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## Borough Highlights

### 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 during 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.

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### Fundraiser planned

St. Rose of Lima School's fund-raising gala, Wish Upon a Star, is set for Saturday at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

The evening will kick off with a cocktail hour beginning at 7 p.m. during which guests may bid on a wide array of silent auction items. Carolyn Remmey of Remmey's Consignment and Auction Galleries in Summit will conduct a live auction of valuable prizes following dinner. Dance the night away to the music of the Barry Herman Orchestra.

To reserve space, call (201) 376-5175. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the school at 379-3973.

### Helping hands

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade Youth Group from St. Helen's Catholic Church in Westfield held a bake sale recently and donated \$275 to the American Red Cross for the victims of the California floods. The group received a framed certificate of acknowledgement for their generous donation on behalf of the disaster victims.

The donation was accepted by Gail P. Moffett, executive director of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter and will be forwarded to the Red Cross in Modesto, California where the monies will help the victims purchase food, clothing or other needed items.

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Board of Education Candidates Frank Geiger, John Standish Perrin, Carmine Venes, and Linda Esemplare are greeted by Margaret Walker of the Westfield League of Women Voters during Tuesday's league sponsored Candidate's Night.

## Candidates debate at forum

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night the League of Women Voters sponsored a candidates night at Deerfield School so the residents of the borough would have a chance to meet the Board of Education candidates and become more informed on why they want to serve on the board. Frank Geiger, Linda Esemplare, Carmine Venes and John Standish Perrin were on hand for the evening and were ready to face the public. The turnout was not overwhelming, but those who did attend got an insight into each of the candidates and were able to question them about the direction they would like to see the board take.

The evening opened up with Laura Alpert of the PTA welcoming the candidates and residents to the candidates night before turning the evening over to Margaret Walker of the Westfield League of

Women Voters. Walker then explained the rules of the evening and each candidate was given five minutes for an opening statement.

At the opening statement each candidate explained why they decided to run for the Board of Education and what qualifications they possess that would help them to perform their duties on the board. All of the candidates took time to introduce themselves and state what they felt were the main issues that the Board of Education should focus on in the future.

With the opening statements out of the way it was time for questions from the audience. There were not that many questions asked from the audience, but they did evoke some good responses from all of the candidates. Some of the questions asked of the candidates were what strategic issues were their surrounding the district's new relation-

ship with Berkeley Heights, what were some current board as well as personal goals, what are some of the long range plans for the district over the next 10 years, what should the role of technology be over the next five years, the administrative structure of Deerfield School, and what could be done to make the public feel more welcome at Board of Education meetings. All of the questions were answered by the candidates with a chance for rebuttal if the need arose.

The meeting was informative and gave the residents a chance to see the candidates that they might not know from previous service on either the local or Regional Board of Education. For those who were unable to attend the meeting, it was videotaped by Michael Krasner to be aired on the public access channel 35 at a later date so that a wider audience could view the candidates night, and get the full benefit from the evenings events.

## Esemplare seeks another term

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

Linda Esemplare, long time member of the Board of Education, will be defending her seat on the board in the upcoming election. Esemplare has been a Mountainside resident for 35 years and has raised six children, all of whom have been through the Mountainside school system, giving her a well informed look into the borough's schools.

"I have been on the board for 18 years, and I am sure that there are people who would like me to retire and fade off into the sunset. But I am not ready to do that. I still believe I can give something to the Board of Education," she said. Esemplare was first elected to the board in 1978, and before her election she was attending board meetings for 14 years. This was because of her involvement with the PTA, where she started as a telephone liaison, then telephone chairman, classroom mother and finally vice president of Beechwood School. "I initiated the first PTA advisory council that they are still using today, so I did put in my time as the little guy," said Esemplare.

Esemplare sees her role on the board as distinct from the candidates in that she wants the best for the district, even if that means facing tough situations. "The truth is I would like to continue to serve the children and the citizens of Mountainside. I want to ask the tough questions and I want to insist on a cost effective, expanded school district. It is very simple," said Esemplare.

When asked about the recent expanding of the district because of



Linda Esemplare

deregionalization, Esemplare sees it as a step in the right direction. "I was happy about deregionalization. It is not the end but the beginning. This is a whole new era for us and it should be very exciting. I still enjoy being on the board and that is the reason that I am still doing it," said Esemplare.

As far as where the board should go from here, Esemplare has some specific goals. "One of the first things is to analyze the administrative structure based on a K-12 district with one Pre-K to 8 school with 550 children. I think that whatever we decide will work as long as we have the right people for the job. I think it will be the determination of the board exactly what they want and what they want their emphasis to be. The second focus I think should be technology. We need to balance technology against proven educational techniques. As fascinating as a computer can be, effective learning is inspired

by a thought provoking, stimulating teacher," said Esemplare.

With her many years of experience in the field of Mountainside education, Esemplare looks forward to serving for yet another three years on the Board of Education.

## Unforeseen glitch may delay budget

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

Mayor Robert Vigilanti thought he was going to be able to introduce the budget to the council during Tuesday night's meeting, but after a discussion with the auditors who reviewed the budget, he chose to postpone it for a future meeting. There is apparently some question as to what the final budget numbers may be, based on a mystery surrounding the newly dissolved regional high school district.

"I am not going to be able to introduce the budget tonight. What we found, and there is a tremendous confusion with the auditors, is that because the regional district has been dissolved, there is some kind of glitch in the law that is requiring us, and we are not sure of this yet, that we have to change our budget proceedings," said Vigilanti.

Apparently, this might not only cause a change in the proceedings but may require an increase in the budget that will cause a rise in taxes, which was not the case with the budget originally planned to be submitted. "What I have been told by others is that I am going to have to increase Mountainside's budget even though our costs have decreased. It makes no sense," said Vigilanti.

The mayor will not proceed any further with the budget until he receives answers regarding this problem raised by the auditors. "Right now I am seeing if the auditors and the council can attend a special meeting on April 1, because nobody understands what the hell is going on, and I have been told that it will affect every one of the towns in the regional district. I have only been getting bits and pieces so far so I have tabled tonight's introduction and I am asking the auditors to come to a special public meeting to explain it to us. I have even been told that we may have to ask for special state legislation because of the deregionalization, but truthfully I don't know what the hell is going on. Common sense says our costs are the same, so why should I have to raise taxes, but I will get to the bottom of this," said Vigilanti.

According to Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro, he has no idea about this being a problem for towns in the regional district and he said he finds it odd that anything related to the dissolution process would have any bearing on the municipal budget. The auditors for the borough were unavailable for comment on the issue.

## School musical bids bye bye to 'Birdie'

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

Just when you thought Broadway was too expensive to visit in person, Broadway decides to come to you. Today and Friday, Governor Livingston Regional High School, located at 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, will open the Davis Hall Auditorium doors for the '50s rock-'n-roll musical "Bye Bye Birdie."

The musical involves an Elvis-type teen idol, Conrad Birdie, played by senior Roger Barkan, whose popularity is capitalized on before his departure to the Army. Birdie is to kiss one lucky girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio, on national television. His manager Albert Peterson, played by Adrian Perez, is planning to leave the music business and marry his girlfriend, Rosie Alvarez, played by Lauren Gaffney.

The story's antagonist is Albert's mother, Mrs. Mae Peterson, played by Jeannine Pitta, who is constantly trying to upset the young couple's plans. It would be only too simple for Birdie to give away his final kiss to Kim Macafee, played by Katie Harrison, and drift off as a legend, but as the plot heats up and several subplots ignite, the stage becomes a blaze of pure entertainment to the fast pace of '50s rock.

This year's production is directed by Jeanmarie Ciarrocco, a drama and English teacher at Governor Livingston. Music and dance are directed by Valerie Ananson and choreographed by G.L. '93 alumni Vicki Squaso. Jeff Steifel is in charge of lighting design, and the technical advisor is Ken Steifel.

Doors will open at 8 p.m. on both nights of the performance. Tickets are now on sale at \$7 and may be ordered by calling Barbara Stauber at (908) 464-3100. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

## A real live twister



Deerfield School second-graders Daniel Berger and Matthew Zimmerman enjoy creating a tornado during a science lesson.

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**Committee prepares for smooth transition**

The Springfield Board of Education has been actively planning for a smooth transition from prekindergarten through eighth grade to a prekindergarten through 12th grade district which will take place on July 1. The Board of Education formed committees which have been meeting and making suggestions.

For the past five months, the Student Issues Sub-Committee of the Transition Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis to identify concerns of the student body regarding regionalization. Membership includes Val Dellicano, chairperson; Gary Friedland, superintendent; Gary Tiss, board member; Barbara Pollack and Beth Giladi, Springfield staff member; parents, Jonathan Dayton staff and numerous students. Numerous issues were discussed and brought to the Steering Committee to review. A proposal will be reviewed by a team of administration and staff. The committee suggested that the following traditions which are already in place can be retained: inter-class games, pep rallies, hall decorations, spirit activities, student/teacher of the month, homecoming, project graduation, senior superlatives, birthday board, carnation/balloon sale, class ring ceremony, bonfire, peer leadership, Europe trip, Jr./Sr. prom, current

school colors and mascot, and the French-Spanish exchange programs.

The committee also recommended that several new "traditions" be instituted and that they be sub-divided into two main areas — joint activities with Kenilworth students and Springfield traditions. Some of the joint Springfield/Kenilworth activities recommended were: open door policy for dances, exchanging school newspaper articles, "reunion" picnic, fall 1997; Key clubs to work jointly on service projects, joint prom and project graduation for 1998 only, joint inter-class games.

It is projected that feedback from the administration and staff will be shared with the Student Issues Committee. At that time they will also discuss coordinating efforts for the "Opening Day Ceremony" with the Spirit Committee which has developed preliminary plans to celebrate the Springfield public schools becoming a prekindergarten through grade 12 district. This event will take place in September. The committee has created an outline for this event and is seeking to form a subcommittee that will expand on the framework and organize activities for "Opening Day." Interested parties contact Cheryl Mullman at (201) 376-5929.

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**Today**

- The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- From 7 to 9 p.m., Judy Kroll, a career counselor at the Resource Center for Women, will offer a workshop designed to help sharpen public presentation skills. This session will provide participants with useful strategies for preparing themselves and their material, determining the best presentation style for different audiences and conquering pre-presentation jitters. The fee for the evening is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members. To register, call the center at (908) 273-7253 by tomorrow. Scholarships are available for this and all other center programs. The Resource Center is located in Calvary Episcopal Church at the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit.

**Tuesday**

- 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.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**Coming events**

**March 27**

- The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold its 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.

**April 7**

- The Springfield Board of Education is scheduled to hold a conference meeting at 8 p.m. in the Gaudineer School.

**April 8**

- The Mountainside Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center.
- The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a work session meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

**Saturday**

- An evening hike of the Great Swamp will be conducted tonight at 7 p.m. Those interested should meet at the swamp's Outdoor Education Center, located at 247 Southern Boulevard in Chatham.
- Alpha Behavioral Care, P.A., located at 396 Morris Ave., Summit, will sponsor a free Dementia screening for Alzheimer's disease from noon to 2 p.m. For an appointment or more information, call (201) 467-4646 or (908) 273-0800.

**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.
- From 9 p.m. to midnight, Trailside will hold an indoor planetarium show and an outside viewing of a lunar eclipse. The program is for ages 6 and up, and the fee is \$3. Preregistration is required. Participants are suggested to bring lawnchairs, blankets and binoculars.

**Monday**

- The Springfield Board of Education will hold a

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## Students ask to trim schedule

By Chris Suswal  
Staff Writer

For 10 months, the students of the regional high schools have dealt with the pending dissolution of the district. Its effect on them has been expressed.

On Tuesday, the Regional Board of Education heard a presentation by Dawn Boyden, student council president at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. Boyden brought to the board a request to eliminate one or two of the district's remaining four snow days. This would affect the scheduling at Dayton, Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark and Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

This year, the district had accounted for five snow days rather than the more common three day allotment which had been done in anticipation of another harsh winter, Boyden said. So far, the district has only used one of those five days. There is concern among the students about the stress of Advanced Placement examinations, final examinations, and the transition of a dissolving district. Charles Serson, Dayton principal, backed the students' request.

"I am extremely proud of the way these students have handled the deregionalization process," he said. "I applaud their efforts."

Boyden had a list of dates which the students felt would be most beneficial for removal. Some of the dates suggested fall on time frames in which students do not receive any breaks; April 7 to May 23 and May 27 to June 25.

"It has been a mild winter and it is unlike likely that the schools will need to use the remaining four days, if any at all," Boyden said. The dates suggested surround

Memorial Day weekend and Passover, days which families may be travelling. Extra study time could be used for any May or June three-day weekend as colleges use, Boyden said.

Thomas Forreger, board member, said the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the communications committee. That meeting is scheduled for April 14.

According to Boyden, the request for returning days to the students is an idea which began as far back as January. In February, Dayton's student council began forcing the issue by contacting Superintendent Donald Merachnik and the district's other schools. Linda Duke, an advisor at Dayton was also consulted obtain procedural information.

"Last month as when we finalized our plans to make the request at this meeting," Boyden said.

## Township woman makes waves while on the air at WJDM radio

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

Two Union County women's voices, in the form of Angela Harrington and Carrie Chavers-Wills, are being heard every Monday morning this month on WJDM in Elizabeth.

Harrington, a township resident, and Chavers-Wills, of Scotch Plains, are discussing women's issues, but it's far from a traditional show of the genre. Although they share the microphone with WJDM News Director Wayne Avery live, Avery's "Viewpoint" program becomes "The Empower Hour."

"The name came to us all of a sudden," said Harrington. "What we want to do is tell women they can make changes to have a self-fulfilling life."

"We want to identify resources," said Chavers-Wills, "so women can take action."

WJDM 1530's latest dynamic duo came from contrasting directions. Chavers-Wills started as a social worker who founded the CCWorks marketing consultancy. Harrington hails from a media background with award-winning print journalism and television production along the way. Both have strong interests in women's issues and met as panelists on the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

"We're from two different generations," said Chavers-Wills, "and we agree to disagree on some issues. But on the issues we do agree on, there's a great deal of synergy."

"I have always been interested in matters which affect women and I believe in giving back to the community, which is Union County," said Harrington. "This program, which Wayne was so kind in sharing his time, allows us to give information which benefits the community."

"Viewpoint" has been on as long as WJDM has," Avery said. "It's a public affairs program where I interview people on one topic or another.

This is the first time I've dedicated five Mondays to one topic."

Call it synergy or chemistry, the trio has it on-air. Harrington tends to be intense. Chavers-Wills laid-back and Avery the moderator. Three weeks together, they handle serious topics like welfare reform and lighter matters like spring fashion in a fluid manner.

An hour a week may not seem a lot in broadcasting until one knows about WJDM's situation. A David amid the Goliath New York City broadcast market, the station's 1,000-watt signal is heard over a 25-mile radius during the day. With the airtime's bulk given to various ethnic programming, "Viewpoint" is the only weekday English-language show.

"Since Angela and Carrie went on the air, I know they're being heard," said Avery. "We get calls and mail every day and I get stopped on city streets. We're thinking about taking on-air calls."

"The Empower Hour" will be aired 9-10 a.m. Monday and March 31.

## Woman's efforts garner award for excellence in civic advocacy

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

It was easy to find Mountainside resident Myra Terry among the 170 attendees at the recent Union County Commission on the Status of Women annual Women of Excellence dinner.

Terry is the one in the L'Affaire 22 ballroom March 7 talking with people and handing out fliers during cocktail hour. Sooner or later, she'll gracefully come one's way to chat and pass on a brochure about the Women's Fund of New Jersey.

"There's so many people here," said Terry, "that I want to make sure everyone knows about the fund."

How Terry got to the dinner becomes apparent when one opens the banquet program. Terry's low key perseverance as WFNJ founder has helped earned her the first UCCSW Excellence Award in the women's advocate category.

"The UCCSW has honored women whose personal or professional accomplishments have contributed to the county community the last five years," said Commission Chairperson Jacqueline Carr-McDermott. "We added the women's advocate category to recognize work on the legislative front."

