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Borough Highlights

New officers

The Springfield/Mountainside Chapter of UNICO National elected officers for 1997-98 at a meeting held at the L'Affaire in Mountainside. Vincent Bondadies was elected president; Joseph C. Chiappa, vice president; former Springfield Mayor Bill Cieri, community coordinator; Michael Bove, treasurer; and Vincent Scalera, secretary. The chapter hosted a dinner for all the officers, members, members' wives and friends. UNICO is a National Italian-American organization whose theme and dedication is "Service Above Self." Members contribute their efforts to scholarships, local charities and various community activities. Bondadies invites anyone interested in membership to call (201) 277-1414.

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.

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 horseback riding to all. Programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for any group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; actual horseback riding 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.

Book drive

The Governor Livingston PTA is planning to collect used books as a fundraiser for its ninth annual Project Graduation Party. Members of the community are invited to drop off their used books at the high school on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All hard-back books, text books, reference books, and paperbacks will be accepted. Magazines, newspapers, workbooks, catalogues, and telephone books will not be collected.

The PTA has arranged for Project Renaissance, a book recovery program, to recirculate or recycle all the books collected with the proceeds going to Project Graduation. After May 31, containers for additional books will be available at the high school through the end of the school year. More information about the used book drive is available through publicity chairperson Gayll Fisher at 665-9319.

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An evening at the auction



Mountainside residents Kathleen Clark, Kenneth Clark, Annegret and Lloyd DeVos are reviewing the live auction at Oak Knoll School's 1997 Grand Auction. This year's annual fundraiser, "The Movies," raised more than \$100,000 for the Summit private school. DeVos was Grand Prix co-chair. Kathleen Clark, past auction chair, served as advisor.

Zavetz won't be on principal list

Parents confront school board over rejection.

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

A packed house greeted the Board of Education at their Tuesday night meeting, and the residents had the same topic in mind — the position of principal at the Deerfield School.

Residents and parents attended the meeting to express their concern over the Board of Education's handling of the new principal search. They expressed their support of Acting Principal Audrey Zavetz, who will not be considered for the position on a permanent basis.

Responding to parents who heard unofficially that Zavetz' name would not be on board's current principal search list, Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro confirmed that Zavetz has indeed been informed by his office that she is not being considered for the principal position.

A letter written by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Cusano that was read out loud at the meeting. It read, "We cannot for the life of us understand why you have not hired (Zavetz). What is it going to take to get you to open your eyes? Finally, after what seems like forever, we have a school system that works for our children. We have been through too many principals in the last few years. It is time for us to settle down. Mrs. Zavetz has proven repeatedly that she is the glue that is holding us together. The teachers love her. As all of you know, when the teachers are happy, they produce more positive work. For whatever your reason is, you should stop and listen to reason. The reason is our

children. Why should they suffer because of your indifference? It is not fair. We have a sure thing with Mrs. Zavetz. Why would you want to undo all of the good that she has done?"

The letter cited the fact that members of the Board of Education in Mountainside are elected by popular vote. "In the democracy that we live in, majority rules. We the people voted you in those positions. You should listen to what we have to say. We want Audrey Zavetz as our principal and do not want to look any further." The reading of the letter was met with applause from everyone in attendance, except the Board of Education members.

The board was unable to answer most of the questions put to them by the residents in attendance since they are prohibited by law from discussing personnel issues at public Board of Education meetings. Board member Richard Kress did state however that he fully supports Zavetz and voted not to reinstate to her old position as assistant principal, a move he stated showed his support of her being appointed to the principal position. He added that if she was put before the board as one of the choices for the principal position, he would vote for her to get the job.

Members of the board stated that they heard exactly what the residents were saying, and they fully understood the point they were trying to get across, although no indication was given that anything would be changed by the mass turnout of parents.

Borough honors slain heroes

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Mountainside, on at least two levels, had a fitting Memorial Day observance Monday.

Like thousands of other municipalities across the land, Mountainside honored those who fought and died in this country's conflicts. Led by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10136 and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1585, the borough's veterans marched in the Westfield parade and held a service before the town's war memorial.

When one followed the 50-odd veterans to the borough's three memorials, however, the ceremonies become more intimate. The group included other VFW Post members, a WAC veteran and family members as they headed to the Deerfield School.

They stopped at Deerfield to plant an American flag at the William Kubash Memorial Flagpole. Dedicated in 1952, the site honors one of the VFW Post's charter members.

The group's next stop was a few yards away by a tree. The ground level plaque there honored Capt. James Egan, who has been declared missing in action during the Vietnam Conflict. The site honors MIA's and prisoners of war.

"This wasn't one of our planned stops," whispered one veteran as his colleagues planted a flag and saluted. "A groundskeeper unearthed the plaque while mowing the lawn two weeks ago."

The final stop of the day was around the VFW Memorial at Constitution Plaza. VFW Post Commander Robert Farley and Elks Post Exalted Ruler Frank Plummer led a color guard through the planting of flags and flowers, prayer and taps. They members of the procession sang the National Anthem and raised the American flag to full staff.

"We got through the ceremony well," said Farley afterward, "considering the facts that we haven't had time to plan, we walked a mile or so in the parade and we lost members over the winter."

"Most of our members are from World War II, a couple from Korea and Farley's the only one here from Vietnam," said VFW Post member Joseph Siejk. "It's a matter of time before we're all gone. That's why I



Photo By George Paccello

bring my family to the service — so they remember those who fought and died before us."

"The Elks is open to anyone, but we've been working with the VFW from the start," said Plummer. "We worked with the group to construct a soldiers hospital in the 1920s which became the basis for the Veterans Administration. Our membership ranks are shrinking as well."

"I joined the VFW during a recruiting drive in 1978," said Farley. "You join the organization first and then find a post you're comfortable with. We lost a few when they moved away,

but we lost more from death."

"Maybe it's a generational thing, but most of the Vietnam era soldiers are with the Vietnam Veterans of America," said contemporary Lennie Cohen. "Maybe we will go the way of the Civil War's Grand Army of the Republic. But so long as there's more than one of us alive that needs help, we will help him or her."

Before the VFW Memorial service was to begin, however, five-year-old Erin Rosiesiech broke rank to plant a flower and say a silent prayer.

"I don't where my granddaughter picked that up," said Siejk.

Asset distribution method criticized

Regional district's plan called unfair

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

With the close of the Union County Regional High School District a month away, the six member municipalities are preparing to split the district's assets. A plan is in place for the division of both liquid and non-liquid assets, which has been handed down by the state commissioner of education's office. However the plan, which is dictated by the laws surrounding the dissolution of the district, is drawing fire from borough officials.

With each town — Mountainside, Springfield, Clark, Kenilworth, Garwood and Berkeley Heights — wanting the most for their individual district, the plan for splitting the assets is supposed to be equally fair to all of the member districts. However, not every municipality is sure that its interests will be equally represented. For instance, part of the plan for splitting assets is that the towns that presently have a school building that was part of the district will be able to retain that building. This leaves the towns of Mountainside and Garwood with no buildings.

