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Soccer clinic

The Recreation Department of Berkeley Heights is sponsoring a Soccer Clinic for boys and girls in grades one to eight. The dates are June 30 through July 3 and July 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Columbia Park in Berkeley Heights. Rob Osieja, boys head soccer coach at Governor Livingston, is the director of the camp. Further information can be obtained by calling Gary Mills, the Berkeley Heights recreation director at 464-0550.

Free screenings

Fleet Bank, 855 Mountainside Avenue, Mountainside, will offer the community a free blood pressure screening on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Licensed professionals from Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield will be staffing the event. For further information call, (908) 654-2440.

Stable lessons

Watching Stable in Mountainside offers two programs, in addition to its fall and spring series of lessons, which are designed to introduce the sport of horsebackriding to all. Programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for any group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; actual horsebackriding is available at an additional cost. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 789-3665 for further information. The Watching Stable is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

Annual fair

The Mountainside PTA will hold its annual fair this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine, at Deerfield School on Central Avenue. It will have carnival games, the Moon Walk and Jacob's Ladder, spin art, power wheels, Joe, the tattoo artist, pony rides and a petting zoo. A disc jockey will provide entertainment and 25 crafters will display their work for sale. A bake sale will feature the products of a pie-bake off contest and a dunk tank will keep volunteers cool.

There is no charge for admission. All proceeds benefit programs sponsored by the Mountainside PTA for Deerfield School. For information, call 654-9231.

Star tours

On Sunday at 2 p.m., Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes, and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.



Right to Left Det. Stephan Semancik, Lt. James Debbie, Cpl. Allan Attanasio, Officer Kenneth Capobianco, and Officer Michael Perrotta, stand next to the tranquilized black bear that decided to make an appearance in the borough earlier in the week.

Wild bear roams through borough

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

A new resident moved into the borough late Sunday night and was watched closely until Monday when he was shot with a tranquilizer dart and relocated to Sussex County. The new resident was a 200-pound male black bear which decided to relocate from his previous home in the Watchung Reservation.

According to Corporal Allan Attanasio of the Mountainside Police Department, the bear was making his way through the borough until he was captured with help from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

"On Sunday, we tracked him from about 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and it got too dark to track him anymore, so we picked up the tracking on Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. He was first spotted on Pudingstone Road, which is one street down from the reservation. He was tracked from there all the way to the Deerfield School area Sunday night, so we evacuated the school area for the night. On Monday, the bear was spotted in a wooded area behind Poplar Avenue and we had four officers working to keep the bear contained to the wooded area," said Attanasio.

The bear was well fed during efforts to keep him contained. "Some of the officers' wives came out with jars of peanut butter that we threw to him to keep him busy as well as some peanut butter cookies and a hamburger. He had a hell of a meal, that's for sure. He even slept for about an hour after he ate," said Attanasio. The officers took up positions around the bear in order to keep him contained while they were waiting for Fish, Game and Wildlife to arrive with the tranquilizer gun. At about 1:30 p.m. the bear was tranquilized and placed on a pick-up truck to deliver him to a densely wooded area in Sussex County.

The officers involved in the bear watch were Lt. James Debbie, Cpl. Allan Attanasio, Det. Stephan Semancik, Det. Sgt. Richard Weigele, and Police Officer Michael Perrotta, all of whom spent the better part of the day keeping an eye on the borough's newest resident.

Apparently there has been an increased number of black bears that have been wandering into suburban neighborhoods. Bears have recently been spotted in Long Hill, Trenton, Montville and Kinnelon. Part of the explanation is the increasing black bear population in the state.

Cut trees spark outcry

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

An act described by police as criminal mischief took place recently on a vacant lot on Deer Path, and is resulting in an uproar from borough officials and the owner of the lot. About 21 trees on the vacant lot were either topped by cutting the tops right off of the trees or left to look like telephone poles after the tops and all of the side branches were removed. This act of vandalism is being looked into by Mountainside police and borough officials as well as the owner of the property.

According to Mountainside Zoning Officer Valerie Saunders, there were no witnesses to the vandalism of the trees. "Some residents said they heard the machines running, which were probably chainsaws, but nobody saw who did it. The trees were fully mature and now they have been destroyed. There obviously must have been more than one person because there were 21 trees that were damaged. It is a real shame. This is destruction of property and these trees will never grow back," said Saunders.

The Mountainside police were called to investigate the matter. According to the investigation report filed by Detective Sergeant Richard J. Osieja after speaking with the property owner, Raymond Braun of Mantoloking, there was a conversation in the past regarding the trees.

The investigation report states, "I spoke with Mr. Braun and he indicated that he had been asked by Robert Vanderbilt of 1561 Coles Avenue if he could enter the vacant property and cut the tops off of several trees which were blocking his view of the New York skyline. This conversation took place over six months ago and Mr. Braun told Mr. Vanderbilt that he did not have permission to enter his property. Upon examining the way the trees were cut, you can see that the only individual who would benefit from such a tree topping would be the Vanderbilts of 1561 Coles Avenue. The investigation is continuing with Robert Denman and Valerie Saunders of the building department checking into some additional information."

Braun, who owns the property, is upset because of the damage to his property. "Someone came in and cut my trees down. I just think that people should stay on their own property and mind their own business. I went as far as having each property surveyed so in case I ever took any trees down, I could show the building department which ones would be coming down to make sure that it was within the zoning regulations. I am very upset about the whole situation," said Braun.

According to Osieja, whoever cut the trees will be charged with criminal mischief and property damage if and when they are caught. Braun, in an



Police are investigating the cutting of 21 trees.

effort to catch whoever is responsible, said he is offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to the apprehension and conviction of whoever is responsible. Attempts to contact Robert Vanderbilt were unsuccessful; none of the phone calls were returned.

If anyone has any information about the case, they are encouraged to contact Osieja at (908) 232-3555.

Borough wants to keep control of general assistance program

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, the Borough Council held a work session to discuss items it will consider during the next council meeting. Two things were noticeably different at the meeting. First, the meeting was held in the newly renovated wing of Borough Hall in a conference room adjacent to the new courtroom. Second, the meeting was run by Acting Mayor Werner Schon, since Mayor Bob Vigilanti was out of town.

The first item discussed was a resolution to support the continuation of control of the General Assistance program at the municipal level. Apparently, Union County would like to take over all of the municipal level General Assistance programs and run them at the county level. General Assistance is the program that takes care of the welfare and food stamp programs and administers the payment of benefits.

The council agreed with the notion that the General

Assistance program should remain on the local level, citing that turning it over to the county is only bound to create more red tape and wind up costing more than the present system. Council members stated that the program runs well in Mountainside, and the demands on the program are limited within the borough, thus there is no need to let the county take over the program.

Other items discussed during the meeting included the sale of a surplus police vehicle, the location of the PBA soda machine, raffle approval for the Mountainside Youth Baseball Inc., authorization to go out for bid for snow removal, insurance for borough volunteers, 1997 salaries for non-union personnel, and the annual liquor license renewals.

The council also will follow the recommendation of the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department and accept Thomas McGowan as a new member of the volunteer squad. McGowan will join the volunteer force as a firefighter.

Whitman visits borough to honor county heroes

Former borough detective cited for service

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Gov. Christine Whitman stopped at L'Affaire in Mountainside Friday afternoon to honor county residents for their valor.

Union Police Sgt. Thomas Percoskie, Elizabeth Fire Capt. Thomas Hall and Berkeley Heights police officer Michael Gallaro received the 200 Club's Valor Awards during the annual luncheon. They were cited by the public safety support group for acts of heroism during the past year.

About 220 diners also hailed five area high school seniors for winning the club's annual scholarships. The five, including Kimberly A. Kaczor, of Union, and Ryan C. Tracy, of Clark, each received \$1,500 toward their college educations.

Whitman set the occasion's tone by talking of valor common and uncommon. Her attendance at the luncheon is the first for an incumbent governor since the late William T. Cahill in the 1970s.

"Each of you has shown remarkable dedication, skill and bravery," Whitman said. "Perhaps we can best honor your uncommon valor by performing common acts of valor in our everyday lives, to contribute something to the safety and security of New Jersey. The sooner we address a

potential problem, the more likely we are to avoid a crisis later on that forces heroes like these into action."

Gallaro's pursuit, during which he almost was run down on Route 78 East on Jan. 4, earned him the first Valor Award. He first detected a reported stolen car, which he pulled over in Springfield. The driver tried to back into Gallaro, starting a chase during which the suspect rammed Gallaro's patrol car in Newark.

Gallaro, with Elizabeth, Roselle and Union County police squads, arrested the driver and three passengers on at least 10 assault and motor vehicle charges. The first-year patrolman had lived in Springfield 17 years and is engaged to a Cranford officer.

Hall rescued an occupant under adverse conditions during a John Street house fire March 26, 1996. Responding to a report of a woman still in the house, Hall fought heavy smoke and fire to find the victim and bring her to safety.