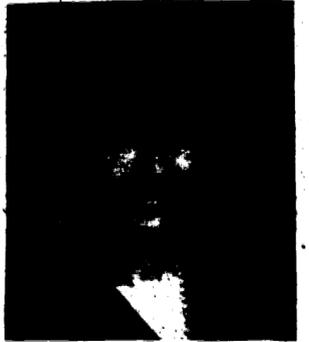
Terry has 20 years' experience supporting or pressing women's issues in the public arena. She has been a member of the National Organization of Women-New Jersey, where she rose to the rank of president in 1992.

"During the three years as president, NOW-NJ can point to several new laws or changes passed," said Terry. "There's the ban on drive-through childbirth and breast surgery recovery time and passage of the rape shield law. We've also pressured J.C. Penney's into changing their employee dress code."

Terry's direction began to turn, however, toward fundraising. She stepped down in 1995 to start WFNJ in Montclair.

"The one area the women's movement hasn't done well in is self-fundraising," said Terry. "Our programs were funded as part of some other group and public resources are diminishing. The WFNJ was formed to channel donations to groups that face women's issues."

The WFNJ effort rapidly took off. Within the first year, corporations like Burgdorff Realtors and USA Today and at least nine county governments either directly donated to the fund or provided a payroll deduction program.



**Myra Terry**  
Past Now-NJ president  
ram. Terry's one-person firm added two full-time employees.

Sixteen organizations focused on aiding women and girls have joined WFNJ in two years. The groups range from Newark's AD House for abandoned and neglected adolescent mothers to the New Jersey Woman and AIDS Network education program in New Brunswick.

"We've raised over \$320,000 for the 16 member organizations," said Terry. "Compared to the United Way, that's less than 6 percent of what they generate."

## Hypnosis sessions scheduled at Dayton

The Hypnosis Counseling Center will present a set of workshops Tuesday for smoking cessation and weight loss at Dayton High School in Springfield.

Each workshop involves 1 1/2 hours including hypnosis exercises, discussion and an optional audio cassette for a \$10 fee, which remains the possession of the participant and which assists in reinforcing immediate results and ensuring long range success.

The workshops can be taken individually or as a set. The smoking cessation

workshop begins at 6:30 and runs to 8 p.m. and the weight loss group will continue from 8 to 9:30. Barry Wolfson, who possesses a master's degree in counseling and has over a decade of proven success in the science of hypnosis, will lead each workshop. The cost per workshop is \$39. Registration begins immediately, and participants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Hypnosis is a scientific and medically approved method of tapping the normally inaccessible power of the mind and correcting negative behav-

ior. For registration or further information on this program, call Jim Dougherty at (908) 499-4628. For information on hypnosis techniques or other hypnosis workshops, contact Wolfson at the Hypnosis Counseling Center at (908) 788-0250.

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## COMMUNITY FORUM

## Promises should be kept

Every time it appears that all of the issues related to deregionalization have been resolved, another sprouts up like a head on a hydra.

The latest flap regards the status of vacation time accrued by staff members employed by the soon-to-be-extinct district. At this time, the Regional Board of Education and the Regional Education Association are awaiting the Department of Education's ruling on transferring accrued vacation time.

The district board has filed a Petition of Declaration for Relief before Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz, asking him to consider how to transfer vacation time unused by the high school secretaries and other year-round employees. The Regional Education Association, which represents the support staff, has filed a counter-petition before the commissioner.

The July 1-June 30 employees normally receive vacation time during a year to be used or paid during the next year. With dissolution, however, some full-year employees will be going to four municipal kindergarten to 12th grade school districts. Since dissolution is still scheduled for June 30, the status of this vacation time lingers.

Regional Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik said the question of whether vacation pay should be treated like sick pay arose during a recent meeting, and as a result, the board has petitioned the commissioner to determine the matter.

However, Education Association President Karen McNeece, who voiced the union's grievance during the board's March 4 meeting, decried the move as a stalling tactic which is undermining morale of the support staff.

Since this issue does not affect teachers, whose vacation transfers are part of their contract with the board, we are pleased that the teachers' unions, including the American Federation of Teachers, are coming to the aid of the support staff.

We believe it is the responsibility of the regional board to ensure that all of its employees are treated fairly. For that reason, it is unfair for the board to leave these people in the lurch, wondering whether or not their promised benefits will be taken away from them.

## Take the pledge

Another election season is under way, with candidates in the hunt for a Board of Education seat. Voters must also decide whether to approve the school district budget.

This election promises to be a heated affair given the sharp divisions that exist. But we hope the candidates resist the temptation to resort to low-brow campaigning. Personal attacks and nasty campaigning only serve to lower the level of dialogue and debate and denigrate the candidates as well as the political process.

We want to see a fair, decent campaign.

To prevent damage to the political process, the West Orange League of Women Voters years ago introduced a fair campaign pledge and code of ethics for candidates to follow in their political bids. The code has helped candidates focus their campaigns on the issues without resorting to sensational hype or back-stabbing of foes.

For the information of voters and candidates, the West Orange Ethics-Code states:

"I pledge to conduct my campaign for public office openly and fairly. I will discuss the issues and participate in fair public debate with respect to my views and qualifications.

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Candidates who sign the code also pledge to "repudiate support from any individual or group whose activities violate this campaign pledge."

We suggest the candidates vow to take the high road by signing this editorial and sending it to us. There is no reason why candidates for the board cannot take five minutes to sign this editorial and send it to our main office at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

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—William M. Anderson, Jr.  
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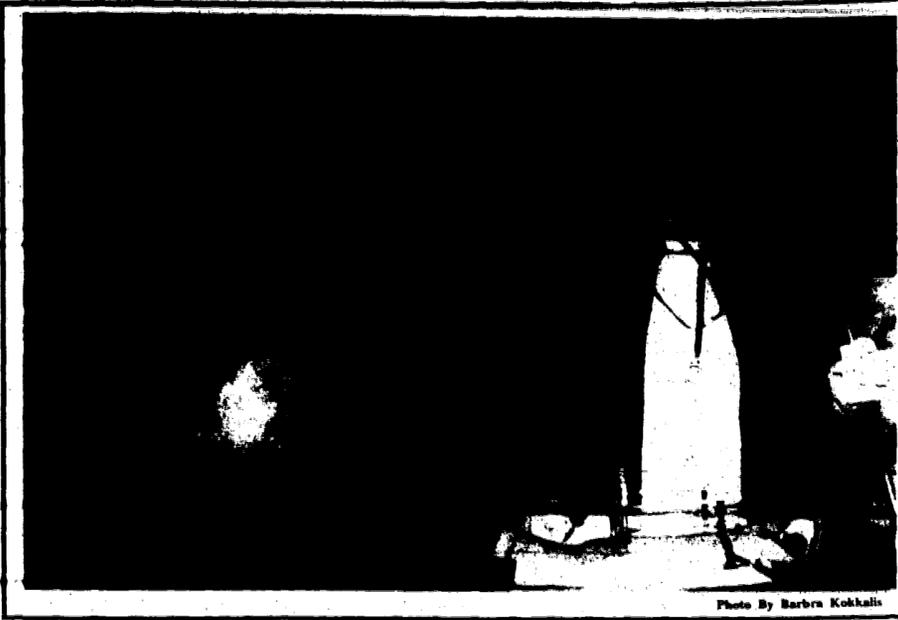


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**LIFESAVERS** — Mountainside resident Barbara McLaughlin donates blood during the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Chapter's blood drive held last Tuesday in Westfield. Assisting McLaughlin in the procedure is Phlebotomist Lisa Keizer.

## Colonialism's legacy has been hard to shake

One of the most ironic tragedies in world history is now going on in Africa, and has been for nearly 40 years.

A day doesn't go by when we don't hear about new massacres, famine, corrupt governments and all the other deeds which make life for millions in Africa a living hell.

Many of us can still remember when most of the African nations were vassals or colonies of European nations. Following World War II, the colonized nations began a series of movements to free themselves of their European masters. For a while the so-called Mau-Mau went on a terror binge killing indiscriminately, burning down whole villages and singling out European masters for special kinds of brutality.

However, one European nation after the other saw the fruitlessness in trying to quell the colonies and let them go free to form their own nations. A loud cheer went up worldwide since Africa was, and still is, a huge continent with many resources still untapped. Many saw a new day for Africa now that the European masters were gone, to develop a continent where everyone would benefit.

But something went terribly wrong. Brutal dictatorships began to emerge. Freedom was curtailed and anyone who opposed these policies were imprisoned or worse. When they

## As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

became free nations, the economics were in pretty good shape, most people were well-fed and had a roof over their heads. But as time went on, the economics went haywire, food became scarce and marauding bands burned down villages and put the people to death. Unfortunately, those who gained their freedom came from a multitude of various ethnic backgrounds, tribal customs and a zillion real or imagined slights. These slights grew to dangerous proportions until it was tribe against tribe. To make matters worse, the governments in these new nations were corrupt, didn't care one bit about the people and continued to build monumental palaces to please their egos while the people starved and the nations began to tumble downhill at an accelerated rate.

If that weren't bad enough, tribal warfare started and nations like Uganda, Zaire, the Sudan, Angola, Zambia, and Ethiopia, among others, decided that some residents of these nations shouldn't live and a genocidal conflict

took over. No one was safe. Women and children were the most susceptible and the killing went up a few decibels. People were driven from their homes, which in turn, were burned to the ground. Refugees grew to hundreds of thousands, famine raised its ugly head and death was everywhere. Whatever health programs there were broke down and diseases broke out, killing mostly children and women. Atrocities became a common way of life. Not even the clergy, Red Cross workers or those sent in to lend a hand were safe. They, too, also died.

It became tribe and culture against culture, and many nations set themselves on a chaotic road to civil war and destruction.

Many of these nations are so poverty stricken, hungry and hanging on by their fingertips that life as they once knew it under the European nations is a fond memory of the past.

What is so ironic and tragic is the fact that Africa could be the wealthiest continent on the planet with its vast natural resources, hardly tapped, and its promise when they gained independence of using that bounty to make Africa another Eden for all and not for a few murderous and greedy dictators who remain in power through terror, torture and totalitarianism.

Keeping the people weak by starvation, keeping them on the run since their homes and villages have been burned out, making refugees of entire tribes have returned Africa to the days when it was the Dark Continent where myth, rumors and suspicion of others reigned supreme and education was almost non-existent. This is where the European nations dropped the ball. Had they educated their subjects, taught them trades and professions, life in Africa today might be quite different and we would not constantly read about the thousands of homeless and starving refugees never knowing if they will live out the day.

What started out as a promising future for a continent under the thumb of the great European nations which eventually gained independence has been broken and demolished. Greed, butchery, famine, lack of stability and fading hopes seem to be the order of the day.

The UN seems to be powerless as are those who want to help. So long as Africa remains in the hands of those who want power and the status quo, Africa will remain what it is — prostrate.

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

## One's genetics and culture are often separate

For approximately 40 million Americans, and a few others as well, this past Monday was an opportunity to celebrate the culture of a small island a few thousand miles across the Atlantic Ocean.

Of course I'm talking about St. Patrick's Day, the one day a year set aside for the Irish, and Irish Americans, to revel in a culture that has managed to survive despite the best efforts of both man and nature.

As an Irish American, I couldn't pass up the chance to attend the infamous St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan. The fact that my cousin was visiting from Dublin — Ireland, not Ohio — made the day even more significant. After all, what can be better than celebrating one's culture than with someone who is the genuine article?

One thing that always amazes me is the fact that Irish Americans outnumber the population of Ireland 10 to 1. And not only do the Americans overpower their trans-Atlantic cousins by sheer numbers, but some of those born here seem to think they are more Irish than the Irish. I'm sure everyone has seen this phenomenon — people who act as if you're either Irish or you were born unlucky; people who have more tacky and useless memorabilia than an Elvis fan.

However, what I've noticed is that these people usually are third, fourth, or even fifth generation Irish, people who cannot clearly identify their Irish roots, much less have a personal connection. I've known greenhorns — my grandparents emigrated from Ireland in the 1930s and live in an Irish enclave in the Bronx — and I've known plenty of first and second generation Irish Americans. The immigrants don't make any ostentatious

## Backbeat

By Kevin Singer  
Managing Editor.

display of their heritage, most likely because if they were so enthralled with the Emerald Isle, they would have chosen to remain. Neither do their children or grandchildren. I can remember hearing endless stories about Ireland from my grandparents, and we had a strong cultural link, from stories and music to step dancing and religion. Nevertheless, my family, while having a strong connection to the culture, was thoroughly American.

So from where does this generational rebirth of ancestral zeal stem? I suspect it comes from a couple different areas. One has to do with the nature of Irish history. Few cultures have managed to survive under stringent oppression such as the English inflicted upon the Irish. From the near decimation of the native language, to the denial of civil rights such as property ownership, education and free worship, the English did their best to turn Ireland into one big British plantation. And they nearly succeeded, causing many to starve during the potato famines and the emigration of millions. Even today, they defy reason by keeping a stranglehold on the northern end of the island.

If you consistently try to keep someone down, they will either break or fight back just as hard. In my opinion, the Irish culture, especially the watered-down American version, is still battling to this day.

Another equally important reason for this severe Irish pride is wrapped

up in America, a land composed of hundreds of different cultures which have been homogenized into a more cohesively interacting unit, not unlike the Borg from Star Trek. Irish Americans aren't the only people caught up in their past. Some African-Americans insist on using tribal names. Hispanics are reluctant to part with their language. There are clubs for Italian, Portuguese and Norwegian Americans, and there's even a Daughters of the British Empire chapter in Summit, although I could have sworn that the American jewel was plucked from the crown long ago. It seems as if we try to hold on to our past while moving toward the future, and that is not necessarily a bad thing.

Sometimes I think hyphenated Americans lose sight of the American portion of the equation. In my experience, I've learned that the best way people can remind themselves of the importance of their American identity is to live in a foreign country, not just visit for a few weeks, but live for an extended period of time. Then the Irish, or Italian, or African parts would soon fade into the background.

For the two years I lived in Germany, I was always conscious that I was an American. From my language

to my dress to the way I interacted with people, I might as well have been wrapped up in the stars and stripes.

What I returned with was a deep appreciation for the country of my birth. This feeling of patriotism was alive and well inside me; not the flag waving, putting those ridiculous "I support our troops" bumper stickers all over my rear bumper kind, but one that understood that despite my heritage, I am American, and that is a great thing to be. The American character is varied and complex, from the spirit of independence, self invention, and the Puritan work ethic to crass commercialism, an outspoken demeanor, competition and the endless contradictions embodied in this nation.

As the grandson of people born in Ireland, I'm eligible to become a citizen of the country without having to reside there. I have the paperwork tucked away in a drawer, and I may very well send it in one of these days. But it would be more due to the novelty rather than the pride.

That is not to say I'm not proud of who I am. My genes are Irish, as is my flesh and blood, my looks, and some of my culture. Of this I am immensely proud. But my spirit and my soul are American, and this is inescapable.

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# Take advantage of property tax deduction

Tax season is upon us. And with that in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all those still scrambling to file their returns that there has been a change this year in the New Jersey income tax forms.

For the first time since 1990, a property tax deduction will be available to New Jersey residents. I voted for this deduction and it became law when the 1997 budget was signed by Governor Whitman.

You are eligible for the property tax deduction if:

- you have a home in New Jersey that you owned and lived in as your principal residence provided it was subject to local property taxes. Single-family homes and certain multi-family homes qualify.

- you rented a home or apartment in New Jersey and lived in it as your permanent residence, provided that the building is subject to local property taxes and contains its own separate kitchen and bathroom.

However, no property tax deduction is available for a vacation home, a

## Report From Trenton

By C. Louis Bassano

"second home," or property that the owner rents to someone else.

If you meet these simple eligibility requirements, you may deduct 50 percent of your first \$5,000 of property taxes paid or \$2,500, whichever is less.

For tenants, 18 percent of the rent paid during the year is considered property taxes paid. In other words, you would have to take 18 percent of all your rent paid for one year. Then take 50 percent of that figure. The result is your property tax deduction.

So, whether you're filing your income tax return yourself, or if

you're using an accountant, remember to enter your property tax deduction — 50 percent of your total property tax paid or \$2,500, whichever is less — on Line 35 of Form NJ-1040. You won't want to forget to take advantage of this deduction.

In addition, when this law was passed, we made provisions to increase this property tax break in future years.