This is considered a disadvantage to the two towns since the value of the buildings and property could be a substantial gain to the other member towns down the road. In the presently proposed plan for the division of the assets, there is no compensation for either Mountainside or Garwood for not having a school building within municipal limits.

"What would occur if a town received a high school, used it for a year, and then decided to merge with another town's school district and decide to sell the high school building? That district then would receive all of the money resulting from the sale, and none of it would go to the other member districts who paid into the system for all of these years," said Mayor Bob Vigilanti.

According to Union County Superintendent of Schools Frances Lobman, the law requires that the regional assets be split based on the tax ratables of each town. The assets, other than school buildings and grounds and the furniture therein, will be distributed by the county superintendent of schools in a report issued at the end of the school year. Also spelled out in the law is that buildings and grounds will revert back to the towns in which they are located. As far as the county is concerned, the division of the regional district's assets is spelled out in the laws regarding dissolution, leaving no other method to go about the process.

This method, however, is also of concern to some of the member towns, since it is based on tax ratables, which again could lead to what some would call an uneven division of assets. "I can say that historically Mountainside has paid far more into the regional district than have other member towns, and it appears that we will not be getting a fair share back under the present method of the division of assets," said Mayor Vigilanti.

It is unclear at this point whether or not any appeals will be made by any of the member towns for a review of the division of the assets to see if a method more acceptable to all district members can be devised. The regional district school year officially ends June 30, and at that point, the county superintendent's office will tally the assets of the district in preparation for distribution. This could turn into a lengthy process, since appeals may be made, and all of the assets as well as liabilities of the district will have to be considered before any of the member districts see any of the assets.

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Springfield swim team registration set

Registration for the 1997 Springfield Swim Team, sponsored by the Recreation Department, will be held at the Municipal Pool on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Registration fee is \$25 for the first child in the family and \$20 for each additional child. Payment must be by check or money order made payable to Township of Springfield.

During registration, swimmers will be sized for their team suits. It is very important that each swimmer tries on the suit, as each company's suits vary. Team suits, which are not mandatory, will cost approximately \$40 for girls and \$20 for the boys.

Boys and girls from 5 to 17 years of age are eligible to participate on the team. All participants should be comfortable in deep water, though need not be "Olympic" quality swimmers. Any Springfield resident or anyone who attends school in Springfield is eligible to swim. Those residing outside of Springfield and going to school outside Springfield must be pool members in order to participate on the team.

Regular team practices will be held on weekdays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. beginning on June 23. The practice schedule

is as follows: 9-10 year-olds, 9-10 a.m.; 11 and over, 10-11 a.m.; 8 and under, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Regular attendance at practice is expected from all swimmers. Pre-season practice will begin in June. These practices will be held after school for 10 and under from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and for 11 and over from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Watch the Swim Team Bulletin Board at the pool for more information.

The swim team participates in the New Jersey Swimmer League, competing against Mountainside, Westfield, Summit and West Caldwell. It is anticipated that this season there will be three morning away meets at 9 a.m., with the other meets held at 6 p.m. There will be 4 home meets and one away meet.

Parents of the swim team members play an important part in the success of the team. Parents are expected to assist the team as timers, ribbon writers or scorekeepers at the meets or by contributing to or manning the snack table during home meets. At registration, parents can indicate their preference for how they would like to help.

For further information, call the Recreation Department at (201) 912-2227.

STUDENT UPDATE

Springfield residents receive college degrees

More than 3,200 undergraduate, graduate and professional students received degrees Sunday from Duke University.

Duke President Nannerl O. Keohane presided over the ceremony. Former President Jimmy Carter gave the commencement address and honorary degrees were awarded to Carter,

Norman R. Augustine, chief executive officer of Lockhead Martin Corp.; Jack Gibbons, assistant to the president for science and technology and director of the U.S. Office of Science and Technology Policy; Rev. Peter Gomes, Plummer professor of Christian morals at Harvard University and minister at Harvard's Memor-

ial Church; and Doris Marie "Doc" Leeper, nationally-recognized painter, sculptor and arts advocate.

The following local students were among those scheduled to receive degrees: Robert Harris Grohs of Springfield and Scott Mitchell Sherman of Springfield.

Mountainside's Deerfield School lists honors

The following is the Deerfield School Honor Roll for the third marking period.

Grade 8:
High Honor Roll — Lauren Beasley, Sharon Brodian, Allison DiVito, Kristin Joham, Emily Porch, Annemarie Rissi, Katie Schmidt, Noelle Tate.

Honor Roll — Olivia Banuszewicz, Andrew Dubno, Kimberly Geraghty, Emily Luke, Milap Patel and

Lauren Whritenour.

Grade 7:
High Honor Roll — Steven Brown, Pamela Cash, Jonathan Doorley, Brian Dressel, Oliver Eng, Ryan Feller, Kristen Hauser, Eileen Levitian, Dana McCurdy, Lauren Rosenhaft, Susan Schnakenberg and Jason Thomas.

Honor Roll — Jenna Freudenberger, Frank Geiger, Jason Gionta, Alexander Hotz, Kerry Moore, Shannon

Schmidt, Michelle Stickle and Micah Thau.

Grade 6:
High Honor Roll — David Dempsey, Daniel Drake, Jude Faella, Ashley Ferrell, Suzanne Hopkins, Jehanne Janguenet, Stephen Kress, Katie Lias, Estrella Lopez, Michael Margello, Jessica Nichols, Deirdre Norris, Constance Souder, Nicole Taeschler, Lindsay Vlachakis and Stacy Vlachakis.

Honor Roll — Craig Andersson, Salvatore Arpino, Katrina Blase, John Vodenchak, Tara Crane, Nicole Ehrhardt, Katelyn Fenton, Brittany Gril-lot, Kevin Guidiciopietro, Aimee Johnston, Joseph King, Kenneth Kolanko, Kristen Manzo, Shaun Modi, Chuck Orlando, Rebecca Paskow, Jennifer Punsal, Kimberly Risch, Christine Weag and Kailey Wheaton.

Curtis receives honors prize

Rebecca A. Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey A. Curtis of Springfield, received the Outstanding Junior Major Prize in religious studies at an honors convocation held recently at Allegheny College.

The Outstanding Junior Major Prize is awarded for exceptional academic achievement, performance in the seminar and contribution to the general life of the religious studies department.

Charity in action



Tessa Rosenthal, a Mountainside resident who attends Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, raised \$175 for the American Diabetes Association for her participation in the 16-mile "Tour De Cure" bicycle ride held on May 17.

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*National Cancer Advisory Report, National Institutes Of Health, March 27, 1997

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Festival will bring student performers to Rome

By Ben Smith
Staff Writer

Not everyone gets a chance to be chosen to go to Rome and sing the opera "Hansel and Gretel" in German.

That is why a group of Mountain-side and Westfield youngsters are very excited about having been selected and are planning a trip to the Rome Festival in July. Some will be bringing their teachers and others their parents. The children include Kassandra "Kassy" Ciasulli, Scott Foster, Beatrice von Seckendorff, Noelle Tate and Celine Mogielnicki, all of Mountain-side, and Charles Barber and Kevin Anderson of Westfield.

