W. Tillinghast, who also designed Baltusrol Golf Club. The third leg of the tour will be on July 10 at Echo Lake Country Club, and the finale of the tour will be on Sept. 29 at Baltusrol Golf Club.
 Each event will be preceded by lunch at the club. There will be hole in one prizes at each course along with nearest to the pin contests and a putting contest for a cash prize. There will be prizes for each event awarded at the reception that will follow the finale at Baltusrol.
 The tour costs \$1,000 which includes lunch and an award reception after the finale in September. There are only 12 places left, so call (908) 232-7090 now for further information or mail your deposit of \$250 to reserve your place to the American Red Cross, Westfield/Mountainside Chapter 321 Elm St., Westfield, 07090-3103.

Science fair
 Deerfield School in Mountainside will hold its annual Science Fair/Convention today in the school gymnasium. Students in grades K-5 will display projects from 12:30 to 1:40 p.m. for the school population. Members of the community are invited to attend from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. after the official judging is completed.

Preparing for the festival



Sal Arpino, Jehanne Junguenet, Nicole Taeschler and art teacher Lynn Slotkin from Deerfield School prepare for the upcoming Teen Arts Festival at New Providence High School on March 14 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., and March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On display will be works from students in the areas of creative writing, visual arts, video and performing arts.

School budget offers savings

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer
 The Mountainside Board of Education held a meeting Monday night instead of its normal Tuesday night to approve the school budget for the 1997-98 school year, which was due to the Union County Superintendent of Schools on Tuesday morning.
 Despite several delays from the state and several changes made by the state in the middle of the budget process, the local district completed the 1997-98 school budget in time for the Tuesday deadline.
 Although comparisons are hard to make between the 1996-97 and 1997-98 budgets because the local board is now responsible for budgeting the high school students as well, there will be a slight savings in the school portion of the tax bill. Not counting any tax levies from the municipal and county budgets, the average resident in Mountainside should realize a \$155 savings on their tax bill as a result of the new budget.
 The total budget for 1997-98 will be \$8,494,805, an increase of \$3,675,420 over last year's budget. The new budget includes all of the tuition for the high school students, which accounts for the bulk of the \$3.5 million increase. However, this represents a savings over having both a K-8 budget and a regional budget, as was the case in the past. The actual tax levy budget, or the amount that will have to be raised by local taxes, will be \$7,764,140.
 The local district has struck a deal for the tuition of the high school students with the Berkeley Heights School District, with the figure being \$12,500 per student for the 1997-98 and the 1998-99 school years. For the 1999-2000 school year, the cost will be the difference between the actual cost of educating each student and half of the present \$12,500. After that year, the cost will be the actual cost of educating each student, and the two districts are planning to sign a 10-year deal with Mountainside having the option to pull out of the deal with two years notice to the Berkeley Heights district.
 The next step is for the district to receive budget approval from the state, followed by a public hearing, before it is put to a vote by the residents.

Geiger seeks to advance borough school district

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer
 The candidates for the Board of Education have been announced, and there will be four residents running for the two open seats on the board. Each of the candidates will be profiled in coming issues of this newspaper. The first of these candidates is Board of Education President Frank Geiger, who is seeking election to his third term on the board.
 Geiger has been elected to the board twice, for a total of six years of service. For four of these years, Geiger has also served as board president, which entails running the Board of Education meetings and other duties for the board. Geiger, knowing that he was in for a race this year, took time to reflect on why he wanted to run for a third term. "I had heard some advance word that this year's election for school board would be a contested race, and before I decided to run, I thought I should have good reasons for myself before I tried to convince others that I would be worthwhile keeping on," said Geiger.
 During his six-year stint on the board, Geiger has been a part of many improvements to the district. "It was during my tenure that we brought a vice principal into Deerfield School, built a computer classroom with full school network, and by working with the P.T.A., we were able to put the library on that network. I continue that work today as a member of the school's Technology Committee, which will ultimately propose a five-year tech plan for the district," said Geiger.
 The dissolution of the regional high school district is another issue that Geiger has focused on during his tenure on the board. "Deregionalization became the big word that invoked a simple message — that the local school boards should run the local schools, period. This was my call to arms. Through the use of huge public meetings, and private ones that went well into the night, we were able to



Frank Geiger

Regional board tackles coach, staff vacations

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer
 The appearance of a smooth deregionalization process cracked at the Union County Regional High School board meeting Tuesday night when objections were raised over the handling of a coach's non-reappointment.
 About 90 people at the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School library, some related to the baseball, wrestling and tennis teams, voiced their upset when the board considered approving William Leonardi and Mark Domashinski as respective head and assistant baseball JDRHS coaches. Seven floor speakers decried the non-reappointment of Richard Iacono, who is also a health and physical education instructor at the school, was not reappointed and the new hires were made within a week of the season's start.
 "I don't understand why you let go a man who has coached here for 68 straight sports seasons and has not one negative comment made of him on his record in all that time," said Jim Renow.
 "The two assistant coaches heard about the head coach's non-reappointment and resigned," said Regional Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik. "I hope to have a second assistant coach hired in time for the first game Saturday."
 Iacono said that he considers himself still the wrestling coach and withheld further comment for legal reasons.
 In other news, Regional Education Association President Karen McNece decried the board's decision to send the question of accrued staff vacation time to the Commissioner of Education. McNece contends that the unused time should be transferred with the staffers' new positions after July 1 or be paid. The board, according to Merachnik, is asking Commissioner Leo Klagholz if vacation pay is as transferrable as sick pay in their Petition of Declaration for Relief.

Deer hunt success reported by county

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer
 The Watchung Reservation deer hunt is coming to a close for the year, and as of Friday, there were only eight days left in the hunt. The hunt, which has both supporters and opposition, is in the second year of a five year plan to bring the deer in the reservation down to controllable numbers to hopefully cut down on deer related problems in the county, such as the destruction of landscape and traffic accidents.
 According to Dan Bernier of the Union County Parks Department, 152 deer had been harvested in the Watchung Reservation as of Friday. This was the result of the controlled hunts that were conducted under the supervision of the parks department. Of the 152 deer harvested and examined so far, 89 have been female deer, a focus of the hunt used to control the future population. Of the 89 female deer, 62 were pregnant, many with twins and triplets. Of the 63 harvested male deer, none were trophy deer, which are deer with noticeable antlers.
 In response to residents' questions about the necessity of the hunt, the Union County Parks Department sent a detailed letter to residents in the county explaining several factors of the hunt. According to the mailer, the "New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and wildlife and forest ecologists recommend that the Watchung Reservation should sustain only 20 deer per square mile. Unfortunately the population in the park had jumped to approximately 180 deer per square mile by 1993. Sadly this proliferation — due primarily to the lack of natural predators — threatens the smaller mammals, songbirds and insects with loss of food and shelter (as vegetation is eaten away); increases the threat of Lyme disease; and annually causes over one hundred vehicle accidents and hundreds and thousands of dollars in property damage. The search for food by so many deer destroys the forest as well as whole species of wildflowers and shrubs are decimated and the browsing of all seedlings prevents the growth of new trees to replace those that die."
 According to Bernier, those who want the hunt end could lend a hand. "Those people who want the hunt to end quickly for whatever reason should help by getting the deer out of their backyards and into the hunting area. By shooting the deer out of their yards and not feeding the deer they could help the hunt come to a quicker end," said Bernier.

Here comes that puppet guy



Duke, That Puppet Guy, will be entertaining children at the library with a performance on March 15 at 2 p.m. Puppeteer and storyteller, Duke needs no stage for his performances. Instead, he is the stage with a 'bagshow' filled to the brim with puppet characters and props. The show is for all ages and free and open to the public, thanks to sponsorship by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library. Call the library at (908) 233-0115 to sign up or for more information.

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AT THE LIBRARY

The following new young adult paperbacks are available at the Mountainside Public Library. The teen fiction section has just been expanded to double its previous capacity.

Both children's and young adult areas will be increased with many new paperbacks for young people.

Lurlene McDaniel, "Don't Die, My Love," Christopher Pike, "The Tachyon Web," R.L. Stine, "The Confession," R.L. Stine, "What Holly Heard," R.L. Stine, "The Face," Lurlene McDaniel, "I'll Be Seeing You," R.L. Stine, "The Girlfriend," Bruce Brooks, "Midnight Hours Encores," Laura A. Sonnenmark, "Something's Rotten in the State of Maryland," Robert Cormier, "Beyond the Chocolate War: A Novel," Alden R. Carter, "Dogwolf," Sheila Gordon, "Waiting for the Rain: A Novel of South Africa," John Marsden, "So much to Tell You," Theodore Taylor, "Timothy of the Cay," Norma Fox Mazer, "Missing Pieces," Norma Fox Mazer, "Heartbeat," John Marsden, "Letters From the Inside," Paul Zindel, "David

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Afternoon video vacations made possible at library

Wintertime is armchair travel time, the perfect time to sit in a nice, warm environment and dream of faraway, exotic locales. The Free Public Library can help would-be travellers journey to some of the world's most dazzling and breathtaking locations with its Armchair Travel video series.

Would-be travellers are invited to bring brown bag lunches and view videos on four upcoming dates. Coffee and dessert will be supplied. All programs will be presented at noon.

On March 18 topics will include

Jordan and Madrid. On April 1, Mexico and Prague will be featured. Finally, on April 15, viewers will travel to the alpine peaks and forests of Germany.

All of the above videos allow the viewer to experience the people, history and architecture of the city or country featured. All programs are approximately 90 minutes long. Videos from these series are also available for loan.

The Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

Learn CPR and help save a life

The Springfield Community Conference Group will be sponsoring an American Heart Association Pediatric and Infant CPR Heartsaver course on March 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. Learn

these lifesaving techniques with no testing. The accredited course will be taught by Newark Beth Israel CPR Training Center and will held in the gymnasium at Walton School located at 601 Mountain Ave. The cost for the course is \$25 per person and participants must be 12 years or older to enroll. For further information and registration, call Kelly Gardner at 376-7699, or contact the Board of Education at 376-1025, ext. 1212.

Correction

The Springfield salon participating in the March 11 charity Salon-a-thon at Seton Hall University is Imagine Salon. Pictured in the photo in last week's edition of the Springfield Leader were Lisa Pistolise, Jill Marinello, Jennifer Kerchner, and Andrea Duarte.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

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• Students at the Gaudineer School in Springfield will present "South Pacific" today at 7:30 p.m., tomorrow at 11:30 a.m., and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. The performances will be held in the auditorium.

Friday

• "Educating Your Clients-Ways to Support Their Recovery Process" will be presented today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCADD offices at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield. This course will provide the counselor ways to use neurolinguistic programming and other advanced approaches to educate the client in maintaining recovery. The facilitator, Helen Kagan, MSW, Ph.D., is affiliated with Project REACH, Brooklyn, N.Y. Cost of the course is \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. For registration information, contact (908) 233-8810.

Saturday

• The Youth Group of the First Presbyterian Church will perform an original 1940's style audience participation murder mystery at 6 p.m. in the Parish House auditorium. The cast of characters will include a private investigator, gangsters, detectives, and ladies in distress. While being entertained, the audience can enjoy a home-made pasta dinner prepared by the Ladies Evening Group. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children under 12. For tickets call the Parish House at (201) 379-4320.