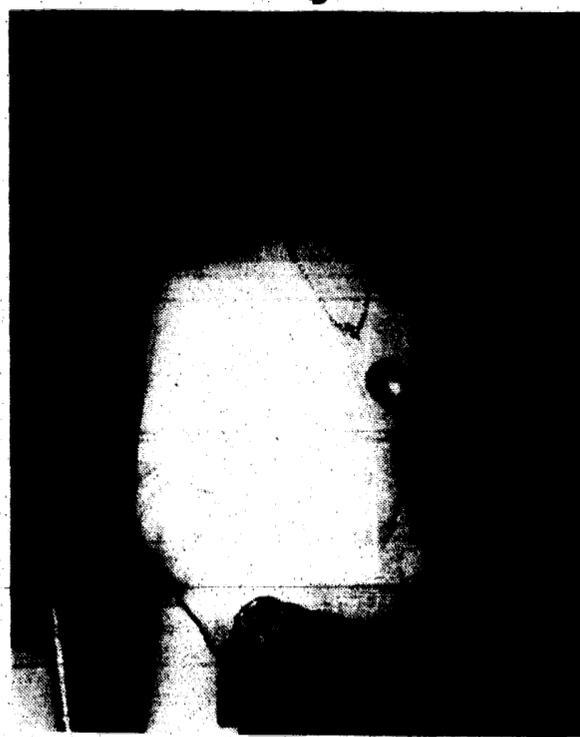
Percoskie rescued three people trapped in a fiery auto accident April 15, 1996. He was responding to a domestic violence call, when he came upon a two-car crash at the intersection of Morris and Salem avenues at 11:39 p.m. After escorting the driver and his slightly injured passenger curbside, Percoskie was checking for

vital signs of the other victims when their car began to fill with smoke. Calling for fire and police back-up, Percoskie extracted the second car's driver, shielded the front passenger from fire and calming the backseat passenger.

Walter Betyeman of Mountainside received a diamond pin from the 200 Club Board of Directors for his service. The former 14-year borough police detective is leaving the group's presidency later this year after a two-year term. Founded in 1968, the 420-civilian 200 Club of Union County honors local firefighters, police officers and State Troopers and assists families of those who died in the line of duty.

The two-hour ceremony was dedicated to the late Rev. John Mannion, of South Orange, who died while being the 200 Club's chaplain Nov. 20. Giving this year's blessing was Monsignor Hugh O'Donnell, of Elizabeth, pastor of St. Genevieve's Church and the city's police minister.

Not all was peaceful, however, as 20 protestors stood at L'Affaire's main driveway hoping to confront Whitman. Protest organizer Beatrice Bernzott said she was hoping Whitman would see their opposition to the approved New Jersey Turnpike ramps for an incinerator in Linden, and veto the authority's meeting minutes. Whitman avoided them by taking the banquet hall's Mill Lane driveway.



Gov. Christine Whitman visited Mountainside to help the 200 Club honor local heroes.

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Justin Chiu displays a portion of the quilt prepared by his classmates.

Students make quilting a complete class project

Camille Ruggiero's 1st grade class at the Sandmeier School in Springfield is in the process of making a class quilt under the direction of Debbie S. L. Lee, a quilt artist. The title of this quilt is, "I Can Be As Quiet As..."

This morning, the class will learn to quilt around a quilt frame similar to the traditional method. This will give them a sense of what it was like to be at a quilting bee.

The students made their quilt blocks by using fabric markers. Each block design was prepared in class with Ruggiero before hand. Lee had designed the borders around each block to compliment and showcase each student's work. Twenty different fabrics were used for the borders and each student had the chance to choose a favorite to surround their block. After the quilt is finished, it will be hung on the walls of Sandmeier.

Lee has already made one class quilt with her son, Justin Chiu. This quilt can be viewed in the hallways of the Walton School.

Parade marshal chosen

William C. Van Riper of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Battle Hill Post 7683 is the grand marshal for the Memorial Day parade in Springfield this year.

Van Riper is a 64-year-old resident of Springfield. He graduated in the first class at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in 1938. Entering service in December 1942, he took part in the Normandy invasion and received the Normandy Medal.

A charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Springfield, he is also a charter member of the Disabled War Veterans and commander of that post.

Van Riper is also a past chair officer and charter member of the Springfield Elks 2004.

He will soon be installed as commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for District 5 on June 7 at the VFW post in Kenilworth.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

White honored for record of service

Ina White of Springfield, a community outreach coordinator for Kean's Institute for Human Services and graduate alumni of Kean College of New Jersey, was cited for distinguished service in her profession and for her outstanding public contributions by the college during their Graduate Convocation for master's degree candidates in April.

White graduated from Kean with a M.A. in Speech Correction in 1975 and a B.A. in Psychology in 1971. Since 1980, the Springfield resident has served as a community outreach coordinator for Kean's Institute for Human Services where she has been a tireless advocate for the rights of the disabled. She has also served as an adjunct instructor teaching courses in the Department of Special Education and Individualized Services. A former member of the President's Council for Multicultural Understanding and Human Relations, she has also served on the Advisory Committee on Disabled Students.

In addition to her work at the college, White has also worked as a training developer for the Rutgers Center for Human Services where she has conducted workshops to reach self-advocacy, leadership and networking skills to disabled consumers. Prior to joining Kean, she was a project coordinator for the University of Wisconsin's Vocational Studies Center where she developed and implemented a New Jersey model for linking vocational-education agencies serving the handicapped.

Her community service within Union County and New Jersey is widely recognized. The former chair of the Union County Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Advisory Board, White has also served as the president of the New Jersey Coalition for the Advancement of Rehabilitation Technology and the New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force, among others. She has been honored by the Union County Board of Chosen



Ina White

Freeholders for her work on behalf of the disabled and is the 1988 recipient of the Ann Klein Advocate Award presented by the Community Health Law Project.

Nurse receives advanced certification

Jackie Herzlinger, OCH, recently passed the examination to become Certified Registered Nurse Hospice. Sponsored by the National Board for Certification of Hospice Nurses, the CRNH designation allows nurses access to a national network of hospice nurses experienced in caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses.

By pursuing this accreditation, Herzlinger increased her knowledge of palliative care. Recertification is necessary because the practice of hospice nursing is faced with ever-changing technology, knowledge, values and practice.

Herzlinger has been a hospice nurse with the West Essex Hospice division of Advanced Community Health Systems for the past eight years. She is chairman of the Congress on Policy for the State Nursing Association and a member of the Oncology Nursing Society.

A graduate of Smith College, Herzlinger earned her bachelor's in nursing from Rutgers, where she has also studied toward her master's. In addition she has been a member of the national staff of the Girl Scouts of America. She resides in Springfield with her husband, Michael, and they have three grown children.

Resident to play in Charleston festival

Christine Chang, daughter of Young and Ok Chang of Springfield, will perform with the Westminster Choir in the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, from May 23-June 8.

Chang is a senior majoring in sacred music and organ at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton.

Composed entirely of Westminster students, the Westminster Choir is the Spoleto Festival's chorus-in-residence. The arts festival is hosted annually by Charleston and the program includes opera, drama, dance, visual arts, and orchestral, choral and chamber concerts. In addition, it showcases younger talent and is

known for commissioning and premiering new works and performances.

Westminster is the home of the Westminster Symphonic Choir, which performs regularly with the

world's leading orchestras including the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

She is a 1993 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

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Drive will combat breast cancer

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Local BMW Drive for the Cure organizers Deb Belfatto, Lisa Brighton and Kathy Hubert are hoping people will go in circles to fight breast cancer this month.

The trio, representing the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, have arranged Drive for the Cure runs at JMK BMW-Saab at Springfield Friday and at other area dealers. Participants can test drive 16 of BMW's cars on a 14-mile loop while BMW of North America donates a dollar per mile to the Komen Foundation.

"BMW hopes to raise \$1 million for the Komen Foundation," said Belfatto, of Summit. "Between the fundraising and the exposure, we'll raise the awareness of breast cancer around the country."

"It's appropriate that BMW is kicking off the East Coast Drive in New Jersey," said Brighton, also of Summit, "and it's not because the factory has its headquarters here. New Jersey is second only to the metro-Washington, D.C. area in the number of reported breast cancer cases."

"We were asked by the BMW headquarters if we wanted to partici-

pate," said JMK Manager Charlie Burt. "If we get to sell a car or two, that's great — but that's not the drive's primary goal. We've sent 2,000 invitations out to people involved in the fight against breast cancer."

JMK will be the fourth stop in the 16-car caravan's East Coast tour. The caravan, which made its first stop at a Ramsey dealership Saturday, is to end its tour by meeting the West Coast group at Dallas in November. At least 225 BMW retailers among 90 cities are taking part.

The drive, said BMW of North America representative Scott Doniger, is the German auto maker's highest profile sponsorship effort of the year. One of its models, as Official Car of the 1996 Olympic Games, followed the 11,000-mile torch relay to Atlanta.

"It was natural for us to work with the Komen Foundation in Drive for the Cure," said Doniger. "We wanted to keep a grassroots feel in a project like we had with the Olympic torch relay. At the same time, the headquarters had worked with the foundation before."