However, in order for the school children to help pay for their trip, they all became involved in a benefit show that will be staged at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on June 7 at 8 p.m.

"We meet on Thursday and Friday for rehearsals," explained Kassy's mother, Dawn Ciasulli. She is very much involved in the whole program. "There will be eight children, ranging in age from 8 to 14. Kassy is the oldest."

The Rome Festival is a classical music festival held every year in Rome, Italy. Musicians from eight different countries and from all over the United States perform and study the culture in Rome. "Jeanette Maraffi, who is an opera singer, and who teaches school in Deerfield, produces school plays, many of which Kassy appeared in, let us know about it through her husband, Fritz," said Ciasulli. "He is the musical director and maestro of the Rome Festival Orchestra, which has been around for more than 25 years. They audition people internationally to become a part of this summer festival. All are gifted amateur musicians. A panel of artists selects qualified musicians from a national pool of applicants. And eight children from our areas have been selected. By the way, they're hosting about 155 artists, and the Rome Festival Orchestra Ltd. will



Area residents selected to sing in the German opera, 'Hansel and Gretel' at the Rome Festival in July, are, from left, standing, Kevin Anderson, Kassandra Ciasulli, Scott Foster, Beatrice von Seckendorff, Noelle Tate; kneeling, Charles Barber; missing from picture, Celine Mogielnicki.

sponsor about 60 of the artists. "We're very lucky to have her for a teacher," said Ciasulli. "She has brought the music department to incredible heights. Also, Molly Barber, the former Miss Molly of 'Romper Room' on television, directs the school plays here, is also part of the Rome Festival Orchestra. We'd heard about it more than a year ago," mentioned Ciasulli. "That was when Kassy was working with Molly and Jeanette in 'Oliver' at the school. They had spoken to her back then that they would like her to be involved."

"And I said, 'Yeah. Right,' smiled Kassy. "I've never been anywhere but Wildwood, New Jersey. I never believed it would happen." Her mother added, "It seemed so overwhelming — so out of reach." She discovered that there will be more than 20 concerts of classical music with repertoire from the Baroque period until the 20th century including symphonic concerts, chamber music, ballet and fully-staged operas and will be held from mid-June until early August.

"When the Rome Festival decided

to do 'Hansel and Gretel,' they would need children to learn the opera in German," said Ciasulli. "So, Jeanette and Molly are having weekday classes teaching the youngsters German and opera — and in the middle of learning this, they are staging and putting together a benefit concert that will be performed on June 7 to help raise money for the children to go to Rome."

Ciasulli added, "Our Lady of Lourdes very graciously gave us the church for the evening. We're going to have a classy event, a concert and an Italian dessert reception. Jeanette will do a solo, which will be nice for residents to hear what an incredible artist she is. She also will be doing a duet with Sarah Wolf, a mezzo-soprano. Kassy is going to solo too and do a duet with Molly."

The other children, said her mother, "will be performing some of what they're going to sing in the opera. We're hoping to raise enough money to help the children offset the cost of their trip."

"I'm out to go," said Kassy. "I even have my passport."

Her mother explained that "every-one had to get passports. It's really exciting."

Ciasulli stated that the support from the community has been "tremendous. Everybody's been doing so much. You know, a man came up to me in church recently, and said, 'Your daughter has the voice of an angel.' And I said, 'This angel is going to Rome with a bunch of other little angels. Would you like to come to the benefit?' Then I found out that he works for the Archdiocese, and he offered to help get us an audience with the Pope while we're there. I'm starting to see how absolutely blessed we are, and I'm absolutely amazed at the support."

Ciasulli has three other children at

home — they will stay with their father, Tom, when she and Kassy join the others on their European trip. "Kassy is a very modest little girl. She also is a religious girl. She teaches catechism, too. I'm very proud that she's a good role model for the youngsters."

The children, who were chosen are grammar school students from Deerfield, with the exception of Kassy, who is a freshman at Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. Noel Tate played the Mother Superior in "The Sound of Music" at Deerfield. In fact, most of the children

were in "The Sound of Music." The Westfield children go to the Performing Arts Studio in Westfield.

"I'm helping to fund-raise with Kassy," said her mother. "And if others in the area would like to help the children they can contact the festival at a local number, (908) 233-7214. We want to help our kids in every way."

"We'll be leaving on July 10 and will come back on July 25. The Rome Festival made all the arrangements. It hasn't really hit me yet, but it's going to be an incredible cultural experience."

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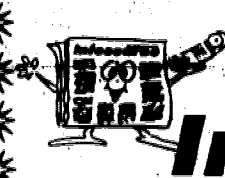
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Money equals quality?

Just when the Board of Education thought it was safe to formulate a school budget, the state Supreme Court threw a wrench into the works.

Although Gov. Christine Whitman's Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act wasn't perfect, it did offer a real attempt to supply a thorough education to all students throughout the state. The Supreme Court, instead, ruled that it did not do enough, sending the Legislature back to square one.

In a 5-1 decision, the court ruled the funding plan, which would have required each district to spend at least \$7,056 per pupil to achieve the constitutionally mandated "thorough and efficient" education, as insufficient in supplying the state's 28 special needs urban districts with an adequate education. According to the ruling, the financing act "does not adequately address the unique educational disadvantages facing children attending the poor, urban districts."

This may be a valid point, but the implications are clear — in the eyes of the court, **more money equals a superior education.** Countless students, parents and teachers would agree that money is only one portion of the equation. If the students aren't motivated by their parents to have a respect for education and a desire to learn, teachers face a herculean task. Likewise, if a student cannot be reached by an ineffective educator who only cares about putting in a few more years so that he or she can retire with a cushy benefits package, then that student is merely doing time in a state-run facility.

On a good note, the Supreme Court did not reject the governor's core curriculum plan. Although there may still be some areas in which the plan can be improved, it represents a genuine effort to establish uniform standards for public schools throughout the state. This, more than money, is what is needed for educational parity to be achieved.

This is not to say that money isn't important. Books need to be bought, teachers must be paid a competitive wage, and the facilities must be in good condition. In addition, as the wealthier communities throughout the district outfit their schools with computers and Internet access, the special needs districts, as well as those middle class districts that seem to have been lost in this debate, need to devise a method to guarantee competitive computer instruction for their own students. Private sector grants would be ideal, but the state should provide support in this area.

The future implications of the court's rejection are not clear. There is a possibility that the court will hold a hard line on the theory that equal spending brings equal quality. If this proves to be true, taxes will spiral as the state continually supplies state aid to match wealthy districts which continually hike their per-pupil spending, or the state will impose even greater restrictions on the amount that any school district can spend. This second option would appear to be the most likely, but it would also be an example of horribly intrusive government. Wealthy districts rely almost completely on locally raised revenue, and severe restrictions that would limit the quality of education would be an interference with the right of a community in determining how their property taxes are spent.

Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-Union, suggested that the Legislature seek to amend the state constitution to modify the "thorough and efficient" education requirement. While this may seem drastic, it may be the only way in which numerous districts will be spared Supreme Court-instituted limitations on educational standards.