Sunday

• Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will feature a planetarium show on the Hale-Bopp Comet at 2 p.m. The comet is a mega comet with a nucleus about 15 kilometers wide and a million kilometer long tail. Each family will receive a comet chart. Admission is \$3 per person, and this event will run through the month. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

Rodney and his Rock and Roll Rocket return to Trailside at 3:30 p.m. to talk about Mr. Moonrock's capture by astronauts. Admission is \$3.

Monday

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

• The Springfield Girl Scouts will hold an interfaith service at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church to begin Girl Scout Week.

Tuesday

• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to

meet in a workshop session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.
- The TV-36 cable program "Managing Your Money" will feature "Living Trusts" at 7:30 p.m. The program will be rebroadcast Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Coming events

March 13

• Union County Clerk Rajoppi will speak on "Tracking Your Ancestors by Their Deeds, Wills, and Other Documents" for the Genealogical Society of the West Fields meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Westfield Memorial Library meeting room. The meeting is open to the public at no charge. For more information, call (908) 233-6360.

March 16

• The B'nai B'rith of Springfield will sponsor a trip to the Forum Theater in Metuchen to see a performance of "Schmunk's Waltz" at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22. Contact the lodge for reservations.

• The annual Purim Carnival will be held today at Temple Beth Am, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The carnival will feature games such as miniature golf, blackjack, a fishbowl toss, and a make-up booth. Food and drinks will be available. Tickets are 4 for \$1 and will be sold at the door. Those in costume will be given 1 free ticket. For more information, call (201) 376-0539.

March 18

• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

March 18

• The Springfield School district Technology Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Gaudineer Media Center. To attend, call (201) 376-1025 ext. 1419.

March 20

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

March 24

• The Springfield Board of Education will hold a hearing for the 1997-98 school budget at 7 p.m. in the board conference room in Gaudineer School.

March 25

• The Mountainside Board of Education will hold a school budget hearing at 8 p.m. at the Deerfield School Media Center.

Prior to the hearing, the board will host a reception for all Deerfield School volunteers in the library from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All volunteers are invited to attend. To attend, call Lorraine Davidson at (908) 232-3232.

March 27

• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold their luncheon meeting today at noon at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Following the regular meeting, Rabbi Alan Yuter, religious leader at Congregation Israel, will review "The Soloveitchik Memoirs." Yuter received his doctorate in Hebrew Literature from New York University and is a teacher of Judaic Studies at Touro College in Brooklyn, NY.

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School boards hammer out transfer policies

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education and its counterparts are deciding on the status of transfer students with the dissolving Union County Regional High School District by month's end.

Springfield and five other local school boards are negotiating among themselves for a free reciprocation agreement, a tuition-based send/receive plan or a combination of both. Under regional high school policy, students could transfer from their "home" high school to one of the other two district high schools tuition-free.

The policy will dissolve June 30, however when Jonathan Dayton, Arthur L. Johnson, Governor Livingston and the reactivated David Brearley high schools are to go under their respective Springfield, Clark, Berkeley Heights and Kenilworth Board of Education jurisdictions. April 1 looms as a larger deadline for the districts, however, as all public school boards must submit their proposed budgets for state Department of Education review by then.

Springfield's board has received a recommendation from its School Government Committee to continue sending one student to Johnson for auto shop. The other 10 students

attending Governor Livingston mostly for the English as a Second Language program, however, are to return home. Parents who want their children to continue their studies at Governor Livingston may do so on a tuition basis.

"We reviewed the four options submitted last month by School Superintendent Dr. Gary Friedland and other options," said board member and SGC spokesman Stephen Fischbein. "Our decision was not unanimous but is the best we came up with."

Friedland submitted four options Feb. 24 after an arrangement couldn't be reached with the Berkeley Heights Board of Education. The options were: establish tuition rates among themselves and Mountainside, set non-home school rates among the three, existing high schools, continue regional policy except for requiring all Springfield students to return to JDHS or keep all transfer upperclassmen at Governor Livingston and Johnson and pay their tuition. The four plans, based on an annual tuition of \$12,500 per student, would respectively cost \$225,300, \$231,550, \$47,430 or \$174,730.

"I wouldn't have presented the options if it weren't for the decision made by Berkeley Heights," said Friedland. "While we reached a reciprocal agreement with Clark, the

Berkeley Heights board feels they can provide a more efficient ESL program. They also face a situation whereby Mountainside's students would pay tuition and Springfield's wouldn't."

Friedland stressed that the board is to notify affected parents of the recommendation and the School Government Committee is to figure out what to do over participation in the Governor Livingston ROTC program. Public inquiry and a board vote may come either March 17 or March 24.

While Springfield received a recommendation, members of the Berkeley Heights and Mountainside boards reached a send/receive agreement on a tuition basis as it had under the region. Governor Livingston is also the only one of the three high schools with an ROTC.

"Both committees made an agreement in principle," said Berkeley Heights School Board Administrator William H. Van Tassel. "It wouldn't be fair to us if we asked Mountainside for tuition and others not. The agreement still has to be looked at by our respective attorneys and our board's approval may come Monday night."

"Our students will continue attending Governor Livingston," said Mountainside Superintendent of

Schools Leonard Baccaro. "The only question is in negotiating on a tuition figure."

While both Mountainside and Springfield are working out agreements to continue to send students to other high schools, the rest of the communities in the regional district are dealing with the subject of transfer students in different fashions.

"We're not presently in any negotiations with any of the other school districts," said Clark Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul J. Ortenzio. "The students who we take in from other schools will stay at Johnson to finish their education as well as the students we send out to other high schools for special education. Garwood students will stay here but will pay a monthly tuition to Clark as they have done with the district in the past."

"If we receive as many students as we send out," said Ortenzio, "then the tuition balance will be a wash. I understand that Winfield is undergoing a study for its students but they haven't contacted us. Their students attend Rahway High School."

"We're in a send/receive policy with Clark for Johnson," said Garwood Superintendent of Schools Carole Choye. "Mountainside is in the same direction as we have no high schools of our own."

"Our intention is to bring all of our students back to David Brearley High School," said Kenilworth Schools Superintendent Dr. Lloyd Leschuck.

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For resident, karate is not just medals

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

When Springfield resident Serge Grinshpun took up karate about two years ago, he had no idea he would end up a medal winner in the Pan-American Games at Manzanillo, Mexico last January.

"It was unbelievable," said Grinshpun of the experience. "Just to go there and compete with members from other countries was something. The organizers have you stand on a podium with a medal and play your national anthem, it's a big ceremony."

Grinshpun, 16, won bronze medals in the self-defense and spine categories. The red belt was one of 1,000 athletes from 36 nations competing in the Pan-Am Games, which is considered next to the Olympic Games in stature. He and 14 other karate practitioners were part of the 150-member United States delegation.

Grinshpun's road to Manzanillo began in Linden. He happened upon a karate demonstration and watched the grace and strength of the sport's athletes. He was hooked and started going to a center in the city.

"Karate gives me energy and confidence," said Grinshpun. "It also taught me perseverance; each time I go for a higher belt, there are more skills to master and greater difficulty."

"It has changed Serge for the better," said his father, Gennady. "Before karate, Serge would come home after school and lie around. Now, he has more energy and a schedule to follow."

The Grinshpuns moved to Springfield a few months after Serge took up karate, forcing them to find a new school. They found a school in Karate World, of Kenilworth, and a master in Chief Instructor Jeff Dunn. "One of the things that Master Dunn does is that he has some of the students teach younger students," said Serge. "He treats his school like a family, where we can help with each other's problems."

"Master Dunn is a real instructor of karate and of life," said Serge's mother, Raisa. "He takes the time to teach each of his students. He asks how their grades are and not to go into drugs or other bad behavior. If there's a problem with two people, he'll talk with one, then the other person to work it out."

"Karate World practices the Jhoon Rhee system of Tae Kwon Do," said Dunn. "We stress knowledge in the mind, honesty in the heart and strength in the body plus patriotism and a B average in school. We also take part in karate competitions."

Grinshpun first competed in a state event about a year ago, where he finished first and second in two forms. Encouraged, he went to a super challenge competition in Springfield, Va., where he took second against more experienced competition. The big leap to the Pan-Am Games for him and the Karate World team came when they won 11 medals in a qualifying meet in New Brunswick last November.

"Making Team USA was a pleasant surprise," said Dunn. "Manzanillo is on a seacoast, which gave the tournament a vacation-like feel."

Hough joins regional school board

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The swearing in of Robert A. Hough to the Union County Regional High School District Board of Education was more than the panel's meeting highlight Tuesday night.

Hough's induction as Springfield's representative comes at a historic time. The township's own Board of Education takes over operation of Jonathon Dayton High School as the regional district dissolves July 1.

"I'm serving on the board to see that the deregionalization is completed efficiently and in the best interests of the district and the township," said Hough. "I want to make sure that the students get the programs they deserve and not fall through the cracks."

"Mr. Hough is an excellent addition to the board," said Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald A.

Merachnik. "He is interested in education, school athletics and is an independent thinker."

Hough, who is a civil engineer employed by Van Note-Harvey Associates of Princeton, is a member of the Alumni Board of Directors of the Pingry School. He also holds a long-standing interest in township athletic programs.

"I was involved in athletics during my time in Pingry and met some peo-

ple in the Springfield Junior Baseball League," said Hough. "Over the last 14 years, I was coach in the Minuteman and Junior American Legion Baseball Leagues and ran the SJBL Pony division."

"Bob ran the Pony division for the last seven years," said League President Joseph Catello. "The League has benefited greatly from his coaching and directing efforts."

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Slowly but surely

The Mountainside School District has inched another step closer to assuring that borough students receive competitive technology training. Last week, the Board of Education approved appointments to the Technology Committee, and seriously examined the role of a fund-raising foundation to support the committee.

We firmly believe that such a foundation is vital to the success of the Technology Committee's aims. If such a foundation is not established, the committee will be forced to rely upon school budget funds to support technology upgrades. Funding is not guaranteed, unlike changes in technology.

We are happy that the board is moving cautiously to assure that such a foundation will be established properly.

Still questioning

So far, this season's deer hunt in the Watchung Reservation can be seen as a success, depending on one's point of view.

The deer harvest is well ahead of the scheduled projections, which has county officials optimistic about the overall success of its five-year deer population control plan. However, those opposed to the plan are not celebrating by any means, as evidenced by the influx of letters detailing a public sentiment that is somber, rather than angry, as it has been during past seasons.

It appears that the populace has accepted, some begrudgingly, that the county-sponsored deer hunt is a fact of life. But some questions are still being raised as to the necessity of the hunt.

Towns throughout Union County, and especially those along the reservation's borders, are grappling with how to deal with roaming deer. This alone should be evidence that there is a perceived, if not real, problem with deer.

Residents who have driven through area towns and have almost crashed into a deer in the middle of the road during the night can count themselves lucky. It is clear to us, and to a majority of the populace, that some methods of controlling the deer population are still necessary.

Nevertheless, we understand the concerns that many have with hunters roaming the Watchung Reservation. Most of the reservation's neighbors are not used to the sight of hunters or the sound of gun shots, and many are opposed to the hunt on principle.