The Komen Foundation was found-

ed in 1982 to further breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. It has pushed for insurance coverage of mammograms and created a national toll-free helpline. The Dallas-based group has annually honored the likes of Betty Ford and the United States Postal Service in raising the disease before the public.

Breast cancer, according to foundation statistics, is the second leading killer of women in the country. Komen died from the disease in 1980.

Belfatto, Brighton and Hubert are planning to open a New Jersey Komen chapter after the drive leaves the area in June for Dallas.

"Kathy, Deb and I knew each other from childhood," said Hubert, of West Orange. "Each of us have either been personally or have families or friends who've been touched by this disease. We were thinking of how to give back to the movement after our treatment when we came across the Komen Foundation."

The Drive for the Cure will stop at JMK on Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is open to licensed drivers who are at least 18-years-old. For details, call (800) 462-9273.

Woman takes legion post helm

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield American Legion Post 228 reached a milestone when Ethel Smith was officially installed as its commander on Saturday night at the Millburn-Bosworth Legion Hall.

The annual ceremony itself was unchanged from previous occasions in the post's 65-year history. About 70 members from various posts and veterans groups watched the Union County Post supervise the changing of officials. What was unique this time as Smith was sworn in, however, was that she became its first female commander.

"People had asked me why I joined," said Smith to her fellow Legionnaires. "I joined because I was invited and I became an officer because I earned your trust." "If Ethel puts the kind of work she did in her history of the outfit," said Jewish War Veteran member Joe Todres, "her post will be in great shape."

Smith, who served as a nurse in the Pacific Theater of World War II, has been a longtime Post 228 member. Her work as post historian was recognized by the county unit for outstanding presentation last year. Smith has also spearheaded a letter campaign to bring the battle-ship USS New Jersey home and is interested in teaching the public about war and veterans issues.

"I think Ethel will serve her post well," said Union County Post Commander Lewis J. Olsen. "I can't speak for the state, but we've had one other lady commander among our 22 posts."



Ethel Smith, left, talks with fellow Legionnaires Charles Walker and Ray Schramm. Smith was installed as Springfield Post 228's first female commander on Saturday night.

Some say that Smith may be the last female commander for her post. Dwindling membership has forced Springfield and two other county posts to merge with other posts' halls. While Legionnaires share the experience of fighting for the country regardless of rank or branch, familial memberships among them seem to be sparse.

"Bill and I are the only husband and wife members here," said Smith. "There's a brothers-in-law couple and a pair of cousins, but that's about all I know of."

Bill Smith, who was stationed in

Germany after the war, is Post 228's chaplain.

"As a nurse, I was trained to enter a given situation, observe and act accordingly," said Ethel Smith. "I issue a challenge to you to support us in educating the public about us."

The post used the occasion to bestow a plaque of outstanding service to guest Gloria Simpson, president of the township's First Aid Squad. Simpson is the first recipient of the honor. Two 50-year membership pins were given to members Bob Daigh and Harold Jones.

Post Office, residents stamp out hunger

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Postal workers in Springfield, Mountainside and Westfield didn't mind pulling a heavier than usual load Saturday. The 22 letter carriers and additional staffers collected canned and dry goods during the annual Stamp Out Hunger Day.

"We don't have the figures in on the tonnage," said Springfield Postmaster William Daniels Monday. "I do understand that our collections filled the distribution garage at the St. James Roman Catholic Church's Rectory."

"It was a very good collection," said St. James Head of Social Concerns Billie Patrone. "Trucks from St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Eli-

zabeth and the Food Bank of Hillside had to make several runs back here for pickup."

"Our 108 letter carriers collected about 19,500 pounds of food Saturday," said Westfield/Mountainside Food Project Coordinator Emil Anthony. "It's off slightly from last year's 21,500 lbs. record. All food went to the Westfield Pantry, which is the area's food bank."

Stamp Out Hunger day was a project begun by the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers 10 years ago. The effort, whereby food dropped off by postal patrons went to local charities, came to Springfield and Mountainside in 1993. The first runs involved people putting goods in mailboxes and

the post office doing the sorting by itself.

"Concerns over workman's and patron's compensation claims forced us to change our collection methods," said Springfield Supervisor of Customer Service James J. McDade. "Instead of putting goods in collection boxes or over the stamp sales counter, we now ask people to leave their donations out next to the mail boxes."

"The post office came to us two years ago for sorting space," said Patrone. "Their sorting space was overwhelmed. Father Bob Stagg gave permission and that's how we became involved."

Reports say that the rectory's two-car garage was at one point nearly filled to the roof with packaged food.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

A kinder, gentler cut

Just a short while ago, the voters of Mountainside delivered a clear message to the Borough Council — cut the school budget.

The council did just that, reducing the spending by \$50,000. This was accomplished by reducing the estimated number of students to be sent to Governor Livingston High School from 225 to 221. The council is happy; it did what the voters wanted. The Board of Education is also pleased. Only a minor cut was made.

But is this really a cut? Some might say that the Board of Education unnecessarily overestimated the student level in the first place. But we understand that the board felt a need to provide a cushion against an unforeseen swell in the high school age population.

At this point, we question the steps taken by the council in examining the budget. What sort of input from parents and educators did the council seek?

Considering the fact that the council inexplicably failed to foresee the nearly \$1.8 million bill from the regional school district, and wiped out the borough's municipal surplus in a last minute effort to avoid raising taxes, we thought it would have been more vigilant in its attempt to placate voters.

For the record, we are not advocating any cuts that would have a detrimental impact on attempts to improve education standards. There are some who view any attempt to rein in spending as such a measure. Instead, we believe that taxpayers deserve the assurance that every one of their dollars is being spent wisely, and when the school budget is rejected, that a genuine examination of the budget with reasonable reductions will result. A quick four-student reduction undoubtedly leaves many wondering if this happened.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti has stated his belief that the budget failed to receive approval because of the confusion involving the \$1.8 million regional district bill. If this is true, what was the reason last year? And what will be the reason if it fails to pass muster in 1998?

Affordable for all

In today's world, a college education is very often a necessity. However, politicians have been slow to recognize that there exists a genuine need for education to continue past high school.

In many countries, college educations are free, financed for those who can meet the entrance requirements by subsidies raised from tax revenue. But in America, the cost of a college education, both in the public and private sectors, is spiraling past the yearly inflation rates. This has the greatest impact on the middle class, not the poor who are more apt to receive financial support, or the wealthy, whose only hardship is to decide what school to attend. Instead, the middle classes, unable to receive sufficient financial assistance, are forced to spread their education over a prolonged period, if continued at all.

Some private schools offer prepaid tuition plans, allowing parents to pay their children's education as they would pay the mortgages on their homes. Finally, a proposal by Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole, R-Union, would transfer this principle to the state's public institutions.

The program would sell contracts for prepaid tuition and registration costs of four-year state schools and county colleges. It would allow parents to begin paying for the cost of a child's college tuition and housing as early as the family desired to do so, even many years prior to the child's start of college. Parents could make payments either in one lump sum, in installments during a five-year period, or installments from the inception of the contract until the day the child is ready to enter college.

One concern would be if the parent prepaid tuition for a state university, but instead chose to send the child to an out-of-state public or private school, would they lose all or part of their investment? However, this bill would contain a provision guaranteeing the return of all funds. Thus, while the tuition levels are locked, the parents' and child's choice are not.

Another concern is the solvency and stability of the funds. Would the money be safe? According to O'Toole, "The solvency of this program would be stabilized due to the pooling of this money in the program in an appropriate investment portfolio. This will allow for a steady increase in funds as tuition costs or inflation rise."

The average cost of tuition in New Jersey for state colleges and universities has almost tripled in the last 20 years. At this rate, public education will be beyond the reach of many families. We support this measure as a move to keep college education affordable for all.

"Press attention is like a beam of light which illuminates where it shines but leaves all else in obscurity."

—Boutros Boutros-Ghali
U.N. secretary-general
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SUMMER'S COMING — The Mountainside Community Pool is gearing up for its season opening. On June 7, 8, 14 and 15, the pool will be open from noon to 6 p.m. From June 16 to 20, the pool will be open after school from 4 to 8 p.m. Starting June 21, the pool will remain open seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m., until the season ends on Labor Day, Sept. 1. Sign-ups for swim lessons start on June 7. For more information, contact the Recreation Office at (908) 232-0015.

In marriage, commitment is a 2-way street

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

There is so much written today about commitment, responsibility and relationships that they are burned into our psyches, never to be forgotten.

Today, if a couple is married for 10 years, that's very, very good and if the marriage lasts for five years, not bad, but we read too many times when so and so is embarking upon his/her fourth marriage. Obviously, so and so does not like to be committed, shuns responsibility and has a fickle sense of what a relationship is. I'd like to bet that so and so's fourth marriage is going to go on the rocks in a short time because commitment and responsibility are not his/her cup of tea nor is a solid relationship.