Keep it in the borough

The Borough Council recently passed a resolution supporting the continuation of control of the General Assistance program at the municipal level.

This came in response to efforts by the county to take control of the program, transferring it from the municipal level. While little actions such as this usually go unnoticed, this one deserves mentioning.

General Assistance is the program which oversees the welfare and food stamp programs and the distribution of benefits. Considering the demographics of the borough, surely this cannot be a difficult task. Shifting control to the county opens the possibility for incompetence. The council cited the fact that the transfer would only result in increased red tape for any borough residents who wish to receive benefits. As it stands, such a resident would only have to deal with the borough. Transfer to the county would result in that person having to deal with at least one faceless county official, if not more.

Except for the recent incident in which the borough government overlooked the \$1.8 million regional school bill, the council has a good track record of managing borough affairs. There is nothing that would lead us to believe that the transfer of control of the General Assistance program would benefit anyone.



WORKING IT OUT — Assemblyman Richard Bagger, R-Union, featured in "Working it Out," an upcoming PBS documentary on the New Jersey Legislature. Bagger, right, is with broadcast journalist Steve Adubato, left, who narrates the half hour Caucus: New Jersey special. Produced by the Caucus Educational Corporation in collaboration with the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, the documentary focuses on two legislators — Bagger and State Senator Gordon MacInnes (D-Morris), in order to explore the link between legislators and their constituencies, as well as the conflict and compromise that is part of the legislative process. "Working it Out" will air Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. on NJN, and June 14 at 12:30 p.m. on Thirteen/WNET.

Divine players destroy professional sports

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

My disdain for professional sports was on the verge of becoming complete a few weeks ago following the melee between Miami and the Knicks when the National Basketball League suspended some players including Patrick Ewing for getting involved.

I was afraid the league and the courts would cave in to the National Basketball Players Association and rescind the suspensions on grounds that the next few games were all important, since they involved the crucial playoffs. Thank the Good Lord that the court held its ground and upheld the league. If the court hadn't upheld the league, anarchy would have resulted.

Of course, the rest is history. The Knicks lost that epic game and the next two to end New York's season. Some think the Knicks "wuz" robbed, especially Ewing. I don't think so.

If you are a professional athlete and getting 27 zillion dollars a year, it goes without saying that the pro should know the games' rules backward, forward and sideways.

One of the basic rules in professional basketball is to stay on your team's bench during a fight and don't get involved. If a melee breaks out and a player leaves his bench, he is automatically suspended. The rule couldn't be any more explicit, but those who were kicked out of the

game were then suspended during two of the most crucial games must have thought that the basketball league was kidding and that the rule did not apply to them, especially Ewing. What's more, Ewing's teammate Buck Williams pleaded with Ewing to stay on the Knicks' bench and not get involved. Did Ewing take Williams' advice? Of course not. He left the Knicks' bench and suffered the consequences. That little trick will probably haunt Ewing for the rest of his life. I'm sure his teammates are still seething.

The problem with many of these pro athletes is they begin to believe they are larger than life and that rules do not apply to them. They are the superstars whose every move on the court, diamond and football field is intensely covered. To these players, they are icons who can do no wrong and if they are challenged, they behave like the little children they are.

We realized a long time ago that professional sports are no longer

sporting events but business events where winning is the only thing because big time money is involved, which is generally followed by fame and fortune and contracts where the player hypes everything from sneakers to jump ropes.

The reason I was so pessimistic when the suspensions in the Knicks-Miami game were handed down was the fear that the players' union would pressure the courts so much that the poor judge would feel he was under the gun if the suspensions were carried out. We have seen similar situations in the past, and we had no reason to believe it would be any different a few weeks ago.

Professional sports are inadvertently destroying themselves because the players are given to believe that they are divine, put on this earth to entertain the public at any and all costs.

Forget the rules and regulations. Just win. Spit in an umpire's face. He's only an umpire, a nobody. Get penalized, but see to it that the penalty only goes into effect at the beginning of the next season when most people have forgotten about the incident. Claim you are the victim of vicious judges and referees and that you are as pure as the driven snow. Punch out somebody in some trendy bar, and when arrested, have your attorney get the charges dismissed because of

who you are. This is what most professional sports have come down to.

It's no longer a game. It's big business, and there's money to be made just so long as you look the other way and forget about rules, regulations and honor. Just win. Just play to the crowds. Curse out anyone who dares to boo you. Take on the aura that there's no one more important in this world than you. After all, you are making 23 zillion dollars a year and that constitutes power and influence.

Those who lament Ewing's woes feel he was cheated at what could be his final turn at being on a championship basketball team. But those who lament Ewing's problem forget to realize that the Knicks' undoing came about because some players thought the courts would not have the nerve to uphold a lousy suspension during a playoff series. How wrong they were, and I congratulate the courts for taking a hard-nose attitude.

Sports are for everyone. We hope that those who play, play fairly and obey the rules and regulations. If they cannot play fairly and obey the rules they know, let them be "Ewingized." It's the only way to show who's boss and who's not.

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

Will the county have to bear another hunt?

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

Once again, the animal kingdom encroaches on the realm of mankind, and the county must react. Yes, you guessed it: Union County must consider a bear hunt.

By now you've read the news about the 200-pound black bear caught wandering around the borough looking as lost as a Mountainide Democrat. In case you haven't heard, a 200-pound black bear was spotted near the Watchung Reservation and was tracked by police before being tranquilized. He then was shipped to Sussex County.

I'm sure I don't have to explain the dangers posed by black bears. They are quite carnivorous and are considerably more threatening than Yogi and his cuddly sidekick in those cartoons. But to make the point, I'll relate a true story of a day I spent in Vermont in October 1992.

It was a cold, bright day in the central area of the Green Mountain State as some friends and I were enjoying what was the close of the leaf-turning season. While hiking through a mountainous, wooded area, smoking cigars and armed with powerful handguns we emptied into huge trees, we came within sight of an unbelievably large bear.

I'm no zoologist, but I estimated the size of the beast at close to 500 pounds, standing 4 feet tall on its four legs. We observed it from a distance when we realized it was eyeing us too. I wouldn't say it charged us, but it did approach quickly. By the time it was 200 yards away, my friends and I were in full retreat, making sure the guns were loaded and ready.

To make matters more stressful, we were tired after a long night of hurling basketball-sized pumpkins into highway signs from the bed of a speeding pick-up truck.

Minutes later, a mere 75 yards separated us from the bear, but we were nearing the state highway, where we had left the truck. Figuring the proximity of highway traffic would deter the bear, we paused to take a last look at it.

It was an impressive sight, made more majestic by the way it was following us — a rapid, lumbering gait. Counting on thunderous automobile traffic to tame the beast was foolish: this was Vermont after all, a state where four cars rolling through a blinking red light is a traffic jam.

We knew, we had a problem. It seemed the faster we fled, the closer the bear came. Guessing again that loud man-made noises would scare the animal off our trail, we drew our firearms and began blasting away. I fired one of my stainless steel Colt Python .357 Magnums into the ground in front of it; my colleagues were less respectful of nature's beauty and shot at the bear. Without the benefit of field glasses or scopes, it's hard to say if anyone hit the target, but I

swear I saw the bear take one in the head.