We too have concerns about allowing hunting in Union County. However, this seems to be the only sure, and so far successful way of dealing with the overpopulated deer problem. If a better solution can be found, we urge concerned residents to voice such options to the freeholders.

Simply saying that hunting must be stopped is not sufficient until a reasonable, effective alternative can be provided.

Clear sailing

It would seem the last hurdle blocking deregionalization has finally been cleared.

Two weeks ago, a state appeals court upheld last year's referendum process for the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District. Garwood appealed the outcome of the referendum, saying in part that the dissolution should not have been left to the voters to decide.

That appeal represented the last organized effort to stop dissolution. From here it's clear sailing, but it should have been that way months ago.

When Garwood initially announced its intention to appeal the decision, we urged them to reconsider. They didn't.

So the Garwood Board of Education had to learn the hard way that their efforts would be a waste of time.

In fact, there were no indications that there might even be a chance of overturning the decision. The majority of voters in the regional district municipalities wanted dissolution, and Clark — which also voted to reject dissolution — did not join Garwood in its effort to stop it.

The plan was doomed from the beginning. But the court also rejected a number of issues that Garwood raised regarding deregionalization.

One of those was the issue of "equity" — that Garwood had paid school taxes to the regional school district for about 60 years. Garwood has no regional school buildings that would be transferred to its school board and had threatened to sue because of this issue.

But this was specifically rejected by the appellate court as being "without legal basis."

Believe it or not, the Garwood council has joined the Board of Education to determine what else can be done to prevent deregionalization.

When will Garwood face the fact that deregionalization is real and cannot be stopped? They should join Clark, Kenilworth, Springfield, Mountainside and Berkeley Heights to prepare for September instead of wasting taxpayers' money on useless legal fees.



HISTORIC PICTORIALS — Fifth-graders in Barbara Dubno's class at Deerfield School created posters commemorating Black History Month. From left are Jamie Zawislak, Joseph Nicastro, Christopher Perez-Santalla, Jenna Spadaccini, Erin Sanders and Michael Amalfe.

Growing club seeks members without blame

Some new members are joining a rapidly growing organization called "The Not My Fault Club."

The club contends that if anything happens of a heinous nature perpetrated by a suspect who is holding a smoking gun, others are to blame.

The latest member to join is a Palestinian who sprayed the 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building with bullets, killed one, seriously wounded six and then killed himself.

Authorities found a rambling note in the man's pocket blaming assorted plots against him including France, the United States, England and others who stole money from him. The man did not blame himself, but rather on the misdeeds of others. This is becoming more and more standard procedure.

In another case, a man is on trial for his life for killing his two children. His reason? He was despondent over the possibility that his ex-wife would bring up the children as Christians instead of in the Jewish faith. The perpetrator's other excuse as to why the slayings were not his fault is that he came from a dysfunctional family where he was treated rotten by his parents all his life.

Again, other, unnamed people or things are the root of all evil. How

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

many times do you read about an accused killer who is painted by his/her defense attorney as a poor misunderstood person, who came from a wretched background and it was that which made him/her wipe out a dozen people. No one is responsible for what he or she does. "Others" are to blame.

Early in the 18th century, England decided that if a person were found to be truly insane, it would not be morally right to execute that person because insanity drove him to the crime. It was called the McNaughton defense and has been in use for over 150 years. We agree with that defense because a truly insane person obviously does not know what reality is and shouldn't be punished for a crime he could not help committing. The English courts under those circumstances would find the suspect innocent by reason of insanity and locked up in an asylum for the criminally insane. In most cases, the defendant would spend the rest of his/her life there, in an atmosphere worse

than death. Charles Dickens called such places "Bedlam."

In this country, we seem to use the McNaughton defense for every crime imaginable. No one goes to the dock these days without claiming to be a victim of circumstances beyond his/her control, and, therefore innocent and should not be punished.

One of the most popular defense strategies besides out and out insanity today are dysfunctional families, under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the incident, and depression, or symptoms of extreme stress. These all sound good, but we wonder how many people feign these cracks in the psyche or are just plain lying.

Is there any wonder why many people in this country are losing faith in our judicial system when defendants get off with a slap on the wrist or a small jail sentence for an especially horrendous crime? How many times do we read about a murderer who was sentenced to life imprisonment only to be released in 10 or 15 years and commit murder again?

However, the greatest problem we face today is that many of us refuse to own up to our travesties. It's always the other guy, or a way of life that somehow becomes the villain. This

does not just extend to murder but to other crimes such as robbery, child molestation or other kinds of physical abuse.

Defense attorneys must stay up all night to think up new excuses to "prove" their clients innocent in the face of insurmountable proof that guilt is obvious. We find this happening on all levels the man who threw the snowball at a Giants football game two years ago said he was singled out for ridicule when his photo was published in the newspaper in the throes of lobbing a snowball. He's suing.

And what about the little old lady who sued McDonald's because she spilled a cup of hot coffee on herself while driving a car. She blamed McDonald's for the incident, sued and won, but did not get as much as she sought when another, more sensible court, lowered the amount of money.

If we learn someday that we are responsible for our actions, perhaps the world will become a little better place in which to live. Blaming our misdeeds on others is nothing more than a big cop-out. Why is it so difficult to accept blame for what we do?

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

Deer hunt ignores science and benefits few

Not one of Union County's rationales for the annual deer slaughter in the Watchung Reservation is scientific, cost-effective or truthful. Shenanigans, not science, rules our county recreation department's deer slaughter. Union County does not even have one qualified life scientist running our parks. No wonder shenanigans, gunplay and juvenile "man scout" maneuvers have replaced scientific park management and maintenance in Union County. The Watchung Reservation has become a private gun club for privileged and anonymous county employees that police themselves. This gunplay with baited deer is a costly political hoax.

A large and vocal group of Union County residents have continually appealed to freeholders with documented evidence that exposes the embarrassingly juvenile Watchung Reservation war-games as unnecessary, unscientific and self-perpetuating. We are hoping that the new board of freeholders will examine the following scientific facts and put an immediate end to the Watchung Reservation deer slaughter:

- There is no deer over-population in the Watchung Reservation. The deer population is not currently nor historically even close to the biological carrying capacity of the Watchung Reservation.
- There are no starving deer in the Watchung Reservation. There never were any starving deer and there are no indications of starvation in the future. Union County deer are above standard weight.
- Watchung deer meat is not USDA



inspected or USDA stamped, yet politicians are bragging about feeding this uninspected wild deer meat to unsuspecting poor people of Union County. Do Union County politicians actually think that the public is so stupid that we do not understand that uninspected deer meat remains uninspected regardless of where it is cut-up? The butcher shop used to cut-up the deer is undeniably USDA approved. However, that USDA approval only means that the shop is clean. Use of a USDA approved butcher shop says nothing about the bacterial, viral and pesticide/toxin content of wild deer meat. Deadly contaminants cannot be visually detected even by USDA butchers in USDA approved butcher shops. It is unscrupulous for the general public and the poor to be misled this way. Gunmen shoot wild deer in the woods, drag the carcasses through the woods to a truck, hang and drain the dripping deer carcasses in an unrefrigerated county barn for days until finally the never-inspected, unrefrigerated carcasses are trucked to a butcher for grinding. The USDA tells us that uninspected wild deer meat certainly could be contaminated with viruses, bacteria, pesticides and heavy metals like arsenic and lead. The

unsuspecting poor are being exposed to potential health risks while being made scapegoats to glorify a private sports club at the public's expense. Yet, our freeholders brag about feeding untested chopped deer meat to poor people.

• Deer have absolutely nothing to do with the spread of Lyme disease. The incidence of Lyme disease is not at all affected by deer populations. Killing deer does not protect us and does not reduce Lyme disease. In fact, deer blood kills the Lyme disease spirochete.

• The currently ignored Baird Study, an 83-page scientific document produced by Professor James Baird of Rutgers University, provides a detailed scientific retrospective and future plan to maintain a healthy reservation. This in-depth study clearly exposes the lies and gross negligence that is destroying our once pristine Watchung Reservation. For corroboration of these facts, The Summit library has an available copy of "The Ecology of the Watchung Reservation — A Description of the Biotic Communities and Recommendations for their Management Prepared at the Request of the Union County Parks Commission" of 1956. The age of this document in no way diminishes its validity. This document was effectively designed to endure and guide

Watchung Reservation management indefinitely.

The Baird Study and science in general has been ditched and replaced with crony tactics and unqualified recreation chiefs. As a lifelong senior resident of Mountainside and a civic-minded taxpayer, I am appalled by the political gun club that is destroying our once tranquil community. My family has always cherished the natural setting of our beloved community and has contributed to its preservation. Tragically, for the past five years and now through the new millennium, residents are made to endure horrific and endless gunblasts and the sights and sounds of baited, wounded and dying deer. The yearly slaughter in our backyards destroys our quality of life and spits in the faces of taxpayers.

I implore all concerned residents to call the freeholder board at 527-4116 and tell them to stop the Watchung deer slaughter now. The freeholders can return our law to its original form, which for 100 years clearly and wisely prohibited hunting in Union County, Union County Statutes: Chapter 115, Article III "Animals." The recently added Paragraph "F" of Article III must be removed immediately.

Lucy Blazo is a resident of Mountainside.

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'Work First' will solve the welfare problem

Just last year, Congress passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Act to use federal block grants to give states the authority to establish and design their own welfare programs.

Against that backdrop, we in New Jersey began working on a program to break the cycle of poverty by offering a hand up, not a hand out. Our result? Work First New Jersey.

I'm a proud sponsor of the Work First New Jersey legislation. It is a program developed with truly bipartisan support and the assistance of community and advocacy groups from across our state. And now we are on the verge of enacting one of the most balanced welfare reform packages in the nation.

Our program starts with a simple premise: Anyone who is able to work should have to, in order to receive

Eye on Trenton

By Sen. C. Louis Bassano

benefits. This legislation is designed to help people make the transition from the welfare rolls to the workforce.

It has many components to assist the welfare recipient in making the transition to employment, from job training to providing child care. In fact, the child care will be provided by other recipients working for their benefits.

In addition, the program:

- Sets a five-year limit on receiving benefits.

- Requires participation in work activities for the Community Experience Work Program.

- Requires teenage welfare parents to live at home and finish high school.
- Consolidate and streamlines the costly welfare bureaucracy.

While we felt that this legislation would be successful in moving people off welfare, there was still welfare fraud to address.

We're all taught that hard work and values built this country. But too often today it seems the reward goes to those who abuse the system. We set out to change that.

Through the use of finger imaging and statewide electronic benefit distribution system we can ensure that those receiving benefits meet strict eligibility requirements. After all, every dollar diverted from someone who truly needs it is a dollar stolen from New Jersey's taxpayers.

No longer will illegal aliens and convicted felons receive benefits, and this legislation also requires welfare recipients to establish paternity and increase efforts to enforce child support payments.

You see, when an estranged parent doesn't pay court-ordered child support, very often the children are forced into receiving taxpayer-funded benefits. It's about time these deadbeats faced their responsibilities.