Yesterday, my wife and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary. It was a sunny but windy May 14 when we tied the knot and it's been tied ever since. What's more, we have known each other for over 60 years, having gone to elementary and high school together. Please do not consider this bragging, but it's a rare couple who can boast that they've been together for 45 years. Nor does this discount the fact that we have had our disagreements ranging from too much garlic, for me, in the stew, to the non-talents of novelist Danielle Steele. However, our disagreements never

went over the edge where we began to pack up our bags with the intent of splitting. Our arguments were not really arguments in the true sense. They were more like not agreeing with each other over little, teeny things that were stupid in the first place.

No question we both have our idiosyncracies that could give us both digestive problems. I used to leave the top off the toothpaste, but that didn't create a hostile environment nor were threats exchanged. Today, a capless toothpaste tube can be grounds for seeking out a divorce lawyer.

Like most things in life, commitment and responsibility are two-way streets. This is especially important to a marriage. If a couple decides to get married, but will not accept commitment to the responsibilities, woe betide the marriage. Even the marriage vows are different today. Most times, either the bride or bridegroom

or both insist the word "obey" be stricken from the ceremony.

The word may be bit archaic for our times; but if one does not wish to "obey," there's nothing in the world that will make you do it. So, the word is kind of superfluous in this world where we do our own thing.

When I was married, Harry S. Truman was president of these United States and the nation was in the midst of a "police action" in Korea. Men and women were dying and cities were being blown to pieces. Life was quite different then and we cherished what we had. It was less than 10 years before when we were in the midst of another war where millions died. After the war, thousands of families had to live with the fact that a son, husband, a boyfriend, a wife, a girlfriend, a mother would never again come home. But we made the best of what we had left and families and couples did not tear each other apart, pick and argue over silly things. We realized we could not get just what we wanted at the snap of our fingers.

Today, we want everything now — no waiting, no paying your dues no working to attain success. I think it's called "instant gratification" and if we don't get it now, we pout, get angry and take it out on a spouse — he/she is

not making enough money to live the way the neighbors do, it's always work, work, work. Vacations have become things of the past and our eyes keep wandering in hopes we will find someone who will take us out of this drab life. Unfortunately, some of us live in a dream world, a world of make-believe, a kind of "wannabe" world where everything is laid out and success in life, marriage and a job are there for the asking. Unfortunately, this is not so.

When we got married, we had no pre-nuptial agreement. We realized we were committed to each other from taking turns in putting out the garbage to scrubbing a bathroom floor and from shopping to getting gas for our only car. We cooperated because we knew each other by nature how to get along and keep our marriage safe and sound.

Do you know that after 45 years, we still share putting out the garbage, the shopping and other mundane tasks? Do you know why we still get along? The reason is simple. We accept our commitment to each other because we are still in love.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and columnist for this newspaper.

Today's job market might as well crash

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

Recently, I applied for a job with a small chain of bookstores. I wasn't choosy. An interview went well, and they really seemed to want me to work for them. But they had no positions open near where I live or could reach by train. So they offered me a job running a one-person bookstore about 40 miles away. I'd be the manager, responsible for the whole operation, eight hours a day, five days a week. It was very tempting, except there was one little hitch: The position paid \$6 an hour. At that wage, if my car broke down from the long commute, I neither could get to work, nor afford to get the car repaired.

That's \$240 gross taxable wages per week, and I get to call myself a manager. But I could hang out after work at the Sheraton Hotel pub in a suit and tie and pretend I'm financially secure.

"What do you do, Bob?" asks a lovely woman who flashes the keys to her new Diamante.

"Oh, I'm in print media management."

I used to earn \$7.25 an hour as a simple retail clerk in a book department. I didn't handle any money. The boss generally left me alone. I was a smart guy. Any customer who asked me about a book received intelligent information. The job could be aggravating some days, but I'd leave work at the end of my shift, blow off a bit of steam, and usually forget about it.

Clerks are disappointing in this new job market. Now everyone is an associate, an administrative assistant, a manager, an assistant manager, a keyholder assistant manager, or some other classy job title. Many of these jobs require computer experience and a college education. You need a col-

lege degree to prove you know how to read. But most of the positions are glorified clerk jobs, and the pay is lousy.

You could conceivably be pushing around a resume that lists three or four so-called management positions, and still be offered less than \$7 an hour as measured by a punch clock.

My previous job paid swell wages. It was a civil service appointment, and it lasted only six months before the layoffs got me. I can't really count that job, because I don't expect ever to find one like it again. Anyway, in a few years the entire civil service system, with the decent pay, good benefits and union protection will be as dead as the possum I saw squashed on the highway last night.

There's something about these low-paying jobs with fancy titles that makes me think of the new spirit of volunteerism that our president is trying to encourage. What if we went to Sony, K-Mart, or some other corporate monster and volunteered to work for them for free on the condition that they make us, say, vice presidents, or consultants, or specialists? Vice president in charge of the popcorn machine, fashion work boot consultant, or pricing and shelf-arrangement specialist. It's obviously what they're aiming for. They want us to believe they're doing us a favor by not giving

these jobs to computers, robots, and vending machines.

Maybe AT&T wouldn't have laid off thousands of employees if the company had hired each entry level employee as a team manager, advanced them to office machine operator, and capped off a career with a coveted promotion to long distance services telemarketer and a parking spot near the door. At some point, one might even earn a small stipend and a

piece of paper containing directions to the nearest free health clinic.

Be nice to the high school kid who takes your drive-through order for a bacon cheeseburger and fries at McGristle's. You're probably talking to a remote menu client communications technician.

Bob Rixon is a Rahway resident and a columnist for this publication. Rixon's E-mail address is rix@wfmul.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for a successful auction

To the Editor:
On behalf of the players, coaches, parents and fans, I thank everybody for their donation to our auction. The event proved to be a great deal of fun and was a huge financial success.

The evening, which included a spaghetti dinner, a silent auction, a special auction for a Derek Jeter-signed baseball jersey, and an open auction held by WOR-TV sports personality Russ Salzberg raised more than \$8,000. It was, by far, the most successful fund-raising event held by our organization with several hundred people in attendance. Proceeds will help defray our loan payments for the newly remodeled field house and field renovations.

Your thoughtful contribution was very important to the success of the event. Thanks again, and please plan to attend our games this season.

Gail Apigo, Chairperson
Mountainside Youth Baseball

Blame for UCUA is on both parties

To the Editor:
The Union County politicians established a protected government monopoly and built the Rahway incinerator.

Now, fearful of the free market system and rather than encourage expanded markets, the political elite contrived a garbage crisis and shall force 21 municipalities in Union County to pay the higher dump fee.

All of the blame for this bureaucratic nightmare must rest squarely on the shoulders of the Republicans and Democrats.

Frank J. Festa, Jr.
Scotch Plains

VIEW POINT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Are you satisfied with the revised 1997-98 school budget?

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Should the state conduct a study to evaluate the medicinal effectiveness of marijuana?

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NO — 0%

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Today

- The Springfield Hadassah will have their Donor at the Short Hills Caterers. The proceeds will be donated to Youth Alyah and used in the children's villages that are helping to integrate the young new arrivals to Israel. Frances Ostrofsky is the chairperson.
- The MountainSide Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Saturday

- Springfield's Historic Cannon Ball House and its museum will be open for guided tours today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m. The building is located at 126 Morris Ave., Springfield, and admission is free. This open house is in cooperation with the "Four Centuries in a Weekend" program sponsored by the Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Student "passports" will be given a special stamp by the docents. For additional information, call (201) 376-4784.
- Take Good Care will sponsor a seminar in "What's New in Ostomy" from 1 to 2 p.m. Take Good Care is located at 160 Route 22 Center Island, Springfield. For more information, call (201) 912-0200.

Sunday

- Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes, and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.
- The children of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and surrounding neighborhoods will present "Hide & Seek and Shake'n Shine" at 2 p.m. at Evangel Baptist Church, 242 Shunpike Road, Springfield. This musical affair will be followed by a Family Carnival. This spring concert will be presented by Kids' Koinonia, the Holy Cross ministry for children ages pre-K through 6th grade that meets twice a month after school. This performance includes scripture verses set to music with children playing instruments and chimes. Call Holy Cross for additional information at (201) 379-4525 for this free event.

Monday

- The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Board of Education conference room in Gaudineer School. An executive session is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., with the public session to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- The Union County Regional High School Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the instructional media center at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.
- The MountainSide Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.
- The Springfield Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. in the Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. The program will be "Herbs in History — Their Use in Medicine and the Home." This will be a special presentation of the Museum of Trades and Crafts of Chatham by Education Director Cynthia Clegg. The general public is invited, and there is no admission charge. For information, call (201) 376-4784.
- The Union-Essex Chapter of the Mended Hearts will meet at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building, Trivett Avenue, Springfield. The guest speaker will be Allan B. Weise, M.D., cardiologist and educator. He is a full professor of medicine at the New Jersey Medical School, director of echocardiography laboratory, and director in charge of teaching medical students at UMDNJ. He has published 82 articles and 3 books on heart and health subjects.

Mended Hearts is a support group designed to help those, as well as their families, with heart problems. All are welcome. For more information, call (201) 376-0582.