It didn't matter. The bear kept coming, his footing more secure on the terrain than ours as we scrambled up a hill to reach the highway. We didn't see the truck. Apparently, we'd parked elsewhere — in which direction, we didn't know.

Once on the opposite side of the highway, we reloaded, regained our bearings — so to speak — and headed toward the truck.

To make a long story dull, we hopped in the truck and took off, learning a valuable lesson: Bears are tremendously powerful beasts that do not fear people and are not deterred by hailing gunfire.

Unlike the white tailed deer, black bears are brazen and dangerous to people. In Vermont, or even Sussex County, where there aren't many people, that's almost OK. Union County doesn't have that luxury. It's no secret that the black bear population is on the rise again, thanks to laws that pro-

tect them. While I wouldn't say the Northeast is infested with them — as is the case with deer — there is the need for a study to gauge the size of the local bear population.

I wouldn't be surprised to learn that the bears are numerous enough to warrant a decisive hunt. Using chop-axes, traps and teams of dogmen wielding hunters, Union County and the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife could avert disaster.

Which brings me back to the excitement in the borough two weeks ago. That 200 pounder was observed near Deerfield School. I know the "animal rights" crowd opposes the deer hunt in part because those animals feed only on vegetation, but what would be their reaction to bears feeding on Deerfield students?

Let's not find out. Instead, the county and state can survey the area and tabulate a reasonable guess of how many black bear there are in the Union-Somerset counties area.

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VIEW POINT

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Are vehicle thefts a problem in the community?

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Repairs complete, Springfield's pool opens

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The newly renovated Springfield Municipal Pool opened to positive reviews over the Memorial Day Weekend.

"We opened for the season at 11 a.m. as scheduled," said Recreation Director Michael Tennaro. "We had about 60 people try out the pool itself and the same for Monday. We were closed Sunday because of the rain."

"I'm excited about the opening," said Mayor Roy Hirschfeld, who was on hand with Township Committeewoman Judith Blitzer to greet patrons. "I'm especially proud of the committee for the work they've done in rebuilding the pool. I'm looking forward to a summer of sunny days and warm pool water."

The pool's re-opening by itself isn't news until one considers what has happened over the last year. The block letter C-shaped pool suffered from technical problems over the summer, particularly the continuous underground leaks. Personnel woes at the facility reached to the recreation director level with two changes at the helm.

The committee decided to revamp some of the department's programs, with the Municipal Pool as the centerpiece. Emergency appropriations and contracts were awarded over the winter and civil engineer Mike Disko was hired to oversee the reconstruction.

"The biggest challenge was that everything was underground," said Disko, who also serves as Mountain-side's borough engineer. "We had to dig out to locate leaks and then replace equipment and plumbing."

Disko and Tennaro pointed to the



Courtesy of J. Blitzer
Springfield Committeewoman Judith Blitzer, Mayor Roy Hirschfeld, Recreation Director Michael Tennaro and pool project engineer Mike Disko attended the opening of the recently rehabilitated Springfield Municipal Pool.

improvements. Patrons will see new concrete decking, repainted depth markers and revamped diving boards among other features. The rehabilitation extended to the locker rooms and cut lawns.

The first patron to officially go through the gates was Ira Messinger. Messinger said he has been coming to the facility on a regular basis over the last two years.

"I didn't use the pool that much last year," said Messinger as he sunned on the lawn, "so I wasn't aware of its problems. What I do see that's new is

a mound of earth on the far side of the pool fence. The only suggestion I have is that they supply aluminum disposable ash trays so that the lawn will last longer."

"They've done a great job," said John Albright who, with wife Natalie, were also among the first customers. "They had leaks so often last year, the water was usually cold."

The brightly refurbished pool and grounds appeared to reflect on its staff members.

"This is my third year here," said

head lifeguard Shannon Farrell. "I think we'll have a good year — just look around at the pool and the grass."

"We went down to the wire," said Tennaro. "The pool was filled Monday just in time."

But Tennaro isn't resting on his laurels. He has scheduled to have a contractor start installing new playground equipment at the Chisholm School Field by Wednesday.

The Municipal Pool is open Saturdays and Sundays until June 22. Daily service is to start June 30, weather permitting.

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, NJ 07083.

Friday

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a trip to Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Arlene Hagger at (908) 654-7853.

Sunday

• 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.

• The Mountainside Board of Education 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. This event will continue throughout the month of June.

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 Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center, Central Avenue and School Drive.
• The Union County Regional Board of Education will meet at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, located on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Coming events

June 5

• The Foothill Club of Mountainside will meet at noon at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Call Terry at (908) 232-7113 for a luncheon reservation. The program will include the installation of officers and a rescheduled Wine Tasting Party. New members are always welcome.

June 9

• The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

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.

June 16

• 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 17

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

June 19

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

June 21

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold an "All American" barbecue today. The cost for the event is \$35 per couple or \$17.50 per person. For more information, call Arlene Hagger at (908) 654-7853. The response deadline is June 7.

June 24

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

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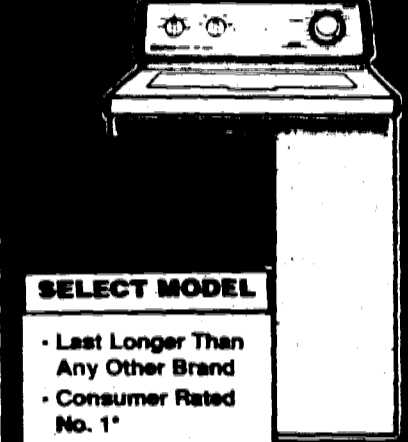
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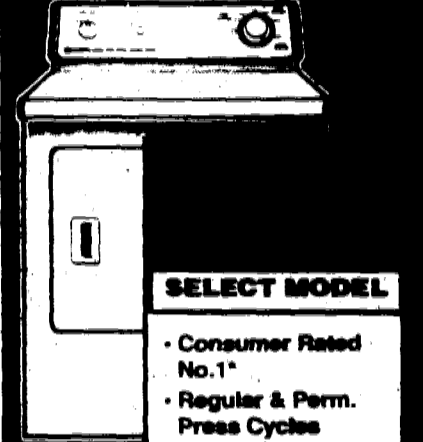
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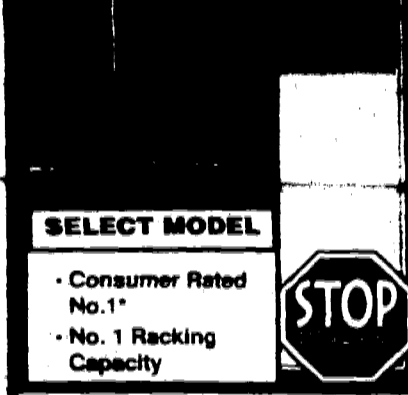
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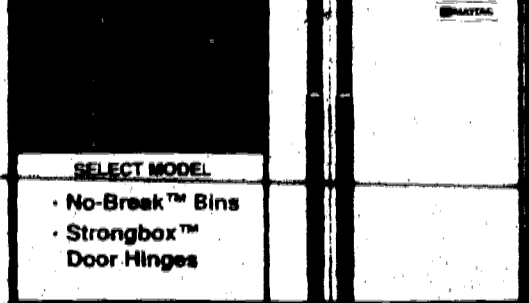
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The second annual Stand For Children is taking place in communities across the country with this year's focus on healthy children. You can help Stand For Children with the donation of non-perishable food, new and used clothing, and new and used books for a book drive and sale. These items can be dropped off at the Summit Area YMCA, 67 Maple St. in Summit through Sunday.