In fact, in 1997, a homeowner will be able to deduct 75 percent of their property taxes up to \$7,000. And, in 1998, this program will allow a homeowner to deduct up to 100 percent of their property tax bill up to \$10,000.

Now more than ever, this property tax deduction is necessary. But, it's just the latest effort by myself and my colleagues in the New Jersey Legislature to ease the tax burden on New Jersey families.

You see, not only did we bring back the property tax deduction, but we also fought to preserve the Homestead Rebate Program. And we joined Governor Whitman to sponsor and pass

into law a 30 percent income tax cut for each and every working person in New Jersey. I was proud to be a co-sponsor of that legislation.

We reduced the sales tax by \$609 million, then cut income taxes by \$1.2 billion. Now this property tax deduction will save more than \$250 million. All told, that's more than \$2 billion in tax relief for New Jerseyans.

So again, remember to take advantage of these tax reduction opportunities like the property tax deduction and, if you meet the eligibility requirements, the Homestead Rebate Program.

In all, it's about putting more money where it belongs — in your pocket. More money for you. Less for the government. You can earn more and keep more of what you earn, to spend on what matters most — your family.

Sen. C. Louis Bassano represents the 21st Legislative District, which includes Roselle Park, in the state Senate.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Springfield axes will rise again

To the Editor:

Every resident received their State of New Jersey income tax forms for 1997 with a letter from the governor about how taxes have been cut and life is great in the Garden State.

A few choice facts related to taxes are missing. Therefore, please read on about Gov. Whitman's smoke and mirrors tricks which create tax havoc for towns like Springfield. Whitman wants you to believe how wonderful it is to receive a state income tax savings of around \$150, but how does this minor savings affect the local property, school and county taxes?

The governor wants residents to believe that the state has nothing to do with these local costs. It's set the record straight.

- State aid to towns like Springfield have remained static over the last 13 years while municipal costs continue to rise.
- Unfair labor arbitration laws remain in effect which always side with the police and fire unions. The net result is that we can't afford salary increases without raising taxes.
- The new school funding formula cuts aid to middle class school districts like ours and places an unfair burden of raising money on suburban school districts. The result will certainly appear on your school tax bill in 1997.
- There are antiquated laws on the books providing agricultural tax incentives to farmers. Well, guess what, this applies to large property owners in towns such as ours where they have to do is grow a few pumpkins and keep low taxes.

Springfield's tax assessor has advised me that this law has cost you around \$1 million in lost revenue, while the landowner remains very well off. Gov. Whitman takes advantage of the same law on her estate to avoid higher assessments. Think of how local taxes could be affected if these property sites such as Bojczuk Stone or the Springfield Nursery paid proper tax rates assessed as developable property not as farms.

Springfield's Democratic administration under my leadership has made a tremendous effort to stop the rise in town taxes. From a large increase of 14 points in 1995 you'll see a 3 point increase this year. This translates into around \$45 per household at an average assessment of \$150,000. I know just how the continual rise in taxes affect every resident's standard of living. I am particularly aware of how increasing taxes affects senior citizens on fixed incomes.

We will continue to do more in controlling costs and streamlining government. I pledge to make every effort to limit the cost of government as possible. But the state must do its part in creating real tax reform, not hiding behind fancy

outdated laws and smoke and mirrors to hide the truth from residents. Call me at 912-2200 if you want to help me and the township government educate the state on these issues.

Roy Hirschfeld  
Township Committeeman  
Springfield

### Toy drive was tremendous success

To the Editor:

I want to thank all who helped with Children's Specialized Hospital's annual toy drive.

We received a tremendous number of gifts from many people throughout the community. These are just a few of the many wonderful stories that were relayed to me as donations were made this year.

A very caring eight-year-old girl who had a birthday near Christmas and received an abundance of toys, decided she wanted to donate some of her toys to our patients. She, her sister, and her mother personally dropped off three very large bags of her birthday presents for distribution.

Willow Grove Pre-School teachers asked parents of students not to give them individual presents for the holidays but instead donate new toys/items which could be given to a charity of the teachers' choice. CSH happened to be the recipient of this generous donation as per the teachers' request.

A little girl donated one of two Tickle Me Elmo dolls she had received. Local residents held a Kimball Street Walk and at each house donations to our holiday toy drive were left.

Upon reading our news release about the toy drive, a very elderly resident who lives locally and who rarely gets out, arranged for a friend to drive her to the store to purchase a toy. She and her friend then promptly dropped off the gift at the hospital for one of our "very special children."

Another local resident took her two sons to the store and had them "hand pick" toys that they thought would be the best holiday gifts for our children. The boys eagerly took on this task and were proud as could be with their selections upon dropping them off.

Thanks to these and many other extraordinary and caring people in our community, our patients and their families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The staff and families commended them for their very generous donations, contributions, and continued support of the hospital and its programs.

Janet Weston  
Director of Volunteer Services  
Children's Specialized Hospital

## Newcomers Club donates money to hospital

The Mountainside Newcomers Club recently announced the recipients of the funds raised by the annual holiday luncheon held last November. The luncheon sponsored auctions, raffles, and boutique sales for the purpose of raising funds for local charities. The recipients of these funds are: the Kaitlin Marie Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside Library, Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department, Mountainside Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the Mountainside D.A.R.E. Program.

The Holiday Luncheon Fund Raiser is just one of the many activities the Newcomers Club plans each year. Social activities coming up include a Mommy & Me Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, a Ladies Movie Night on Wednesday and a Community Garage Salon April 19. In addition, set aside June 21 for the June Barbeque.

Looking ahead, the Progressive Diner has been moved to the fall.

The club welcomes all new residents as well as established residents who have had a change in lifestyle — a new baby, marital or employment change. For information on joining or one of the above events, contact Arlene Hagger at 654-7853.



The Mountainside Newcomers Club recently announced the recipients of the funds raised by the annual holiday luncheon held last November. Pictured above, from left: Philip Salerno III, vice president, Development of Children's Specialized Hospital, and Deborah Ingrassia and Marianne Jennings of the Mountainside Newcomers Club. Salerno is holding a check which was presented to the hospital by the club to be used toward parallel bars in the pool for physical therapy.

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Photo By Barbara Kikkala

Pre-Kindergarten student Sara Alonsa concentrates on creating her Easter basket.

## Working together, St. James students spread Easter cheer

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The students of St. James School were put to work Monday afternoon. Given the project and its purpose, they didn't mind doing it at all.

The 168 children spent about two hours making Easter baskets in the St. James auditorium as part of their monthly service project. The baskets are to be filled with treats and delivered to some of the area hospitals.

"Our baskets are going to go to sick children and senior citizens in places like Overlook Hospital," said St. James Principal Sister Mary Elizabeth Guyer. "In a time where people usually think only of themselves, we're teaching our children to be mindful of others less fortunate."

"The baskets are a new project for us," said Maryann Casale, a member of the St. James Home School Association. "This program

is an idea which Sisters Mary Elizabeth and Anne Maureen Lyons brought over with them from last year."

"Sister Mary Elizabeth came from Jersey City and I came from Wayne," said Sister Anne, St. James' assistant principal. "We also get our older students working together with the younger ones as part of the prayer partners program."

The sisters said they started the service and prayer partner programs in January. First and sixth, second and eighth and third and seventh graders are paired for monthly service and fortnightly prayer sessions. Member-parents of the SJHSA supply materials, and assist the sisters' supervision.

"Our students perform different service projects each month," said Casale. "Last month, we had a project with a St. Valentine's Day theme and we're planning one around Earth Day next month."

"I like making baskets," said third grader Sara Feld, of Irvington. "It feels good to help other people. Working with my partner, Katie Spadora, is fun."

"We made Valentine's Day cards last month," said Spadora, a seventh grader from Union. "They were sent to senior citizens in hospitals and retired sisters."

"We hold the service assembly after lunch so the students won't be rushed," said Sister Anne. "When they are finished, they line up for cupcakes and juice. One change is to show or demonstrate students' talents, like we had Katie and Colleen Spadora perform Irish step dancing earlier in the assembly."

The basket concept is apparently catching on. Students of the St. Rose of Lima School in nearby Short Hills are making candy baskets for delivery to the Children Together foster home for siblings in South Orange.

## Students to share school activities

By Tomiann Antonelli  
Staff Writer

Students from Springfield and Kenilworth may be holding joint school activities until David Brearley High School is fully established.

The Student Issues Subcommittee, which is part of the Transition Committee, is currently discussing the possibility of holding joint activities between students from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and students from David Brearley High School.

The committee recommended that a set of new "traditions" be added, and that they be divided into two main areas — joint activities with Kenilworth students, and Springfield traditions. Some of the proposed joint activities may include an open-door policy for dances, exchanging school newspaper articles, and the "reunion" picnic for fall 1997. Also, key clubs may have the opportunity to work together on service projects, joint

inter-class games, and joint Prom and Project Graduation for 1998 only.

Members of the Kenilworth Board of Education touched on the subject during an Education Committee meeting on March 17. They focused mainly on the concept of holding joint prom and Project Graduation events, voicing several of their concerns.

"We have to ask ourselves, if graduation night is something we want to do in conjunction with another school, or if it's something that we want to do on our own," said Lloyd Leschuk, superintendent of schools in Kenilworth.

According to Nancy Baton, the principal of David Brearley Middle/High School, a certain number of students is needed to hold these events, therefore, combining students from both schools for each event would prove to be practical as well as cost effective. It would also be necessary to figure out who would assume liability in each case, as well as who

would be sponsoring the events.

Another concern is that in order to hold a combined prom and Project Graduation, Brearley would have to hold its graduation exercises on the same night as Dayton. This poses yet another problem because each school ends their semester on a different date.

The transition committee will be holding additional meetings in order to discuss the issue further. It remains unanimous, however, that more feedback on the issue is still needed from the students, particularly those who will be attending Brearley in the fall.

### 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.

## Police arrest Elizabeth man for DWI

### POLICE BLOTTER

An Elizabeth man was arrested for driving while intoxicated by two police officers after midnight Monday night. The driver passed the patrol stationed at Route 22 West by the Mountaintide border at about 12:30 a.m. and was pulled over. The suspect, identified as Andres Mejia, was charged with DWI and three other motor vehicle offenses.

The owner of a GMC Jimmy parked at the Summit Hill Apartments discovered at about 10 p.m. Thursday that someone had poured a substance in his gas tank, damaging his vehicle.

The manager of an all-night convenience store on Morris Avenue reported that a patron had stolen two MDA donation jugs at about 12:30 a.m. Friday.

A 1996 Jeep Cherokee was the subject of an attempted motor vehicle theft while parked on a Morris Avenue lot Saturday. The owner noticed at 10 p.m. that her vehicle had been entered, \$5 taken and the ignition switch removed.

The intersection of Morris and Springfield avenues was the site of a two-car accident with a possible injury at about 2 p.m. Thursday.

The driver of a Pontiac said she saw the light had changed and was proceeding southbound on Springfield

when she struck a westbound Buick at the intersection. The Buick driver said he was proceeding along Morris as the traffic light was yellow at the time. Witnesses occupying a car to the Pontiac's left, however, said the light for Springfield traffic turned green before the Buick entered the intersection. Both drivers were given summonses and the Buick operator opted to see his own doctor.

Motorists are to be wary of merging on to Route 22 from side roads or U-turns as a set of two car accidents can attest.

The first incident occurred Thursday at the northbound Farm Road ramp onto Route 22 East. The driver of a Pontiac four-door said she was waiting to merge when she was hit from behind by a Cadillac Eldorado at about 4:45 p.m. The second driver said the first car stopped suddenly.

### VFW presents certificates to students

On March 10, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Battle Hill Post 7683 awarded certificates to all the kindergartners at St. James School in Springfield. The awards were for the students who learned the Pledge of Allegiance. Cmdr Stan Wnek and Bill Van Riper made the presentations.

### Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and the date of marriage.

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# STUDENT UPDATE

## Deerfield announces honor roll

The following is the 2nd marking period honor roll at Deerfield School.

**Grade 6**  
 High Honor Roll: Katrina Blasi, David Dempsey, Daniel Drake, Nicole Ehrhardt, Jude Faella, Ashley Ferrell, Suzanne Hopkins, Jehanne Jaugenet, Stephen Kress, Katie Lias, Estrella Lopez, Kristen Manzo, Michael Margello, Jessica Nichols, Dairde Norris, Kimberly Risch, Constance Souder, Lindsay Vlachakis, Stacy Vlachakis.

**Honor Roll:** Craig Anderson, Salvatore Arpino, John Bodenachak, Joseph Casariti, Tara Crane, Katelyn Fenton, Brittany Gritter, Kevin Guidicopetro, Aimee Johnston, Joseph King, Kenneth Kolanko, Shaun Modi, Jonathan O'Dowd, Frank Palumbo, Jennifer Punsal, Timothy Schofield, Nicole Taechler, Brendan Weakley.

**Grade 7**  
 High Honor Roll: Steven Brown, Oliver Eng, Ryan Feller, Kristen Hauser, Ellen Levitian, Dana McCurdy, Bridget Melnyk, Jason Thomas.

**Honor Roll:** Pamela Cash, Jonathan Doorley, Brian Dressel, Frank Geiger, Jason Gionta, Alexander Hotz, Jason Krawczyk, Kerri Moore, Lauren Rosenhaft, Shannon Schmidt, Susan Schnakenberg, Michelle Stickles, Micah Thau.

**Grade 8**  
 High Honor Roll: Lauren Beasley, Allison DiVito, Andrew Dubno, Kristin Joham, Emily Luke, Priscilla Melango, Emily Poreh, Katie Schmidt, Noelle Tate.

**Honor Roll:** Olivia Banuszewicz, Sharon Brodian, Shannon Moore, Anne-Marie Rissi, Stephanie Scasso, Lauren Whritenour.

## Springfield school spells success

St. James School is Springfield is one of twelve Union County schools that will send a student to the North Jersey Spelling Bee Finals. Seventh grader Catie Tupper will be one of the thirty-six finalists hoping to advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C., to be held the week of May 29. Tupper was among nineteen students who competed in the semifinal round of the regional spelling bee which was held at Roosevelt Junior High School in Westfield on March 9. The North Jersey Spelling Bee Final will be at Elmwood Park High School on March 23. There Tupper and the other Union county finalist will compete with twelve finalists from Bergen County and twelve finalists from the Passaic-Essex-Morris region.



Catie Tupper

# The hills of Deerfield to come alive with play

The Music Department of Deerfield School in Mountainside has announced two performances of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" tomorrow and Saturday in the school auditorium/gym. The Friday evening performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Saturday performance commences at 2 p.m.

Jeannette Ferrell Maraffi, music teacher and director of the all-student production, has been rehearsing since the beginning of January with a cast of students in grades 6-8. A Children's Chorus of students in grades 4 and 5 will also participate in two scenes of the show, and two third grade girls perform the role of Gretl in alternate performances.

Molly Barber, formerly Miss Molly of television's "Romper Room," directs the blocking of scenes with the children and is also serving as the choreographer of the show. Barber and Maraffi have directed and choreographed several shows together, including the Bicentennial Show of Westfield, "Big River" at Edison School in Westfield and the 1996 musical, "Oliver" at Deerfield.

"The Sound of Music" cast is as follows:

Kristin Joham returns to the Deerfield stage as Maria Von Trapp after performing two roles in "Oliver" last year. Joham is in the eighth grade and studies voice with Jim Little in Summit. She is also a student at the Manhattan School of Music where she studies French horn. Daniel De Oliveira, also in eighth grade, will play Captain Von Trapp. He is a saxophone player and has participated in Teen Arts Festivals as a soloist. Both students are members of the Deerfield School Concert Band.

Kristen Hauser performed the role of "Oliver" last year. she is Brigitta,

one of the seven Von Trapp children in this production.

Eighth graders Emily Poreh and Lauren Beasley, veterans of "Oliver," play the roles of Louisa and Liesel, and sixth grader Brittany Kutsup is Marta. The youngest daughter Gretl will be played by Ashley Beil and Lauren Arrigoni who, on alternate performances, also perform as dancers in a choreographed "clock" for the song "The Lonely Goatherd."