Our welfare reform legislation has been dubbed the "working approach to welfare," and I believe it will work on many levels. It will work for those who want to break out of a life of government dependency. It will work for those teens who have to finish school and live at home. It will work by cracking down on fraud and abuse. It will work by setting real time limits on government assistance. And, by making sure able bodied persons work to receive their benefits.

Just as importantly, it will work for the taxpayers. They'll no longer be forced to pay the bills for a system that produced no results, accomplished very few goals and simply didn't work.

C. Louis Bassano represents the 21st Legislative District in the state Senate. The district includes Union, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Summit and Springfield.

Accidents highlight activity

A two-car accident on a ramp for Route 22 East resulted in an apparent injury for one driver Thursday afternoon. The driver of a Honda Accord with two passengers stopped on the ramp's entrance from northbound South Springfield Avenue when he was struck from behind by a Ford Fiesta at about 4 p.m. The driver of the first vehicle complained about neck pain and sought treatment on his own while the Fiesta driver received a summons.

Another Springfield driver complained of back pain after a midnight hit and run Saturday. The Subaru motorist was waiting for the light to change on westbound Morris Avenue when he was hit from behind apparently by a yellow Jeep with New Jersey plates. The Jeep pulled around the stricken Subaru and continued onto southbound Mountain Avenue. The motorist sought medical help on his own while his car was towed.

Eastbound Morris Avenue was the site of a two-car accident 14 hours later. The first driver, operating a BMW 540, was approaching Caldwell Place when an operator of a Hyundai in the left lane came down on him. While both cars suffered minor damage, the latter driver received a summons.

A Pontiac driver was proceeding around a 25-mile per hour bend on northbound Baltusrol Way when he skidded into a guardrail at about 5 p.m. Saturday. Police extricated the car, which landed 500 feet short of Temple Avenue, and checked its brakes.

A staff member at Bennigan's on Route 22 West reported a theft of ser-

POLICE BLOTTER

vice at 11 p.m. Saturday. Apparently, a customer skipped out on dinner and drinks worth \$76.22. There is no report whether the deadbeat enjoyed the meal.

A check on a parked car turned into a drug bust when police encountered three occupants in a vehicle by an Edison Place residence at about 8 a.m. Saturday. A resulting search recovered an amount of heroin, a hypodermic needle and paraphernalia. The trio, identified as Brenda Jean Bonaci and Fred Forrest Franklin, of Nesquehig, Pa., and Roland A. Almont Jr., of Allentown, Pa., were arrested for each of the three counts of said possession.

An employee of Springfield Nissan on Route 22 reported three missing wheels from the premises at 11 a.m. Saturday. The wheels, each valued at \$300, were rolled away sometime overnight.

A serious three-car accident resulted in the injury of at least one driver at the intersection of Morris and Miesel avenues at about 7:30 a.m. Sunday. The driver of a Volvo and a Nissan were crossing southbound Meisel when a westbound driver on Morris had his brakes fail at about 35 miles per hour. The Toyota's impact pinned the Volvo driver and pushed both cars into the Nissan.

The second driver had to be cut out by the Springfield Fire Department. Both the Toyota and Nissan had to be towed. The first car's master cylinder was examined by police and its driver fined.

We want your news

Your organization should be getting the publicity it deserves and we would like to help. We have a publicity handbook which explains how to tell your story. We would like to publicize your club, church, sports, school news, etc. If you have an idea for a picture or story, call Worrall Community Newspapers at 686-7700, Ext. 327 weekdays before 5 p.m. If you'd like a handbook, call and one will be mailed to you.

Election coverage guidelines

In fairness to all school board candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, this newspaper has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of Board of Education elections.

According to the guidelines, this newspaper is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important political events such as candidates nights and fund-raisers in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories.

If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made. News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election.

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader service objectives of this newspaper in school board elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 15 elections: Letters to the editor: Political letters, and those of endorsement, will be accepted up to and including the issue of April 3. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Letters containing more than 75 words will be edited for length. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates running for office will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. Their columns will appear April 3.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials will appear April 10. **Staff-written round-up stories:** A final look at the candidates, their platforms and goals, etc., will appear April 10.


Election results: Election results will be announced on this newspaper's Infotrace hot line. Look for the telephone number and extension in the April 10 edition and listen to the results as they come in on April 15. Follow up with complete election result coverage in our April 18 edition.

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"With the implementation of the Under 50 Plan, New Jerseyans of any age who are on Medicare and who need more comprehensive insurance will be able to purchase a policy to supplement the coverage they receive from the Medicare program," Randall said.

The Under 50 plan is the result of legislation enacted in 1995 to provide supplemental insurance to eligible persons under age 65 who are on Medicare. Such private insurance complements Medicare by covering costs not covered by Medicare, including deductibles, co-payments, and emergencies while traveling outside the United States.

Before the new law was enacted, there was no statute requiring insurance companies to offer Medicare supplemental coverage to persons under age 65, and by April 1995, no company was voluntarily offering Medicare supplemental insurance to those under age 65.

The Legislature responded by passing a law, which Gov. Christine Whitman signed, requiring that Medicare supplemental Plan C coverage be made available in two stages.

The first requires all insurance companies offering the Medicare supplements to those over age 65 to offer Medicare supplemental Plan C coverage to residents ages 50 to 64. This insurance supplement has been available since October 1995.

For those under age 50, the legislation established a board of directors to implement the plan, whereby one selected insurance company would issue the policies. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey was awarded the contract.

The legislation provides for an industry-wide assessment that will help to pay for the anticipated higher losses of the plan.

The implementation of the Under 50 Plan was reviewed by officials at the federal health care financing administration.

"Given the close interplay between the proposed Under 50 Plan and the federal Medicare Program, HCFA, the board, and New Jersey's banking and insurance department officials were careful in their review to assure the program complied with all federal requirements," said Board Chairperson Kara Navarro of Bankers Life and Casualty Company.

Applications are available immediately and policies will be written effective Jan. 1. Premiums for the new Under 50 Plan will be \$105.23 per month. In addition to the new supplement Medicare Plan C coverage, consumers continue to have the option of joining one of eight Medicare-Contracting HMO's in New Jersey. Supplemental insurance is not necessary with a Medicare-contracting HMO.

Consumers interested in receiving the buyers guide explaining the program can call the Senior Citizens Information and Referral Hotline at (800) 792-8820. To receive applications for the Under 50 Plan, call (800) 466-BLUE.

Recreation departments offer senior options

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Local recreation departments are a great source of activities for seniors and the Summit and Springfield recreation departments are no exception, offering many trips and local activities for seniors to take part in on a weekly basis.

In Summit, the Recreation Department has the Golden Age program which plans activities and trips for local seniors. According to Mae Rosol, director of the Golden Age program, the upcoming months have a lot in store for the Golden Agers.

On March 7, a representative from the Automobile Association of America will visit to talk about travel safety. On March 14 the program will serve a corned beef and cabbage lunch and an Irish singer will be performing Irish songs for the group to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. On March 17 the program has a bus trip to Atlantic City planned. On March 21 it will be Blood Pressure Day with free blood pressure checks for everyone in the morning, and a clown magician will perform in the afternoon.

Also, every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon there is an arts and crafts program at the Recreation Center, sponsored by the Golden Age program, where each week the participants make different projects with arts and crafts.

The Springfield Recreation Department will offer many day trips for area seniors, according to Theresa Herkalo. On March 14, for St. Patrick's Day, there will be a day trip to Mt. Haven, Pa. for a corned beef and cabbage lunch and sight seeing. On



Photo By Barbara Kikkalis

Barbara Davis, Harold Davis, Kitty Searles, and Wilma Schenack enjoy a meal at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center in Springfield. The Springfield Recreation Department will offer upcoming trips for seniors, including a day trip to Pennsylvania, a paddle boat trip along the Jersey Shore, and a visit to the Hunterdon Playhouse. For more information, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (201) 912-2227.

April 11 the seniors will be going to the Hunterdon Playhouse to see the play "Enter Laughing." In June they will be taking a trip on the Sandy Hook Lady, a paddle boat that travels along the New Jersey Shore.

The big trip planned for June will be a week long trip to Canada. The

Canada trip will take them to the LeChantecler Hotel in the Laurentian Mountains where they will visit St. Sauveur, St. Agatha, Ottawa, and Montreal. There will also be a Memorial Day picnic at the Recreation Center where the seniors will have a barbecue dinner, and on Labor

Day they will have their annual picnic at the Municipal Pool which will be a catered affair.

Anyone interested in taking part in these programs can contact their local Recreation Department. For Summit, call (908) 277-4119, and in Springfield, call (201) 912-2227.

PAAD adjustments to come

As of Wednesday, elderly and disabled people who cannot afford prescription medicines will be able to have higher incomes and still qualify for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled program, Commissioner Len Fishman announced today.

A law signed by Gov. Christine Whitman in 1995 provided for annual adjustments to the income limits, which next year will reflect a 2.9 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits. The income limit for single people will be \$17,550, instead of the 1996 limit of \$17,056. The income limit for married couples

will be \$21,519, instead of \$20,913.

Under PAAD, a beneficiary can buy prescription medicines and certain diabetic testing materials for \$5 per prescription. About 228,000 people were served by the program in 1996 at a cost of approximately \$171 million.

To be eligible for the program, you must be a permanent resident of New Jersey, and either at least 65-years-old or at least 18 and receiving Social Security Title II disability benefits. For more information or to apply for the PAAD program, call the Department of Health and Senior Services toll-free hotline at (800) 792-9745.

County chosen to participate in seniors program

Union County is one of four counties chosen by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to begin NJ Easy, Access Single Entry, a pilot program designed to create easy, local access to a coordinated system of senior citizens services.

"NJ Easy will allow senior citizens and their families to get information about needed services, or to enroll in programs such as Meals on Wheels or Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled," said Freeholder Walter McNeil, liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging. "Through the Union County Division on Aging, designated as the lead agency in the county, individuals and their caregivers can gain a broad range of information, an array of service options, individual screening and assessment, service planning and care management."

The NJ Easy vision statement identifies itself as a "Consumer focused statewide system that aids access to services for older New Jersey Citizens, that promotes informed personal choices, dignity and use of high quality and cost-efficient services."

The single-entry system for senior citizens is scheduled to be in place in Union by the end of this year.

Key county personnel attended a two-part, one-day orientation on NJ Easy at the county Administration Building in Elizabeth, and were introduced to an overview of the program and its implementation utilizing service delivery models, core services and technology.

Twelve counties are designated as demonstration counties, including Union, which means their offices on aging are the designated area agencies on aging and the focal point for advocacy and coordination of services for

older adults. Each demonstration county must also have a working relationship with the County Welfare Agency.

"This is a natural fit to the one-stop shopping concept we have initiated in county government," said Union County Freeholder Ed Force. "Our Total Quality Management program has instilled more of a sense of teamwork in our employees, and having one of our divisions as the lead agency for NJ Easy is right up our alley."

Demonstration counties were chosen to represent the state as a whole, and include the full range of geographic areas, population densities, racial and ethnic mixes, and counties with a high percentage of senior citizens. Local officials had to be strong supporters of the project and had to show a desire to improve their senior citizens services system in order to participate.

For further information on NJ Easy, contact the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4866.