Sponsors of the event are the Summit Area YMCA, Kent Place School, Oak Knoll School, Fountain Baptist Church, Wallace Chapel and A.M.E. Zion Church.

Canned food and clothing will be donated to the Newark Abbey. Books and canned food will be donated to the Family Services Division of Overlook Hospital, Summit. Donated new books and new books purchased with the proceeds of the book sale will be donated to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Helping with this endeavor are several YMCA volunteer groups including the Outreach Services Department, the Piranha Club, the Leaders Club, Y on Wheels and the Stuffers. For more information, contact Tyhesha Cromwell, YMCA associate outreach director, at (908) 273-3330.

Arboretum to host garden tour and sale

Where can sculptures be seen in a vegetable garden? Or 34 gingko trees in formation? A monochromatically segmented rose garden? Daylilies within a Korean boxwood border? A rose path? Shrubs and perennials in variegated greens?

These questions are answered by the horticultural question, "How Does Your Garden Grow?" A tour of 6 private gardens will be held June 13-14, and will include a plant sale and an evening reception, supper and plant auction, all benefitting the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reservations for the supper with the tour gardeners and auction of collectible live plants on June 13 are due by mail on June 6 for a \$50 fee that includes tour tickets good on either or both days. Advance \$15 tour tickets are available by mail through June 6 also; tour tickets are \$20 thereafter. The Friday evening event only is \$40. The reception runs from 6:30-9 p.m.

The gardens are located in Summit, Short Hills and Maplewood and encompass a formal garden by landscape architect Glen Fries and a rock garden created by the owner; two ponds, one designed by the owners' son as a frog habitat and a perennial

border; a Georgian home enhanced by an upper garden of holly standards and a lower with shrub roses; a converted century-old carriage house with native shrubs and cottage flowers; an English stone house with vintage perennials, climbing roses dated from 1928 and English daisies; and a formal stucco abode with an herb garden surrounding the terrace.

An herb garden at the Durand-Hecken House in Maplewood is also on the tour as well as the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, where the historic garden and Wisner House restoration can be viewed. Box lunches may be purchased in advance for an additional \$10. Featured plants from the tour will be on sale at the arboretum, where the Garden Shop offers garden accessories and practicalities, all suitable for gift giving.

Advance sale tickets, supper reservations and box lunches may be ordered with checks payable and mailed to: Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, 07901. All proceeds benefit the arboretum, a national and state historic site specializing in environmental education. For further inquiries, call (908) 273-8787.

Trailside seeks volunteers

According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Trailside Nature & Science Center needs volunteers to assist staff naturalists with week-long nature and astronomy-oriented summer day camps for pre-K to 9th grade students. By volunteering your time, you can gain valuable experience and skills and meet new people while working in Union County's largest park, the 2,000 acre Watchung Reservation.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should be reliable, have some experience with children and enjoy the out-of-doors. Time slots include 1- to 6-hour periods per day for 4 or 5 consecutive weekdays. Training will be provided. Trailside Nature & Science Center is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks & Recreation.

To volunteer or for more information, call Patricia Murray, Monday through Friday at (908) 789-3670.

Workshop examines role of women in history

Upcoming workshops at the Resource Center for Women in Summit will highlight women's history and divorce law in New Jersey. The Resource Center is a non profit, non sectarian organization offering programs and services to area women and their families. The center is located in Calvary Episcopal Church at the corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in downtown Summit, and is easily accessible by public transportation. Program scholarships are available on request. Those interested in attending are asked to call the center's office at (908) 273-7253 prior to the registration deadlines.

• Women's History and the Seven Veils, June 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The registration deadline is Wednesday. Among the "seven veils" that have traditionally obscured women's roles in history are defining history primarily as political history, the power of the cultural traditions to limit women's opportunities to "make history," and the idea that achieving women are rare exceptions. Roberta Francis, professor of Women's Studies and former director to the New Jersey Division on Women, will discuss the implications of these "veils" for the

teaching of all subjects, not just history, and for the education of all students, not just girls. While this workshop will be of special interest to educators and parents, it is open to all interested in women's history and education. The fee is \$5 for center members, \$10 for nonmembers.

• Matrimonial Law: Divorce in New Jersey, June 14 from 9:30 to 12:30 a.m. Deborah Nelson, a local attorney, will lead this workshop which focuses on the legal facts, processes and decisions involved in divorce in New Jersey. Key topics for discussion will include court procedures, grounds for divorce, alimony and child support issues, equitable distribution of property and assets, alternate dispute resolution and enforcement of court orders. The fee is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers.

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SPORTS

Summit downed in UCT final

Hilltoppers fall to Westfield 7-1



Photo by George Pascello

Summit High School pitcher Jared Chellevoid is dejected after giving up three runs to Westfield in the sixth inning of Saturday's 7-1 defeat in the Union County Tournament final.

By Andrew McGann
Assistant Sports Editor

It had all the makings of a good, old-fashioned dog fight. Summit, which advanced to the finals with upset wins over Cranford and Union, had never lost in a UCT final and Westfield was going for its fourth consecutive title. Something had to give.

In the end, it was Summit which bowed out of the tournament with a 7-1 defeat to Westfield. Jared Chellevoid, who has pitched superb baseball all year, just couldn't get anything past the hot Westfield bats.

Chellevoid, who fell to 5-2, went the distance and allowed eight hits and two walks. The junior righthander struck out nine.

"Westfield played a great game," head coach Jim Dietz said. "They hit the ball better than I thought they were capable of."

"Jared had good stuff, but they capitalized on every mistake he made."

Summit's lone run came on a solo home run by Colin Ballantyne.

The Hilltoppers, who had seven hits, failed to capitalize when they had

good scoring chances against Westfield's Matt Williams, including stranding runners at second and third in the fifth inning.

"We made a great run and we have nothing to be ashamed of."

H. S. Baseball

"I'll take being in the county final every year because that means we're doing a good job."

Summit was also ousted from the NJSIAA state tournament when the Hilltoppers were defeated 8-6 by Hanover Park on the road Friday in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinal contest.

Summit was the tournament's 10th seed and Hanover Park (22-6) entered the tournament as the second seed.

Summit was ahead 6-4 with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, but a walk, two singles, and another walk that forced in a run did the Hilltoppers in as Hanover Park rallied for the 8-6 victory.

The game marked the third time in nine days that the two teams matched

up. The Hilltoppers downed Hanover Park 5-4 in Hanover Park on May 14 and were defeated 7-1 by Hanover Park at home on May 21.