The two Von Trapp brothers are played by Stephen Kress and David Dempsey. The sixth graders are members of the Deerfield Concert Band and were members of the boys chorus in "Oliver." Another sixth grader, Sal Arpino, is cast as Baron Elberfeld.

Mountainside newcomer Noelle Tate plays the Mother Abbess; sixth graders Kim Risch, Dina West and Beatrice Von Seckendorff sing roles of Sister Caterina, Margaretta and Beatrice; seventh grader Dana McCurdy is Sister Sophia and eighth grader Eric Magaril is Sister Bertha.

Jason Thomas was a crowd pleaser as "The Artful Dodger" in 1996 production and he plays the role of Max. Jason Gionta, an excellent singer and dancer, plays Rolf, the young man in love with Liesel. Other seventh grade boys include Daniel Legiec, Gregory Zimmerman and Michael Boyce.

Lauren Whritenour is cast as Frau Schmidt, Kristin Bobke as Ursula and Laina Corsi as the Baroness Elberfeld. Alison DeVito plays the Baroness Elsa Schraeder.

Other cast members include Sharon Brodian, Priscilla Melango, Marie Mankowski, Bridget Melnyk, Tara Crane, Kerri Moore, Shannon Schmidt, Susan Schnakenberg, Ashley Crisciottello, Chrissy Weag, Nichole Earhardt, Joey Nicastro, and Greg Trimmer.



Kristin Joham sings the part of Maria in Deerfield School's production of "The Sound of Music," scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

production are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 13 and under. For ticket information, telephone the school at (908) 232-8828.

# Governor Livingston team takes top science prize

The Governor Livingston Regional High School team took home the top prize at the New Jersey Regional Competition of the National Science Bowl, which was held at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory on Feb. 22. The team included Roger Barkan, Michael Vogel, Michael Del Corso,

Micheal Pieja, Joseph Kirtland and Coach John Penna. The winning team, which competed with twenty-three other high school teams from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, received an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Sixth Annual National Science Bowl, scheduled to begin May 2.

The competition was a double-elimination tournament. Each team was made up of four students, a student alternate and a teacher who

serves as an advisor and coach. The students answered multiple choice or short answer questions in biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, mathematics, and earth and computer sciences. The questions were made up by scientists from U. S. Department of Energy's National Laboratories.

High school teams competing this year were Carteret High School, Carteret; Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft; East Brunswick High School, East Brunswick; Governor Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights; Hamilton East-

Steinert High School, Hamilton; High Technology High School, Middletown Township; Hightstown High School, Hightstown; Hopewell Valley Central High School, Pennington; Lawrence High School, Lawrence; Millburn High School, Millburn; two teams from Montgomery High School, Montgomery; Neshaminy High School, Langhorne, Pennsylvania; New Brunswick High School, New Brunswick

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Development Application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by Kenneth J. Burroughs for: (1) Minor Subdivision Approval pursuant to Section 900 of the Springfield Land Use Ordinance; (2) Variance Relief from minimum lot area, lot width, front yard depth, and maximum lot coverage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70c; and (3) Site Plan Waiver pursuant to Section 900 of the Springfield Land Use Ordinance, all Sections referring to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield. Applicant will also seek any other variances or approvals that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the request of the Planning Board. This application is made for premises located at 29 Battle Hill Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, Block 924, Lot 23. This application is now Calendar No. 2-97-S on the clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 p.m., April 2, 1997, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J., and when the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrator of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield, located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Street, Springfield, N.J.

Rahim A. Munir, Esq. Attorney for Applicant, Kenneth J. Burroughs U3754 SLR March 20, 1997 (\$15.75)

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1. Appl. # 1-97-S  
 Applicant: Frank Racioppi - The Edge  
 Site Loc. 492 Mountain Ave  
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 For: Construction of Single Family Homes  
 Was Approved

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.  
 Secretary Robert C Kirkpatrick (\$9.00)  
 U3740 SLR March 20, 1997

1. Appl. # 1-97-S  
 Applicant: Outback/Metropolis  
 Site Loc. Echo Plaza Shopping Center  
 Block 3901 Lot 3  
 For: Conditional Use for Restaurant  
 Was Approved

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 Secretary Robert C Kirkpatrick (\$9.00)  
 U3738 SLR March 20, 1997

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING BOARD**  
 Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday 2/5/97

1. Appl. # 5-95-S  
 Applicant: Frank Racioppi - The Edge  
 Site Loc. 492 Mountain Ave  
 Block 137-01 Lot 50.02 and 51  
 For: Construction of Single Family Homes  
 Was Approved

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.  
 Secretary Robert C Kirkpatrick (\$9.00)  
 U3740 SLR March 20, 1997



## Students of the quarter honored

Florence M. Gaudineer School's "Student of the Quarter" recipients for the first quarter of the 1996-97 school year are seventh grader Wojciec Mysliwiec, fifth grader Michelle Tomasino, sixth grader Staci Max, and eighth grader Sergey Khorochevsky. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks #2004 as part of their Youth Activities Program, which recognizes exceptional students who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship, and scholastic ability. The students are awarded certificates during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

## Springfield residents make list

Six Springfield residents are among 355 full-time and part-time students named to the President's List at Union County College for the fall semester 1996.

The President's List recognizes students who have achieved a minimum of 3.5 cumulative average based on a 4.0 scale.

Union County College, the public community college of Union County, enrolls more than 9,000 full-time and part-time students at campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield, and at various off-campus sites.

Springfield residents named to the President's List include: Barbara Goldstein, business; Jeffrey Zappulla, liberal arts/communication; Paola Dolcemascio, Katherine Spirito and Joyce Stivalo, liberal arts, and Ruth Chamberlain, practical nursing.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application was heard by the Mountainside Planning Board on March 13, 1997 at 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ. Floyd Delaney, 1132 Spruce Drive, Block 5-T, Lot 24 - Site Plan and Development of new office building with conditions, and variances, and ground sign.  
 APPROVED  
 Ruth M. Rees Secretary (\$5.75)  
 U3752 MEC March 20, 1997

### TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday 3/5/97

1. Appl. # 3-97-S  
 Applicant: New Jersey Connect, Inc. or Assignee  
 Site Loc. 41 Hillside Ave.  
 Block 3701 Lot 7  
 For: Construction of Independent Living Facility  
 Was Approved

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.  
 Secretary Robert C Kirkpatrick (\$9.00)  
 U3742 SLR March 20, 1997

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## Cooperative to hold gardening series

The Master Gardeners of Union County — a program of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County — is sponsoring a spring speakers series in which volunteer master gardeners will be giving lectures related to lawn care; flower, fruit and vegetable growing; and composting.

The lectures will be held on week-day evenings at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office in Westfield.

### Topic: vegetable gardening

April 1: Audience members learn everything about vegetable growing in one lecture. Stephen Shoeman will discuss every aspect of vegetable gardening from bed preparation, seed selection, varieties of plants to pick, spacing, watering, fertilizing and harvesting. With good garden

hygiene, one will never need to use pesticides. Flowers to accompany the vegetable garden and herbs also will be discussed, and Shoeman even brings the garden tools used to do the work.

### Topic: growing dahlias

April 14: Dahlias are perennial flowers that come in an extensive range of colors and sizes. Eric Hamberg, master gardener, will show how to grow and preserve dahlias and how to protect these tubers during the winter so they can be enjoyed year-round. Learn the proper way to make dahlias bloom more than once a season and how to cut them for arrangements.

### Topic: growing raspberries

April 29: Irv Wilner, master gardener, will explain how to grow raspberries, the differences between each

kind, required growing conditions and their care.

### Topic: composting

May 5: Learn how to make beautiful rich soil from common household waste, dirt and worms. Walter Pomnitz, master gardener, will talk about basic composting procedures.

Bring any questions to Rutgers Cooperative Extension at 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield. Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information and education services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability, handicap or age.

There is no fee but registration is required. Students will receive a packet of fact sheets upon arrival at the lecture. Call Marie Clark, agriculture secretary, at (908) 654-9854 to register.

## Musical youth



Vaughn Cartwright, Josh Katz, Dave Izard, Meredith Feezer, Rob Messner, Andrew Larsen, and Tim Dunne, students at Summit Middle School, have been selected to perform in Central Jersey Music Association musical groups.

# BUSINESS REVIEW

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## R Treasure House Rosina Angelo, Owner • Serving The Area Since 1996

A unique selection of gifts is available in this area at R Treasure House, located in Springfield at 649 Morris Avenue, phone 564-9444. You will find a fine line of gifts, cards, candies, cigars, accessories and novelties of all types, for all occasions here. Whether you have a particular gift in mind, or are just browsing, you'll not want to miss the selection of items featured at this shop. You will be sure to find the perfect gift for even the most discriminating person.

As we all know, selecting just the right gift for that special occasion is easier said than done. Many people in this area have come to rely on R Treasure House for helpful, friendly advice in choosing a gift that will be cherished for many years to come. They contribute to the "Wish Upon A Star" foundation and feature "Model of the Month" for children. For more information, call 564-9444.

With Easter just around the corner, or for that spring bride, or any occasion; that very special gift, one you can give with confidence, can surely be found at this leading shop. They also provide delivery service for the local area. Remember the name R Treasure House for fine gifts that will surely please anyone.

## Mazur's Auto Body Andrew Knapp & Ron Cerini, Owners

"Quality" is more than just a word at Mazur's Auto Body, located in Summit at 38 River Road in Barnes Chevrolet, phone (908) 522-0221. They are proud of their superior craftsmen and the quality work they produce. From small dents in your car's door to "nearly totaled" vehicles requiring repair or replacement of major body sections, their skilled personnel apply experience, knowledge and judgment to expertly restore your car's body to pre-crash condition. Special attention to details during the repair process assures you of the highest quality finished product.

Automotive painting and refinishing is truly an art. The painters at Mazur's Auto Body combine the latest techniques, highest quality materials and an expert's keen eyes to create showroom quality finishes. Every precaution is taken to ensure the final finish matches your original paint as closely as possible in both appearance and quality, to protect and preserve the value of your car.

Properly restoring your vehicle requires the unique combination of experience, technical knowledge, judgment and the professional touch of skilled craftsmen. Mazur's Auto Body's professional repair techniques allow them to get your car back on the road quickly, safely and at a fair price.

## Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream Stores

Bharat Pandya & Ram Dholaria, Owners

For just the right treat for your sweet tooth, stop in at Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream Store, located in Summit at 14 Beechwood Road, phone (908) 522-9731. They feature delicious ice cream served in a variety of taste-tempting ways, to eat on the premises or available for takeout.

From huge banana splits and scrumptious sundaes dripping with hot chocolate to a simple sugar cone with a dip of your favorite flavor, Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream Store is sure to have something to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth! You are sure to enjoy the smooth creamy texture of their ice cream, and find its fresh flavor better than any you've ever tasted.

You've really missed something if you haven't tried the desserts at Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream Store. They have dozens of flavors of ice cream to choose from, each more exciting than the last. All of their ice cream is homemade with only the purest of nature's ingredients. You can also purchase their ice cream in pints and quarts to take home. Stop in today and see for yourself why everyone is saying, "It's the best ice cream I've ever tasted!" *Clip this reader ad and receive \$2.00 off a cake of \$15.00 or more.*

## Albright Carpet Care Family Owned & Operated

Today, nearly all of us have carpeting in our homes and commercial buildings. To keep that carpet really clean and to prolong its life, something more than routine vacuuming is necessary. Periodic steam cleaning is the best way to clean, preserve and enhance the appearance of your carpets and rugs.

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For beautifully clean carpets and rugs at a surprisingly low cost, the professionals at Albright Carpet Care are the people to contact. Make your appointment by calling (908) 522-1225. You'll be extremely pleased with the results. *Clip this reader ad and receive 10% off your first cleaning.*

## LFO Abbey Carpet Of Springfield

Family Owned & Operated Since 1927

Are you building or remodeling? Is your present linoleum or vinyl tile worn out? Are you simply tired of looking at the same old carpet day after day? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," you need to visit LFO Abbey Carpet Of Springfield, located in Springfield at 136 Route 22 West, phone 376-5220. You'll find floor coverings of all types for every room of your home or commercial building.

They display beautiful, natural hardwood flooring which is available in plank, strip or parquet. Long-wearing, stain-resistant, easy-care linoleum and no-wax vinyl flooring are also on display in beautiful colors and patterns. The salespeople at LFO Abbey Carpet Of Springfield can show you a variety of carpeting from luxurious, deep pile carpet for your home to wear resistant carpet for commercial applications. A rainbow of colors is available for every decorating scheme.

They feature only quality floor coverings. The salespeople here can inform you about the qualities, advantages and proper care of each type. To complement their fine products, they offer expert installation. Because of their large selection, low prices, and helpful personnel, LFO Abbey Carpet Of Springfield is the smart consumer's floor covering headquarters. Stop in soon to browse through their extensive showroom.

## Cioffi's Delicatessen & Caterers Of Springfield

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To give any special event just the right touch, be sure to call the catering experts at Cioffi's Delicatessen & Caterers Of Springfield, located in Springfield at 762 Mountain Avenue, phone 467-5468 and ask for Jerry. This popular catering service will help you plan your party every step of the way. They will suggest to you innovative ideas based on their years of catering experience and handle all the details according to your particular needs. They also supply tents, tables, chairs and linens as well as waiters and bartenders for off-premise catering.

No affair is too large or too small for these catering specialists, and you will be assured of superb food, economical prices and thorough, professional service. Let the dependable staff of Cioffi's Delicatessen & Caterers Of Springfield cater your affair and experience the pleasure of enjoying your party without the work, anxiety or worry of all that must be taken care of.

It's worth a few dollars more to feel confident that your party will be a success. For bridal showers, banquets, parties, business meetings or any occasion, large or small, make your affair one that your guests will long remember. Let the responsible people at Cioffi's Delicatessen & Caterers Of Springfield make a lasting impression at your next party. Their fine reputation is your guarantee of high quality standards, reasonable prices, and excellent service.

## Lead Consulting & Inspection, Inc.

Serving The Area For Over 25 Years

Most people are now aware that exposure to lead in our living or work environment has been linked to serious health problems and that this material is extensively used in residential, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings just two decades ago. A great number of these buildings are still in use today. Lead based paint coated walls and window casings and lead piping carried drinking water. Lead poisoning, by inhalation or ingestion, begins to manifest in gastrointestinal problems and can result in mental retardation in children and damage to the central nervous system, coma, and death in both adults and children.

Lead Consulting & Inspection, Inc., located in Short Hills, phone (201) 912-0222, and in the Summit area, phone (908) 273-3064, is a lead consultant and inspection specialist. They are available to inspect and consult on the removal of this dangerous substance from single and multi-family dwellings, commercial buildings, schools, hospitals and industrial complexes. Using state-of-the-art equipment and technology, Lead Consulting & Inspection, Inc.'s, trained team of professionals offers emergency response service and they are fully licensed, bonded and insured. The techniques used by this firm are in compliance with all EPA and OSHA regulations.

If you are concerned about a hazard in your home or facility, contact Lead Consulting & Inspection, Inc., for a consultation and cost estimate.

## JK Sprinklers John Kronert, Owner • Serving The Area For Over 15 Years

If you've envied your neighbors' beautiful lawns and gardens, and wondered how they maintained their beautiful green grass and shrubs, maybe the answer is an in-ground sprinkler system. JK Sprinklers, located in Springfield, phone 379-5725, can design the perfect sprinkler system for your particular lawn and landscaping needs.

A system designed and installed by these experts is an actual energy saver, and will provide the irrigation needed to maintain lush, green lawns and healthy shrubs. Whether your plans call for a small residential system or a larger commercial one, JK Sprinklers can install it. They feature only name brand systems like Toro, Hunter and Rainbird, and can custom design an automatic or manual system for you. The complete services include expert repair and improvement as well as winterizing. For beautiful grounds without the usual drudgery of lawn watering, call JK Sprinklers today.

## Fiorino Ristorante

It seems as though there are Italian restaurants of every size, price range and specialty in each community. To be exceptional and to stand out from all the rest it must have something really special going for it. Fiorino Ristorante may not be the most expensive restaurant in the area, but it has simply the best food and service which is served in a relaxed and warm family atmosphere.