Vets can receive medal

Veterans of World War II who were in Normandy, France, from June to September 1944 are eligible to receive the Normandy 50th Anniversary Medal.

The medals were minted by the people of Normandy in honor of those who liberated France following D-Day invasion.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2290, Manville, has been given the

responsibility of awarding the medals. In 1996, more than 250 veterans received the medal at a ceremony at the post.

Pierre Salinger, president of the Battle of Normandy Foundation and former press secretary to President John Kennedy, and Michael Warner, deputy commissioner for veterans affairs in New Jersey, presented the medals.

"I was pleased to see so many family members attend the ceremony," Warner said. "We, as their children and grandchildren, too often do not know or appreciate the sacrifice these veterans made for us."

Fraud hotline established

Officials recently cut the ribbon opening the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General fraud hotline.

The hotline is available for live operator assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Recorded message service is available and a person can leave a message 24 hours a day.

The Office of Inspector General will be hiring approximately 100 new investigative agents to work in offices around the country handling the many fraud referrals it receives.

The hotline telephone number is (800) 269-0271. In addition, an address is available for reporting suspected fraud for those choosing not to use the telephone hotline.

The address is: Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, P.O. Box 17768, Baltimore, MD 21235.

Social Security's OIG already handles a large number of complaints. Also, 26 convictions were obtained. The Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the U.S. Attorney's offices plan to continue cooperative investigations.

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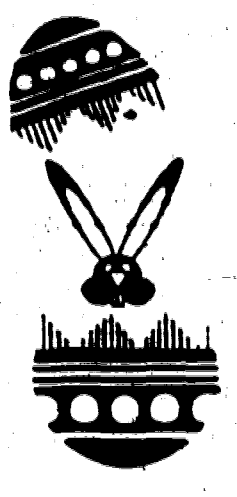
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TV-36 offers video production course

TV-36, a non-profit public access television station serving Berkley Heights, Millburn, New Providence, Springfield and Summit is offering a production training course for anyone interested in learning about television. Trainees will learn all aspects of television production, including camera work, audio, and computer graphics. Course graduates may join the TV-36 crew and take part in productions at TV-36. They will also have the opportunity to learn about on-location production, editing and directing.

Whether interested in television as a career or just as a hobby, the TV-36 training course is a great opportunity to begin to get some hands-on experience in the field. The class will be given in three parts, on three consecu-

tive Thursdays, March 13, 20 and 27 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. each evening. All sessions must be attended. The course fee is \$75 for adults and \$45 for students and seniors, and includes a one-year membership in TV-36.

Trailside seeks team volunteers

Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside needs help in assisting adult/child teams as they experience scientific discoveries at Super Science Discovery Days. Session began on March 1 and run until March 16.

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Holy Trinity announces honors

Dorothy Szot, principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, announced that the following students achieved honor roll status for the second marking period. For the sixth grade, these students were awarded First Honors: Anthony Agresta, Breanna Crawford, Michele Greco, Terence Jardine, Alexandra Kilduff, Brian Luck, Lisa Mruk, Lauren Mylliman, Gemma O'Toole, David Ritter, and Rachel Schwartz. Robert Rush and Edward Simcox made Second Honors. In the Seventh Grade, Tara Behr was named to the Principal's List and Alexis Zukowski, Brandon Leonard, and Collen Nika made First Honors. For the Eighth Grade, Daniel Egan was named to the Principal's List. Peter Cartwright, Laura Colon, and Kathryn Schott make First Honors, and Second Honors went to Gwendolyn Schundler and Patricia Yudd.

Beguin awarded scholarship

Sonja Marie Beguin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Beguin Springfield, was recently awarded the Nicholas Brown Scholarship. Beguin is a second-semester junior at Brown University studying History of Art and Architecture. Named scholarships are allocated according to the donors' wishes, and are incorporated into the students' total financial aid package. Many donors are Brown alumni or parents. Student recipients are encouraged to keep in touch with their donors throughout their four years at Brown. Founded in 1764, Brown University is the third oldest college in New England and the seventh oldest in the nation. The Ivy League institution is made up of more than 50 academic departments in addition to its School of Medicine. *US News and World Report* has ranked Brown second in the nation for quality of teaching, and eighth in overall excellence.

Vozhik participates in co-op

Olga Vozhik of Springfield is participating in the Cooperative Education Program at Montclair State University. Vozhik, a Biology major, is employed at Canfield Scientific Inc. in Cedar Grove. MSU's Cooperative Education program serves as a bridge from the classroom to career, linking academics and workplace experience, for which students receive both pay and credits. This experiential learning helps students develop strategies for decision-making, problem solving and working on teams. "Cooperative Education enables students to prepare to face change and take their place in an increasingly fast-paced and global marketplace," explained Co-op Director Dr. Freyda Lazarus. "The program also plays an important part in fulfilling Montclair State University's mission as a teaching university focused on developing a new and exciting pedagogy applications." The Co-op program serves more than 500 MSU students annually and has partnerships with 600 businesses, social services, government offices and laboratories.

Residents named to dean's list

One hundred fifty-six Caldwell College students were named to the fall 1996 dean's list for their academic achievement. To achieve this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and complete 12 credits during the semester. The following area residents were named to dean's list: junior Laura Dinu of Springfield and freshman Pamela Weag of Mountainside.

Seiffert named to dean's list

Bowdoin College has announced that Mark F. Seiffert of Mountainside has been named to the dean's list on the basis of his scholastic achievement during the fall semester of the 1996-97 academic year. Students who in a given semester receive grades of A or B in four full-credit courses are placed on the dean's list for that semester. Students who receive all A's in those courses are named to the dean's list with Honors.

Aspiring equestrians wanted

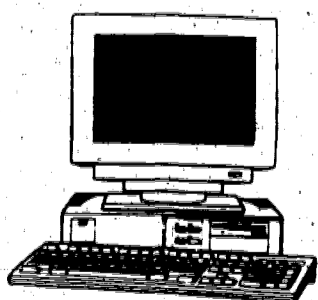
Openings for aspiring equestrians still exist in the Troop program at the Watchung Stables in Mountainside, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation. "Horseback riding is a great form of recreations and exercise," said Freeholder Chair Linda Stender. "Troop begins March 15 so it not too late to join." According to a Watchung Stables spokesperson, all applicants must be nine years of age, or older. Assignments to classes are based upon riding ability as determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability in order to be placed in the appropriate class. Classes are available at various times, Tuesday through Saturdays. The fee is \$180 for county residents, \$220 for out-of-county. Required uniforms and helmets must be provided, at the trooper's expense. All registrations and fees must be submitted in-person at the Stable, 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside. For further information, and to obtain registration materials, call (908) 789-3665.

Red Cross seeks blood donation

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross in cooperation with the New Jersey Blood Services will be holding a Blood Drive on March 18 from 4:30 to 10 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Every day, over 2,200 pints of blood are needed. Every pint of blood donated helps save the lives of men, women, and children suffering from cancer, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia. The need for blood affects everyone. Nine out of ten people will need blood at some point in their lifetime, yet only about five percent of the population donates blood for the many in need. Because they never take a holiday, consider donating soon at the blood drive in the community. If you are between the ages of 17 and 75 and in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds you are eligible to donate.

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LIFESTYLE



Renee Harbet and Louis Del Mauro

Harbet weds Del Mauro

Renee Harbet, daughter of Catherine and the late Edward Harbet of Union, was married to Louis Del Mauro, son of Maria and the late Luigi Del Mauro of Springfield on Nov. 16, 1996. The matron of honor was Lisa Rica, the bride's sister, and 6 bridesmaids attended. The flower girls were Alexandra Harbet and Nicole Del Mauro. The best man was Anthony D'Addario and 7 ushers attended. The ringbearers were Kyle Harbet and Benjamin Del Mauro. The bride is employed by AT&T, Warren, as a Global Military account executive. The groom is employed by L. Del Mauro & Sons, Inc., Springfield. Following the ceremony at St. James Roman Catholic Church, where Pastor Robert Stag officiated, the couple celebrated with a reception at the Knights of Columbus in Springfield. They spent their honeymoon in Aruba for 2 weeks. The couple now resides in Springfield.



The Gap will provide fashions for Deerfield School's annual Dinner Fashion Show.

Parents will host fashion show

The Deerfield School Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside is hosting their eleventh annual Dinner Fashion Show on March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire Restaurant on Route 22 in Mountainside. The ticket price will be \$25 per person. This year's fashions will be sponsored by the Gap of Short Hills. Proceeds from the event go to the Educational Enrichment Program at the Deerfield School. For more information, call (908) 232-8828.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bonocore appointed supervisor

Michelle Bonocore of Cranford, formerly of Springfield, has been named grant writer/program supervisor at Lincoln Technical Institute. As grant writer she will be working out of LTI's Corporate Office in West Orange, and as program supervisor will oversee off-site training in Jersey City. Bonocore joins LTI after serving as a case manager with the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Employment and Training Job Training Partnership Act Program in Elizabeth. A graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, Bonocore earned a B.A. degree in Psychology from Montclair State University in Upper Montclair. She is studying for her master's degree in Public Administration from Rutgers University in Newark. Bonocore acts as a volunteer for Union County Family Courts. She is the daughter of Rosemary Bonocore of Springfield and Michael Bonocore of Edison. Lincoln Technical Institute Inc., which is starting its second half-century this year, provides educational programs to meet the needs of industry. Programs offered by LTI/The Citicore Institute at its 14 campuses include courses in automotive and diesel technology, drafting and computer-aided drafting, electronics technology, computer technology, climate control, court reporting, computer programming, office automation, medical office administration, legal office specialist and computerized accounting. Some of the campuses offer associate of technology, or ACCSCT. Citicore is accredited by the Accrediting Council of Independent Colleges and Schools.

Zente named sales manager

Epsilon Industrial has named Joseph Zente III as sales and marketing manager. Zente will be responsible for the company's overall sales and marketing effort, including managing the company's representative network and strategic alliances. Zente brings more than 15 years in sales and marketing management experience to this position, including a 7-year stint as director of operations and vice president of sales with another instrumentation company. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is the son of Joseph Zente, Jr. of Springfield. Epsilon Industrial offers patented Guided Microwave Spectrometry technology, which provides for in-line, real-time composition analysis of a wide range of mixtures. The GMS-40 Series has been used successfully in the measurement of pro-



Joseph Zente III

tein, moisture, salinity, fat and other elements, eliminating process downtime for lab analysis.

March is Red Cross month

March is officially designated as Red Cross Month and the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter is gearing up to launch its 80th Anniversary Annual Membership Campaign for 1997. The annual campaign reaches out to the resident of Westfield and Mountainside for their continued support every year. Through the generosity of the people, the chapter offer courses every year in First Aid, CPR, Aquatic Instruction, HIV/AIDS education and community disaster education. The mission of helping people prevent and prepare for emergencies is demonstrated every day in the Red Cross Chapter throughout the country. More than 1,500 persons received training and education in First Aid, CPR and numerous other courses through the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Chapter last year. 1997 promises to be more eventful by increasing the amount of people to learn more about their community and being prepared in various daily situations; including safety in the home, at work and in school. The Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross is starting a program entitled "Safe-T-Two" as part of a national campaign in the spring to promote "Safe Families-Ready for Anything" which addresses being prepared for any emergency. Rorden Realty is displaying Red Cross services provided to veterans

and the chapter services at facility Lyons. A video about the chapter will be on local cable channels 35 & 36 in March featuring one of the more "established" Red Cross volunteers, Ernest S. Winter. For any additional information call (908) 232-7090

We want your news

Your organization should be getting the publicity it deserves and we would like to help. We have a publicity handbook which explains how to tell your story. We would like to publicize your club, church, sports, school news, etc. If you have an idea for a picture or story, call Managing Editor Kevin Singer at 686-7700, ext. 345 weekdays before 5 p.m. If you'd like a handbook, call and one will be mailed to you.