Summit had advanced to the quarterfinals after an exciting 15-14 victory over seventh-seeded Caldwell last Monday.

The Hilltoppers brought a 17-11 record into its season finale against West Essex yesterday. The game was a make-up of a rainout earlier this year.

Entering the game, Brendan Reilly led Summit with a .398 average, Peter Torres was second at .368 and Fred Luberto, Chellevoid and Bobby Adams were all tied for third at .333.

Torres all but had the team RBI crown locked up after driving in 29 runs through Saturday. Chellevoid, who missed seven games this year due to injury, was second 23 RBI and Reilly was third with 16.

Torres, who will attend West Virginia Wesley in the fall, also led Summit with two homers, while Luberto, Ballantyne and Adams had clubbed one apiece.

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The following are results of Springfield Junior Baseball League games that took place last week:

Giants 11, Rockies 6: Kevin Dash and Frank Miceli pitched well for the Giants, giving up only six hits. Centerfielder Michael Nittolo belted a triple to right and then scored the first of his two runs by stealing home. He stole three bases total.

Dean Kakounis drove in two runs, scored twice and stole three bases. Steve Cohen had two RBI and one run and Miceli scored twice and drove in one run.

Lisa Clark, Sara Steinman and Alex Garlen scored once. Anthony DeNicolò hit a line drive to the pitcher for a sacrifice that allowed Miceli to score. Robbie Maul played well defensively at third base.

Giants 30, Rockies 15: Dean Kakounis earned his first win of the season and Lisa Clark and Michael Nittolo scored four runs. Kakounis, Clark and Nittolo belted run-scoring triples.

Steve Cohen blasted two doubles and scored three runs and Connor Hamilton and Anthony DeNicolò scored once.

Robbie Maul hit the ball well and scored two runs. Sara Steinman, Alex Garlen, Kevin Dash and Frank Miceli scored three runs and played well defensively.

Mariners 13, Orioles 11: David Zabludovsky pitched three innings, striking out seven and giving up only two hits for the Mariners. Joseph Furnaguera and Keith

Springfield

Dworkin had three hits and Raul Furaguera had two hits, including a home run. Matt Traum belted a two-run double.

Michael Tiss smacked two doubles for the Orioles. Louis Puopolo had three hits, including a double, and Brandon Stern-Charles had two hits.

Mariners 20, Yankees 11: Raul Furaguera drove in five runs, going 4-for-4 with three doubles for the Mariners. Helmi Abdelaziz had four RBI on a homer and double and Corey Evans and Joseph Furnaguera had three hits. Keith Dworkin and Tony Failla had two hits and David Zabludovsky picked up his second win of the season by pitching three scoreless innings in relief.

Kenneth Suarez belted two doubles, Jonathan Rego blasted a triple and double and Donald Cherry and Quince Zackrie hit safely for the Yankees.

Marlins 13, Mets 8: Steven Tetamanti and Joseph Mitarotonda pitched well for the Marlins. Lee Silverman pitched well for the Mets and Tim Kubukoo had three hits.

Marlins 16, Pirates 7: Matt Farley and Boris Pivtorak pitched well for the Marlins who improved to 7-0. David Tarullo had four of the Marlins' 15 hits. Randy Herring played well for the Pirates.

Rockies 12, Pirates 5: Matthew Colandrea pitched well for the Rockies, striking out 10 in five innings and allowing no hits in the first four. Brett Berger hit a home run and triple and Greg Zinberger and Bryan Stitt hit triples. Joe Catello, Justin Catello and Christina Palermo pitched well for the Pirates, combining for eight strikeouts.

Orenczak, Amiram spark G.L. in win

Boys' Tennis

Sparked by the play of Mountain-side residents Zack Orenczak and Dan Amiram, the Governor Livingston High School boys' tennis team blanked North Plainfield 5-0 last Thursday in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division competition.

Orenczak, with one of the better records at first singles in the conference and county, bested Rahul Garabil 6-2, 6-1.

Enzo Minicozzi bested Raza Ash-taz 6-2, 6-0 at second singles and Amiram won at third singles by defeating John Pratt 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

The first doubles team of Bryan Glen and Mike Minicozzi defeated David Molinaro and James Leonard 6-0, 6-0 and the second doubles tandem of Alok Sathaye and Sanjay Varma defeated Keith Rimer and Leonardo Afanador 6-1, 6-0.

Dayton fails to Oratory
Dayton was defeated by Oratory Prep 3-2 in Valley Division action last Thursday.

Winning for the Bulldogs were Zubair Patel at second singles and Ryan Freundlich at third singles.

Patel bested Dennis Burachinsky 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 and Freundlich defeated Larry Centanni 6-2, 6-4.

Shaun Raviv was defeated at first singles by Marc Lewycky 7-6 (8-6), 6-1.

The first doubles team of Vinay Vaswasni and Yoni Hershon was defeated by Alex Welyczkowski and Tyler Maloney 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. The second doubles team of Kryan Libot and Brett Stein was defeated by Mike Pignataro and Jonathan Parker 6-2, 6-2.

Dayton, G.L. look for quarterfinal victories

The Dayton Regional High School baseball team took a 13-6 record into last Friday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 home quarterfinal game.

The sectional semis were to be played Tuesday and the sectional final is set for tomorrow at the Edison Intermediate School in Westfield at 4 p.m.

The Bulldogs slipped to 9-2 in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference after falling at Manville 9-8 in nine innings last Thursday. Chris Dempsey had two singles and two RBI for the Bulldogs against Manville.

Dayton is battling Middlesex for the Valley Division title. Dayton won at Middlesex and Middlesex won at Dayton in conference play.

Conway sparks Governor Livingston

Mountainside resident Craig Conway and Ron Farrell combined to pitch a one-hitter in leading the Highlanders past Hillside 5-1 last Thursday in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division action.

High School Baseball

Conway allowed no hits and struck out 10 in his four innings and Farrell yielded only one hit, a double by Halbert Wilson in the seventh.

GL improved to 17-7 with the victory and last Friday were to host Johnson Regional in one of four North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinal-round contests.

Johnson defeated GL in last year's state tournament after losing to the Highlanders twice in conference play and another time in the Union County Tournament semifinals.



Photo by Milton Mills

Summit High School junior center Kristen Roshelli, shown here eluding a defender during a game against Dwight Englewood, led Summit in assists this season and was the team's second-leading scorer.

Summit ousted from state tourney

The Summit High School girls' lacrosse team was eliminated from the NJSIAA state tournament last Thursday following a heart-breaking 9-8 defeat against West Morris at home in the quarterfinals.

West Morris, ranked third in the state, improved to 16-2 and Summit fell to 16-3.

Jessica Porter led a late comeback charge with a goal with 1:40 left that made the score 9-8, but the Hilltoppers were unable to complete the

Girls' Lacrosse

comeback as they failed to score again.

The Hilltoppers had advanced to the quarterfinals with a thrilling 12-11 victory over Montville (11-6) last Tuesday in a game that they trailed 8-3 at halftime.