The owners of this fine establishment are both gracious and proud. They pamper their patrons with TLC and exceptional old-style Italian cuisine. Their menu is more than complete, from homemade pastas, sauces and oven-baked bread to garden fresh salads, succulent pizzas and tantalizing daily specials sure to please the entire family. You can always count on hardy portions, modest prices and mouthwatering homestyle Italian food when you dine at Fiorino Ristorante. If you still have a bit of room in your tummy after dinner, don't miss out on their homemade cheesecakes, tiramisu and tarts. They are truly a wonderful finish to a great meal.

Fiorino Ristorante is located in Summit at 38 Maple Street, phone (908) 277-1900. They also have a large private room available for up to 50 people. Treat yourself and your family and stop by today.

## Manhattan Cabinetry, Inc. Serving The Area For Over 20 Years

Businessmen in this area who have contracted with Manhattan Cabinetry, phone 1-800-626-4288 or FAX (718) 937-1691, have been especially pleased with their design expertise and fine craftsmanship and most reasonable prices. When it comes to commercial cabinetry work and general woodworking, these professionals have the experience and knowledge to complete any job in a most professional manner. Whether it is a large or small job, these specialists will handle every detail and will finish in the allotted time.

If you are thinking about having some interior commercial woodworking done, do what so many others have done. Call Manhattan Cabinetry and have them look over the plans and give you a free estimate. During the time this cabinet shop has been in business, they have executed many contracts throughout the area, and these stand as examples of their excellent workmanship.

No matter what style of job you have, Manhattan Cabinetry will complete it in the shortest time possible. Their cabinet work has earned for them a reputation that has spread far and wide. Give them a call for all your home or office cabinetry needs.

## Creative Works Specializing In Unique Interior Accents

Most of us recognize a tastefully decorated room when we see it, but not many of us can create a really distinctive look without help. Interior designers are trained to create the specific look desired for a room, a home, a suite of offices or an office building. Using your ideas or offering theirs, Creative Works can design the interior of your home or business so that it will be beautiful yet functional, and uniquely your own.

Located in Summit at 474 Springfield Avenue, phone (908) 598-0955, Creative Works offers the people of this area expert interior design services. These designers are experienced professionals who will handle your decorating project from concept to completion. Working closely with you, they will find the "look" that will work best for your purposes, then choose all the furnishings necessary to achieve that look—wall and floor coverings, window treatments, furniture, lamps, wall decorations and accessories.

The designers at Creative Works have an outstanding reputation for the beautiful interiors they have created for homes and offices throughout the area. If you want a distinctive look for your interior, contact these professionals. When your project is complete and you are surrounded by a comfortable and beautiful atmosphere, you'll be glad you called Creative Works.

## Supreme Pastries Of Springfield Kosher Bakery

When the people of this area stop and think about who bakes the finest bakery products around, they're probably thinking of Supreme Pastries Of Springfield, located in Springfield at 246 Mountain Avenue, phone 376-0722 or FAX 376-0135, under the supervision of Dr. Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi. This bake shop features a full line of delicious baked goods made fresh daily on the premises and guaranteed to satisfy you and your family.

Only nature's finest ingredients are used in the baked goods here. No preservatives ever go into their famous recipes. Stop in soon and bring home some of their tasty French or Danish pastries, breads and rolls, cakes, cookies or pies. Their products are ideal for any kind of get-together where food is served. The exceptional flavor of their baked goods is sure to please even the most discriminating tastes, and the wide variety they offer provides you a new treat every time you come. Once you've tasted their baked goods, you're sure to make Supreme Pastries Of Springfield a regular stop. Supreme Pastries Of Springfield also specializes in decorated cakes for all occasions. Whether it be for a wedding, birthday or anniversary, their experienced bakers can custom design a beautiful cake for your next party.

Remember, for quality, service and variety, stop in soon at Supreme Pastries Of Springfield. Your family will taste and appreciate the difference.

## Mountainview Roofing Co.

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Your roof represents only about 3% of your building investment, yet its value is out of all proportion to its cost. Roofs are very important in the preservation, beauty and durability of your home or business. A name person in this area have come to know and trust is Mountainview Roofing, located in Summit at 816 Old Springfield Avenue, phone (908) 277-6991.

Many people do not know just what type of roof they should have on their home to add to its beauty and durability. These professionals will gladly explain the various roofing materials and their advantages to you. They feature a varied selection of materials and colors from which you may choose. Call today and let the experts at Mountainview Roofing come out and examine your roof. They may find that it is in good condition, ready for many years of service or they may find defects that can easily be remedied. Their crews have the necessary experience to spot minor problems and correct them inexpensively before they develop into a major re-roofing expense.

Good roofs aren't luck. They are the result of durable materials, accurate bids, and most importantly, years of experienced professionalism. So, when you have roofing worries, call the specialists at Mountainview Roofing.

## Shoppers Wine Warehouse Of Springfield

Serving The Area Since 1983

American tastes have become more sophisticated in recent years, and we have come to appreciate fine wines which complement a good meal. We have found that a hearty Burgundy adds to the enjoyment of a favorite lasagna recipe, and the old tradition of champagne at a celebration adds zest. Shoppers Wine Warehouse Of Springfield is this area's wine connection.

With knowledge of wines from every country as well as the recipes in which they are ingredients, Shoppers Wine Warehouse Of Springfield can answer any questions you may have on the various wines available on the market. All of the most well known brands and vintages are stocked, both domestic and imported. Special orders can be accommodated and quantity discounts are available. Varieties from around the world can be found here as well as from more intimate, small vineyards. American, Canadian, French and Australian vintages are represented. From hearty to delicate, Burgundies, Blushes, Chablis, Chardonnays, Cabernet Sauvignon and Champagnes to specialty varieties such as Port, Madeira and Sherry are available.

If you are planning a dinner party or special celebration, Shoppers Wine Warehouse Of Springfield, located in Springfield at 8 Millburn Avenue, phone (201) 376-0005, welcomes the opportunity to serve you. They remind their customers to drink responsibly and have a designated driver.

## Montero Landscaping, Paving & Mason Contractors

Family Owned & Operated For Over 15 Years

The art of creative landscaping is a job for an experienced professional. Long considered to be one of the local area's leading landscape contractors, Montero Landscaping, Paving & Mason Contractors, located in Summit, phone (908) 273-4814, ask for Bill Montero, who has earned an excellent reputation throughout the area.

This reliable firm specializes in beautifying the exterior of your home or business with the addition of a new lawn, shrubs, trees, flowers, rocks and many other distinctive decorator items which only a true artisan can install properly. Their years of experience and their dedication to do a professional job are your guarantees that your grounds will look better than ever before. When you call Montero Landscaping, Paving & Mason Contractors to do your landscaping, you get more than just a job. You get the environmental designs of an expert. The ecology isn't forgotten when this skilled company is on the job, and they specialize in producing "natural" effects. They are experts in all phases of landscaping, whether it be for residential or commercial properties.

Let their specialists design and create that especially distinctive look that is presently missing from your home or business. Landscaping is something best done by professionals. Rely on the professionals at Montero Landscaping, Paving & Mason Contractors for all your landscaping needs.

# OBITUARIES

## Warren N. Wheeler

Warren N. Wheeler, 64, of Madison, a teacher and coach at Summit High School and active with the Boy Scouts, died March 16 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Somerville. He was a history teacher at Summit High School for 33 years and retired in 1992. Mr. Wheeler was the bowling coach and also headed the school's Asian history and international student exchange programs. Mr. Wheeler personally served as host for many foreign exchange students in his home. He was a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America for more than 30 years. Mr. Wheeler started many troops including Troop 29 at the Community House in Madison. He was a former dean at the Presbyterian Church in Madison.

Surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Beaver.

## Herbert F. Pechin

Herbert Frederick Pechin of Aberdeen, Md., formerly of Springfield, died March 1 in Moore Regional Hospital, Pinehurst, N.C.

Born in Junction City, Kan., Mr. Pechin lived in Springfield before moving to Aberdeen 10 years ago. He was the owner of Hergo Builders in Springfield and retired in 1984. Mr. Pechin served in the Army during World War II and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge as a member of the 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagles, Division 501. He was given a Purple Heart. Mr. Pechin was a volunteer with the North Carolina Foodbank for six years and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, both in Pinehurst.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; a son, Herbert Paul; a daughter, Sharon Spirito, and a grandchild.

## Maria A. Gonnella

Marie Angela Gonnella, 86, of Wallingford, Pa., formerly of Mountaineer, died March 6 in the Harlee Manor Nursing Home, Springfield, Pa.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Gonnella lived in Mountaineer for 40 years before moving to Pennsylvania 11 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Joseph Gonnella; a daughter, Marie Miranda; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Rose Loffredo

Rose Loffredo, 80, of Springfield died March 12 in the Genesis Health Care, Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, Miss Loffredo lived in Springfield for seven years. She was an elementary school teacher in the Jersey City school system for 17 years and retired 20 years ago. Miss Loffredo was a graduate of the Academy of St. Elizabeth in 1935 and St. Elizabeth College, Convent Station, in 1939.

Surviving are two sisters, Camille Kenny and Anne L. Wilson.

## Gerard J. Vezza

Gerard J. Vezza, 71, of Springfield died March 11 in the North Broward Medical Center, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Born in Newark, Mr. Vezza lived in Irvington and East Orange before moving to Springfield in 1952. He established and owned Frameware Inc. of Clifton and retired last year.

Mr. Vezza was a World War II Coast Guard veteran who served in the Allied invasion of Normandy, in the European campaigns and received the Bronze Star and the European Invasion Medal. He was a musician third class. Since 1946 he was a saxophone player and a member of the Musicians Union Local 16 of Newark. Mr. Vezza was a parttime band leader and was very active in the local New Jersey music community. He also was active in the community affairs of Springfield. Mr. Vezza was a former member of the Springfield Board of Health and ran for councilman in 1968. He also was a charter member of UNICO of Springfield and the Alumni Association of Seton Hall University. Mr. Vezza was president of the class of 1942 at Irvington High School, and he chaired and organized the 50th class reunion in 1992.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; a son, Gerard Anthony; a daughter, Kathleen Leslie; his parents, Carmela and Anthony Vezza, and two grandchildren.

## John Parker

John Parker, 82, of Mountaineer died March 13 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Parker lived in Hillside before moving to Mountaineer 42 years ago. He was a clerk for many years at the Westfield Post Office and retired in 1984. Earlier, Mr. Parker had worked for Alderem Dairy, Newark. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a former member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountaineer.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Parker; two sisters, Helen Taron and Margaret Skarbek, and a grandchild.

## Dolores O'Toole

Dolores O'Toole, 68, of Springfield died March 15 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. O'Toole lived in Springfield for the past 10 years. She was employed by the Springfield Board of Education as a lunchroom aide until last week.

Surviving are her husband, John; two sons, Thomas and Jack; two daughters, Peggy Bernstein and Ariene Piagari; two brothers, Charles and James Weller; a sister, Dorothy Walshak, and six grandchildren.

## Simon Heischuber

Simon Heischuber, 86, of Springfield died March 16 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Heischuber lived in the Bronx before moving to Springfield 40 years ago. He was a certified public accountant in Springfield before retiring many years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son, Paul; a sister, Minnie Vishnick; a brother, Elias, and three grandchildren.

## Daisy Howarth

Daisy Howarth, 91, of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., formerly of Springfield, died March 13 in her home.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Howarth lived in Springfield before moving to Pennsylvania in 1994. She was a member of the Altar Guild of St. Stephen Episcopal Church, Millburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Ida H. Selig; a stepson, Robert C.; a sister, Violet Wilcox; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

**CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD "THE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER,"** "A Pentecostal church seeking the face of God," 953 W. Chestnut St., Union Church/964-1133. Fax/964-1153. Rev. John W. Bechtel, Pastor. Sunday Services: 9:30am. Morning Worship - 10:45am. Praise/Pentecost Preaching - 6:30pm. Wednesday Services: Ladies Bible Study (Home) - 10am. Family Night - 7:30pm with... Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14). Missions girls program (ages 3-17). Adult School of the Bible - Friday Services. Youth Night - 7:30pm. In addition there are monthly meetings of Promise 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 Alston, Pastor. Church phone (201) 379-1465. **SUNDAY SERVICES:** 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School, 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. **TUESDAY:** 7:00 P.M. Bible Class (Where The Bible Comes Alive). **WEDNESDAY:** 7:30 P.M. Prayer Service. Holy Communion every First 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) 687-9441. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor. **TEACHER 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 - Rev. Baptists (grades 7-12). Tuesday Sat. 8:00 AM - Early Morning prayer. Wednesday: 10:00 AM - Keeninger 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 meet 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 687-9441.

**EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE"** 242 Shuqung 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 Threave Terrace, Union. Rev. Robert S. Damrau, 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 - first 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 bi-monthly, 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 AHM** 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. **Weekday services** including Morning Prayer 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, 273-8150. 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 273-8150.

## JEWISH - ORTHODOX

**CONGREGATION ISRAEL** 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 201-467-9666. Daily services are 6:30 AM and 7:15 AM and 15 minutes before sunset. There is one minyan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 AM with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday evenings, we learn Biblical archeology from 7:30-8:30 PM, 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 Jewish 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 AM services, we study Maimonides' legal code, and from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM, we have an advanced program in the study of Jewish law. On Shabbat afternoons we review the weekly Biblical portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the minyan 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. Leslie Boston, Education Director. Holly Newler, Pre-School Director. Bruce Pitman, 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 8:00 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 mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2-6, 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, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

## JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

**CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM AILAVATI ACHIM B'NAI ISRAEL**, 2025 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plaque 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 AM. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 AM. Daily Mincha/Ma'ariv Services - 8:30 PM (call Synagogue to verify time). Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM - Saturday, 9:00 AM. Mincha/Ma'ariv services according to sundown. Elementary Hebrew School meets Sunday 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

**TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION** 2172 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2121. Meyer Korbin, Rabbi. Esther Avner, President. Hadassah Goldfischer, 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. Mincha 5:30 PM.

PM Sunday Tallis 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 - 4:53-5:30 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 Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

## LUTHERAN

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS** 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. 908-686-3965. Family Sunday School 9:15. Family Worship 9:00 & 10:30. Visitors Expected. Bar/bat Mitzvah Preparation, Bible Studies, Youth Groups, Nightly Daily-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. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 am at JONATHAN DAY-TON 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 pm.

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagat, Pastor. Slovak Worship 6:00 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 Chorus, 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 7:45 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Aldora circle meets every 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 Wartler, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:15 AM. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study are at 9:00 AM. Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month. Hymn singing on the 4th Sunday. Call Church Office for more information or Free Packet.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL** 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kretsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 11 am. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 am. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7:30 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 8:30 am, and the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 am. 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** 24 Hilton Avenue, Vauxhall, 964-1282. 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. Fabler-Pastor.

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park. Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, 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, Parsonage 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. Rev. John Jackman, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available. First Sunday every month Fellowship

hour after worship. Free preschool playgroup meets every other Wednesday. Friendly, multicultural worship open to all.

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL**, Corner Lexington, Tuscan, and Burnet Ave. (201) 761-6430. Sunday services: Worship and Communion, 9:00 A.M.; Coffee and Fellowship, 10:05 A.M.; Adult Bible Classes, 10:25 A.M.; Sunday School, 10:30 A.M. Family Bible Ministry Hour, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study. Lower meeting room. Special week-day programs for children and youth; call on Sundays, AM, and Tuesdays after 7:45 PM.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** established 1730, Suisyest Avenue and Route 22, Union. Sunday Church School for all ages. Current Issues Forum at 9:30 A.M., Sunday Worship Services at 10:45 A.M. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir. Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly. Bible study group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The Living Room - a Support Group for those coping with aged persons - meets 4th Thursday of the month. Quiet Place - a young women's support group - meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. September Song - a support group for "seasoned citizens" meets the 1st Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting provided. Everyone welcome. **Weekday Nursery School** for 2, 3 and 4 yr. olds available, 9:45-10:45. For additional information, please call Church Office at 688-7157. **Serving Church Community for 266 years.** Rev. R. Siskey Pluch, Pastor, 688-3164.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Morris Ave. and Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, choir, church activities and fellowship. **Sundays-Church School - 9:00 a.m., Worship - 10:15 a.m.** - Communion first Sunday of each month. **Ladies' Benevolent Society** - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m., **Ladies' Evening Group** - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., **Kaffeeklatsch** - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., **Choir** - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. **Charles L. Hale, Jr., Interim Pastor.**

**TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Sawm Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. **Nursery Care** during all services. **Holy Communion** the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 686-1028. Dr. Brian Luckhoff, Minister.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

**THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES** 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 201-376-3044. **SUNDAY EUCHARIST:** Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon, Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. **Weekday Masses:** 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**, 767 Prospect Street, Maplewood (1 blk. S. of Springfield Ave.), 201-761-5933. Rev. Tom Wisniewski, Pastor. Rita Borin, Pastoral Council Chair. We invite you to join our growing faith community for worship, service opportunities, and spiritual support. Masses celebrated in our beautiful Church on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and noon; and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Children's word service at 9 a.m. Choir at 10:30 a.m. Weekly bulletin lists weekday and special schedules and activities. Please talk to a member of the parish or pastoral staff to learn about our parish school, Sunday religious education classes, youth group, and varied adult ministries.