Wednesday

- The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. There will be a short business meeting led by Trudi Lindenfesler, president, followed by a work project of putting together lap robes for the Robert W. Johnson Health Care Center in Plainfield. All women are invited to participate. Final plans will be made for the June 25 dinner at Steak and Ale in MountainSide. Call the church office if interested in going to the dinner. Refreshments will be served by Dora Speicher and the Hospitality Committee.
- The Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, at the Springfield Public Library on Mountain Avenue at 12:15 p.m. A program will be presented by the AAA on "Pedestrian and Motorist Safety." President Terry Strauss will greet the members and their guests. A mini-lunch will be served.

Coming events

May 22

• Pathways, a community-based non profit program that provides breast cancer resources, will host Jeanne Rooney from the W.I.S.E. Center, a multi-service cancer support center for women, from 7-8 p.m. at the Summit YWCA, 79 Maple St. It will be an opportunity to learn and ask questions about the services that the W.I.S.E. Center offers, including prosthesis, custom fashions including lingerie and swimsuits, compression therapy products, a wig boutique and massage therapy. There is no fee to attend but registration is requested. To register or for more information about Pathways, call (908) 277-3663.

Pathways is a non profit program that provides support groups, physical fitness and rehabilitative exercise programs, and breast cancer awareness and education efforts for women with breast cancer and those who care about them. It is sponsored by Overlook Hospital, the Resource Center for Women and the Summit YWCA.

• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold their installation meeting at 7 p.m. at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Refreshments will be served before the meeting begins. Iris Segal is chairman of the meeting that will follow at 8 p.m. Alice Weinstein will install the following officers for 1997-98: Eleanor Kuperstein, president; Ida Fanaroff, education vice president; Dorotohea Schwartz, program vice president; Rena Graham and Marilyn Shrenzel, fund raising vice presidents; Frances Ostrofsky, treasurer; Mildred Schwartz, corresponding secretary; Laura Schuyler, financial secretary; Miriam Koonsman, recording secretary.

Entertainment will be provided by Gary Goldman, a 13-year-old who emigrated from Moldavia 7 years ago. He will entertain with songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

May 24

• Take Good Care will sponsor free spinal examinations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A seminar on aging is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. Take Good Care is located at 160 Route 22 Center Island, Springfield. For more information, call (201) 912-0200.

May 25

• Trailside Nature and Science Center's planetarium will present an educational program on spring constellations and other sky events at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Included will be constellations such as Leo, Ursa Major, Bootes, and other visible planets. Each family will receive a spring star map. Admission is \$3 per person.

May 27

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The MountainSide Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

May 28

• Take Good Care will sponsor a defense and wellness seminar for women from 6 to 7 p.m. Take Good Care is located at 160 Route 22, Center Island, Springfield. For more information, call (201) 912-0200.

May 29

• The inaugural golf outing to benefit the Springfield Girls' Softball Leagues and the Boys' and Girls' Traveling Basketball Teams will be held at the Mattawang Golf Club in Belle Mead. Starting times will be scheduled from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a first-request basis. The rain date is June 4.

The entry fee of \$100 per player includes golf, cart, food, drinks and prizes. Sponsorships are available in the purchase of a tournament tee or green for \$50 or a cart for \$20. Trophies and prizes will be awarded during a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner-only registration is \$30 per person. Early registration is encouraged, and the event is limited to 80 players. For more information, call Tony Tomasino at (201) 467-9092.

June 1

• The Union County 4-H Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in MountainSide. The planned activities and attraction will include face painting, farm animals, children's games, a rabbit show, a dog show, 4-H Club display exhibits, water balloon toss, egg toss, bubblegum blowing contest, refreshments and more.

June 2

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the Board of Education conference room in Gaudineer School. An executive session is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., with the public session to follow at 7:30 p.m.

June 3

• The MountainSide Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center, Central Avenue and School Drive.

June 10

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The MountainSide Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

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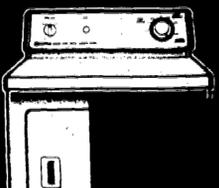
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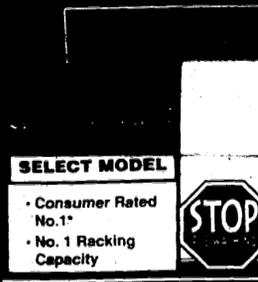
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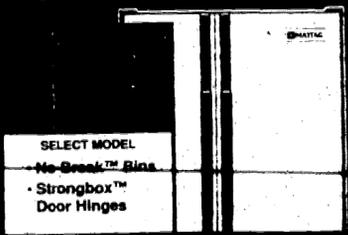
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Springfield schools plan summer enrichment courses

"Get Ready For an Adventure" is the theme of the 1997 Summer School Program in Springfield. The program dates run June 25-July 25. Refresher courses in math, reading, study skills and thinking skills will be offered. In addition, enrichment courses offered will include: Art for Young Children; Art With A Technology Twist; Baseball 101; Baseball Bonanza; Basketball; Basketball Shot Shop; Ceramics;

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STUDENT UPDATE

Governor Livingston High School announces honor roll students

The following is the third marking period Honor Roll for Governor Livingston High School.

Grade 12
 Elaine Alario, Daniel Amiram, Roger Barkan, Deirdre Barnett, Melissa Cavallo, Lisa Conlon, Jennifer Crowl, Elizabeth De Anna, Kathleen De Rosa, Michael Del Corso, David Devonshire, Rachael Faillace, Jacqueline Fitzherbert, Kristin Gaglione, Catherine Harrison, Jayson Huang, Marc Iannotta, Allison Iles, Christopher Kantrorek, Mansi Kanuga, Joanne Karayiannidis, Scott Keller, Mahima Keswani, Joseph Kirtland, Christine Klaskin, Laura Koch, Richard Kohler, Joshua Kulpa, Marialose Martinez, Nicole Merlo, Nancy Millar, Andrew Millar, Vincenzo Mimozzi, Nicole Norman, Janine Perret, Michael Pieja, Jeannine Pilla, Anthony Pinheiro, John Polychronopoulos, Meghan Potopowicz, Matt Rowicki, Gena Schlegel, Elizabeth Segall, Stacey Selander, Helen

Shanks, Dennis Shann, Karen Shieh, Jill Sieffert, Lisa Stefanchik, Mindy Stenger, Monika Szmborski, Christine Szymczak, Meredith Timmermann, Danielle Tomambe, Felicia Turturiello, Christopher Vanderveer, Erica Weiner, Jeffrey Wouffin, Dennis Yueh, Jacob Zawislak.

Grade 11
 Lauren Amicucci, Benjamin Bakas, Vincent Billeci, David Cardillo, Michelle Cerracchio, Amy Chen, Evelyn Chiang, Alexandra Ciasulli, Carol Cordero, Danielle Criscitiello, Lori Dambroski, Jennifer Deangelis, Loretta Flora, Lauren Gaffney, Azadeh Ghaffari, Robert Giannotti, Matthew Gibson, Ryan Glen, Lauren Granholm, Ann Marie Grillo, Jason Grunberg, Vicki Guida, Amy Hansen, Rebecca Hitchcock, Robert Hopkins, Bethany Karl, Nina Khedkar, Renee Knapp, Stephen Lai, Danny Lallis, Tanya Lee, Irene Legiec, Eriko Magaribuchi, Marianne McDonald, Mark Mondadori, Carson Ng, Bryan Nogaki, Melanie Ongchin, Tara

Orlando, Gregory Peng, Christopher Pilla, Katherine Porch, Joni Rabiner, Kristen Rizzuti, Kimberly Roman, Lucas Rotondo, Caralyn Ruggiero, Alok Sathaye, Josephine Scasso, Jeffrey Smith, Jessica Snyder, Diane Spagnolo, Allison Stiefel, Justin Stratis, Wesley Tom, Sally Uncheater, Michael Vogel, Taisa Welhsch, Shannon West, Courtney Witmer.

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cozzi, Miharu Morimoto, Emanuella Pagano, Lauren Pagano, Peter Pagano, Michael Perrone, Robert Phillips, David Pivtorak, Karthik Ravindran, Elizabeth Regit, Terence Reilly, Marsha Rosa, Denise Rosenhaft, Stephanie Sam, Stacy Saplin, Christopher Schnakenberg, Rupa Sekhar, David Shanks, William Stolling, Matthew Sun, Brett Vanderveer, Sanjay Varma, Binh Vo, Dayne Volpe, Michelle Weag, Emily Weiner, David Weinglass, Sarah Williams, Leo Yan, Ricky Yeh, Esther Yun.