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Doctor's discovery may end obesity

HILTON HEAD, S.C. -- A doctor has discovered that an ingredient found in a small fruit grown in Asia combined with an ingredient praised by the U.S. Department of Agriculture can help cause significant weight loss. In a study published in a prestigious American medical journal, Dr. Anthony A. Conte, M.D. reported that the formula, now called Bio-Rex 3000, caused patients to lose more than twice as much weight as a control group on the same fat reduced diet. Neither group was instructed to decrease the amount of food they ate or to increase their exercise levels. An article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* confirms that you don't have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat. Scientists suggest that the mechanism behind the weight reduction may include decreasing sugar cravings and interruption of the "Krebs Cycle", an important step in the body's fat storage process. "The best part of this unique discovery is that it is not a drug, but a safe dietary food supplement," says Dr. Conte. The Asian fruit, called garcinia, is similar to citrus fruit found in the United States with one big exception-- it may help some people fight obesity! While Dr. Conte's study may be preliminary, the exclusive North American distributor, Phillips Gulf Corp., is calling the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement "Nature's Ideal Diet Aid."

According to a spokesperson for the company, Bio-Rex 3000 is now available on a limited basis through pharmacies and nutrition stores or call 1-800-729-8446. © 1997 Phillips Gulf Corp. Bio-Rex 3000 is available locally at: SPRINGFIELD PHARMACY 234 Mountain Ave. Springfield 376-5050

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OBITUARIES

Sally A. Heaton

Sally A. Heaton, 56, of Summit died Feb. 23 in her home.

Born in Lansing, Mich., Mrs. Heaton lived in Gaithersburg, Md., before moving to Summit 12 years ago. She was a receptionist and librarian for the Cooper, Rose and English Law Firm, Summit, for the past 12 years.

Surviving are her husband, Forrest W.; a son, Capt. Matthew M. Heaton, US Air Force; two daughters, Sara H. Tompson and Amanda M.; her mother, Mildred W. MacArthur; a sister, Mary; and three grandchildren.

Adeline O. Peterson

Adeline O. Peterson, 80, of Chatham, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 25 in the Garden Terrace Nursing Home, Chatham.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Peterson moved to Chatham nine years ago. She was an artist and produced art shows at Faith Lutheran Church, New Providence, and at the Garden Terrace Nursing Home. Mrs. Peterson also was a member of the choir and a Sunday School teacher at Faith Lutheran Church.

Surviving are two sons, George A. and Wayne A.; a daughter, Janet C. Peterson-Howard; a sister, Astrid Peterson; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Roger E. Bengue

Roger E. Bengue, 84, of Mountaineer died March 2 in his home.

Born in Pan, France, Mr. Bengue lived in Mountaineer for the past 30 years. He was a designer and draftsman, who specialized in woodwork and Renaissance and 18th century decorating. His work is viewed by visitors to the White House, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and West Point. Mr. Bengue worked for such clients as Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis during her years in the White House, her sister, Lee Bouvier Radziwill; jeweler Harry Winston, and tobacco heiress Doris Duke.

He attended the University of Biarritz, France, where he studied design. Mr. Bengue was a World War II veteran, serving in the French Air Force. After the war, he moved to the United States and joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He began his career at the age of 25 years old. Mr. Bengue worked for various design houses throughout the years and remained a design and drafting consultant until his death. He was a member of the Mountaineer Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Surviving are his wife, Georgette; a daughter, Michelle Bengue Alexander, and three grandchildren.

E. Janet Marchant

E. Janet Marchant, 94, of Springfield, a retired teacher at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, died Feb. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Plainfield, Miss Marchant resided in Maine and Red Bank before moving to Springfield 29 years ago. She was a physical education teacher at Colby College for 25 years and retired in 1965. Before that, Miss Marchant had taught at private schools in Stamford, Conn., and New York City. She received a bachelor of arts degree in 1924 and a master's degree in 1934 from the Teachers College at Columbia University, New York. Mrs. Marchant was a past president of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 2.

Louis Ambrogio Sr.

Louis Charles Ambrogio Sr., 79, of Mountaineer died Feb. 28 in his home.

Born in Greenwich Village, N.Y., Mr. Ambrogio lived in Arbor section of Piscataway before moving to Mountaineer in 1972. He owned and managed motels in several New Jersey communities. Mr. Ambrogio served as a technical sergeant in the European Theater with the Army Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10136 of Mountaineer. Mr. Ambrogio had served as past commander from 1992-1993. He was a member of the Manville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, past president of the Mountaineer Lions Club, a member of the Grand Centurions in Clark, the

Mountaineer Club, the Mountaineer Senior Citizens and the New Jersey Hotel Motel Association.

Surviving are two sons, Louis Jr. and Douglas.

Attie H. Caldwell

Attie Hopkins Caldwell of Summit, who would have been 101 years old on April 4, died March 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Chester, S.C., Mrs. Caldwell lived in Summit for 15 years.

Surviving are four daughters, Leola Stewart, Frances Scott, Elizabeth Capers and Maggie Stevens; five sons, Albert, Freddie, Dennis, David and the Rev. Henry Hopkins, and a sister, Maggie Glad.

Wolf Masur

Wolf Masur of Mountaineer, formerly of Union, retired owner of a jewelry store, died March 1 in the Manor Care Health Services, Mountaineer.

Born in Poland, Mr. Masur lived in Newark, Union, Hollywood, Fla., and Lakewood before moving to Mountaineer four years ago. He was co-owner along with his late wife, Betty, of Masur's Inc., a jewelry store in Millburn, and retired 15 years ago. Mr. Masur was a member of the Star of David of Newark, B'nai B'rith of Hollywood, Fla., and the Lions Club of Newark.

Surviving are two daughters, Bernice Ogintz and Sondra Schlein; a son, Elliot; a brother, Benny; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

ALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD THE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER, A pastoral church seeking the face of God, 3 W. Chestnut St., Union. Church 964-1133, 964-1153. Rev. John W. Bechtel, Pastor. Sunday Services: Sunday School - 9:30am Morning Worship - 10:45am Pastoral/Pastoral Preaching - 6:30pm Wednesday Services: Bible Study (Heart/Home) - 10am Family Night 7:30pm with Rangers boys program (ages 3-14) Pioneer girls program (ages 3-17) Adult School of the Bible Friday Services: Youth Night - 7:30pm Attention there are monthly meetings of Women Keepers, Women's Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4. "We'll look for you this coming Sunday."

BAPTIST

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 640 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, Rev. Clarence E. Eason, Pastor. Church phone (201) 379-1465. SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School, 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. WEDNESDAY: 7:00 P.M. Bible Class (Where The Bible Comes Alive). WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Prayer Service. Holy Communion every 1st Sunday. Nursery care available every Sunday. If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at Antioch.

CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH "Where the Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave., Union, NJ phone: (908) 687-9440 Fax: (908) 687-9440. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday 9:45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages, multiple adult electives are offered each quarter on relevant life topics, nursery care & a children's department. 11:00 AM - Celebration Worship Service. We offer a celebration service which combines a blend of contemporary and traditional worship style; weekly children's sermon, children's church & nursery care is provided. 6:00 PM - Family Gospel Hour, nursery care provided. Monday: 6:30 AM - Early Morning Prayer Meeting. 7:00 PM Boy's Banquet (grades 7-12) Tues-Sat: 5:00 AM Early Morning prayer. Wednesday: 10:00 AM Keener Bible Study for senior adults, meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday. 7:30 PM Prayer & Praise, Bible Study; Thursday: 10:00 AM - Women's Faithful Workers meets every 2nd Thursday. Friday: 7:00 PM - Girl's Club for girls in K-7th grades; 7:00 PM - Boy's Christian Service Brigade for boys 2nd-6th grades; Saturday: 7:00 PM - Youth Group for students in 7th-12th grades. There are numerous F.O.U.N.D. Groups (home Bible Studies) meet during the week in Union and surrounding communities. Call for information. For FREE information packet please call 687-9440.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" 242 Shupike Rd., Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, interesting electives for adults. 10:30 AM Worship Service with Nursery care and children's church. 5:30-7:00 PM Sunday evening AWANA program for ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service with Nursery care provided. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study - Adults and Junior/Senior High Group. Super-Seniors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM. Active Youth Ministry - Junior/Senior High. Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with a chair lift. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union. Rev. Robert S. Danrau, Pastor. Church phone: (908) 688-4975; Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for ages, multiple adult electives offered each quarter. 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (Nursery care provided for infants through kindergarten). Primary church for grades 1-4. Holy Communion - 1st Sunday of the month; 7:00 PM - Evening Praise/Informal Bible Study. Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday: 9:30-11:15 AM Women's Bible Study and Craft Class; free child care provided (meets bimonthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplification system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AYM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Jack Goldman, President. Beth Aym is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekday services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening: 8:30 PM; Shabbat day: 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly.

Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 273-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi, Janet Roth Krupnick, Cantor, Janice Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearly 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekday services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM; and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is a service for preschool children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7 through 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School, Wee Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and Enrichment program for Kindergarten-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 273-8130.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 201-467-9666. Daily services are 6:30 A.M. and 7:15 A.M. and 15 minutes before sunset. There is one minyan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 A.M. with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday evenings, we learn Biblical archeology from 7:30-8:30 P.M., and from 8:30-9:30, we will survey the history of the Jewish experience in America. Please call our office for information regarding our special programs. These offerings assume no Hebrew or Judaic background whatsoever. Our Tuesday evening session is devoted to the religious thought of Maimonides, offered in the Hebrew language. On Sunday mornings, after our 8:00 A.M. services, we study Maimonides' legal code, and from 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., we have an advanced program in the study of Jewish law. On Shabbat afternoons we review the weekly Torah portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the minhah and ma'ariv prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY chapters, a Boy Scout troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Nursery School and Summer Camp. We are a family oriented modern Orthodox community and we welcome you to join with us for our programs. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Rabbi Emeritus, Dr. Leonard Strulowitz, President.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Director; Holly Newler, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pittman, President. Temple Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzva students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Intergaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM/AHAVATH ACHIM B'NAI ISRAEL, 2035 Vanhall Road (corner of Plane Street), Union, 686-6773. Moshe Weisblum, Rabbi; Harold Gottesman, Cantor. Dr. Allan Renkoff, President. Congregation Beth Shalom/AABI is a traditional conservative synagogue. Daily Services - Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 A.M. Daily Mincha/Maariv Services: 5:30 P.M. (call Synagogue to verify time). Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM, Saturday, 9:00 AM; Mincha/Maariv services according to sundown. Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korbanan, Rabbi; Esther Avner, President; Harold Goldfarber, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM. Saturday Services 9:00 AM Minchah 5:30

PM. Sunday Tallia and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9:10-10:30 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4:5-5:30 PM. Primer Class for Grades One and Two, Sundays 9:10-10:30 AM. Adult Hebrew Classes including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays - 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups Grades Seven through Twelfth. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vanhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. 908-686-3965. Family Sunday School 9:15; Family Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Visitation Expected; Barrier-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Dial-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or free packet.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yost, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. We offer an 11:00 a.m. English Worship Service with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Choirs, Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Adora circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly #60 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cooperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Dan L. Kowalski, Pastor. (908) 222-1517. Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:50 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue, Springfield, 964-1892. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m., Church Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gladwin A. Futer-Pastor.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roosevelt Park, Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belaky, Pastor. Phone: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in our barrier-free Sanctuary. (Church school for infants through high school at 11:00 a.m.) Coffee & Fellowship Time: at 10:00. All are welcome!