**ST. THERESA'S CHURCH** 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 272-4444. Rev. Joseph S. Bejgrovicz, Pastor. Sunday Masses: Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 am - 12 Noon. **Weekday Masses:** 7:00 - 9:00 am. **Miraculous Medal Novena** following 7:30 pm Mass. **ST. JUDE PERPETUAL NOVENA** - Wednesdays, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His Powerful Intercessions.

**ST. TERESA'S OF AVILA**, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-277-3700. Sunday Masses: Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:15 (Spanish), 5:00 PM in the Church; 9:30 AM Memorial Hall (children's liturgy); **Weekday Masses:** 7:00, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM; Saturday Masses: 7:00, 8:30 AM & 12:10 PM; Holy Days: Same as weekday masses with a 5:30 PM anticipated Mass and a 7:30 PM evening Mass. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

# Center to host 'Bubbe stories'

The Summit Jewish Community Center will present "Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories" Sunday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at the SJCC. "Bubbe," or Grandmother, "Meises," or stories, is filled with wit, folklore, tragedy, and love. Written and performed by Ellen Gould, this one-woman show is a highly personalized, loving tribute to her immigrant grandmothers.

"Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories," spotlights a granddaughter at a personal crossroads. As a way to understand her own life, she recalls the passionate and political stories of her grandmothers when they came to make their homes in America. Each woman is very different; one is a righteous radical-turned-philanthropist and one is a more expansive, worldly person who always encouraged her offspring to seek their own paths.

The play becomes not only a journey of self-discovery for Gould, but also a journey of a family's history. Both matriarchal figures have adages and meises, or old-wives' tales for all occasions, every story ends with a moral. From living life to the fullest, to making compromises in the interest of domestic harmony, every lesson is also presented with a large portion of wit.

Coffee and dessert will be served after the performance. Tickets for adults are \$1 when purchased in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets for seniors, students, and children are \$9. The performance is recommended for children 10 years of age and above. For preferred seating, patron tickets offering preferred seating are \$36.

Penny Pincus of Summit and a member of the Board of Directors of the SJCC is chairperson of the event, and Debra Halpern of Summit and SJCC vice president is the coordinator of the event's committee. For additional information, call SJCC office at (908) 273-8130.

# United Way nears goal

Chan Coddington, president of the United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, has announced that they have attained 80 percent of their fundraising goal with two months still remaining.

Funds raised during this campaign have been allocated to the ARC of Union County, Berkeley Heights Police Athletic League, Cerebral Palsy League of Union County, Community Pre-School at St. John's, Community Service Association of New Providence, Family Service's Division of Overlook Hospital, Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County, the Listening Center, the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Salvation Army-Service Units, SAGE, Summit Area YMCA, Summit Child Care Centers, Union County Psychiatric Clinic, Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, Watchung

# SAGE begins annual appeal

SAGE, Inc., a non profit agency serving the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties, has begun its annual membership appeal.

Funds raised from this appeal support a variety of SAGE programs, all of which are designed to keep the elderly independent and living at home for as long as possible.

According to Jacqueline Vogelmann, executive director of SAGE, "As the number of older persons in our communities increases, adult children are searching for services to assist with eldercare; SAGE delivers these services with a warm and caring touch by experienced professionals." SAGE offers programs, many staffed by volunteers, in almost all areas of gerontological care. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, six-day a week delivery of professionally planned and prepared meals to individuals 60 years of age or older who are unable to food shop or cook for themselves; Home Care, which offers trained and state certified aides; Companion Service, providing non-medical support services; InfoCare, an information and referral service; Tel-Assurance, weekday phone calls to the elderly; P.R.E.P. caregiver support groups; Spend-A-Day Adult Day Care Center in Berkeley Heights; SAGE Resale Shop and SAGE Workshop, a woodworking and furniture refinishing shop staffed by volunteers. For more information, call (908) 273-5550.

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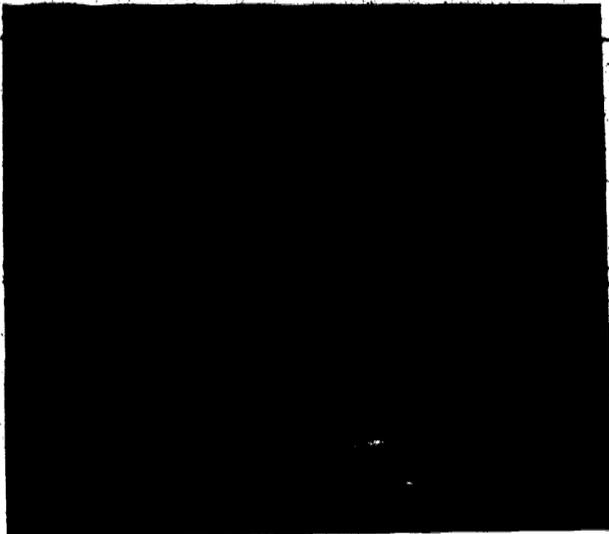
# Hadassah plans gallery style show

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah has created a gallery environment to celebrate the 39th annual Art Show and Sale. It will be held April 5 and April 6, at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield. This year, pottery, glass, Judaica, American Indian Art, painted furniture and jewelry will be featured. In addition, there will be sculpture, framed and unframed art from artists such as Calder, Gorman, and Agam.

Top New Jersey and New York galleries and a limited number of individual artists have been invited to set up their own "mini galleries" and display their works. "It will be like taking a walk through SoHo," said Karen Rose, publicity co-chair.

The show has been designed so that both the avid collector and the casual viewer can stroll through the exhibit, stop by each gallery, and see what's happening in the art world. Each gallery will have their own experts on hand to answer questions and provide further information about the artists and individual pieces. Participating galleries include Walker-Kornbluth of Fair Lawn, CBL Fine Art of West Orange, Adobe East of Summit, and B.L.D. of New York City.

Each year, the art show commissions an artist to create a limited edition graphic that is available with the show. Those commissioned in past years have included Nell Blaine, Wolf Kahn, Chaim Gross, Will Barnett, and Harry Devlin. This year, Richard Segalman, an artist known for his oils, pastels and watercolors of scenes relating to Santa Fe and Naples beaches, has created the graphic. He is represented by the Walker-Kornbluth Gallery in Fair Lawn, Harmon-Meek Gallery of Naples, Fl and Munson Gallery of Santa Fe, N.M. His work



Maxine Bradie of Mountainside chairs the Gallery Committee for the 39th Annual Westfield Hadassah Art Show and Sale at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad St., Westfield.

hangs in many museums, including the Hirshhorn, Washington, D.C.; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Ma.; Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, Mn. and Montclair Art Museum, Montclair.

The art show and sale serves as the primary means of fulfilling Westfield Chapter's commitment to Hadassah's projects. "The art show has been tremendously successful over the years," stated Hadassah Art Show Coordinator Evelyn Hollander. "We're proud the show has helped medical researchers and physicians to achieve

significant breakthroughs in health care." Founded in 1912, Hadassah is Israel's medical pacesetter in healing, teaching and research.

A preview champagne reception will kick off the show for patrons on April 5. The show will be open to the public Sunday, April 6 from noon to 9:30 p.m. It will be located at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens; students are free. Lunch and snacks are available. For additional information about the show and the limited edition graphic, call (908) 233-6531.

# Sharing Easter blessings



Students from St. Rose of Lima School took time to remember those less fortunate by assembling Easter baskets for Children Together, an organization which provides homes for siblings in foster care. The students volunteered their time through the Short Hills Outreach Program, which sponsored this event March 14 at St. Rose. The candy for the baskets was donated by St. Rose families, and the baskets will be brought to Children Together's home in Spouth Orange.

# Home design is theme of Kent Place show

A Spring Home Design and Decorating Show is scheduled for Sunday at the Kent Place School Field House. The Chambers of Commerce of five local communities are sponsoring this show, which runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit.

The Chambers of Commerce of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, Millburn and Short Hills, and the Chatham's have assembled a varied group of 40 exhibitors for the show. Guests can enjoy the room-size exhibits, talk to the vendors and purchase some of the items on display. Highlights of the show include interior design, kitchen

design, bath furnishings and accessories, the ultimate in home furnishings and accent pieces, carpeting and floor covering, glass, fine art, dried floral arrangements, wall coverings, woodworking, and landscape and architectural design, to name a few of the popular exhibits. Demonstrations will also be offered.

This show is free and open to the public; there is ample free parking available on the campus or on nearby streets. For additional information, call (908) 522-1700, (201) 379-1198, or (201) 535-2444.

# Passport services available on the internet

Residents planning to travel overseas and need passport information or an application, those who want to record a trade name or even get a form to apply for an absentee ballot, can now do it all from home.

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has announced her office will provide helpful information on the new county clerk's website at [www.unioncountynj.org/constit/clerk](http://www.unioncountynj.org/constit/clerk)

In addition to passport forms and information, election information is available, including a form for applying for an absentee ballot and dates of elections within the county including school board, primary, general and any special elections which may be held during the year.

Rajoppi said the website periodically will be updated with new information for residents. An e-mail address is provided at [irajoppi@unioncountynj.org](mailto:irajoppi@unioncountynj.org). "We're excited that the clerk's office can provide this service at no additional cost to the county."

# Career development classes set

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Union Club is taking registration for its new Career Development Program for teens ages 14-18. The program will take place through April 16. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The program is free for all club members.

The Career Development Program has been designed to help young adults focus on their choice career by teaching the fundamentals of goal setting and goal achievement. This program will also provide public speaking, which will instill confidence for life long achievements.

For more information on club programs, call the following: Elizabeth Club (908) 629-1858, Union Club (908) 687-2697, or visit the web site at <http://www.natural.com/UCYOUTH/>.



# Worship Together

## at Easter

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Palm Sunday Service - March 23-10:45 a.m.

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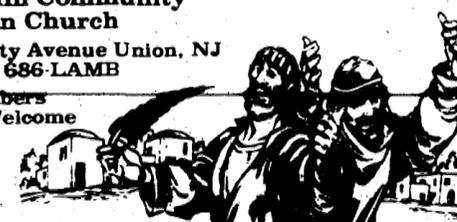
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**EASTER SUNDAY, March 30:** Outdoor Sunrise Worship at 6:30; Communion Worship at 8:00 and 10:30.



# Senator pushes for energy tax cut

Commercial and residential consumers of energy could see their future energy tax rates reduced by 45 percent under legislation sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union.

The legislation is aimed at reducing New Jersey's energy rates, among the highest in the nation, to bring them in line with other states in the region. Energy taxes are considered by economists to be a cost factor that has a direct impact on business retention and relocation.

"We are on the threshold of seeing an end to an industry that has often been called the last great American monopoly," said DiFrancesco. "An essential part of preparing this industry for an era of deregulation, greater competition and more consumer choice is for New Jersey to restructure

its energy tax codes. Other large industrial states, including California and Massachusetts, have already passed utility reform measures because they recognized that lower energy tax rates can boost their economies and enhance their competitiveness."

The legislation will eliminate the different tax treatments for utility and non-utility providers of energy. Currently, disparities exist between what natural gas and electrical utilities and non-utilities must pay.

Under the legislation, the 13 percent Gross Receipts and Franchise Tax traditionally collected by utilities would be eliminated. These utilities would then become subject to the 9 percent Corporate Business Tax in the same manner as other companies.

The existing 6 percent State Sales

and Use Tax would be applied to retail electric and natural gas sales instead of the GRAFT. A Transitional Energy Facilities to replace the loss of revenue from the GRAFT elimination. The assessment would be phased out over a five-year period.

"We recognize that public utility taxes represent the second-largest source of municipal budget revenue in New Jersey and companion legislation has been drafted that will ensure that the elimination of the GRAFT will not negatively impact local budgets and local taxpayers," said DiFrancesco.

"This companion measure guarantees \$730 million in annual property tax relief for taxpayers statewide. In fact, the legislation includes a 'poison pill' provision that binds the Legislature to the \$730 million."

# County golf courses go spikeless

Golf shoes with metal spikes — a symbol of many of a day on the links — is a thing of the past on Union County's golf courses as of Saturday.

Following the trend of more than 1,200 private and public golf clubs throughout the county, only golf shoes without metal spikes will be permitted on Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, Ash Brook Golf Courses in Scotch Plains and Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark.

The policy was adopted following extensive study of this trend and considering the impact of metal spikes on the newly-restored greens at Galloping Hill and Ash Brook golf courses. "There are many benefits of non-metal spikes or 'soft spikes,'" said Freeholder Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "The most obvious is the increased quality in the

appearance and playability of the putting surfaces. Additionally, other areas of the course can sustain damage due to metal spikes that have become loose and fall off."

County Manager Ann Baran said. "We have noticed the wear and tear spikes inflict on the carpeting, tile and other floor coverings around the clubhouses. Also, loose spikes can damage equipment, such as when a spike hits a piece of mowing equipment. In addition, to the cost of the repair,

there is an obvious impact on the course if the equipment is down."

Sullivan continued, "Our pro shop employees can easily convert metal spikes to soft spikes and stand ready to serve our residents and visitors who need to upgrade their shoes."

Any question concerning this matter can be directed to Ash Brook Golf Course, at 756-0414, Galloping Hill Course at 686-1556 or Oak Ridge Golf Course at 574-0139.

## Peace keepers

Worral 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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Whitney Campbell, Leanne Badgely, Donna Dwyre, Laurie Pepe, Tommie Freda, and Lori Ricca display a Wilton weave rug that will be one of the auctioned items at the Senior Connections annual fashion show luncheon.

# Group to hold annual fashion luncheon

Plans are underway for the annual Seniors Connections Inc. fundraising luncheon, fashion show and auction. The luncheon will be held April 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel. This year, Cove Discount Carpets has donated a Wilton area rug for the auction. Many local merchants have

donated items for the "all around the town" auction. The fashion show will feature clothing from Summit shops with commentary by Maureen Pearce.

Senior Connections is a not for profit corporation that provides safe, comfortable transportation to

the well elderly of Summit. This is the 11th year of operation of the service which takes seniors to grocery stores, downtown, and local malls.

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# SPORTS

## LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Kent Place track and field team will have its first meet on Wednesday, April 9 in Lawrenceville when it competes in the Lawrenceville Relays at 3 p.m.

Kent Place will compete against Summit on Wednesday, April 23 at Summit's Tatlock Field. Also competing that day will be Chatham.

The Kent Place softball team will open the season against Lacordaire at Mountainside Park on Wednesday, April 2 at 4 p.m.

Kent Place's home-opener is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 vs. Wardlaw-Hartridge at 10 a.m.

Kent Place will host Oak Knoll on Monday, April 14 at 4 p.m.

The Kent Place lacrosse team will open at Lawrenceville on Wednesday, April 2 at 4 p.m.

After five scheduled road contests, Kent Place reserves will open at home against Purnell on Tuesday, April 15 at 4 p.m.

Kent Place varsity and reserves will open at home on Friday, April 18 vs. Peddie at 4.

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

Here's a look at a few:

**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.

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

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

Proceeds will benefit UCC students and programs.

The tourney will take on a similar format as last year, with a late morning buffet brunch followed by a noon shotgun start. After the tourney, participants are invited to attend a cocktail hour and dinner that will include an awards ceremony.