Grade 9
 Edward Barrett, Priya Bhasin, Kelly Cammarata, Mark Cantagallo, Ann Chang, Sharon Cheong, Liz Chesler, Howard Chou, Lindsay Crowl, Jennifer Curcio, Suzanne Ennis, Cara Faillace, Debra Fisher, Jillian Gaglione, Jennifer Garcia, Elizabeth Genco, Karyn Granholm, Natalya Hasan, Kristina Huff, Anjeni Keswani, Jason Koburov, Katie Kohler, Eric Levy, Cindy Lin, Julia Lordi, Craig MacGregor, Joseph Mayer,

Heather McDonald, John McMillin, Hilary Miller, Keith Miller, Indrani Mondal, Pallavi Nareah, Andrew O'Dowd, Andrea Oliver, Shari Ongchin, Mark Papier, Emilie Perret, Gina Piccirillo, Allison Pieja, Andrew Poon, Kathleen Poyatt, Michael Rippe, Karen Rizzuti, Jessica Schreuders, Carolyn Simon, Wai Ming Siu, Chrissy Souder, Anna Souvorov, Dia-

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Oak Knoll students achieve honors

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Springfield: First Honors: Christina Caram, grade 8; Jennifer Sayanlar, grade 12.

PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE

Resident partakes in UN mission

On May 17, 1Lt Jason Yee of Springfield finished a 6-month deployment to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He was assigned to the multi-national headquarters, United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as camp commandant. Yee had the responsibility of security of the headquarters compound which involved multi-national troops. He was responsible for the basic operational readiness of the headquarters. Yee arranged numerous protocol and military ceremonies for visiting generals and dignitaries to include U.S. Army chief of staff and V Corps commander.

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Over the past 14 months, Yee had been deployed to Saudi Arabia for 5 months, Hungary for 3 months, and FYROM for 6 months. He returned to his unit in Bamberg, Germany. Yee is the son of Joseph and Fong Yee of Springfield. He is a 1990 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army in 1994.

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OBITUARIES

Leonora Huggins

Leonora Huggins, 87, of Summit died April 7 in her home. Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Huggins lived in Maplewood before moving to Summit many years ago. She was a high school teacher in Wilmington, Del., from 1931 through 1933. Mrs. Huggins served as a volunteer with the Maplewood Girl Scouts. Surviving are two sons, Robert and Kenneth; two daughters, Janet Taylor and Judith Baffe; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lee Rogers Kirk

Lee Rogers Kirk, 78, of Chestertown, Md., formerly of Summit, a land developer, died May 4 in his home. Born in New York City, Mr. Kirk lived in Summit before moving to Maryland 10 years ago. He was a partner at Hanes, Lundberg & Waebler, New York City. Mr. Kirk and his wife, Nancy, then built homes in Summit and then in Maryland. He was a 1939 graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., where he received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Mr. Kirk served as captain in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the vestry and was a junior warden at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown. Mr. Kirk was a volunteer in the Kent Association of Riding Therapy, an organization that helps disabled children. Also surviving are a son, Carter L.; a daughter, Lucinda R. Kelley; a brother, Edward T. Rogers, and two grandchildren.

George T. MacAdam, 71, of Summit, an insurance underwriter with Kemper Insurance Co., Summit, died May 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in New York City, Mr. MacAdam moved to Summit 40 years ago. He was employed by Kemper Insurance Co. for 20 years and retired in 1973. Mr. MacAdam was an Army

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veteran of World War II. He was a member of the American Legion of Scarsdale, N.Y.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine; four sons, George E., William, Douglas and David, and four grandchildren.

Ann F. Conk

Ann F. Conk of Summit and Jupiter Island, Fla., died May 10 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Rutherglen, Scotland, Mrs. Conk lived in Watchung before moving to Summit three years ago. She also maintained a residence on Jupiter Island for 15 years. Mrs. Conk was a member of the order of the Eastern Star, Roselle. She also was a member of the Suburban Golf Club, Union, and a former member of the Roselle Golf Club. Surviving are two daughters, Judith G. Buehler and Janet C. Cosulich; a sister, J. Constance Shallcross, and three grandchildren.

Walter Rupp

Walter Rupp, 87, of Mountainside, retired as an inventor and chemical engineer, died May 5 in the Traditions at Milran, Hilliard, Ohio.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Rupp lived in Mountainside for 57 years. He also maintain residences in Stone Harbor and Vero Beach, Fla. Mr. Rupp was employed by Exxon Research and Engineering Co., Linden, for 38 years, where he was granted 35 patents, the most patents of any member of the engineering staff in the company's 75 year history. He designed oil refineries, specializing in light hydrocarbons, aviation fuels, research, dry ice, economics, information systems and air pollution. Mr. Rupp designed 118 plants worldwide during World War II.

He was the author in 1995 of the lead chapter in the first authoritative book on air pollution control, the "Handbook on Air Pollution Control," McGraw-Hill. Mr. Rupp was honored as a 50-year member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and he received the Outstanding

Inventor Award from Exxon in 1965. He made enrollment predictions for Mountainside schools for 25 years and was a member of the Mountainside Board of Education for 17 years. Mr. Rupp served as an elder at the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside. He graduated with high honors in chemical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Surviving are two daughters, Margaret Leisenring and Leilla J.; a son, John, and four grandchildren.

Elias Hoffman

Elias Hoffman of Mountainside, the municipal chairman for the Union County Board of Elections, died May 10 in Elizabeth General Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Hoffman moved to Mountainside in 1955. He owned and operated the Technical Advisory Service Inc. of Mountainside for six years. Earlier, Mr. Hoffman had been the owner-operator of Louis Hoffman and Sons Metal Co. Inc., Newark, for 35 years. He was a United Jewish Appeal fund-raiser for Central New Jersey and served on the board of trustees of the Newark Day Center. Mr. Hoffman also was a volunteer for the Senior Corps of Retired Executives, SCORE, a national organization. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark.

Surviving are four sons, Kenneth, Marc, David and Estes; a brother, David M., and five grandchildren.

Peter E. McGrath

Peter E. McGrath, 88, of Springfield died April 28 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., Mr. McGrath lived in Springfield for 52 years. He was employed by H. Hentz Co. Inc., a stock brokerage firm in New York City, before retiring 25 years ago as vice president. Mr. McGrath was an usher in St. James Church, Springfield, and was a member of the John F. Kennedy Assembly

Fourth Degree Knights of Union, and Monsignor Francis X. Coyle Council 5500 Knights of Columbus, Springfield.

Edith L. Vreeland

Edith L. Vreeland, 93, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Mountainside, died May 2 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center. Born in Cambridge, Mass., Mrs.

Vreeland lived in Millburn and Mountainside before moving to Berkeley Heights.

Surviving are a son, Walter E.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sheila Sonocki

Sheila Sonocki, 43, of Westfield, formerly of Mountainside, a psychologist for the Hillside school district, died May 7 in her home.

Born in Passaic, Mrs. Sonocki lived in Garfield and Mountainside before moving to Westfield 12 years ago. She was a school psychologist for the Hillside Board of Education for the past four years. Previously, Mrs. Sonocki had worked in the same capacity for the Lyndhurst school district for four years.

Surviving are her husband, Edward J.; two sons, Michael D. and Kenneth J.; her parents, Louis and Bernice Behar, and a sister, Susan Behar.

For years of service. On April 27, Holy Cross Lutheran Church commemorated four milestone anniversaries of their staff members at a luncheon in their honor at Pantagis Renaissance Restaurant in Scotch Plains. Those recognized included Reverend Joel R. Yoss with 30 years in ministry, pastor for 25 years at Holy Cross; Joy Wagenblast, minister of children with 15 years; Donna Hydock, nursery school director with 10 years; and Diane Hill, administrative assistant with 10 years. From left are Hydock, Hill, Yoss, Elaine Thomas, minister of worship, and Wagenblast.

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Only one of the four top seeds advanced to the semifinal round of this year's 44th annual tourney.

Summit pulled off one of the biggest upsets in recent tournament history by stunning top-seeded and unbeaten Cranford 2-1 behind the excellent pitching performance of junior righthander Jared Chellevoid.

Cranford entered the game at 18-0 and had won 15 of those contests by scoring double digit runs. However, ninth-seeded Summit had given up the least amount of runs to Cranford in a 7-2 loss back on May 1 in Cranford.

The other three semifinalists — third-seeded Governor Livingston, fifth-seeded Union and seventh-seeded Westfield — were all in the final four last year.

Westfield, winners of 14 straight and 17 of 18 UCT games, is in the semis for the fifth straight year.

PRELIMINARY ROUND
April 26
Rahway 12, Roselle 11 (9 inn.)
Hillside 8, Plainfield 7
Roselle Catholic 7, Union Cath. 0
Linden 13, St. Mary's 2

FIRST ROUND
May 4
Cranford 17, Hillside 2
Elizabeth 12, Roselle Catholic 3
Summit 11, Dayton 3

May 5
Scotch Plains 17, Rahway 5
Union 3, Wardlaw-Hartridge 1
Westfield 9, Roselle Park 3
Gov. Livingston 7, Linden 3
New Providence 5, Johnson 1

QUARTERFINALS
May 10
Summit 2, Cranford 1
Union 3, Scotch Plains 0
Westfield 6, Elizabeth 3
Gov. Livingston 5, New Prov. 1

SEMIFINALS
May 17
At Rahway's Veterans Field
9-Summit vs. 5-Union, Noon
7-Westfield vs. 3-GL, 3 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
May 24
Linden's Memorial Field, 8 p.m.