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

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

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship, 10:30

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SAGE joins campaign to recruit volunteers

SAGE, Inc., a non-for-profit agency serving the needs of the elderly and their caregivers, has joined the Project Meal Foundation and the Reynolds Metal Company, manufacturers of Reynolds Aluminum Foil, in "The Year of the Volunteer" campaign which seeks to add 50,000 volunteers for the Meals-On-Wheels campaign nationwide during 1997. The Project Meal Foundation is dedicated to raising the public's involvement in combating hunger among the elderly in the United States. SAGE delivers 125 professionally planned and prepared meals daily to residents 60 years of age and older, of

Summit, Springfield and Mountain-side. Those who are interested in volunteering to either pack or deliver meals can do so by calling SAGE Meals-On-Wheels at (908) 273-5554. "We really hope to increase community involvement this year," said Jacqueline Vogelman, SAGE executive director. "It is a wonderful feeling to deliver a hot, nutritious meal to someone who cannot cook or food shop independently." SAGE, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency which provides a variety of services to ensure that citizens in their elder years can retain their independence and participate fully in community life.

Female religious diversity and God to be explored

What do Shekhina, Lokerni, Guadeloupe, Brigit, and Kwan Yin have in common with each other and with the traditional God of Western religions? Find out at the Resource Center for Women anticipates the Vernal Equinox with "Equal Time: An Interreligious Conversation of Female Divinity," March 17, 7-9 p.m. Registration deadline is Tuesday. This dialogue will explore feminine images of divinity from a variety of traditional and contemporary religious perspectives, including Judaism, Hinduism, Christianity, Korean Shamanism and Celtic spirituality. Participants from these traditions will discuss the many ways each powerful images continue to enrich the lives of contemporary women. All participants are invited to share their own reactions to, experiences with, and images of God's "better half" through pictures, poetry, statues or stories. "Equal Time" is open to all area women and girls. The fee for the evening is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Scholarships are available for this and all other center programs. To register or receive more information, call the Resource Center at (908) 273-7253. The Resource Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization offering programs and services to all area women and their families and is located in Calvary Episcopal Church at the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit.

Church will sell coffee for peace and progress

In support of economic progress and peace in El Salvador, Peru and Nicaragua, Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit is offering coffees from these countries for sale through March 16.

Peace-keepers

Worrall Community Newspapers wants to keep our readers in touch with their neighbors serving in the armed forces.

The families and friends of those in the military, whether stationed in the United States or abroad, are encouraged to submit information and photos for publication.

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Order forms for these coffees are available at the back of Calvary Episcopal Church, at the intersection of Woodland and DeForest avenues in Summit. For more information, call Mary Davis at (908) 277-1814.

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Sewerage authority elects new chairman

**By Chris Saswal
Staff Writer**

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority has a new chairman. Frank Mazzarella, Clark's 1st Ward councilman, was unanimously elected to serve as chairman of the RVSA for a one-year term through Feb. 19, 1998. Edward Robinson of Cranford was elected to fill the vice chairman position where Mazzarella previously served on the 10 member board.

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority is an autonomous wastewater treatment agency serving more than 300,000 residential and 3,500 industrial and commercial customers in Clark, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Mountainside, Springfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Winfield, Garwood, Cranford and Woodbridge.

Mazzarella, who is also director of the Bridgewater Township Sewer Utility Division, replaced Rahway resident Brian O'Donnell. At the RVSA meeting, O'Donnell was made

chairman of this engineering committee.

Upon receiving the unanimous vote, Mazzarella released several statements concerning his newly acquired position.

"I see my role as chairman, not unlike the other commissioners, as ensuring that we continue to streamline our operations," Mazzarella said. "I will try and do my best for all the customers of the authority."

Mazzarella pointed out that with an annual charge of \$78 per household, the RVSA's rates are the second lowest in the state.

"We will continue to look to make our operation as effective as possible while stabilizing the costs to the residents in the communities we serve," he said.

Mazzarella said the authority will continue to explore all phases of its operation "to make sure it is streamlined."

After Robinson was elected vice chairman, he said he will work to make sure the authority continues to upgrade the system "particularly in the older towns where there remains a dual sewer system." One of the problems involving the authority's operation is the current continuing flow of storm water into the sewers and the authority must process that water in addition to sewage, he said. He noted the monumental task to make these changes to the entire system is being done in phases.

The authority announced its standing committees for the year along with the chairpersons for each which

include: Anthony J. Lugara of Roselle Park, authority expansion committee; Robert Luban of Woodbridge, finance committee; Thomas McHale of Kenilworth, legal committee; Allen Chin of Westfield, nominating committee; Joan Papen of Scotch Plains, personnel committee; Charles Lombardo of Garwood, public relations committee; and Edward Robinson of Cranford, sludge management committee.

Our obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 686-7700.

Get down from there



Oak Knoff School of the Holy Child in Summit will present "Fiddler on the Roof" on March 13, March 14, and March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Campion Performing Arts Center, 44 Blackburn Road, Summit. Tickets are \$8 and are available by calling (908) 522-8100. Cast members include, back row from left, Meghan Rafferty, Devon Tighe and Michael Napolitano; front row from left, Katherine Miyamoto and Erin Dunlevy.

Firearm liability is bill's purpose

State Senator C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, has called on the chairman of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee to release legislation he is sponsoring that would hold adults strictly liable for the sale or transfer of firearms to juveniles who use the weapon in the commission of a crime.

"Firearms pervade our society and have become tragically commonplace among our youth," Bassano said in pointing to national crime statistics which showed that as early as 1990 more than 200,000 youngsters admitted to carrying guns to school. "The only way to stop the insanity and the senseless revolving-door is to make the adults responsible for putting these weapons into the hands of juveniles criminally liable for their irresponsibility."

Bassano's bill, S-1601, would make an adult who sells or transfers a firearm to an individual under the age of 18 strictly liable for any crime committed with that firearm and potentially guilty of a crime of the first degree for cases in which use of the weapon results in murder. Under terms of the bill, the adult provider of the firearm to the minor would be subject to any penalties imposed for the crimes committed by the juvenile with the weapon. This punishment would be in addition to the mandatory three-year prison sentence now

imposed by law under previous legislation sponsored by Bassano for the illegal sale or transfer of a firearm by an adult to a minor.

The bill has already received approval in the Senate and is now pending action in the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, which is chaired by Assemblywoman Marion Crecco, R-Essex. Bassano recently sent a letter to Crecco urging her to post the legislation for committee consideration.

"I'd like to get this law on the books as soon as possible as I think it will have a significant impact on the level of crime on our streets, and should be particularly effective in helping keep firearms out of our school systems," Bassano stated. "Plus, I believe so long as we don't have this law to protect the public, there are adult traffickers in firearms who should be behind bars but who continue to purvey guns to our youths because they can use these minors as pawns to commit dangerous crimes to serve their needs."

Bassano said that the flow of guns into the hands of juveniles is analogous to what is occurring with drug dealers and operatives who control stolen car rings, many of whom rely upon underage youths to conduct their dirty work knowing that arrests in

these cases will only result in shuffling of charges in the juvenile justice system. "To get to the heart of the problem, you've got to put laws in place that carry prison time for the adults who are involved in this activity and who are responsible for putting criminal tools — whether it be drugs or guns — into the hands of juveniles."

The non partisan Office of Legislative Services has also reviewed the Bassano bill and concluded that the strict liability standard that Bassano seeks to impose has a precedent in the Comprehensive Drug Reform Act of 1987. That law, N.J.S.2C:35-9, makes persons who manufacture, dispense or distribute narcotic — including LSD, speed and other controlled dangerous substances — strictly liable and guilty of a crime of the first degree for any user's death from these substances.

Juvenile crime has risen 46 percent in the past eight years in New Jersey according to State Police figures. Juvenile arrests for homicide rose 17 percent in the past year, the single largest increase in 20 years.

Bassano said, "The insanity has to stop. It's not a matter of putting more teeth into our laws, it's a question of putting those teeth into the right place — where they will take the biggest bite out of our crime problem."

Kent Place plans summer fun

Summer in Summit '97, Kent Place School's program of camps, workshops and clinics, is now accepting registrations for this coming summer. Summer in Summit offers a variety of programs for boys and girls ages four to fourteen. For boys and girls whose school year ends by June 16, Kent Place is offering three, two-week early summer programs: June Fun, for students entering kindergarten and first grade; Summer Express, for students entering grades two through five, and Summer Expressions, which offers a variety of theater activities and sports, for students entering grades six, seven and eight.

The Pre-K camp for boys and girls ages four and five will be offered, once again, from June 23-Aug. 1. Summer in Summit has a Junior Camp for beginning campers, and a Day Camp for boys and girls entering grades two through five. Both camps will run June 30 to Aug. 8.

For students entering grades five through nine, Internet workshops have been added to the Creative Arts Workshop, which will run June 30 to Aug. 8. Girls entering grades seven and eight can also combine the Creative Arts Workshop with the Kent Place Girls' Leadership Institute, planned for Aug. 4-8.

Under the direction of middle school teacher Chris Clemens, the institute offers girls an opportunity to explore their leadership potential. Skill development, decision-making and conflict resolution will be the focus of a broad range of hands-on activities including role plays, case studies, field trips and visits from actual leaders in business, government and the media.

A variety of enrichment programs are also available throughout the summer including "Excel," a program that integrates elements of math, problem solving, language arts and technology for students entering second, third, and fourth grades.

For more information, call Summer in Summit Director Karen El Loury at (908) 273-0900, ext. 272.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a decision was made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on February 13, 1997 at 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ.

Lesco Inc., 1165 Globe Avenue, Block 23 C, Lot 23 - Change of Tenancy, Change of Use, Parking Variance and Ground Sign, APPROVED

Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
(\$5.75)

U3577 MEC Mar. 6, 1997

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRKPATRICK, INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for engineering services for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. for any and all engineering and related work for preparation of specifications and bid documents for next phase sewer system evaluation, at a fee of \$1,000.00. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, February 25, 1997.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk
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District 10 Wrestling at Millburn

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1-Roselle Park 293.5, 2-Irvington 147.5, 3-Columbia 100, 4-Millburn 92.5, 5-Seton Hall Prep 88.5, 6-Dayton Regional and Union 65, 8-Barringer 37, 9-Newark Central 22.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

103 — Matt Disano, Roselle Park, pinned Brian Harnof, Seton Hall Prep, 1:10.