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

There are still several openings in the Central Jersey Mustangs Girls' Fastpitch Softball Organization.

The Central Jersey Mustangs are looking for a 16-under pitcher, five 14-under players, including two pitchers and catchers and five 12-under players, including two pitchers and a catcher.

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## Big improvement



The Dayton Regional High School girls' basketball team improved a great deal this year, posting an 11-11 record after finishing 3-18 last year. One of the reasons for the improvement was the play of senior point guard Lucy Cuccinello.

## Springfield's Miller sparking hoop team Standout player for SHP

One of the reasons the Seton Hall Prep basketball team has been considered one of the best in the state this year is the play of junior forward Jeff Miller.

The Springfield resident, a three-sport standout for the Pirates, has excelled for Seton Hall Prep as a starter the past two seasons.

"I consider Jeff to be one of the school's best all-around athletes in some time," Seton Hall Prep headmaster Monsignor Kelly said.

Seton Hall Prep will play in the Tournament of Champions tonight for the second consecutive year. The Pirates, seeded second, will face either third-seeded Group 4 champion Union or sixth-seeded Group 1 champion Pittman in the first TOC semifinal contest at the Rutgers Athletic Center in Piscataway at 6.

Seton Hall Prep takes a 28-1 record into tonight's game after having defeated Bishop Eustace last Saturday night 56-54 in the NJSIAA Parochial A championship game.

Miller scored seven points in that contest to help the Pirates gain their second consecutive Parochial A state championship.

Miller, who was a dominant player in the Springfield youth leagues prior to attending Seton Hall Prep and who is also a standout wide receiver on the football team and outfielder on the baseball team at the West Orange school, can score, rebound and pass equally well for the Pirates.

Miller averages 13 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals. He scored 17 points in Seton Hall Prep's 57-53 Essex County Tournament championship win over Shabazz and had 17 more, including 11 in the first half, in the Pirates' 70-33 win at home over West Morris, the only team that has beaten Seton Hall Prep so far this year.

Seton Hall Prep has been county and state champions the past two years and in 1991 reached the TOC final where it was defeated by St. Anthony.

A St. Anthony, the top seed, and Seton Hall Prep TOC final is anticipated for Monday night at Rutgers.

## Oak Knoll fencing team had outstanding season

### Squad excelled in prep state championships

By Andrew McGann  
Staff Writer

The Oak Knoll fencing team breezed through the prep state championships held earlier this month in impressive fashion by sweeping team foil and team epee and winning every dual meet on its way to a 57-18 record in the competition.

In individual competition, the team garnered third-, fourth- and fifth-place finishes in foil and first, fifth and sixth in epee.

Captain Alia Blackwent, the only graduating member of the fencing team, won the individual gold medal in the epee portion of the championships. She compiled a 25-7 mark in regular-season epee competition.

"Alia was a dedicated and hard-working captain, as well as a strong fencer, and she will be missed," Oak Knoll head coach Stephan Khinoy said.

Renee Herman, the only person to defeat Blackwent en route to her gold medal, captured fifth in epee. She was named Outstanding Fencer on the "C" Pool at the Santelli Tournament earlier this year.

Courtney Stafford captured sixth-place in epee.

Nyasha London, Judy Prophete and Stephanie Wei led the foil squad to its gold medal and all advanced to the individual finals. Kerry Verrone finished tied with Wei in bouts won, but missed the finals by only a few touches.

Of the 10 entries in the freshman-sophomore meet, eight finished among the Top 20. The strongest performances were turned in by Wei and Herman. Wei finished 10th of 66 sophomore girls in foil and Herman finished 10th of 44 sophomore girls in epee.

Oak Knoll started the season with a 4-1 record that included victories over powerhouses Hackettstown and Millburn. In the Santelli, the epee squad finished seventh and the foil squad was ninth. At the time, Oak Knoll improved its standing to eighth, which put the team among the top third squads in the state.

Then a series of injuries and illnesses plagued the team and it lost a number of heart-breaking 13-12 matches. Due to the mid-season slump, the team failed to qualify for the NJSIAA state championships by one bout.

After the team was healthy again, it defeated North Hunterdon in the last regular-season meet to climb back to .500 just before the start of the state prep championships.

"We concluded our season with a very nice seventh-place finish in the states, a big step up from our seeding," Khinoy said.

Last season, Oak Knoll went 3-7 in regular-season competition and 1-2 in the NJSIAA prep state championships for an overall record of 4-9.

"Oak Knoll has every right to be modestly proud of this season," Khinoy added. "Such results would have been impossible without the discipline, dedication, team spirit and work ethic of each girl, which led, over and over again, to steady progress and improvement through the season."

The foil nucleus that swept the state prep championships is intact for next year. In addition, three seniors, two juniors and some promising freshmen will compete for four starting positions.

The junior varsity team had a season comparable to the varsity's. It began the season impressively with four consecutive victories. The squad suffered somewhat when its top fencers were asked to fill gaps in the varsity lineup, but still finished the season with a very respectable 6-4 mark.

Much of the JV team's success can be attributed to its captain, Caroline Di Quollo.

"She grew admirably into her role, becoming a source of leadership, discipline and responsibility," Khinoy said.

## Who will get the rebound?



Dayton Regional High School senior forward Melynda Egenberg battles her Hillside opponent for a rebound in a game that took place earlier this year. Egenberg scored a team-high 13 points in the contest and helped the Bulldogs finish with a winning record of 9-6 in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference.

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**PATRICK S. SPINOLO, ESQ.**  
 Attorney for Applicant  
 U3751 SLR March 20, 1997 (\$15.75)

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
**OF THE PLANNING BOARD**  
 Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday 12/4/96

1. Appl. # 13-96-S  
 Applicant: Dr. William Schrod  
 Site Loc. 164-188 Short Hills Ave.  
 Block 609 Lot 20-S1  
 For: Construction of Bldg.  
 Was Approved

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board.  
 Robert C. Koppitz  
 U3741 SLR March 20, 1997 (\$8.75)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.  
**Secretary**  
**Robert C. Koppitz**  
**U3739 SLR March 20, 1997 (\$8.25)**

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
**OF THE PLANNING BOARD**  
 Take notice that the following decisions were made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday 2/5/97

1. Appl. # 14-96-S  
 Applicant: R.D.R. Investment Co.  
 Site Loc. 24-35 Fadem Rd.  
 Block 141 Lot 7  
 For: Expansion of Existing Industrial Bldg.  
 Was Approved

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**Robert C. Koppitz**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Revenues from State Sources:				
00437 Distance Learning Network Aid	20-2213	103,201	198,479	70,053
00410 Other Restricted Expenditures	20-22XX			
00411 TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		103,201	198,479	70,053
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
00440 P.L. 103-382 Title I	20-4411-4414	24,419	24,419	24,419
00450 P.L. 103-382 Title VI	20-4415-4416	5,423	4,484	4,484
00460 I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420	72,621	69,906	69,906
00500 Other Federal Projects	20-4XXX	8,946	12,521	
00510 TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		111,609	111,330	94,325
00520 TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		216,511	309,809	164,378
DEBT SERVICE				
00530 Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303		565	577
Revenues from Local Sources:				
00550 Local Tax Levy	40-1210	30,739	32,807	32,054
00560 Miscellaneous	40-1XXX	274		
00570 TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		31,013	32,807	32,054
00590 TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		31,013	33,372	32,631
00439 Act (Excess/Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expend		2,835		

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Budget Category	Account	1995-96 Actual	1996-97 Revised	1997-98 Anticipated
00440 TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		33,848	33,372	32,631
00660 TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		11,527,768	12,012,007	18,728,242

School District Budget Statement for the School Year 1997-98  
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Budget Category	Account	1995-96 Expenditures	1996-97 Rev. Approp.	1997-98 Appropriations
00770 Regular Programs - Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	4,447,572	4,627,813	7,254,761
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00830 School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-XXX		27,500	375,700
00850 Community Services Program/Operations	11-800-330-XXX	37,941	21,500	65,000
Undistributed Expenditures:				
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00880 Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	228,556	231,524	349,577
00881 Other Supp Serv - Stds - Related & Extraordinary	11-000-216-217	158,031	182,821	191,176
00900 Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-XXX	136,784	147,748	435,815
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00910 Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	204,797	183,930	352,517
00920 Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	158,360	184,350	307,865
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00950 Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-260-XXX	1,057,052	993,961	1,963,501
00960 Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	265,222	256,497	493,403
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10000 TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		10,770,927	11,104,372	17,802,048
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
01020 Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-71X	200,266	257,125	278,984
01030 Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX	264,411	266,956	400,801
01040 TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		464,677	524,081	679,785

**1997 Municipal Budget**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION**  
**FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**  
**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

**Summary of Revenues**

	Anticipated	
	1997	1996
1. Surplus	\$1,850,000.00	\$1,650,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	2,953,741.76	3,161,854.21
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	435,000.00	425,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	11,245,152.67	10,849,379.44
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>\$16,483,894.43</b>	<b>\$16,086,233.65</b>

**Summary of Appropriations**

	1997 Budget	Final 1996 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$7,156,590.00	\$6,900,875.00
Other Expenses	6,681,980.68	6,516,454.65
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	267,800.00	267,600.00
3. Capital Improvements	100.00	118,100.00
4. Debt Service	1,150,423.75	1,069,204.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,227,000.00	1,214,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$16,483,894.43</b>	<b>\$16,086,233.65</b>
Total Number of Employees	196	196

**1997 Dedicated Swim Pool Utility Budget**

**Summary of Revenues**

	Anticipated	
	1997	1996
1. Surplus		\$37,750.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	309,490.00	281,530.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$309,490.00</b>	<b>\$319,280.00</b>

**Summary of Appropriations**

	1997 Budget	Final 1996 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$104,000.00	\$156,185.00
Other Expenses	81,997.00	110,375.00
2. Capital Improvements	76,743.00	47,750.00
3. Debt Service	46,750.00	
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$309,490.00</b>	<b>\$319,280.00</b>
Total Number of Employees	53	57

**Balance of Outstanding Debt**

	General	Swim Pool Utility
Interest	\$2,146,053.75	\$67,123.75
Principal	7,359,000.00	318,000.00
<b>Outstanding Balance</b>	<b>\$9,505,053.75</b>	<b>385,123.75</b>

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union on March 11, 1997.  
 A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 8, 1997 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 1997 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.  
 Copies of the budget are available in the office of Helen E. Keyworth, Township Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, (201) 912-2200, during the hours of 8:00 (A.M.) to 4:00 (P.M.)  
 U3744 SLR March 20, 1997 (Fee \$242.25)

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of the School District of Springfield in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-11 that a Public Hearing on the School Budget for the school year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 summarized below, will be held at the regular meeting place of the Board of Education, Conference Room, in the rear of the Florence M. Gaudineer School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Monday, March 24, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. and that said budget will be on file for public inspection on March 20, 21 and 22, 1997 in the Office of the Secretary, Board of Education Administrative Offices, rear of the Florence M. Gaudineer School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey and posted in the following schools:  
 JAMES CALDWELL  
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ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	October 15, 1995 Actual	October 15, 1996 Actual	October 15, 1997 Estimated
00011 Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	1181	1615	1666
00012 Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time		5	8
00021 Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	48	47	85
00022 Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time			2
00040 Private School Placements			4
00051 Pupils Sent to Other Districts-Reg Prog			3
00052 Pupils Sent to Other Distrs-Spec Ed Prog			
00060 Pupils Received	31	28	51
00080 Resident Enrollment Per State Aid Calc		1280	1274

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Budget Category	Account	1995-96 Actual	1996-97 Revised	1997-98 Anticipated
GENERAL FUND				
00120 Budgeted Fund Balance	10-303		575,190	500,000
00121 Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-303			
Revenues from Local Sources:				
00150 Local Tax Levy	10-1210	9,680,500	10,052,958	16,071,333
00200 Tuition	10-1300	417,720	371,375	611,395
00240 Transportation Fees:	10-1400	5,100	6,210	
00241 Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410			
00250 Miscellaneous	10-1XXX	131,052	150,100	16,200
00253 Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX			463,000
00260 SUBTOTAL		10,234,372	10,580,643	17,161,928
Revenues from State Sources:				
00300 Transportation Aid	10-3120	100,449	97,268	249,388
00310 Special Education Aid	10-3130	332,941	332,941	483,834
00320 Bilingual Education	10-3171	15,621	15,621	35,831
00340 Stabilization Aid	10-3172			4,549
00341 Supplemental Stabilization Aid	10-3172			80,589
00353 Academic Achievement Reward Program	10-3193			4,623
00360 Other State Aids	10-3XXX	45,563	45,563	498
00370 SUBTOTAL		494,574	491,392	869,305
00408 Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances			21,400	
00409 Act (Excess/Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expend		548,463		
00410 TOTAL GENERAL FUND		11,277,409	11,668,826	18,531,233

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
00420 Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	1,701		

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Summer School				
01060 Support Services	11-422-200-XXX	41,805	40,373	49,400
01070 Total Summer School		41,805	40,373	49,400
01230 TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		41,805	40,373	

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**MARCH 20, 1997**

## HYPNOSIS RELEASES SMOKER FROM A 5-PACK-A-DAY HABIT

Back when it was cool to smoke on a cigarette, Lester Baker frequently did. Mr. Baker said he first puffed on a cigarette at the tender age of 14 in 1942. he would casually "bum" cigarettes off other friends in those days. Eventually his habit would increase until he smoked 4+ packs of cigarettes a day. Although he witnessed his father-in-law die of cigarette related cancer, he refused to give up his addiction. When cardiologist, Larry Cohen, M.D., told him to quit he finally listened. "This ain't the first time a doctor told me to quit. I just never did. I tried to cut down, I'd smoke one every half-hour, then one every hour for a month. I just though the heck with it. Dr. Cohen recommended that I see hypnotherapist Garry Brandt. I figured what do I have to lose." According to Mr. Baker, he does not suffer from emphysema or cancer. The only problem resulting from the massive amount of cigarette smoking he was doing for the better part of his life was that he used to get tired easily after slight physical exertion.

With no signs of nicotine on his hands and his face back to its natural color, he has been on the wagon for more than a year. He attributes his success to hypnotherapist Garry Brandt. Mr. Brandt, who runs The Brandt Centers for Hypnotherapy in Edison & Livingston is also a member of The St. Barnabas medical Center Smoking Cessation Network. "You get them to take control of the urge and though, smoking is a physical and psychological addiction, we overcome the though and desensitize the addiction to smoke" says Brandt. "Typically it takes 2-4 sessions to treat patients for smoking." With more than 2000 smokers treated during his 19 years as a hypnotherapist, Mr. Brandt said smoking is one of the areas that could easily be worked on. Patients are made comfortable and asked to keep their minds focused "they hear everything I say, although they may not remember, I talk to their subconscious it's a very natural state of the mind" Mr. Baker "a lot of people are shocked that I could do it. I can tolerate other people lighting up in front of me, since giving up smoking, my senses have improved greatly. I don't know how anyone could have tolerated standing next to me." "I'll never go back!" if you have any questions please call The Brandt Centers, a referral member of The St. Barnabas Medical Center Smoking Cessation Network, at 201-994-7249.

## Elizabeth hospital offers help with assisted living

Seniors who need moderate levels of living assistance have a new, one-step resource in "Elder Care by Healthwise," an initiative from Elizabeth General Medical Center.

The service, developed for seniors in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties, is being launched this month by Healthwise, a Westfield-based family services division of Elizabeth General Medical Center. The goal is to help clients avoid or postpone the disruption and large expenses associated with moving to an assisted living facility or nursing home.

Healthwise accomplishes this by applying a case management approach to coordinate the often disparate services available to seniors. "Our goal is to provide our client families with a one-stop source for worry-relief," said Jean Truitt, director of Healthwise.

"We know that seniors today want to remain living independently in their homes, among friends and neighbors, for as long as possible," Truitt added. "Our new service helps them do that, and in the process we help families cope with the huge burden of caring for elderly relatives."

Elder Care By Healthwise is designed for seniors who require some amount of living assistance. Typical clients might be showing early signs of memory loss, erratic behavior or disabling physical ailments. They may need help with transportation, household maintenance, shopping and cooking, and they and their families also might need periodic counseling and help with financial, insurance and legal matters.