UCT Softball

The top two seeds advanced as Governor Livingston, sparked by the play of Mountainside resident Jessie Orenczak who singled twice and drove in two runs, ended Union's 26-game UCT winning streak.

This will be the first year since 1986 that six-time defending champion Union will not be playing in the final.

FIRST ROUND
April 26
Gov. Livingston 9, Union Cath. 0
New Providence 6, Summit 5

Union 10, Dayton 0
Johnson 20, Elizabeth 1
Cranford 11, Scotch Plains 1
Plainfield 6, Linden 2
Rahway 11, Roselle Catholic 0
Westfield 9, Roselle Park 3

QUARTERFINALS
May 5
GL 2, New Providence 0
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Taub set a winning Pace

Springfield tennis standout honored for excellence

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

As it turned it, the perfect Pace for Lisa Taub was found in Pleasantville, N.Y.

One of the best girls' tennis players to ever come out of the Dayton Regional High School program, the Springfield resident concluded a stellar career at Pace University by winning two very prestigious honors.

The 1993 Dayton graduate was first named the ITA East Region Senior Player of the Year for posting a 17-10 record at first singles for the Division 2 school while holding the No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles rankings.

The liberal studies major was then named Pace University's Female Athlete of the Year for 1997 at the school's 48th annual Letterwinners Banquet.

"I didn't expect it at all," said Taub, who will complete her undergraduate degree this summer. "I thought it would go to a basketball or softball player, someone from a team that gets a lot more recognition."

Taub became a member of the Pace women's tennis team after completing a stellar four-year varsity career at Dayton which saw her rank among the top players in the county and state.

"Lisa is quiet off the court, but when she's playing, she speaks with her racquet," veteran Pace head coach Ramona Polvere said. "She was very committed and we came to expect the success she had."

Taub played at third singles her first two years before taking over the first singles role last year as a junior. Her career came to an end last week in the Division 2 Nationals in Springfield, Mo.

"I learned a lot and improved a lot the past four years," Taub said. "I think I became stronger and more consistent and played my best tennis this spring."

"Lisa was one of the best players I've ever coached," said Polvere, at the helm the past 17 seasons.

Taub's play at first singles and first doubles helped the Setters finish with a record of 12-3, good enough to cap-

ture the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference championship.

Pace swept past local Division 1 schools such as Manhattan, Iona, St. John's and the University of Connecticut.

"I had two great players ahead of me when I came here and it helped me that I was able to learn from them," Taub said. "I really enjoyed playing and could see that my game improved a great deal."

Taub and Donna Carnicelli made up the No. 3 doubles team in the East-Region and finished with an impressive 17-1 record, the best of any tandem in the region.

At 5-4, 115 pounds, Taub had to muster all the strength she could to handle some of her grander opponents.

"Sometimes it's hard to keep up when going up against some of the girls because of the way they're built," Taub said. "Some of them are really big."

"That's why I had to learn to hit the ball hard, despite my size disadvantage."

"Lisa became a very strong baseline player and could use the whole court to her advantage," Polvere said.

Finding additional strengths in her ability to lead others, Polvere named Taub the team's captain.

Pace earned an automatic bid for the 16-team NCAA Division 2 National Championships, held at Southwest Baptist University.

The Setters advanced to the NCAA Championships for the ninth time in the last 11 years under the tutelage of Polvere, 250-120 in her tenure at Pace and the second winningest coach of any sport at the New York school.

Although it was a quick exit for Taub and Pace, the Setters lost in the first round to a very strong school in North Florida, Taub plans to keep tennis in her immediate future.

She plans on teaching tennis at Gina's Tennis World in Berkeley Heights.

"I didn't really have an expecta-



Lisa Taub
...Athlete of Year

tions when I first got to Pace, but I had four great years and know that I improved," Taub said.

"She will be a tough player to replace," Polvere said.

Despite her diminutive stature, whoever replaces Taub next season will have some pretty big shoes to fill.



Red Sox catcher Jared Weiss has been selected to play on the American Division All-Star team. The AA All-Star Game is scheduled to take place Monday, May 26 at Roessner Field in Springfield.

Reds, A's and Giants find ways to come out on top

Red Sox and Yankees also triumph

The following are Springfield Youth Baseball League results of games played last week:

AAA
Reds 15, Rockies 3: Devin Dorn scored four times to spark the Reds past the Rockies. Harris Tuchman had three hits and Eric Dector, Mark and Ryan Yospin two. Michael Luciano, Sean Frank and Dector had key hits and Frank played well in the field. Ryan Yospin and Tim Homlish pitched well for the Reds. Brett Berger, Sean Armstrong and Greg Zinberg hit the ball well for the Rockies.

A's 4, Reds 3: Eric Dector's line drive single scored Ryan Hospin with the tying run in the bottom of the sixth in a game called because of darkness. Devon Dorn, Harris Tuchman and Sean Frank also produced key hits for the Reds. Pitcher Mark Yospin hurled the last three innings, giving up no hits, striking out six and walking just one. The A's opened an early 4-0 lead behind a home run hit by Donny Volkert and double blasted by L.B. Ferrine. Joe Kahooni pitched five solid innings for the A's.

Giants 7, Yankees 4: Winning pitcher Kevin Dash hurled a six-hitter, drove in four runs and scored once and Michael Nittolo scored twice and stole four bases. Frank Mitchell, Anthony DeNicolò, Alex Garlen and Sara Steinman scored one run and Deak Kakounis, Conner Hamilton and Steve Cohen had one RBI. Nittolo caught a high fly ball in center field, Lisa Clark and Dash caught infield flies and Steinman played well defensively at catcher.

allowing one run over the last two innings.

The Red Sox were sparked at the plate by Michael Mannarino, who belted his second home run in three games. Matt Parman had three hits and a walk, Cory Berger two hits and a walk and Jimmy Cottage one hit and a walk.

Springfield

Jesse Weatherston made two great catches in the field to kill rallies by Merola and also playing well in the field were Michael Mohr, Stephen King and Jake Floyd.

Jason Dressler and Jorge Portal starred for Merola, with Dressler hitting a two-run homer. Portal scored on the hit after he belted a single.

Yankees 4, Mets 3: Donald Cherry belted three hits and Stephen Suarez stroked a single down the first-base line, driving in two runs, to help the Yankees remain undefeated at 4-0. The Mets fell to 2-2.

Matt Sauerhoff and Suarez pitched well for the Yankees, with Cherry and Kenneth Suarez making several outstanding defensive plays.

Lee Silverman belted two singles and a triple for the Mets. Ryan Lantier and Michael Kronert also played well for the Mets.

All-Star Games upcoming
The AA League of the Springfield Junior Baseball League has scheduled two All-Star Games for Memorial Day Weekend.

The first will take place Saturday, May 24 at 1 p.m. and the second Monday, May 26 at 1:15, both contests to be played at Roessner Field complex in Springfield.

The National Division will be squaring off against the American Division and special activities, food and refreshments will be provided to all in attendance.

The All-Star rosters are as follows:
National Division: Jorge Portal, Jason Dressler, Steven Becker, Lee Silverman, Michael Kronert, Jesse Fischbein, Brandon Baron, Josh Goldman, Ross Kivowitz, Dan Kahooni, Matt Farley, Steven Tettamanti and Joseph Mitarotonda.

American Division: Kenneth Suarez, Donald Cherry, Jared Weiss, Cory Berger, Michael Mohr, Matt Parman, Alex Massimo, Jason Gillian, Andrew Yesinski, Michael Tiss, Louis Puopolo, Raul Furnaguera, Keith Dworkin and Corey Evans.

Mountainside softball perform outstanding

The following are Mountainside Recreation Commission Junior Softball League results of games played last week:

Mohawks vs. Shawnees: Jamie Boyce, Brielle Luciano and Chrissy McCurdy pitched well for the Mohawks and the team did not commit an error. Boyce belted three singles, Arda Hotz had blasted two singles and a double, Katie Melnyk stroked two singles and a double and Jillian Richard, Cecilia Watson and Catherine Wilson hit singles.

Jessica Garry pitched the entire game for the Shawnees and did a very good job.

Jessica Gelsonin and Garry hit singles and Garry also made a fine play at home, tagging out a baserunner.

The Shawnees had to play shorthanded and the game was called in the fourth inning because of darkness.

Mohawks 13, Iriquois 8: Jamie Boyce belted a single and double to spark the Mohawks.

Cecilia Watson, Patrice Cusano and Arda Hojz blasted two singles and Brielle Luciano, Jillian Richard and Louise Fristensky had one.

Chrissy McCurdy stroked three singles and Katie Melnyk hit a single and triple.

Michelle Cirasa and Meaghan Geislinger belted two singles for the Iriquois. Noelle Gostyla, Krystina Kingston, Sarah Piscitelli and Jamie Zawislak also hit safely as each stroked singles.