112 — Craig Frost, Roselle Park, dec. Naveed Khawaja, Columbia, 12:3.

119 — Anthony Lawson, Irvington, pinned Justin Meadows, Roselle Park, 3:59.

125 — Donnie DeFilippis, Seton Hall Prep, dec. Chris King, Roselle Park, 19-4 (tech. fall, 1:59).

130 — Bill Crecca, Roselle Park, pinned Rich Jenkins, Irvington, 1:39.

135 — Eric Handler, Dayton Regional, dec. Phil Torino, 5-2.

140 — Mike Priore, Millburn, pinned Jeff Gallicchio, Roselle Park, 2:47.

145 — Eric Swick, Roselle Park, pinned John Dynan, Columbia, 1:25.

152 — Kevin Kolbeck, Roselle Park, dec. Tariq Racine, Irvington, 11-2.

160 — Brad Baker, Seton Hall Prep, dec. Doug Schoening, Roselle Park, 20-5 (tech. fall, 5:34).

171 — Steve Karlik, Roselle Park, pinned Elijah Roberson, Newark Central, 2:27.

189 — David Damore, Union, pinned Almeen Swint, Irvington, 3:35.

215 — Dajuan Goldsberry, Irvington, dec. Pat Appello, Roselle Park, 9-7 (OT).

HWT — Mike Munoz, Roselle Park, pinned Matt Fleming, Columbia, 5:30.

THIRD-PLACE QUALIFIERS

103-Matt Pannucci, Columbia.

112-Omar Smith, Barringer.

119-Guillermo Gatón, Barringer.

125-Chris Mann, Union.

130-Philneas Krupnick, Columbia.

135-Matt Shear, Millburn.

140-Sherwin Anjoy, Irvington.

145-Asnace Castelly, Irvington.

152-Todd Rosenthal, Millburn.

160-Adrien Robinson, Irvington.

171-Vince DeCicco, Dayton Regional.

189-Brian Belfiore, Roselle Park.

215-Gabe Rhodes, Millburn.

HWT-Mike Cross, Union.

There are a number of New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Coaches Clinics upcoming.

Here's a look at a few:

Golf: Sunday, March 9 at NJSIAA Headquarters in Robbinsville from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soccer: Saturday, April 12 at Toms River North High School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

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

The fees include clinic packets, all sessions and lunch.

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

Volleyball champs



The undefeated Kent Place Middle School volleyball team won last month's Peck School Tournament. Sitting, from left, include Catherine Samonte, Paloma Yannakakis of Summit, Stephanie Heil and Tara Wedin. Kneeling, from left, include Fara Peterson, Jessica Kraemer, Ashley Gosnell, Diana Reiter, Jennifer Monferret and Suzanne Weinstock. Standing, from left, include Meredith Keiser, Jennifer Melillo, Rachel Rosenthal, Gwyn Lederman, Emily Grad, Becky Kral and coach Christine Heddy.

Dayton grappler Handler handles Torino this time

Bulldog senior wins first District 10 title

Dayton Regional High School senior wrestler Eric Handler took advantage of another opportunity to best Roselle Park junior Phil Torino.

Torino entered last Saturday's 135-pound District 10 final at Millburn already having defeated Handler in this year's Union County Tournament final. Torino also entered the match with consecutive District 10 titles and was aiming for a third.

Handler entered the match with no UCT titles and no District 10 titles to boast of.

Needless to say, Handler was the underdog, although the talented Bulldog upperclassman hung tough against Torino in this year's UCT final, before falling by a 4-2 count.

Determined to change history in District 10, Handler this time came out on top and bested Torino by a 5-2 score to win his first-ever District 10 championship.

So now Handler and his 16-5 record will have off until tomorrow, while Torino and his 19-7 mark was put to test in opening Region 3 Tournament action that took place last night at Union.

Region 3, which consists of Districts 9, 10, 11 and 12, was scheduled to commence at UHS last night, continue tomorrow night and conclude Saturday.

Second- and third-place district finishers were to wrestle in the region's opening round.

The survivors of those sessions will meet district champions, who received byes, tomorrow night. The Region 3 semifinals and finals are scheduled for Saturday.

The tournament continues with the second- and third-place region finishers wrestling in the state tournament's preliminary-round on Tuesday night (Super Regions 3 vs. 4 at UHS).

Those survivors will then wrestle regional champions later that night in the pre-quarterfinals.



Eric Handler ... 135 champ

Then the tournament shifts to Atlantic City's Convention Center for the quarterfinals and wrestleback consolation on March 14 and the semifinals, wrestlebacks and finals on March 15.

The championship round will commence at 1:30 p.m.

Dayton had one other wrestler advance to Region 3 competition. That was senior Vince DeCicco at 171. He finished third by winning a major decision over Carter Pasteur of Irvington by a 13-1 count.

DeCicco took an 18-8 mark into last night's competition.

Another Dayton senior grappler saw his season come to an end. Heavyweight Scott Reino, who last year pinned Union's Brian Matthews in 5:12 to advance with a third-place showing, this year was pinned by Union senior Michael Cross in 4:11 to finish fourth.

Reino finished his season at 16-9. Handler, who last year reached the District 10 final but was injured and could not compete against eventual

winner Dave Bubnowski of Union, will have his hands full against tough competition in Region 3.

Handler reached the quarterfinal round last year at 125 en route to an impressive 22-5 mark.

But the win Handler recorded against Torino should not be taken for granted.

Roselle Park easily won District 10, outscoring second-place Irvington by a 293.5-147.5 margin. All 14 Panther wrestlers advanced, seven champions, six second place and one third place.

Not only did Handler defeat a wrestler he had already lost to in order to win his first big tournament title, he also beat a wrestler that was on a Group 1 state championship team.

Dayton finished tied for sixth with Union in the teams standings with 65 points each.

Other Dayton records through District 10 competition included Zubair Patel 15-9 at 112, Jon Zika 13-8 at 152 and Mark Dempsey 16-9 at 160.

Back in late December, Handler captured the 140 title at the Raider Invitational held at North Brunswick.

He defeated Joel Benjamin of Essex Catholic 2-1 in the final as Dayton finished seventh in a field of 15 schools.

Dayton finished its season at 6-7 this year, posting consecutive victories over Chatham (60-24), Kinnelon (51-24), North Plainfield (51-15) and Middlesex (50-30) and two more over Newark Central and Roselle Catholic (60-21), the latter two coming at home.

Four area wrestlers remain unbeaten heading into Region 3. They include Roselle Park's Bill Crecca, Eric Swick and Steve Karlik and Rahway's Antonio Garay.

Crecca is 25-0 at 130, Swick 17-0 at 145 and Karlik 26-0 at 171. Garay is 26-0 at heavyweight after placing fourth in the state last year at 215.

This championship was a team effort

Johnson wins McInnis Cup

By Andrew McGann
Staff Writer

The Johnson Regional ice hockey team captured its first-ever McInnis Cup Saturday by scoring seven unanswered goals and knocking off Livingston 7-3 at South Mountain Arena.

Johnson Regional, the tournament's top seed, improved to 17-2-4 with the championship win. Livingston, the third seed, fell to 13-9-2.

The Johnson Regional ice hockey team consists of students who attend either Johnson Regional or Dayton Regional and who hail from Clark, Springfield, Mountainside and Kenilworth.

High School Ice Hockey

"This is the furthest we've ever accelerated in the history of the team," head coach Alan Milstein said.

Early in the second period Johnson was down by a 3-0 count, but Milstein said his faith in the Crusaders never wavered.

"Even though we were down 3-0 at that point, we were out-shooting them and out-playing them and I was confident we were going to come back," Milstein said.

Defenseman Dan Brede scored Johnson's first two goals of the game in the second period. The goals came in a span of 3:10 and pulled the Crusaders within one at 3-2. Brede also assisted on Johnson's seventh and final goal.

Mike Seaburger tied the game at 3-3 with 6:03 left in the second on the second of three assists from center Josh Goldfarb.

It was all Johnson in the third as Jarret Fennes, Jason Hassler, Brian Eberenz and Tom Sarnecki all connected for goals to ice the game for the Crusaders.

Goalie Anthony Chango played strong between the pipes for Johnson, stopping 11 of 14 shots, including every shot he faced after 1:42 into the second period.

The Crusaders outshot Livingston 41-14, including a 19-6 advantage in the third period.

Johnson advanced to the McInnis Cup championship game by recording a shootout victory over Bridgewater-Raritan 5-4 in last week's semifinals. The two teams were tied 4-4 after regulation and an eight-minute overtime.

The Crusaders won in dramatic fashion after Eberenz, a left winger, scored the third and decisive goal for Johnson in the best-of-five shootout. Eberenz also scored twice in regulation.

Milstein said he was more impressed with the come-from-behind victory over Bridgewater-Raritan, rather than the victory against Livingston, because Bridgewater-Raritan is, in his analysis, a better team. Milstein said it took some motivating, play-changing and re-direction to lead his team to victory.

Chango stopped 19 shots in the win. All season long the Crusaders have been led by their tandem of Eberenz, Goldfarb and Hassler, the team captain.

Eberenz plays center and is Johnson's top goal-scorer and Goldfarb and Hassler, who plays center, are battling for the lead in assists. Eberenz and Goldfarb play on the first line and Hassler plays on the second.

According to Milstein, the scoring trio of Eberenz, Goldfarb and Hassler, who are all seniors, is far ahead of the rest of the team in terms of total points and all three have tallied more than 30 this season.

The Crusaders, who play in the American B Division, will open the state tournament with a first-round game against a very good Morristown team.

Oak Knoll falls in UCT semis

Next challenge is states

By Andrew McGann
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Oak Knoll was knocked out of the Union County Tournament last week when it was defeated by eventual champion Elizabeth 41-35 in a Feb. 25 semifinal. The win snapped Oak Knoll's 19-game winning streak.

The Royals had advanced to the semifinals by defeating Cranford 51-50 in overtime in the quarterfinals.

The semifinal was close throughout, but Oak Knoll was never able to overcome a 12-7 deficit at the end of the first quarter.

High School Basketball

Libby Keneally led the Royals with 11 points, including six in the second half. Brenna Supple, the hero of the Cranford game, was Oak Knoll's second leading scorer with eight points.

The Royals rebounded with a 46-33 victory over visiting Immaculata last Thursday. Oak Knoll opened with a 17-2 lead after the first quarter and never looked back.

After scoring a combined five points in her previous two games, Oak Knoll's leading scorer, point guard Melissa Lopez regained her touch with a game-high 14 points. Lopez had been bothered by a finger injury, which resulted in a scoring decline.

Liz Boccella also came up big in the victory with 13 points, including three three-pointers, seven steals and four assists.

Oak Knoll, the top seed in North Jersey, Parochial B, will play its first state tournament game against the winner of ninth-seeded Immaculate Conception of Lodi and eighth-seeded Villa Walsh.

Both Dayton Regional basketball teams were scheduled to play opening-round state tournament games this week.

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