"Taking care of an elderly relative can be very stressful, particularly when the caregivers are likely to have time-consuming obligations of their own, like young children or two jobs," said Truitt. "And trying to arrange for services via long distance is even more worrisome."

Healthwise geriatric case managers begin by assessing a client's situation and making referrals to agencies that can meet the senior's needs for daily living assistance. Afterwards, Healthwise provides ongoing follow-up monitoring on the client's condition, addressing any changing requirements and working with the service agencies to ensure that the client's needs are being fully met.

Elder Care by Healthwise is part of a growing nationwide movement called geriatric care management, in which geriatric social workers are especially trained to assist older people and their families with long-term care arrangements. Healthwise is a member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers.

Healthwise, a nonprofit division of Elizabeth General Healthcare Corporation, is also a provider of employee assistance programs and managed behavioral healthcare plans. Healthwise can be reached at (800) 624-1696.

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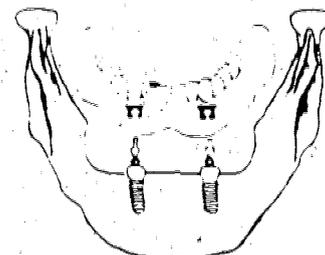
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# St. Elizabeth Hospital Opens Full-Service, Inpatient Pediatric Unit

The continuum of family-centered health care is further enhanced for our young patients this year when St. Elizabeth Hospital opens an inpatient Pediatric Unit in the Spring of 1997.

Plans to open an inpatient, six-bed, pediatric unit were recently approved in a Certificate of Need. Bed size for the unit was determined based on trends in bed utilization and length of stay for pediatric patients in the hospital's demographic area.

Planned for location on the seventh floor of the North Wing, the unit will have secure doors where visitors to the unit are buzzed onto the floor. The pediatric unit is being designed for a child's point-of-view with a low-walled play area located in full observation from the nurses' station. The low walls, designed so that little ones can easily see into an area, are repeated around the nurse's station. The corridors and rooms will be furnished in light-colored woods and brightly decorated in themes pleasing to children. Room furniture will include cribs and youth beds.

Staffed with nurses trained in pediatric care, the unit will be equipped with a treatment room where any type of invasive exam or procedure will be done, even the simple starting of an intravenous

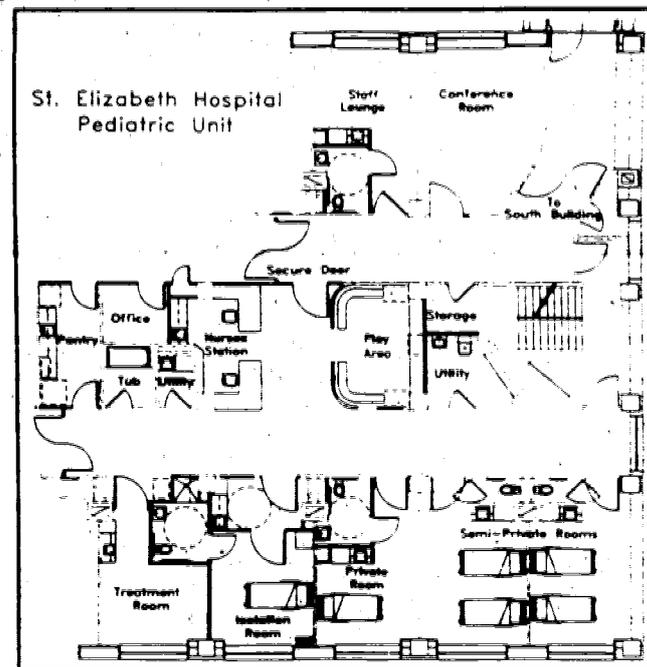
medication. This is so that the child does not associate his/her room with unpleasantness or pain.

In order to lessen the child's anxiety of separation, parents will be allowed 24 hour access to the pediatric unit and will be encouraged to "sleep-over" if they, or the child, so desire.

Also, when the new Pediatric Unit opens, pediatric surgical services will expand to include general and orthopedic surgery that requires a stay of overnight or more. Currently, only same-day surgery is available for pediatric patients.

The pediatric unit was planned in response to the community's needs and in response to the current trends in hospital insurance plans. Current managed care plans look more favorably at hospitals where clients can receive full health care services for all family members. Also, based on the utilization of the Hospital's Pediatric Health Center, more and more community members are looking toward St. Elizabeth Hospital for their family's health care needs.

The Pediatric Health Center is one of three services at St. Elizabeth Hospital's Health Centers where medical care is offered in family practice, women's health and pediatric health.



The above architects' drawing shows the floor plan for the new six-bed pediatric unit that St. Elizabeth Hospital plans to open during the spring of 1997.

## Pediatric Care at St. Elizabeth Hospital Rooted in a Rich History



As pictured left, in the early 1900's when St. Elizabeth Hospital's facilities were comprised of a brownstone on South Broad Street with a Rear Wing, pediatric patients were cared for in a ward; an Open Air Pavilion housed a ward for children with chronic medical problems.



Right, a Sister of Charity attends a child in 1954 when the Hospital treated 874 pediatric patients in a "modern" facility in the "new" red brick building whose front entrance was on South Broad Street.



Even though the former pediatric unit closed in 1971, St. Elizabeth Hospital continued to provide tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy surgical procedures. Pictured above, Edith Gribbons, a former head nurse, comforts one of these surgery patients during Christmas of 1975.



Above, in 1965, Sister Claire Maureen, a former radiology technician prepares a pediatric patient for an x-ray.



Above, St. Michael's Girl Scout Troop visited St. Elizabeth's pediatric patients on April 1, 1958 and distributed hand-made stuffed animals.



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# Most child stomach ailments are cured simply

Parents frequently suffer anxiety when their child suffers abdominal pain or discomfort. The immediate question raised is "What is wrong, and what can I do to make things better?" In many instances little or nothing is terribly wrong, and the culprit may be simple infantile colic, intestinal spasms, constipation, or school-based anxiety. At other times, however, apparent colic or abdominal pain may reflect abnormalities in gastrointestinal function and may respond to medical intervention.

A number of infants with what initially seems to be simple colic may actually suffer gastroesophageal reflux, also known as "acid reflux" or more simply "reflux." These infants may or may not spit-up or vomit frequently. Their irritability, however, is excessive and often occurs during feeding or burping. Such infants may initially take the nipple eagerly only to reject it soon thereafter by pulling away, arching back, and crying inconsolably. Feeding often seems like a nightmare for both infant and mother.

Fortunately, recognition of acid reflux in infants may lead to appropriate efforts to reduce the condition and its consequences. A variety of options are available which reduce stomach acid formation, such as the addition of cereal to the bottle.

Acid reflux also may be a cause of abdominal pain in pre-schoolers, school age children and adolescents. Children with acid reflux often complain that their pain is located high in the abdomen, just below the breastbone. Their appetite decreases, as eat-

ing seems to induce more discomfort. Actual vomiting is rare, but when questioned, affected children may admit that they sometimes sense a sour or hot taste in their mouth. Older children and adolescents with reflux may complain of heartburn, but do so less often than do adults with acid reflux. Appropriate diagnostic testing and treatment is available for children who may suffer symptoms of acid reflux.

Peptic ulcer disease of the stomach or duodenum, the beginning of the small intestine, is relatively unusual in young children, but nonetheless occurs. It is more likely to occur in adolescents. If parents suffer ulcer disease, their children are at higher risk. Pain occurring in the early morning may suggest ulcer disease and parents should be concerned if vomiting is associated with pain or if loss of appetite occurs. When pain is associated with weight loss, careful medical evaluation is always indicated.

At times, persistent abdominal pain is associated with weight loss and diarrhea. Such symptoms demand careful medical evaluation. Infants with colic and diarrhea may suffer formula allergy and older infants and toddlers may suffer Celiac disease, a toxic reaction to certain grains in the diet. Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis may also result in recurrent abdominal pain, diarrhea and weight loss. Careful diagnostic testing is readily available and appropriate treatment may lead to dramatic improvement of symptoms and a sense of well-being.

Lactose intolerance is relatively common in the United States and can be a problem for both children and adults. Bloating, gas, abdominal discomfort and loose stools occur after ingestion of lactose-containing foods. A trial lactose-restricted diet may be indicated for individuals with such symptoms and should be discussed with your pediatrician.

Should you suspect it in your child, parents should rest assured that many bellyaches that their children suffer are innocent. However, help is readily available when needed. For a referral to a Saint Barnabas pediatrician call (888) SBMC-DOC. To schedule a visit with Dr. Nord, call (201) 243-6250.

## Spice found in Asian food relieves skin inflammations

Anyone who has ever eaten Indian food has tasted the spice curcumin. Commonly known as cumin and turmeric, curcumin is not only used widely in Asia for cooking, but also to treat skin inflammation and ailments. Like many other common flavorings, including garlic, onions, parsley and licorice, research studies are beginning to show preliminary evidence that curcumin, too, may have anti-cancer properties.

- **Breast Cancer:** In a study with breast cancer cells, researchers at Pennsylvania State University found that curcumin may inhibit the activity of certain proteins that play a role in cancer development.

- **Skin Cancer:** Researchers at Chiang Mai University in Thailand found that mice treated with curcumin before being exposed to carcinogens had significantly lower incidence of skin tumor formation and development than mice who did not receive the treatment. More research needs to be conducted in humans.

- **Tissue Inflammation:** Scientists from the State University of New Jersey found that curcumin suppressed inflammation caused by an enzyme called nitric oxide, which is produced by the body as an immune response to infections and to harmful substances. In this study, curcumin limited nitric oxide's effects to damage cells and possibly leading to cancer development.

Because a growing number of plant foods, including fruits, vegetables, grains and herbs, are being identified as having possible cancer-fighting substances, the American Institute for Cancer Research advises a wide variety of these foods every day. For a free brochure, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. TLF, Washington, DC 20069.

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Not all individuals with diabetes will develop complications in the foot from diabetes. Ten to fifteen percent of the people with diabetes mellitus remain free of diabetic foot problems. But the majority will experience some degree of foot complications as a result of progression of the disorder over time.

Diabetes can contribute to foot problems in two ways:

- One, it can cause decreased feeling in the foot with the frequent complaint from patients of numbness and burning in the feet, symptoms that identify nerve damage. Local cuts and scrapes as a result go unnoticed and poorly-fitting shoes will aggravate the problem.

- Secondly, diabetes can cause decreased circulation to the feet resulting in reduced ability to fight infection and heat wounds. The interaction of these two processes sets up the individual with an initially simple problem in the foot for more serious and life

threatening complications over time. When the injury goes neglected or improperly managed by the patient which, unfortunately as a podiatrist, we see it happening all the time.

It is important for all persons with diabetes to understand the importance of controlling their diabetes. All individuals with diabetes mellitus should be evaluated on a regular basis by their medical doctor. A plan of care should be devised for each patient that helps to guard against serious complications.

The risk of developing foot problems can be greatly reduced if you follow simple principles of foot care and see your podiatrist.

For more information in diabetic foot management and care, call Springfield Podiatry Center, 493 Morris Ave., Springfield at (201) 379-1113, office of Dr. Peter Kelly and Dr. E. Aimee Williams.

## Healing Circle scheduled

A Healing Circle is scheduled to meet monthly at the YM-YWHA of Union County.

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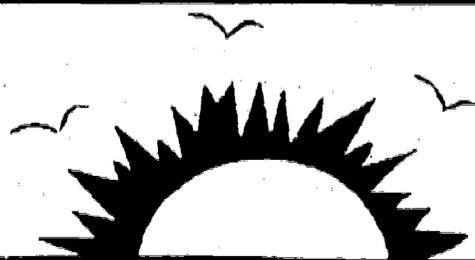


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# Hospital helps parents prepare for pregnancy

The birth of a baby is one of life's most precious moments. The months before birth are a time of wonder, learning and decision-making for expectant parents. Saint Barnabas Medical Center's Women's Health Education Program/Parent Education department responds to the needs of parents-to-be with a variety of prenatal and parenting programs, seminars, and services.

Our goal is to incorporate family-centered maternity services in every aspect of pregnancy, including prenatal education," said Susan Weinstein, director of Women's Health Education. "Our comprehensive programs have been developed to provide state-of-the-art courses for today's entire family unit. The needs of our particular population are accessed and programs are developed to meet their needs."

One of the largest obstetrical facilities in New Jersey, Saint Barnabas's Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology delivered more than 5,700 babies in 1995. Among the many programs and services offered for expectant parents are the following:

### Pre-Conception Planning

This one-night class addresses the psycho-social aspects of planning a pregnancy as well as medical, lifestyle and financial considerations.

### Moms in Motion

A pre/postnatal exercise program taught by physical therapists, these classes focus on exercises designed for pregnancy and the post-partum period. Exercise and physical

fitness are important components of a positive pregnancy.

### Childbirth Preparation for First-Time Parents

Curriculum begins in the first trimester with an introductory pregnancy class on nutrition and fetal development. Later in pregnancy the series includes a tour of the Maternity Unit and parents receive Lamaze preparation, advice on medication and anesthesia, Cesarean birth, post-partum recovery and newborn baby care.

### Marvelous Multiples at Saint Barnabas

Class information is geared to educate parents expecting multiples on all aspects of their unique pregnancies, birthing experiences and parenting more than one child.

### Over-35 Childbirth Prep

Class content is the same as Childbirth Preparation, with additional discussion topics unique to this population.

### Lamaze Refresher

Review classes are for couples who have attended a prepared childbirth series with their last baby. VBAC information included.

### Pets and Babies

This fun and informative seminar on how to introduce a new baby to the family pet features both a veterinarian and a pediatrician. Topics include making preparations with pets before the baby's due date, ways to reduce jealousy and disease prevention and cautions.

### Grandparenting

Grandparents-to-be can discuss their con-

cerns and receive current information on the importance of grandparenting, advances in childbirth, trends in infant care and tips for better family communication.

### Breast Feeding Class

This workshop helps mothers achieve the confidence and skills needed for a satisfying nursing experience.

### Baby Care Consultation for Adoptive Parents

Individualized teaching done in the home or hospital.

For more information about any of these programs, or to register, call Women's Health Education at (201) 533-5360.

## Overlook will provide Healthy Avenues Van

In recognition of March as National Nutrition Month, the dietitians of Overlook Hospital will be providing free nutritional counseling on the Healthy Avenues Van. The Healthy Avenues Van, a free community resource for referrals to health and social services cosponsored by Overlook Hospital and the Partnership for Healthy Communities, will continue traveling to new communities throughout the Overlook service area during the month of March.

The Overlook dietitians will provide nutritional counseling tailored to individual health needs. Health issues, such as weight management or eating disorders, and diets for individuals with cardiac concern, diabetes or other chronic health conditions are among the topics on which the public may receive counseling.

The Healthy Avenues Van was funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Overlook Hospital Foundation. The initiative grew out of finding of the Atlantic Health System and Partnership for a Healthy Communities health needs assessment, which surveyed the service areas of Atlantic's three hospitals, Morristown Memorial, Overlook and Mountainside, and two affiliated hospitals, Chilton Memorial and Newton Memorial, to determine the health and social service needs of those communities. One of the primary needs to emerge was access to health and social service information, and for referrals to the appropriate services.

The van, which is equipped with a complete database of services in the Overlook Hospital Service area, is the first initiative to address the needs identified in the Assessment. Plans call for the van to reach every town within the hospital's area by the middle of 1997.

The Health Avenues Van is available for community and corporate events. For more information, or to schedule the van for a community event, call (800) AHS-9580.

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The ASSIST project, which began in 1991, was initially funded through September 1998. The project is a partnership between NCI, the American Cancer Society, the New Jersey Department of Health.

Since the program began, nearly 100 municipalities have banned cigarette vending machines in New Jersey. This figure leads the nation.

"We are really excited about the opportunity to continue to educate the public about the hazards of smoking, to both smokers and non-smokers. We have made significant progress during the last five years and now we can do even more," said Teri Cox, a spokesperson for the ASSIST program in New Jersey.

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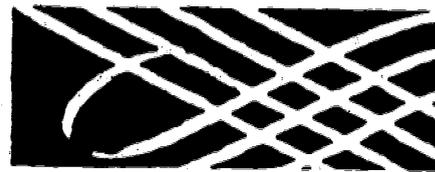
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