Red Sox 16, Merola 2: The Red Sox continued their climb towards first place with two wins last week, including this one over Merola. Strong pitching was provided by Jared Weiss and Jesse Galinkin.

Weiss (2-0) pitched four innings, allowing two runs on only two hits and he struck out 10. Galinkin closed the game, striking out three and

Mets 7, Pirates 4: Pete Klebaur pitched a complete game and John Bodenachak, Chris Bergeski and Klebaur hit the ball well. Andrew Diamond pitched four strong innings for the Pirates, Michael Amalfe singled, doubled and stole third and home and Joe Pigionowski singled, doubled and scored.

Orioles 10, Blue Stars 9; Orioles 14, Pirates 13: Chuck Orlando and Eric Feller scored three runs against the Blue Stars and Mike Kolanko played well defensively. Eric Gay belted two home runs for the Blue Stars. David Apigo pitched well and had two hits for the Orioles against the Pirates. Kenny Kolanko and Matt Miller hit triples for the O's and Brian Skorge belted a triple with the bases loaded for the Pirates.

Mountainside Mets win

The following are Mountainside Youth Baseball League results of games played last week:

Mets 18, Cubs 3: Peter Klebaur and Chris DeVito combined for 10 strikeouts. Chris Bergeski, John Bodenachak and DeVito turned a 6-4-3 double play. Steven Kress belted a grand slam, hit a triple and stole home. Paul Tewfik hit a single, walked and stole two bases. Justin Polce, Jude Faella, Mike Margello, Alex Caffery and Ryan Faella played well for the Cubs.

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Traffic accidents abound in township

Springfield

A Springfield Police officer arrested a Newark man on a driving while intoxicated charge Thursday night. The suspect, identified as David Mark Tuller, 51, was stopped on Route 22 East at about 11 p.m.

• Official vehicles had their share of mishaps last week. The first occurred to an operator of a Springfield Township Chevrolet Caprice who hadn't noticed a wall along the driveway of a Thors Hills Drive home 3:10 a.m. Thursday and scraped its left front corner backing out. A NJ Transit Wheels service bus was letting off some of its four passengers in front of the Morris Avenue Shop-Rite when an Audi four-door backed into it at 11 a.m. Friday. No parties were injured in either case.

• The two-car incident was the scene of a shop-rat incident when a Buick Skylark backed out of a parking space and into a passing Nissan Sentra at 3:10 p.m. Saturday. Similar parking lot duets occurred at Community Plumbing between a Mitsubishi

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Galante and a GMC pickup truck 9:14 a.m. Thursday, at Staples between a Nissan Stanza and a Volvo 460 at 11 a.m. Thursday and at the General Greene Shopping Plaza between a Buick Century and a Mazda 626 10 a.m. Saturday.

• A Ford wagon with two passengers aboard was waiting for traffic to clear at the intersection of Meisel Avenue and Milltown Road Thursday when it was hit from behind by a fellow northbound Miesel GMC wagon at about 11 a.m. An Acura Legend ran into the rear of a Mercedes Benz 300 at the Take Good Care U-Turn about two hours later. There were no injuries.

• A more serious incident capped a long Thursday when a Route 22 East motorist said he saw a shadow at about 11 p.m. The driver swerved to avoid the phantom, lost control of his Acura Integra, snapped a utility pole before JMK Motors and overturned. Police and fire units responded to

upright and clear the vehicle, whose driver refused medical attention but received two summonses.

• Another serious accident occurred between a Toyota Tercel driver and a bicyclist before the Morris Avenue Burger King Saturday. The Tercel driver was about to leave the restaurant's lot when it collected the west-bound biker at about 12:30 p.m. While the cyclist was injured in the incident, there are no details about extent or treatment.

• A Lincoln Mark IV was headed northbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue when it was sideswiped by a Ford F350 pickup at about 3 p.m. Friday. The Ford, according to witnesses, was in the center lane before it went into the left lane shred by the Lincoln as they approached Morris Avenue.

• The final rear end accident of the week happened when a Cadillac DeVille ran into a Lexus SC3 on Southbound Stem Avenue at Rt. 22 West about 7 p.m. Saturday. Observed damage to the Lexus was minimal and apparently nonexistent to the DeVille.

FIRE BLOTTER

detective bureau at about 3:53 p.m. • Transformer explosions occurred twice this week. The first blew during a thunderstorm along Diamond Road 1:15 p.m. May 6 and a second along Center Street at 1:45 p.m. Monday, where a GPU transformer reportedly exploded at about 1:15 p.m. May 12.

Although no further details are available from transformer owner GPU regarding the causes, fire and police units diverted traffic until the cleanup was completed.

• An especially hectic Thursday started at 2 p.m. when an engine was brought to the Kenilworth headquarters while they and firefighters from four other towns battled a Columbia Avenue house blaze. Another unit went to aid a resident who was locked out of his Troy Drive apartment at about 7 p.m. A third engine went to aid Springfield Police with an overturned car in front of JMK BMW—Saab on Route 22 East at 11:17 p.m.

• Springfield's bravest was called upon by its finest at 2:34 p.m. Friday to check on the welfare of a resident at a Colfax Avenue household. Firefighters also evaluated a water condition in a Marion Avenue home's basement at 10:59 p.m.

• A dishwasher fire prompted residents of a Forest Avenue apartment to call the squad at 12:04 p.m. Saturday.

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest.

By order of the Mayor and Council
Judith E. Osty, Borough Clerk
U4575 MEC May 15, 1997 (\$21.50)

Karate students to 'kick' for a cure

On Saturday, the students of Villari's Self Defense will participate in a kick-a-thon which will raise money for the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate.

To help the more than 506,000 people in New Jersey who have diabetes, students will ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them. The money will fund American Diabetes Association research, advocacy, public education and patient education programs.

"When you realize that diabetes is the nation's fourth leading cause of death by disease, and that half of the people that have diabetes don't even know it, you realize how important it is to support this effort," said Bill Mills, local Kicks for a Cure coordinator. "Kicks for a Cure not only supports the American Diabetes Association's programs, it raises awareness of participants and their sponsors about the seriousness of diabetes."

The public is welcome to attend and support Kicks for a Cure, either by making pledges or by participating in the event. Call Cara at (201) 226-1022 for more information about Kicks For a Cure.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information, and advocacy. The mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all those affected by diabetes. Last year the association put \$13 million towards research for a cure. Founded in 1940, the American Diabetes Association supports an affiliate office in every state and provides services in more than 800 communities across the country.

Free museum tour included in county event

The Miller-Cory House Museum will be among sixteen museums on a free two-day spring tour of Union County's historical sites which is designed to help promote national awareness of the arts and humanities. For the "Four Centuries Weekend — A Journey Through Union County's History," the Miller-Cory House will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. On Saturday, the museum will feature a beehive oven demonstration. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield and will conduct tours of the house and gardens along with demonstrations of 18th century cooking throughout the weekend.

Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House Museum stands on the "road to the mountains" in Westfield. The

Miller-Cory House was named in honor of its two pre-Revolutionary owners, both descended from the earliest settlers in this area. Today, the Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum. It has been certified as an historic site and has been entered on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Visitors are introduced to a variety of colonial skills as trained artisans and costumed docents recre-

ate the everyday life, the crafts and tasks of the 18th and 19th century farm family in Westfield.

On May 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the museum will feature its annual Aunt Carrie's attic sale. On June 1, the museum will feature straw hat making by Eileen O'Shea. For information about the museum and its schedule of programs, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Reaching the peace-keepers

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

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Transformer explosions evoke response

Reports of activated alarms, smoke and odors kept the Springfield Fire Department busy this week.

• Alarms sounded at the Municipal Building 6:27 a.m. May 4 and twice, 1:53 a.m. and 5:42 p.m., at Jonathan Dayton High School Saturday. All units reported to a smoke call from an Avon Road residence basement May 5 at 2:03 p.m. An odor was also investigated in the Police Department

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING PLANNING BOARD PLANNING BOARD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned has made application to the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside seeking land use and site plan approval for property known as 1190 Route 22, also known as Lot 52 in Block 27 on the official tax map of the Borough of Mountainside. Specifically, the applicant seeks approval to alter and improve the facade of the existing building, including new veneer, walkways, entry, and landscaping. The applicant further seeks approval to increase the depth of the parking area resulting in a 10 ft. reduction in the depth of the existing 30 ft. buffer area. Variances are sought from Sections 1013(c)(2), 1013(c)(3), and 1013(d)(8) with regard to the front yard set back, side yard set back, and buffer area requirements of the zoning ordinance. The applicant shall seek such other relief, by variance or otherwise, as may be deemed required by the Planning Board in connection with the application and the property.
A Public hearing has been scheduled for June 12, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at which time you may appear and participate in the hearing in accordance with the rules of the Planning Board. Information, plans, and the application

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are available for your inspection at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey in the office of the Planning Board, during regular business hours. The telephone number of the Secretary of the Planning Board is (908) 232-2400.
FRANK GARGIULO & SON, INC.
By: Patrick B. Spolis, Esq.
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U4562 MEC May 15, 1997 (\$16.25)

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