Cristina Curiale scored four goals, including two in the final 3:30, to seal the victory for Summit. Curiale's tally

with 3:39 remaining tied the score at 11-11 and she scored the game-winner with 2:36 on the clock.

Liz Britt also came up huge for Summit scoring four goals of her own, including three during the second half rally.

Summit, which entered the West Morris game ranked seventh in the state, climbed as high as sixth in the rankings this year and won 15 consecutive games before its first defeat.

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Dayton's outstanding educator



Janice Metzger, second from right, teacher of art education at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, has been chosen as the Outstanding Teacher at Jonathan Dayton for the 1996-97 school year in accordance with the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. Joining Metzger at a recent meeting of the Union County Regional Board of Education, during which she was honored, are from left, Theresa LiCausi, Springfield representative to the Regional Board of Education; Charles Serson, principal of the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, and Robert A. Hough, also a Springfield representative to the Regional Board of Education.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF JOHN PETTI, Deceased.
Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 23rd day of May, A.D., 1997, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.
John C. Petti
Executor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Was: Approved.
Said application is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.
Secretary
Lynda Gagliano
U4749 SLR May 29, 1997 (\$9.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

Application # 97-9
Applicant: William & Brenda Dun
Site Location: 78 Mosal Ave
Block: 809 Lot: 18
Variance: For Deck violating ground coverage
Was: Approved.
Said application is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.
Secretary
Lynda Gagliano
U4748 SLR May 29, 1997 (\$9.75)

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 20th day of May, 1997.

ORDINANCE 1997-97
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 95-52 FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
Judith E. Osky
Borough Clerk
U4740 MEC May 29, 1997 (\$6.75)

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 20th day of May, 1997.

ORDINANCE 970-97
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
(Prohibited Parking; Portions of Sawmill Road and Longview Drive)
U4741 MEC May 29, 1997 (\$6.50)

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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 20th day of May, 1997.

ORDINANCE 971-97
AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE POSITION OF DISPATCHER AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF COMMUNICATION OFFICER
U4742 MEC May 29, 1997 (\$6.00)

PLANNING BOARD
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on June 12, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. on the following applications:

Frank Gargiulo and Son Inc., 1190 Route 22, Block 5 T, Lot 52 - Site Plan and Development, improvement of exterior of building, reduce buffer area. Variances: Section 1013 (c)(2) front yard setback, (c)(3) side yard setback, (c)(8) buffer area, bulk variances if required.
Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken.
Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
U4747 MEC May 29, 1997 (\$8.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

Application # 97-6
Applicant: Ted Brancato
Site Location: 39 Prospect Place
Block: 201 Lot: 6
Variance: For Addition of Deck
Was: Approved.
Said application is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.
Secretary
Lynda Gagliano
U4750 SLR May 29, 1997 (\$8.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

Application # 97-4
Applicant: JMK Group
Site Location: 10 Cornell Parkway
Block: 145 Plot: 20
A Variance: For Parking & Inclusion of Prep Ctr Warehouse & Office
Was: Approved.
Said application is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and is available for public inspection.
Secretary
Lynda Gagliano
U4752 SLR May 29, 1997 (\$9.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, April 15, 1997.

Application # 97-8
Applicant: Brad Denning (Dobbs Auto Body)
Site Location: 29 Springfield Ave.
Block: 209 Lots: 12 & 14
Variance: For Erection of 6' fence violating the Front Yard
U4744 SRL May 29, 1997 (\$24.75)

Minor thefts occur in Springfield

Springfield
Two Springfield residents reported thefts of their property within two hours of each other May 22. The first occurred before 6 p.m. when someone stole a class ring and other jewelry from a Jonathan Dayton High School locker. The other incident was the taking of a wallet containing a drivers license, \$8 and assorted credit cards from a countertop at the Morris Avenue Taco Bell.
• Two unoccupied cars had a head-on accident on Clinton Avenue May 21. The operator of an Oldsmobile wagon parked his car along the curb, placed the car in park and left the engine running at about noon. The Olds slipped into gear, however, and

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traveled west about 300 feet before running into a parked Pontiac TSS. The Olds operator, who didn't use the parking brake, was given a ticket.
• The driver of a Ford Explorer was backing out of a space in the Morris Avenue Burger King May 21 but didn't see the Dodge Stratus crossing his path. The end result was the Ford backing into the Dodge's left side at about 12:30 p.m.
• A motorcyclist lost control while rounding a curve on eastbound Balustron Way May 21, injuring himself. The rider lost control approach-

ing the 25-mph bend at about 6:30 p.m. fell off his Yamaha and struck the outside curbing. The rider, who refused medical attention, walked his cycle home nearby while the curb suffered a large indentation. Moisture found on the tires left from a recent wash may have contributed to the accident.
• A Chevrolet driver visited Springfield Police Headquarters May 22 to tell of his bout with an 80,000 pound Heil tractor trailer the day before. The driver was moving behind the parked trailer on the lot of 128 Hillside Ave., when his passenger side hit the parked trailer's doors at about 12:45 p.m.

Historical society elects new officers

The Springfield Historical Society announced the slate of its officers, executive council members and board of governors for the 1997-98 year who were elected last week at its general meeting. The new officers are: Margaret Bandrowski, president; Elaine Auer, vice president; Marilyn Stiglitz, recording secretary; Janice Bongiovanni, corresponding secretary; Jerry Bongiovanni, treasurer, and Kenneth Hendrix, curator.
Those serving on the executive council are: Janice Bongiovanni, Howard Casselman, Denise Devone, Hazel Hardgrove, Janet Hartman, Catherine Siess and Howard Wiseman. The board of governors will be comprised of Eleanor Gural, William Gural, Patricia Murphy, Richard Sofie, Louis Stiglitz and Michael Yeshenko.
The Springfield Historical Society is dedicated to preserving all historical aspects and objects of the Township of Springfield and its area. It

owns the Historic Cannon Ball House which serves as its headquarters, and the members maintain a museum on its premises. Frequent tours are given to the general public by trained docents.
During the past year, its programs at meetings have featured the history of immigration at Ellis Island, the sesquicentennial year of Thomas A. Edison and his multitude of inventions, "A Day in the Life of Sabra Miller" with Joyce Goldstein portraying a Colonial mother of seven children and her husband who were the first family of Westfield in the mid-1700s, and an exploration of herbs used during the Colonial era as well as today. A host of interesting programs and activities are being planned for the coming year.
All of the fourth grade classes of Springfield and some nearby communities are taken on an educational tour of the Historic Cannon Ball House. On special days, tours are

given to the general public by trained docents well versed in the objects on display. Right now, arrangements are being made to obtain grant monies and other funds in order to make much needed repairs on the interior and exterior.
Currently, some of the members are conducting an informal archeological dig on the site of the old red barn behind the house which was demolished last October. The 1905 structure had deteriorated to the point that it was feared that it might suddenly collapse.
The membership is open to residents and non residents who are interested or would like to promote the history of this town and its surroundings. The payment of a modest dues fee will help the society to maintain this stately building even if a member cannot be active. More information about membership and the society may be had by calling (201) 376-4784.

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